

# Newtown Linford Magazine

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# The Bradgate

Group Parish



I believe that they should still be called 'Marathon' bars, and 'Opal Fruits', and frankly, it should still be 'Lilt' too.

There's a proper name for that human phenomenon of believing that how things were when we were young is how they should always be: not nostalgia but 'anchoring bias'. Our earliest encounters form the anchor which holds something in place, leading us to find any alteration uncomfortable. So, for instance, if we remove pews from church, it does little good for me to point out that for most of the history of church buildings in this country they wouldn't have been there (for many churches, only the last couple of hundred years – a while, but a fraction of the age of most church buildings!). They were there when we were little, so we don't like them being taken out.

It's just one contributor of the many human propensities to try to avoid change. But sometimes we have to acknowledge, however unwelcome, that change is necessary. The Church of England, and our own Diocese of Leicester in particular, have reached that point. The system of 'one parish, one vicar' which seems so much a part of our heritage (although the historical picture is more complex than that) has, in reality, long disappeared. So now is the time to explore what way of organising ongoing mission and ministry in each locality should look like.

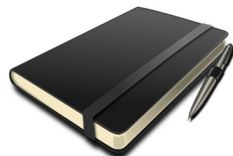
It's uncomfortable – it's change – but the current process which our church is taking part in, known as Shaped by God Together, is an attempt to find a new way of churches – and schools and chaplaincies – working together, called Minster Communities. You can find more information on the diocesan website at: <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/about-us/sbgt/>

The outcome is not entirely clear yet – everyone is invited to contribute, so it's not all sewn up – but it will undoubtedly be different from what we were used to when we were young. Yet, just as 'Snickers' still has peanuts and chocolate, and 'Starburst' fruit-flavoured chews, the new way of doing things in the church will still preserve the key factors: worship, prayer, loving service of our communities, and witnessing to Jesus, the good news yesterday, today and forever.

**Richard Trethewey**

**Rector of St Peter's, Glenfield, and All Saints', Newtown Linford  
0116 287 1604**

# VILLAGE DIARY



## June

7-9th Choral Society  
11th Boules  
12th Parish Council Meeting  
22nd-23rd Tennis Marathon  
30th Village Cricket Tournament

## Mondays

9.30 Slimming & Fitness, The Linford  
1.30 Dance Fitness for 50+ Linford  
5.30 Brownies at "The Linford"  
6:30 Hatha Flow Yoga at The Village Hall  
8pm Bell Ringing at the Church

## 4th Tuesday of the month

Gardening Club

## 4th Wednesday of the month

Gentleman's Club Bradgate PH

## Wednesdays

10am Art Club in Church  
6.30 Bodyblast Classes Village Hall  
Quiz night at The Linford 8pm start

## Thursdays

11.15 Coffee Mornings Village Hall  
6.15 Exercise class, The Linford

## Fridays

9:30 Jolly Tots, The Village Hall  
AM: Fruit and Veg stall at Cooks Farm Shop

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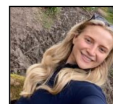


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## COFFEE & CAKE ROTA June 2024

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### **June**

**6th** Sue Harris, Judith Harris, Hillary, Sue 07582 293510, :242512  
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Tables Paul Day, Phillip Mason, Steve -steve.harrold@outlook.com

**13th** Jenny C, Sue Howard, Charlotte T, 245373; 07896 349977;  
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**20th** Carol Ann, Jackie Brewin 243433; 24343

Tables Paul Tuff

NOTE on the Lawn at Gable Cottage 32 Main Street

**27th** Maria Simms, Vicki Kerr, Lauren Ahyow 07974 085434; 07904  
123603; 07816 410164

Tables David Snartt, Des Bates, Stu Wardle

*Coffee Morning*

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### **July**

**4th** Sue Morran, Sarah Brown, Teresa Calvert 07810 116641;  
07811 166161; 07469 719018

Tables Steve, John Vann

**11th** Joe & Claire Costello with Bakers help 249613

Tables Joe Costello, Dave Pratt, Phil Baker

**18th** Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Sue Birkett, Julie Clark 07713  
457414; 242000; 244317; 07765 032307

Tables David Clark

**25th** Bev Griffiths, Sue Dobby, Jennette, Lalita 01509 890264; 245366;  
07930 955990; 07718 701614

Tables: Volunteers Required

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**Carol Ann**

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## Newtown Linford Gardening Club

([www.newtownlinford.org.uk/gardening-club.html](http://www.newtownlinford.org.uk/gardening-club.html))

We held our AGM in April and the Committee Members were re-elected to continue the series of events which are planned for the coming year, which include some well-known speakers, interesting visits and our traditional Summer and Christmas social evenings.

