

# Newtown Linford Magazine

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# The Bradgate

Group Parish



I have just received a set of questions from some of the youngest classes at a local school. In legible, but clearly painstaking, handwriting (I hardly dare write back by hand, as my own is not much more readable after all these years practice) they pose me some wonderful and challenging queries:

Why do you wear colourful clothes?

Why do you read a Bible?

How long have you been a vicar?

Do you enjoy your job?

I thought Magazine readers may be interested in the answers!

The colourful clothes are handed down from the past. A long time ago everyone wore robes, and vicars would wear different ones to show what time of year it was. Each colour would stand for something, to help explain what we are doing at different times: white for the great joy and celebration of Christmas and Easter; purple for being sorry or getting ready in Advent and Lent; red for suffering or for fire and green for life.

Why read the Bible? Have you ever read it? It's full of some of the greatest stories ever, from Noah's Ark to Daniel in the lions' den. It's amazing! And even better, from start to end it tells us what I've found to be the best news ever: that God loves us and has come to stand alongside us and help and rescue us, even in dealing with our worst enemy, ourselves. He did this through Jesus, his Son, our Saviour.

I've been a vicar now for 22 years – that's nearly half my life. I've worked in seven churches, and helped in many more.

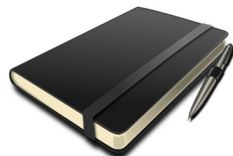
Do I enjoy it? Perhaps the hardest question of all! Some days are hard. You have to be with people who may be having their worst day ever and try to help them. Sometimes you are asked to do things which you feel like you can never manage. You have to give up a lot to be a vicar. But then there is nothing better than knowing that you are doing what God has called you to do. Not everyone is called to be a vicar, but everyone is called by God to something – it may be hard at times, but there's nothing better in the world to do. What is God calling you to do?

**Richard Trethewey**

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

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# VILLAGE DIARY



## July

- 5th Wildlife Walk
- 7th Presidents Day Cricket Club
- 16th Boules
- 17th Parish Council Meeting 19:15pm

## August

- 20th Boules
- 31st Macmillan Coffee Morning

## September

- 3rd Fashion Show

## 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 Lingdale Golf Club

## 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
- 7.20 Choral Society (restarts 22nd August). Village Hall

## Fridays

- 9:30 Jolly Tots, Church
- AM: Fruit and Veg stall at Cooks Farm Shop

## Saturday

- 2nd Saturday of each month - Village Ramblers



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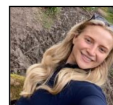


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## COFFEE & CAKE ROTA June 2024

**PLEASE NOTE - This rota includes a Table set up rota for the men July**

**4th** Sue Morran, Sarah Brown, Teresa Calvert 07810 116641;  
07811 166161; 07469 719018  
Tables Steve [steve.harrold@outlook.com](mailto:steve.harrold@outlook.com) , John Vann

**11th** Joe & Claire Costello with Bakers help 249613  
Tables Joe Costello, Dave Pratt, Phil Baker

*Coffee Morning*

*Everyone Welcome*



**18th** Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Sue Birkett, Julie Clark  
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

### **August**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Judy Rowe, Felicity Manning, Marilyn Upstone, Mary Raynor  
243989; 245298; 242715  
Tables Clive Rowe, Toby Manning

**NOTE on the Lawn at Marilyn Upstone's Main Street – Help required moving pots please**

**8<sup>th</sup>** Glennis M, Mary Clarke, John Castle, Carolyn T, Gill Haddon  
242897; 01163 190211; 249173  
Tables John Castle, Tom Clarke, Philip Mason

**15<sup>th</sup>** Janet & David Brunton, Angela & Adrian Mcnamee 242662,  
07710 253231  
Tables David Brunton, Adrian Mcmanee

**22<sup>nd</sup>** Jenny C, Sue Howard, Charlotte T, Janet Collins 245373; 07896  
349977; 242959

**NOTE – On the Lawn at Jenny & Alan Coles Groby Lane – Help required moving pots please**

**29<sup>th</sup>** Carol Ann, Jackie Brewin 243433; 243439  
Tables Paul Tuff

Please swap with someone else if you are unable to do your duty. Pass on the hall key to the next people on duty.

**An opportunity for everyone to catch up on Village news and activities and to meet your fellow neighbours**

**Carol Ann**

**Newtown Linford Gardening Club**  
**([www.newtownlinford.org.uk/gardening-club.html](http://www.newtownlinford.org.uk/gardening-club.html))**

A coachload of our members visited the Dorothy Clive Garden in Staffordshire last month.

The garden was named after Dorothy by her husband, and it is well-known for its display of plants in the spring. One section is built in a quarry and our members saw a splendid array of rhododendrons and azaleas which dominated the area.

Two of the gardeners led a tour and told us a lot about the garden and its construction and the plants therein. The other part of the garden consists of lawn and long borders which were filled with spring flowering plants with a fine showing of foxgloves. Also in full bloom was the laburnum arch with cascading showers of yellow flowers.

After a fine lunch we travelled the short journey to Hodnet Hall, a sixty-acre garden which had opened especially for our group. Heavy rain dampened the proceedings somewhat, but it cleared up for the later part of the visit. There was a spectacular display of peonies and the rose garden was

coming nicely into bloom. Especially interesting was the walled kitchen garden, the circular garden and the eastern end of the main pool just one of the many



inter-connected ponds and lakes which attracted a lot of wildlife.

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

**Anne and David Couling**



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Vicky O'Callaghan (The Linford) 01530 244012

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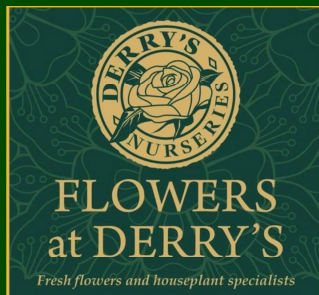


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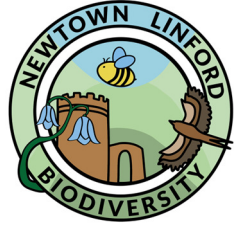
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## Calling All Young Wildlife Artists!

Could you be **Newtown Linford's Young Wildlife Artist of the Year?**



- ❖ If you're aged 8-16, we'd love to feature your picture of any **local wildlife** spotted in or around the village. It may be something obvious - like deer or a bird - or less so: maybe a minibeast, a flower, moss or lichen. The choice of materials and media is yours: maybe paper and paints, pastels or pencil, or how about using fabric or creating a collage? You don't need to live in Newtown Linford to take part. There are 2 age categories: 8-11 and 12-16. Just include your name, age, phone number, where and when you saw your subject and 3 interesting facts about it (either written on the back or securely attached to your work). You can send in as many entries as you like!
- ❖ For 7 year-olds and under, a **colouring competition** is available to print out from [www.newtownlinfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/newtown-linford-biodiversity](http://www.newtownlinfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/newtown-linford-biodiversity). If you would like a paper copy, please email [nlbiodiversity@gmail.com](mailto:nlbiodiversity@gmail.com) to arrange this. Again, write your name, age and phone number on the back of your entry.

Deliver your entries to either 470 Bradgate Road, 40 Groby Lane or 25 Markfield Lane before the end of August 2024.

The best entries from both competitions will be published in the Village Magazine, Newtown Linford Biodiversity's webpage and Facebook page. We also hope to have an exhibition of your wildlife art in the Village. Good luck!

### Wildlife Walk

**Friday 5th July 2.30pm Wildlife Walk to Lea Meadows.** Meet outside Village Hall. All welcome. No need to book.

### Himalayan Balsam-pulling

If you'd like to join us in pulling up this invasive plant which we're trying to eradicate locally, just turn up on any of the days and times listed below. Please wear suitable footwear – wellies are ideal – as it can be quite damp underfoot.. For more information, email: [nlbiodiversity@gmail.com](mailto:nlbiodiversity@gmail.com)

Thursday 4 July	6:30pm until 8:00pm - meet at Tennis Club.
Saturday 6 July	10:30am until 12:30pm - meet at Village Hall
Thursday 11 July	6:30pm until 8:00pm - meet at Village Hall.
Wednesday 24 July	6:30pm until 8:00pm - meet at Village Hall.
Sunday 28th July	10:30am until 12:00pm - meet at Village Hall.

## Wildlife Pond Recipe

One of the best ways to help wildlife in our gardens is to provide a pond. Harry from WildWater ([www.wildwaterponds.co.uk](http://www.wildwaterponds.co.uk)) has kindly let us have his "Wildlife Pond Recipe":

- ❖ The ideal main depth is 60-70cm.
- ❖ Gentle sloping marginal shelves work best (min. W30cm x D15cm).
- ❖ Aim for 50% plant coverage of the total pond surface area.
- ❖ Make it wildlife friendly with a variety of low growing and emerging marginal plants.
- ❖ Make use of water lilies for shade.
- ❖ Submerged aquatic plants are vital and great for oxygenation.
- ❖ Look after amphibians with long grass or shrubbery for shelter.
- ❖ Use log or stone piles for winter hibernation habitats.

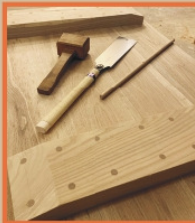
## Big Butterfly Count - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024

The Big Butterfly Count is an annual citizen science survey in the UK that helps to monitor the health of the environment. The survey involves counting butterflies and moths for 15 mins during bright (preferably sunny) weather. The count is open to everyone. More information from: [www.bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org](http://www.bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org)

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## **Newtown Linford Boules 2024**

On Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> June, 23 members of the Newtown Linford Boule Club met at the lovely Blue Bell Inn in Hoby.

After some pregame drinks, we divided the group into teams of 3 and the games began.