Our scheduled speaker was rushed to hospital only a few days before he was due to come to us and we were very grateful that Karen Gimson was able to bring forward the date of her visit to fill the gap.

The title of her talk was '365 days of colour' and she showed us how we could keep our gardens interesting all the year round. Especially striking was the range of ways we could have interest, even in the depth of winter, with foliage and seed heads prominent but also a group of shrubs which flower during these otherwise barren months. We can also look out for the arrival of snowdrops and other early flowering plants to herald the arrival of spring before our gardens burst into colour during the summer.

There were almost 100 members in the room and her talk was much appreciated. We ended the evening with an Irish Raffle which sees every number in the bag drawn, until there is only one left and that one wins the prize.

After our visit in May to the Dorothy Clive Garden and Hodnet Hall, we meet again in the Village Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> June when Alan, from Derry's Nurseries, will demonstrate the vast range of plants he has on offer.

Further details of our Club can be found on our website, shown above, or by email at [32couling@gmail.com](mailto:32couling@gmail.com) or by telephone on 01530 242452

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From 12 noon on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.  
Non members welcome. Food included.  
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For more details and tickets contact Carol Ann 07970 970580

## Open Gardens

I will be opening my garden again (probably for the last time) as part of the National Gardens Scheme (mainly nurse based charities) from March up until September.

As previously, Jan is happy to just charge £3 for you to celebrate birthday, chimpanzees T party etc.

Jan will set up cutlery, crockery, linen etc if you want to sit by the river, bring your own refreshments or pay an extra £3.50 for tea and cake.

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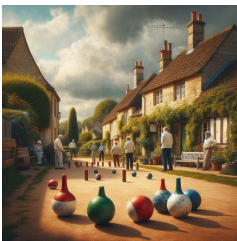
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**Jan Croft**

## Newtown Linford Boules 2024

Welcome to our 22<sup>nd</sup> year!



Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

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## **NEWTOWN LINFORD C.C. – START OF THE 2024 SEASON**

As can be seen from the photograph, the weather at the start of the season has not been kind to the cricketing fraternity. Preparing the ground has been extremely difficult, and at times impossible. Our groundman, Tim Moul, and his helpers have often achieved the impossible in preparing the ground to a level where a game can be played. Having said this, at the time of going to press, our 1<sup>st</sup> XI have played all but one of the scheduled league fixtures, winning both. They were also successful in defeating Welbeck C.C. in the preliminary round of the National Club Championship competition.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI have not been so fortunate as they have only managed to complete one of their opening fixtures. However, it was a successful start, by defeating Barkby United.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI do not have such a comprehensive fixture list and they were able to complete their opening fixture, although it ended in a defeat.

Despite the appalling start to the season weatherwise, it is to be hoped that the inclement weather is behind us and that we can look forward to a sunny and successful season on the field of play for all our teams.

**Chris Scrine**

**Photo by Dick Howard**



## Wildlife Walks and Visits

In June we are making two visits to local properties which are being managed in a way sympathetic to wildlife:

On **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** we will visit Benscliffe Hay Cottage (at 6:30pm), and on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** we'll visit Sandhills Lodge (at 2.30pm), both by kind permission of the owners.



**Booking is essential:** For more information and to book, please email: [nlbiodiversity@gmail.com](mailto:nlbiodiversity@gmail.com)

Meet at the Village Hall 15 minutes before the specified time to share transport.

### May Wildlife Walk

Groby Lane verges, track, hedgerows, woods, rocky slopes and pastures

Our wildlife walk on the afternoon of Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May went to the rocky woods and pastures off Groby Lane. It was quite sunny, but still wet underfoot in some places due to the recent long rainy spell. This is why we changed the original plan, and will visit low-lying Ulverscroft Valley another day. After looking admiringly at the uncut parts of the Groby Lane verge, and seeing Blue tits in the nest box, we took what I have heard called the 'Donkey Track' towards Groby Pool. The hedgerows and field borders along the track were rich with Garlic Mustard, Greater Stitchwort, Lady's Smock, Bluebells, Hawthorn blossom and much else. On reaching the rocky outcrops and slopes we saw Bluebells and Broom flowering abundantly. The scent of our native bluebells, though in flower for some time now, still pervaded the dense woodland. The hedgerows and open ground were most rewarding for species variety. In total we identified 19 herbaceous species flowering.