We got off to a strong start and as the sun came out, so did everyone's competitive (but friendly) nature.

The team games ended with a challenge for the cup where there were knockout rounds leading up to the final. Adam, Butch and Brian Anderson were strong contenders in the final however to EVERYONES surprise, Scott Raynor emerged victorious leaving me in second place. The evening was followed by a lovely pub meal courtesy of Clare & Mike with few more drinks before heading home for the evening.



Thank you very much to Stuart for organising the evening.

For those who might be interested in coming along, please contact Stuart Wardle 07891 444440

**Beth Raynor**

**Future games are:**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

**Meet outside the Village Hall at 6.00pm.**

All matches will be played at The Blue Bell Inn, Hoby.



## NEWTOWN LINFORD Cricket Club. – SEASON UPDATE

In the previous issue of the Village Magazine I reported that our First XI had made an excellent start to the season, being undefeated and lying second in the Premier Division of the Leicestershire and Rutland Cricket League. However, since then they have won only one of their next four fixtures and now find themselves in a more modest mid-table position. It is to be hoped that they can replicate their early season form and climb back up the table. On a more positive note, they are safely through to the second round of the County Cup defeating Barwell by six wickets.

Unfortunately, our Second XI has made a poor start and at this moment in time find themselves rooted to the bottom of Division 2. The side has underperformed with both bat and ball and need to discover their form quickly otherwise it is going to be a long and difficult summer.

The Third XI are showing much more promise and with a mix of up and coming youngsters and players of a more mature vintage, are comfortably in the top half of Division 8 (West).

The Thursday Mid-Week XI have probably suffered the most regarding postponements completing only two matches, winning one and losing one.

At the time of going to press the Fourth XI, which has a more limited fixture list, has played just one match, comfortably defeating the aptly named 'Ratcliffe Sloggers'.

Our Under13's are certainly doing us proud as, by defeating Kibworth, they have reached the semi - final of the County Cup. Let's hope that they can go all the way to the final and end up winning the trophy.

Finally, I would like to remind all vice - presidents that 'President's Day' is on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July and hope that you will join us in what should be a most enjoyable day.

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## BRADGATE ROTARY CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

On 21<sup>st</sup> May, Bradgate Rotary organized a Charity Quiz Night in support of local dementia organizations. Thanks and appreciation go to all those quiz enthusiasts who joined us at The Linford, who not only enjoyed a great quiz but also a top class fish and chip supper courtesy of the Groby Fish Bar.

The evening raised £650 which has been donated to Leicester Musical Memory Box to support their new meeting group in Anstey. However, the group is not just for Anstey – it is available to residents of Newtown Linford, Groby, Ratby - in fact anyone within travelling distance of their meetings can attend.

Bradgate Rotary has seen the Musical Memory Box in action and the work they do makes a huge difference to people suffering from dementia.

To find out more, or if you know anyone who may benefit from being part of the group visit [leicestermusicalmemorybox.co.uk](http://leicestermusicalmemorybox.co.uk)

**George Reynolds, On behalf of Bradgate Rotary**

# THE BRADGATE

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## Open Gardens

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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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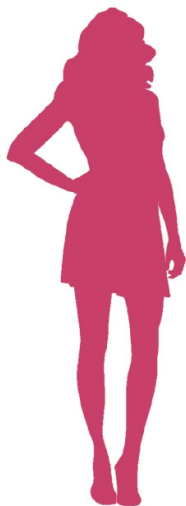
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## Newtown Linford Brownies

What I did at Brownies this month.

### The Lake

At brownies we went to the lake and did a scavenger hunt, there was a tiny swing that I played on. Some of us swam in the lake, it was so much fun there was lots of waves and we got very wet.

### Making a garden

We had to bring a tin from home, so we could make a garden. Brown Owl brought some gardening flowers and mini sticks, I even got a bug in mine it was very tiny. I will hopefully get my gardening badge soon.

### Teddy bears picnic

Finally, we went on a teddy bears picnic and met at the church, we all brought a picnic and our favourite teddy we played some games and then we had a lovely picnic Brownies make me very happy.

**Matilda Baggott aged 8**





## Newtown Linford Primary School

Wow I can't believe we are approaching the summer holidays so quickly. This term has flown past but we have made sure we have filled it with lots of exciting activities for the children to take part in.



The y6s have been on their residential to Beaumanor. They were camping under the stars and they loved every minute. They had opportunities to take part in a range of activities they haven't tried before from archery to canoeing. Many overcame their fears to have a go at making their way around the high ropes and

they had great fun working as a team to build land buggies. A huge thank you to all the staff that gave up their time to stay with the children.

The whole School managed to have their sports day even though the weather tried its hardest to get in the way. They had the chance to compete against each other in a range of different activities, from obstacle courses to throwing challenges. The yearly event ended with the usual traditional races which gave the children chance to show their competitive streak! Usain Bolt better watch out – I'm sure our children would be a challenge for him!



Our PTA has also been very busy organising an end of the year Family Festival. There was a huge range of activities for everyone from rounders to giant bubbles and a photo corner to save those memories forever. All the staff and children would like to say a huge thank you to all the PTA members for their continued support and time they give to the School to organise all these wonderful events.



Have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you all back in school for the new year

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



**28th & 29th September 2024**

**10.00am - 4.30pm**

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# SUNDAY SERVICES July 2024



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
7 July <b>Sixth Sunday after Trinity</b>	8.30am Holy Communion	
	9.30am Breakfast Church	10am Holy Communion <i>John Woolmer</i>
14 July <b>Seventh Sunday after Trinity</b>	10am Morning Prayer	10am Morning Prayer <i>John Woolmer</i>
	6pm Compline	
21 July <b>Eighth Sunday after Trinity</b>	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion <i>John Woolmer</i>
28 July <b>Ninth Sunday after Trinity</b>	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
	4pm Crumpet Church	

## Midweek Holy Communion

Glenfield 10.30am, Wednesdays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st July

## Online Services

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# SUNDAY SERVICES August 2024

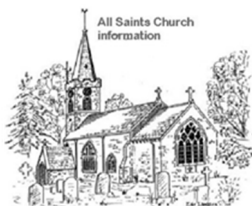


DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
4 August	8.30am Holy Communion	
<b>Tenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am Breakfast Church	10am Holy Communion <i>John Woolmer</i>
11 August	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer
<b>Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</b>	6pm Holy Communion	
18 August	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
<b>Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
25 August	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
<b>Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	4pm Crumpet Church	

## Midweek Holy Communion

Glenfield

10.30am, Wednesdays 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th August



## CHURCH REGISTERS

### Weddings

*None*

### Baptisms

*None*

### Funerals

*1st May ~ Eric Langton*



*We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends, and pray that they may find peace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

### **Church Contact Details**

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richard@allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk

Hayley Moore (Church Administrator)  
0116 239 3768

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**Church Warden:** Michele Petty, m.petty@ulverscroft.co.uk,

**Regular Events** - Bell ringer's practice: Monday 8pm

**Website:** [www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk)

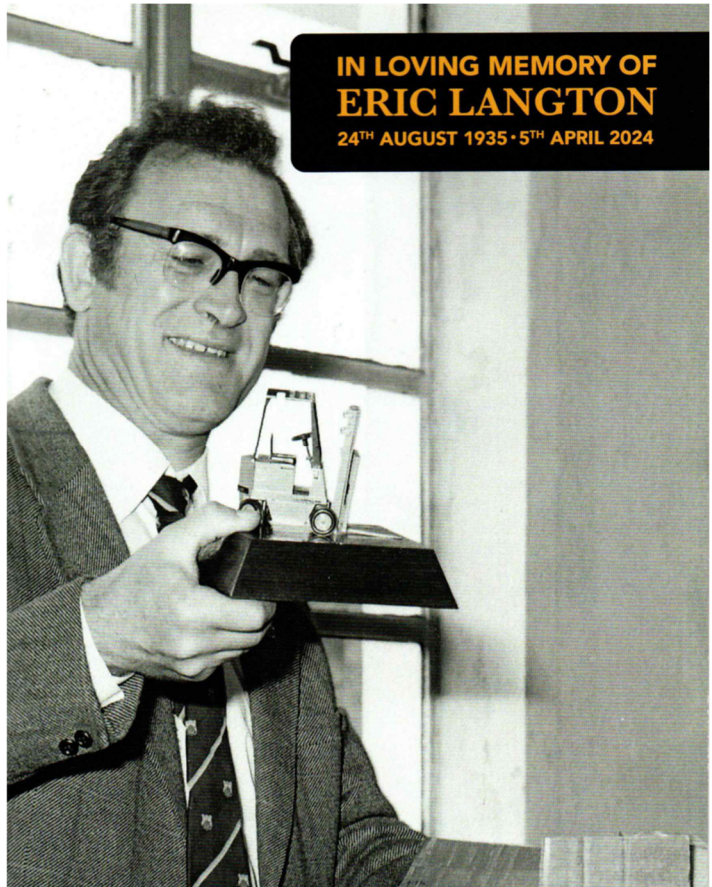


## Tribute for Eric Langton

Eric was born on 24th August 1935 at The Maternity Hospital, Coalville; the only son for Bernard and Gladys Langton.

1939 saw the outbreak of war and his father, like so many others, was called-up. Having, from an early age, bred pigeons for a hobby, he went to serve in the Royal Corp of Signals in India.

At five years of age, Eric went to Bardon Primary School, which he enjoyed very much, despite on one occasion being given the choice of either dancing round the maypole or having the cane. Never did discover which he chose.



When he was old enough, he joined the Bardon Scouts. Secondary School was King Edward VII Grammar. Again, he enjoyed his time there, but I'm not sure which came first, lessons or sport. Unfortunately, he was considered bright enough to jump a year which proved wrong for him and he did not acquire the qualifications he was capable of getting.