We heard much birdsong: Chiffchaff, Robin, Wren, Skylark, Blue Tit among those of the 12 species we identified. Early flying butterflies were somewhat in evidence; we had good views of Orange Tip, Large White, Green-veined White, Peacock and Comma. We lack knowledge at present to identify many more interesting insects. Finally, passing by small overgrown quarries on our return, we saw the lovely Comma butterfly (in Jan Croft's photo) and a dog-sized Muntjac deer running towards the track.



**Felicity Manning**



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## Tip to help wildlife:

**Encourage bats** in your garden by planting flowers (e.g. honeysuckle) that release their scent in the evening.

These will attract moths and, ultimately, bats looking for an insect-meal. For further information, ideas for the best plants to grow and other ways to encourage bats, visit the Bat Conservation Trust website ([www.bats.org.uk](http://www.bats.org.uk))

**NEWTOWN LINFORD  
SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2024  
THEME: MUSIC**



Hello All We are so pleased to announce that Newtown Linford Scarecrow Festival will be returning on the weekend of 28th/29th September 2024.

This year's theme is MUSIC & you can get as creative as you'd like with your designs as there will be no specific requirements for your work. This year we will have a FABULOUS raffle to raise funds for some of our participating village organisations as well as a wonderful Scarecrow Patch at Bradgate Park (for those of you who wish to take part but perhaps feel you live out of walking distance). As usual our lovely Village Hall will be open all weekend offering teas, coffees, cakes & great stalls.

Please find attached at entry form - Either fill in and post in the mail box at Linford Farm, 36 Main Street or email to [Britfitgirl@gmail.com](mailto:Britfitgirl@gmail.com) with SCARECROW ENTRY clearly marked in the subject heading.

This years judging criteria will be Judges Choice 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> & Peoples Choice 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **NEWTOWN LINFORD SCARECROW FESTIVAL ENTRY**

**FAMILY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

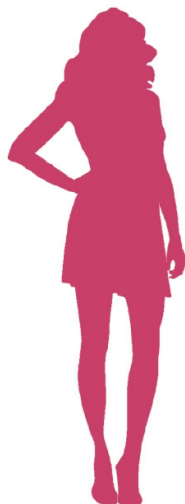
**SCARECROW NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION / ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Newtown Linford Primary School



This term the children have taken part in a 'Colour Dash' which involved running whilst getting covered in lots of paint! The children (and staff and parents) had a lot of fun as well as raising some money for a local charity called 'Leicester Children's Holidays'. This is a charity that is dedicated to ensuring the happiness and wellbeing of children through many projects, such as supporting families with the cost of holidays, supporting the mental health of young people and even helping children to join in with after school activities that they would otherwise miss out on.



We still have a lot of exciting things to look forward to. The oldest children in the school are looking forward to their residential at Beaumanor Hall where they are going to be doing lots of different activities such as canoeing, climbing and archery. They will also be busy practising for their end of the year production which is currently being written by their class teacher. For our younger children, we are looking forward to a visit from Ark Farm. We can't wait to find out what different animals they bring for the children to learn

about and enjoy.

Our PTA have also been very busy. They organised a village quiz and a great time was had by all trying to answer the 6 rounds of brain teasers. They have also arranged a Spring Fling disco which I know the children are very excited about.



Mrs L Proudman, Co-Headteacher, Newtown Linford Primary School

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DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
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9 June	10am Holy Communion and Baptism	10am Morning Prayer <i>John Woolmer</i>
<b>Second Sunday of Trinity</b>	6pm Compline	
16 June	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion <i>John Woolmer</i>
<b>Third Sunday of Trinity</b>		
23 June	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
<b>Fourth Sunday of Trinity</b>	4pm Crumpet Church	
30 June	10am Bradgate Group Holy Communion <i>Matthew Gough at Anstey</i>	
<b>Midweek Holy Communion</b>		
Glenfield	10.30am, Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th June	

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# CHURCH REGISTERS



## Weddings

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## Baptisms

*None*

## Funerals

*8th April ~ Barry Holyoake*

*22nd April ~ Lydia Knott*

*24th April ~ Elizabeth Ford*



*We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends, and pray  
that they may find peace through faith in  
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## Danuta Klein

Danuta was born in Lachowicze, Poland (now part of Belarus) in 1938. Her father was the first leader of the Home Army Partisans, and was murdered by the Soviets, his body never recovered. Her mother and sister (aged one year) both died of TB. Danuta was left orphaned at the age of 5, raised by a succession of relatives. Her childhood was one of complete poverty, sleeping on top of the stove for warmth in winter with no toilet facilities, only owning her first pair of shoes at the age of 9. Ever resourceful, she taught herself to knit, using the spokes from a bicycle wheel in place of needles.