On leaving at eighteen, he had to do his national service and chose to join the RAF. Here he became a radar mechanic stationed at Dunkirk, not in France, but Kent. He loved caring for one of the dogs when its handler was away and helping with fruit picking. Many years later, he took me to Kent to show me 'his towers', the pylons he had to climb. Sadly only one was still standing, but it was frightening to see the height

he climbed without the protection of modern-day Health and Safety - he certainly had a head for heights! It was during his time in the RAF that he was confirmed at Wells Cathedral.

At the age of twenty-one it was time to earn a living and he joined Caterpillar Tractor in their Parts Dept. As a wage earner, his first major purchase was BOF, one of the first minis to be seen on the roads of Leicestershire. It cost £563.10.7.

I often wondered how he made the jump from clerk to Supervisor of Publications, but the Plant Manager knew of his talent for drawing and gave him the wonderful opportunity to become an illustrator for the Caterpillar parts book for the D8 tractors. This was in the days when there was no going to college for training, so it was a great challenge.

Publications, the section he had been supervisor of for many years, was later transferred to the States leaving Eric looking for alternative work. Fortunately, Caterpillar was starting a Manufacturing Section on the other side of the Plant. He became a draughtsman for forklift trucks and despite all the other demands on his time, he still found the energy to go to night-school in Loughborough, twice a week, to do a crash course in order to gain an HNC. With this qualification he was later promoted from draughtsman to design engineer in 1976, the job he continued to do up to retirement in 1993 having served a total of 38 years.

Sport has always played a big part in Eric's life having played for school, Bardon, Caterpillar and Broomleys. As the children grew, apart from playing tennis and squash, he took to watching sport rather than playing, and he changed his support for Leicester City to the Tigers where he and Sarah became season ticket holders.

Retirement wasn't a time for relaxing though, and some how he got persuaded by Lydia to take on the mowing of both the churchyards and cemetery which he did for ten years until it took a toll on both his knees and hip. He continued to support the Tigers, play tennis and also enjoy walking with his friend Ken. Most weeks they would don their boots and take off. They completed the Leicester Round, Ivanhoe Way, Jurassic Way to name a few and having exhausted Leicestershire loved going to Derbyshire for the day.

All his life he was making things ranging from a pigeon loft for his father to a garden shed and endless book shelves etc for home. His last creations were less energetic - that of making bird boxes, often off cuts and wood donated to him. Many homes have an Eric bird box as well as the churchyard which has or had two. In the Spring, we are often updated as to which birds have taken up residence in his various creations.

Despite the onset of dementia in 2019, I'm pleased that he could still en-

joy pottering in the garden even if it was only collecting leaves. He enjoyed watching his Andre Rieu DVDs, and doing jig-saws, but his greatest pleasure was being taken to Bradgate Park.

Up until the last 2-3 years, Eric always felt he had enjoyed a good life. Not that he was spared problems and times of sadness, but that he was blessed with good friends and neighbours, was never unemployed and had a job he enjoyed, was able to retire at 58, married for 56 years with 2 children, Sarah and Andrew that he was very proud of.

Finally a big thank you to everyone who has supported us especially the carers from Bosworth Care.

**Sheila Langton**

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Many thanks to Malcolm for sharing this picture he took on the day of the  
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## Village Archive

As I write this in early June, so far the summer has been a little disappointing. However looking through the archive, and despite global warming, it would seem that the British weather likes to keep us on our toes.

On 27 April 1981 the whole of NW Leicestershire was in chaos with power lines down, the A50 blocked and many local villages cut off by snow. The photograph shows snowdrifts being cleared in Chitterman Way, Markfield

The wettest day of the year was recorded on 20 June 1987 when nearly an inch of rain fell in 24 hours (23.6mm). Floods were 4 feet (1219mm) deep in some places in the County. The down-pour resulted in 6 inches (152mm) of water in the Post Office although the Church was spared due to work by a band of volunteers "armed with buckets, brooms and sandbags".