Eventually, Danuta moved to Wrocław in the South West of Poland where she trained to be a nurse.

In 1959, she was able to travel to London to stay with an uncle on a 3 month visa. She enrolled onto English classes, and along with listening to the radio and watching television, her knowledge of the English language flourished.

She met and married Henryk Klein (also Polish) in 1960, and they settled in Newtown Linford, where their daughters Evey and Kathy were raised.

Danuta was a natural homemaker, and soon discovered she had an affinity for gardening (something she would never tell you herself; modesty and shyness were the core essence of her gentle and unassuming character). Several of the firm friendships she fostered within the village became the lucky recipi-



ents of her tomato and bedding plants on a yearly basis, though her generosity extended to beyond just those she knew personally. Harris' hardware store of Anstey, sadly no longer around, along with a similar shop in Ratby, received a weekly supply of her bedding plants all through the growing season. She enjoyed spending time with Wyn and Dennis Juba, formerly of High Tor, Billy Rigg, Lydia and John Knott and Kathy and Peter Watson to name a few.


Sadly, in 1988, her husband died, leaving her a widow at 49. She began to make a daily routine of walking through Bradgate Park, never deterred by the weather and often bumping into someone she knew for a chat.

Danuta was a marvellous baker and jam maker, and visitors to the house always found a sweet treat on offer with their morning coffee or afternoon tea. She did all her own decorating, gardening and home maintenance up until the age of 80, never deterred by the height of a ladder or falling off a wall (which did happen!!)

When her two grandchildren arrived, she felt that life was complete, and loved every aspect of being a 'nana'.

In 2018, Danuta and her family took a trip of a lifetime and returned to the hamlet where she was born, (the first time she had returned since 1959). It was an emotional visit and gave her the opportunity to reunite with her closest school friend, and a cousin she had last seen at the age of 11.

Sadly, it was late 2019 when the first evidence of dementia became apparent. Though the disease stole so much from her, we are grateful for the fact that she never forgot who we were, and we too will continue to fondly remember her for the incredible woman she was. Her journey with dementia ended on the 10th of May, and she died in the comfort and familiarity of the beautiful home she nurtured for so many years.



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## From the Village Archives

I came across this photograph recently, clearly taken in the early 1900s. Included on the left are the three cottages known as Workhouse Row, and opposite are the old cottages now the Post Office Tea Rooms. Workhouse Row was demolished in 1963, despite protests, and an attractive modern house now stands in its place. You can see a plaque referring to the cottages, on the wall of the churchyard. The centre of the village certainly looked very different 120 years ago!

**Iris Sayer**



Editors note—the plaque was put up by the current residents of the house that now stands in its place.

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Alzheimer's is a terrible disease and the more we can research into the causes the better. We would like to thank everyone who has donated to the Just Giving Page supporting Alzheimer Society. It's been truly heart-warming and amazing. We as a family are so grateful for your

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## Village Cricket Tournament 2024

The Village Cricket tournament will be taking place on Sunday 30th June at NLCC and all villagers and friends are welcome to come and enjoy the entertainment on show. With 56 players from across Newtown taking part, there will be much fun and rivalry as the Linford Lions seek to retain the trophy they won on a dramatic final ball in 2023.

The bar will be open, a range of food on offer and entertainment for younger children too. This is the eighth year of what has become a real summer highlight, so do drop by.

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**Bandstand Concerts.**

Queen's Park summer bandstand concerts will be taking place again throughout the summer months on a Sunday afternoon commencing at 2pm. The concerts are free to attend. The concerts are scheduled as follows;

- 2<sup>nd</sup> June Charnwood Symphonic Wind Orchestra;
- 9<sup>th</sup> June Loughborough Salvation Army Band;
- 16<sup>th</sup> June Melbourne Town Band;
- 30<sup>th</sup> June Loughborough Concert Band;
- 7<sup>th</sup> July Charnwood Concert band;
- 14<sup>th</sup> July Loughborough Male Voice Choir;
- 4<sup>th</sup> August The New Orleans Hotshots Jazz Band;
- 25<sup>th</sup> August Quorn Ukelele Orchestra.