**Iris Sayer**



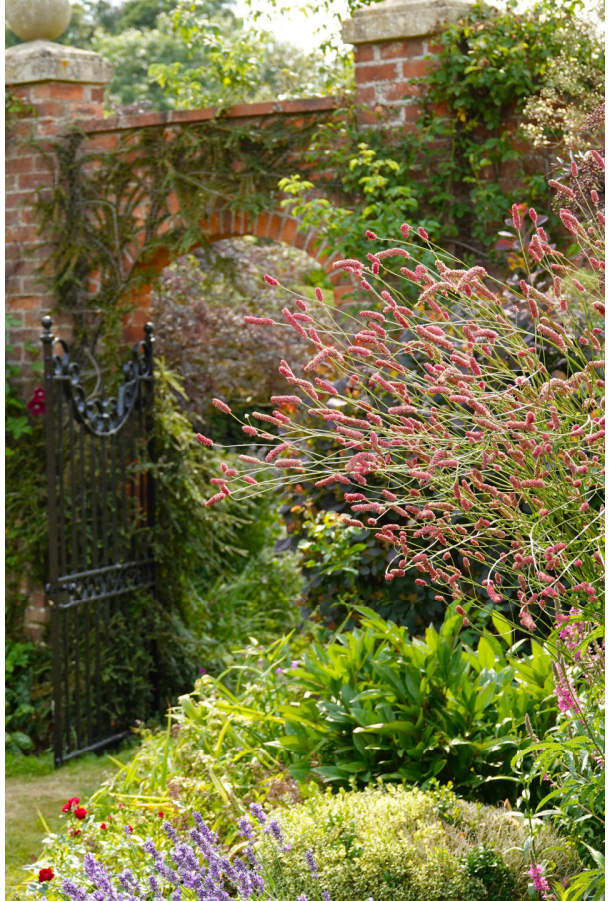


## Leicestershire National Garden Scheme Open Gardens July 2024

There are 29 gardens opening around Leicestershire in July, including three groups of gardens where you can visit several gardens for one ticket price.

Opening every Wednesday throughout July is Stoke Albany House near Market Harborough LE16 8PT from 2-4:30. A large 4 acre country house garden, with fine trees, herbaceous borders, a sweeping striped lawn. There is an impressive display of roses, a Mediterranean garden, water features and various sculptures.

Next to open on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July are two gardens at 12 and 22 Hastings Close, Breedon on the Hill, DE73 8BN from 1-5pm. No12 is a Prairie style garden, which also has many roses and a mix of perennials. The South facing garden at 22, divided into 3 rooms, showcases a different planting style in each room, including alpines, Acers, and traditional perennial borders.



On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July there is a group of gardens opening at Market Bosworth CV13 0LE, from 11-5:00. With one admission fee, you can visit 10 different gardens in the lovely market town, all of which are within walking distance of the Market Square. The gardens are: Glebe Farmhouse; 37 Heath Rd; 4 Lancaster Ave.; 26 Northumberland Ave.; 157 The Park; 22 and 30 Park St.; 13 Spinney Hill; 138 Station Rd.; 2 Tudor Close, and 10 Weston Drive. Within these gardens there are many planting styles, including shade-loving plants, a courtyard garden, tropi-

cal plants, a formal garden with pond, a traditional cottage garden, and colourful displays of bedding, wildlife pond, and a contemporary garden. Something for everyone to enjoy for a single ticket price of £7.50 with refreshments available at several gardens. There is a descriptive map to guide you, and some gardens will have plant sales.

Over the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July, Wigston gardens at LE18 3LF have a group of 5 gardens open from 11am to 5:pm for one ticket price of £6.00. The 4 gardens are: 28 Gladstone St.; 2A Homestead Dr.; Little Dale Wildlife Garden; Vallenvina 6 Abington Close. These gardens are a mix of traditional and formal planting, with wild flowers, upcycling, and prairie style planting. Most of the gardens are within walking distance, but you may need a car to visit all the gardens or enjoy a walk. There will be homemade teas at Little Dale Wildlife Garden and 28 Gladstone St.

Also open on Saturday 13th (12-4) and Sunday 14th (12-3) is 8 Hinckley



Rd, Stoke Golding CV13 6DU. A lovely S SW facing garden with water features, unusual climbers and perennials, many of which are represented and included in the plant sale. There is wheelchair access to the garden room patio, which provides a view of the lower garden.

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July there is another group of gardens opening at Willoughby Waterleys LE8 6UD from 11am to 5pm. One ticket price of £6 gives entry to 7 gardens: 2 Church Farm Lane; Farmway; High Meadow; St. John's Wood; Kapalua; 3 Orchard Road and 3 Yew Tree Close. A real mix of gardens, full of summer colour, including over 70



Clematis, a nature reserve planted to encourage wildlife, a professionally designed garden, and a plant lover's garden with unusual planting. There is a lovely south facing garden, a mature garden with an ornamental vegetable garden and countryside views and a cottage style garden. There will be a plant sale at Farmway with over 200 perennial plants.

Open on 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July 2pm-5pm is Green Wicket Farm, Bitteswell LE17 4LR . A formal garden surrounded by fields, with many unusual plants and a range of colour themed borders. Accessible parking and access to the whole garden.

The Secret Garden at Glenfield Hospital will open on 20<sup>th</sup> July LE3 9QP 2pm-5pm. This tranquil garden is located in hospital grounds. It has been lovingly designed and restored for the benefit of visitors and staff. A colourful garden with roses, lavender, salvias, penstemon, sweet peas, erigeron daisies, geraniums, and wild flowers in bloom. There will also be on show, fruit trees, herbs and vegetables. There will be Arts and Crafts Pop-up Stalls, a plant sale and refreshments.



The last garden to open in July will be St Wolstan's House, Wigston, LE18 3RA on 21<sup>st</sup> 11am- 5pm.

About half an acre of garden divided into rooms with formal and informal planting which includes a white garden, rose garden, sunken Italian garden, rose and wisteria pergola, an Edwardian conservatory and many raised beds.

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 National Garden Scheme Publicity volunteer. For more garden details visit [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)**

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**An alternative way is to go online to report an incident**

<https://www.police.uk/pu/contact-the-police/report-a-crime-incident/>

This may be easier if the phone call is not urgent. 101 calls are not free.

### **Emergency numbers**

**Smell gas? Call 0800 111 999**

**Power cut? Call 105 to get help**

**National Grid (0800 678 3105)**



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## **Information from David Snartt. Borough Councillor for Forest Bradgate.**

**Charnwood Community Heroes.** Charnwood Community Heroes is returning for 2024 to celebrate the wonderful work of residents across the Borough. The awards are being run by Charnwood Borough Council which is making them extra special this year to help celebrate the Borough's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There will be a special Community Heroes category to mark the 50 year milestone and the Council is aiming to make the awards ceremony a day to remember.

Charnwood Community Heroes is an opportunity to thank people who have carried out a good deed – no matter how small or large. Nominations are now open for the awards which recognise those that go above and beyond in the community. Residents have until Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July to nominate their chosen hero.

The Council will be hosting an award ceremony at the end of September at Burleigh Court in Loughborough. There are six categories to nominate your heroes in: Young Hero; Inspiring Others; Green Hero; Beyond the Call of Duty; Brilliant Board/Trustee Member; outstanding Contribution to mark 50 years of Charnwood; plus the Harry Cook Award which will be presented in memory of the Loughborough Bloom stalwart.

People can nominate their Charnwood Community Heroes now by visiting [www.charnwood.gov.uk/heroes](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/heroes).

I know within the Parish excellent work is carried out by many volunteers and neighbours. Therefore, I do hope people will nominate the residents who make a difference for the benefit and wellbeing of the Parish and local community.

**Charnwood Sports Awards.** The sporting achievements of individuals, clubs and volunteers will be celebrated at this year's Charnwood Sports Awards. Nominations are now open for the awards which are run by Charnwood Borough Council.

The Awards are in their 14<sup>th</sup> year and will also highlight workplaces and schools in the Borough which are making a difference to the health and wellbeing of residents. Charnwood residents can nominate their sporting stars across a range of categories including two new categories this year which are Team of the Year and the Generation Charnwood Inspiration Award.

Nominations for the Awards are now open and there are eleven categories which include: Junior Sportsperson of the year; Senior Sportsperson of the Year; Club of the Year; Outstanding Contribution to Sport/Physical Activity/Health. For a full list of categories, to nominate or find out more about the awards visit [www.charnwood.gov.uk/sportsawards](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/sportsawards) or call 01509 634966. **The deadline for nominations is midnight on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**



**Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch -  
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During June, there have been reported car key burglaries in the Charnwood area. Please report any suspicious activity to 101 or online [www.leics.police.uk](http://www.leics.police.uk)

**Preventing car and vehicle theft**

Don't let thieves get an easy ride. Follow these simple rules to protect your vehicle from thieves.

**1. Lock your vehicle**

Locking your vehicle, even when filling up or parked on your drive, greatly reduces the possibility of it being targeted by an opportunist thief. Even if you have locked your vehicle, check you haven't left any windows or the sunroof open. It is actually illegal to leave your vehicle running unattended while you de-ice it or warm it up in cold weather. If someone takes it while it's left like this, your insurer won't pay out because you won't be covered.

If your vehicle has wing mirrors that fold in automatically when locked, make sure you lock it properly.

Criminal gangs are looking for vehicles like these where the wing mirrors are still out because it is clear to them that the vehicle has been left unlocked.

**2. Keep the keys safe**

Vehicles today are by and large more difficult to steal than ever, unless the thief can access your key or fob to clone them. Keep your keys safe, out of view when at home and away from your front door. It's not uncommon for car keys to be stolen from inside your home by thieves fishing for them with a stick and hook through the letterbox.

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**Keyless entry** Cars with keyless entry unlock automatically when the key comes within a short distance of the car. This can be from inside a pocket or bag. If you have to push a button on your car key to open your car, you don't have keyless entry.

Keyless car theft or 'relay theft' is when a device is used to fool the car into thinking the key is close by. This unlocks the car and starts the ignition.

Thieves only need to be within a few metres of your car key to capture the signal, even if it's inside your home. This means that even if your car and home are secure, thieves can still unlock, start and steal your car.

How to protect your keyless entry car

When at home keep your car key (and the spare) well away from the car. Put the keys in a screened or signal-blocking pouch, such as a Faraday Bag and check if the bag or pouch is still working every few months.

Reprogramme your keys if you buy a second hand car.

Turn off wireless signals on your fob when it's not being used.

Additional physical security such as locks and immobilisers are still highly recommended.