Queens Park is a historic winning and beautifully maintained park in the heart of Loughborough Town Centre. For more information about the park, and any changes to the programme, please visit [www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/queenspark](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/queenspark).



Loughborough Concert Band

**Charnwood Small Community Grants.**

The new Charnwood small grants programme can provide up to £750 for the activities of properly constituted voluntary community groups and voluntary sector (VCS) organisations. This includes projects in Charnwood and running costs (for up to one year).

The small community grants programme has replaced the member grant scheme, which I was able to help many local groups within my Council Ward with small amounts of funding over the years, I have been a Councillor.

This new grant is available throughout the year. For further information, please go to [www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/small\\_grants](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/small_grants). I hope local constituted groups will take advantage of this new funding scheme.

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Leicestershire National Garden Scheme Open Gardens June 2024

There are 14 gardens open to visit in Leicestershire during June, with many different styles and size of garden there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Opening the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June 11-5pm is 28 Gladstone Street LE18 1AE. A town garden, divided into rooms bisected by a bridge and pond. The planting includes many unusual perennials, David Austin scented roses and a Hosta theatre.

Opening every Wednesday in June, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> from 2-5pm is Stoke Albany House, Desborough Road near Market Harborough, LE16 8PT. A large 4 acre country house garden with traditional style planting including a Nepeta walk, parterre with box and roses, Mediterranean garden, greenhouse, water feature and sculptures.

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June, two gardens open together in Wymeswold at 88 (LE12 6TU) and 109 Brook Street (LE12 6TT) from 2-5pm and one admission fee covers both gardens. The garden at 88 Brook street has colourful planting of clematis, geraniums, globe this-

tles and roses 'Goldfinch', Kiftsgate, Albertine and Francis Lester. Water features, a stream, mini beach, and a 'champagne' pond, and an impressive display of two topiary elephants. Enjoy also the orchard, and wild-flower and the garden's wildlife of frogs; toads; common and great-crested newts; grass snakes; hedgehogs; and bats.

Nearby 109 Brook Street has a garden of about an acre with many mature trees. Lots of herbaceous planting plus a rose and clematis patio, a raised bed kitchen garden and an orchard. The garden features a wild area and both a fish pond and wild pond, with water lilies, and a wild flower meadow fringe. Vibrant planting in the hot garden has exotic plant species in raised beds with a splash water feature to cool the air on a very hot day. There is an extensive rainwater harvesting system that includes 5000 gallons of storage operated by solar power. There will be a home raised plant sale.

The Secret Garden at Wigston Framework Knitters Museum LE18 2BA opens on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 11-5pm. A Victorian walled garden approx. 70'x80' with traditional cottage garden planting. The garden is managed by volunteers with much replanting during past 3 years. The garden is located in the grounds of a historic museum, (an extra charge applies). A unique garden in the centre of Wigston which still retains an air of tranquillity.

If you want to enjoy roses and Clematis, Dairy cottage, LE9 4JN has over 300 on display together with herbaceous borders full of Alliums, Poppies, Salvias, Dieramas, Hollyhocks, and Rodgersia. The garden opens on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June from 11-4pm when this traditional cottage garden will be in full bloom.

Opening every day on 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June inclusive 12- 4pm is Neville Holt Hall near Market Harborough LE16 8EG. A large 10 acre garden designed by a Chelsea gold medal winner and features 3 distinctive walled gardens. Looking good in June will be the roses in the Italian walled garden throughout the garden and the long herbaceous borders full of colour with geranium, Nepeta, Sissyrinchium, and Artemisia.

The Old Rectory Newbold Verdon LE9 9NN opens from 12-7pm on Sat 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>. The garden surrounds the Georgian Old Rectory. It contains many species of trees, ranging in age from centuries-old to very young saplings. In June the rose garden will be in full bloom, and there is also a pond, many Hostas, woods, greenhouse, a box parterre and sculptures.

The Secret Garden at Glenfield Hospital LE3 9QP is a hidden gem of peace and tranquillity. Opening on 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 10-3pm it provides patients and visitors with a lovely garden space set within the grounds of

the Glenfield Hospital. It is 1 acre in size, and in June will feature Roses, Lavender, Salvias, Penstemon, Sweet Peas, Erigeron Daisies, Geraniums, ornamental grasses and Wild Flowers. Also on show there will be a fine selection of fruit trees and brushes, herbs and vegetables. There will be a variety of Arts and Crafts Stalls together with a plant sale and (Story Telling), tales from The Secret Garden.

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Westbrooke House Market Harborough LE16 8AX opens from 10-4.30pm. The gardens comprise 6 acres approached through a tree lined driveway of mature limes and giant redwoods. Key features are a walled flower garden, walled kitchen garden, fernery, lower garden, wildlife pond, spring garden, lawns, woodland paths and a meadow with a wildflower area, ha-ha and hornbeam avenue. There is a collection of over 270 miniature and very small Hostas.

Opening on 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 11-4pm is 15 The Woodcroft DE74 2QT About a 1/3 acre garden with mature choice trees and shrubs, old and modern shrub roses, fern garden, wildlife garden, alpine troughs and mixed herbaceous borders. There is a comfortable gazebo overlooking a recently planted wildlife pond. New for 2024, a large border at the bottom of the garden has been restyled.

Brickfield House near Market Harborough LE16 8XS opens on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June from 12-4pm. The 2 acre garden enjoys stunning views overlooking the Welland Valley. It has been developed from a sloping brickyard rubbish plot and now features a kitchen garden, orchard, herbaceous borders filled with roses, perennials and shrubs, paths

### **Colourful Planting at Oak Tree House**

and many pots, filled with succulents, herbs and colourful annuals.

If you love pots and container gardening, a visit to Oak Tree House South Kilworth, LE17 6DU opening on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> will be an ideal day out. This extensive 2/3 acre



garden features large herbaceous borders, many clematis and roses, vegetable plot, greenhouse, and ponds, also has a collection of over 300 pots filled with various perennials, succulents, alpines and annuals all of which add colour and interest.

Tresillian House, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0BQ opens on the 30<sup>th</sup> June from 11-4. A quiet secluded garden, it features specimen trees, a pond, natural bog garden and koi carp pond and many different unusual plants for differing seasons. There is a working vegetable garden and heated and cold greenhouses. For the June opening there will be live Jazz, and a small art exhibitions by local artists.

Thanks to the generosity of our garden owners and visitors the National Garden Scheme donated a record of £3,403,960 to some of the UK best-loved nursing and health charities, which included £76,000 raised by Leicestershire.

**Carol Bartlett Leicestershire NG Scheme Publicity volunteer**

### **Newtown Linford Brownies**

Brownies is so much fun. Seven of us learned our Brownie Promise and said it in front of the whole group!

Brown Owl told us all about Brownies history. She said the first Brownies started in 1914 and used to be called "Rosebuds". When Brown Owl was a Brownie her uniform was different to ours. She had white socks, brown shoes, a yellow tie in a reef knot, a beret and a brown dress with her badges down the arm. Brown Owl let me borrow a uniform. I liked wearing the beret and having my hair in plaits!

I'm a Gnome. There are Elves and Sprites and Imps too. My Mummy was an Elf.

On Monday (13<sup>th</sup> May) we played in the stream near Brown Owl's house. I sat in the stream and got very wet. Everyone laughed when they saw how much water was in our wellies!

I can't wait to go to Brownies next week!

Eleni Tipper (7 years old)



**Janet Neaverson** A new seat has been installed in the churchyard, being a generous gift made by Michael and Marilyn Upstone in memory of the late Janet Neaverson.

Janet loved the village and the Park, and was a much valued member of the community and the church. She was a Parish Councillor, a Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, Patron of the Choral Society and twice President of WI as well as serving on the WI Federation Committee for many years.

Janet had a deep faith and did a great deal for the Church, regularly attending the Sunday morning service. She loved flowers and organised the Church flower rota, encouraging others to take part.

She was also an enthusiastic Bridge player and a great organiser of village events. As a very talented seamstress she helped to organise and make many of the wonderful costumes for the Village Pageant.

Janet took over the stewardship of the Village Archive and carefully recorded all the village events.

Her legacy gifts as well as supporting the village church and other charities, also included a gift to Leicester University which enabled the appointment of a Digital Archivist to spearhead various digital preservation initiatives, focusing on records related to the discovery and identification of Richard III.