It's always advisable to avoid parking in dark and secluded areas. It's worth an extra five or ten-minute walk if it means your vehicle is left in a well-lit and busier street.

If possible, always try to park in illuminated and staffed car parks or those with a Park Mark safer parking award.

### **3. Fit good in-car security locks**

Additional physical security can help to prevent your vehicle being driven away even if a thief gains entry. There are a range of security rated products tested by Sold Secure that can help, such as steering wheel locks, pedal boxes and gear stick locks.

Some of these products, tested to Sold Secure Diamond, can even resist a small hand-held angle grinder.

It's also worth speaking to your vehicle dealership about installing an aftermarket immobiliser approved by the manufacturer. Immobilisers prevent a vehicle from starting unless the correct fob, key or activation process is used. They can be personalised so that you're the only one who knows how to unset it via a number of dashboard controls.

### **4. Double-check electronic locking**

Electronic devices can be used to jam the electronic signal from your key fob to lock your vehicle. Always manually check your vehicle has locked before walking away.

If unsure, lock it manually, then scan the immediate area for anyone hanging around. If a potential thief who's watching feels they've been spotted, they'll probably move off.



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### 6. Secure your port

Many modern vehicles are fitted with engine management diagnostic ports, which can unlock and start your vehicle. If your vehicle has this type of port, consider fitting a lockable cover.

Keep 'em peeled.

Best wishes,

**Hannah Shaw,**

**Parish Council Clerk,**

**Tel: 01530 249945**

**Email: [clerk@newtownlinfordparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@newtownlinfordparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

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**Please note the recent change in email and website addresses**

## News from Newtown Linford Parish Council

Have you looked at the website recently?  
[www.newtownlinford.org.uk](http://www.newtownlinford.org.uk)



Greetings!

### **Vehicle Activated Signs**

As previously mentioned, I have been working in liaison with LCC Highways regarding the Parish Council's current provision of Vehicle Activated Signs.

LCC is in agreement that the Bradgate Road VAS would be better located further down the hill within the 30mph zone and a mutually agreed location has been identified.

On recommendation from other Parish Councils, I will now be making contact with two companies with regards installation of a new VAS or SID (Speed Indication Sign) and will apply for the required licence if the project is deemed viable. This is not something that can be organised quickly, so please bear with us.

Additionally, we will be looking at the possibility of a VAS or SID located on Markfield Lane within the 40mph. Unfortunately, NLPC have been advised that a VAS/SID located in the 30mph limit on Markfield Lane would be of limited benefit.

### **Councillor Vacancy**

Newtown Linford Parish Council still have 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 if you would like more information.

### **Bob Bown Memorial Field**

NLPC have recently had our three yearly Duty of Care Tree Inspection carried out at all Parish Council maintained sites. A small number of trees have been identified as requiring works and we await quotations. A number of branches overhanging the park will need removal as they have developed longitudinal splits (hazard beam cracks). Given that the affected branches overhang the edge of the football pitch, a selective reduction of the crowns of two oak trees has been recommended.

### **Cemetery and Churchyard**

The Cemetery is looking wonderful and it is so nice to receive comments from Cemetery visitors regarding how well it is cared for and how peaceful it is. Thank you for your kind words.

Unfortunately, our Grounds Maintenance contractor has made me aware of unauthorised use of pesticides, in particular slug pellets, at the Cemetery. We very much welcome small pots of planted floral tributes at gravesides, however, I'm afraid we cannot allow the use of slug pellets in pots or on graves due to the harmful impact they may have on wildlife. We have a number of hidden hedgehog boxes around the Cemetery and slug pellets have unknowingly been scattered in very close proximity. Thank you for your cooperation.

I am in contact with a company regarding Memorial Headstone Inspections at both the Cemetery and Churchyard. Having carried out informal topple testing at the Cemetery myself, I am aware that a number of memorials will require

works to make them safe and compliant with current legislation. When the inspection is carried out, any memorials that are deemed unsafe and requiring immediate action, may be laid flat to ensure everyone's safety. A note will be placed on all memorials identified as part of the inspection, asking grave owners to make contact with me. A detailed report will explain what works are required for each memorial and the grave owner will be asked to make the necessary arrangements.

In the event a grave owner cannot be contacted, the Parish Council will need to consider what action to take.

Please note, in line with the proper practices set for Parish Councils, we have migrated over to a .gov.uk domain name and a new modern website layout. We are, however, looking for a high-quality image to add to the homepage in place of the standard image, so if you have captured an image around Newtown Linford that you think fits the bill, please let me know. Perhaps Old John or a picture of the deer in the park would be nice.

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Best wishes,

**Hannah Shaw**

**Parish Council Clerk**

**Tel: 01530 249945**

**Email: clerk@newtownlinfordparishcouncil.gov.uk**

### **Booking of Newtown Village Hall**

#### **To book the Village Hall**

Contact Hannah Shaw,  
Parish Council Clerk

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