She also did many things that were largely unseen. For example, I well remember her knocking on my front door and to my surprise announcing that to support the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign she and I were going to clean all of the green refuse bins in the village. We spent that day washing and cleaning the bins, virtually unnoticed by residents and many visitors. She was kind, generous and saw only the good in people. Janet is greatly missed.



Ros Knighton( sister in law) Philippa Neaverson, Marilyn Upstone

**Iris Sayer**



## WhatsApp group chats are targeted by fraudsters

WhatsApp group chat members are being warned that they could be targeted by criminals, as Action Fraud reveals it has received 636 reports from victims of the messaging app this year.

The fraud often begins when a member of the group receives a WhatsApp audio call from the fraudster, pretending or claiming to be another member of the group. This is done to gain the individual's trust, and often the scammer will use a false profile picture and/or display name, so at first glance it would appear to be a genuine member of the group.

The fraudster will tell the victim they are sending them a one-time passcode which will allow them to join an upcoming video call for group members. The criminal then asks the victim to share this passcode with them so they can be "registered" for the video call.

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Once the fraudster has access to the victim's WhatsApp account, they will enable two-step verification which makes it impossible for the victim to regain access their account. Other members of the group, or friends and family in the victim's contacts, will then be messaged asking them to transfer money urgently as they are in desperate need of help.

## How to secure your WhatsApp account:

**Set up two-step verification (2SV)** to give an extra layer of protection to your account. Tap Settings > Account > Two-step verification > Enable.

**CALL.** If a family member or friend makes an unusual request on WhatsApp, always call the person outside of WhatsApp to confirm their identity.

**Report spam messages or block a sender within WhatsApp.** Press and hold on the message bubble, select 'Report' and then follow the instructions.

If you live in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and have been a victim of fraud or cybercrime, report it at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

Find out how to protect yourself from fraud: <https://stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk>

Keep 'em peeled.

Best wishes,

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## News from Newtown Linford Parish Council

Have you looked at the website recently?

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As mentioned in my May Neighbourhood Watch article, I have made contact with LCC Highways regarding the worsening speeding problem around the Parish. Bradgate Road, Main Street and Markfield Lane have all be noted as speeding hotspots and the Parish Council is considering what action can be taken to address the problem. In liaison with LCC Highways, we are currently considering our existing provision of VAS units and discussions are ongoing.

Chairman, Sue Pritchard, recently downloaded the data from the Rocliffe Road and Sharpley Hill Vehicle Activated Signs and the Police Speed Enforcement van has been spotted on Main Street, alongside some covert speeding operations carried out by local Police Beat Officers. We will persist!

Newtown Linford Parish Council currently has a Vacancy for a Parish Councillor and would like to hear from anyone who might be interested. We have 10 or 11 meetings per year, roughly once every six weeks and dates are set 3 months in advance. Please get in touch for more information.

On with more news....

### **Bob Bown Memorial Field**

Hopefully, the ground is starting to dry out at the Bob Bown Memorial field. As mentioned in last month's update, we are aware of an issue with the areas in front of the football goals and will look to address this where possible.

Please continue to send in your suggestions for the gap in play facilities at the Bob Bown play park. One suggestion received is for outdoor gym equipment...please let me know your thoughts.

### **Cemetery and Churchyard**

NLPC were very pleased to accept a generous donation of a new bench for the Cemetery, which is now in position in the new extension area for everyone to enjoy.

If you would like further details regarding earthen and ash plot availability and prices, please contact me at the email address below.

Unfortunately, the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting scheduled to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> May, had to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. An update following the meeting will be

included in next month's Magazine and the NLPC Annual Report 2024 will be available to view on our website from 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Please note, in line with the proper practices set for Parish Councils, we have migrated over to a .gov.uk domain name. Our new website address is: **[www.newtownlinfordparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.newtownlinfordparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

In addition, our website provider is currently working on updating our website to a new modern layout and we hope the amendments will make it easier for residents to navigate the site. My email address will also be changing to reflect the new .gov.uk domain and Councillors will also have individual email accounts to use for Parish Council business.

I will be contacting residents with editing rights on the community pages of our website as work progresses. Please watch this space for further updates.

Best wishes,  
Hannah Shaw, **Parish Council Clerk**  
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**12<sup>th</sup> June @19:15 Village Hall**

### **Contributions to Village Magazine**

Can we have your contributions for the **July/August 2024** issue by **15<sup>th</sup> June 2024** please.

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