

# Newtown Linford Magazine

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### **We are exploring different formats within the Magazine.**

You will see a new look on some pages in this Magazine - such as the page opposite. We are exploring different fonts and formats to "refresh" the Magazine. On some pages we have trialled page designs with two print columns instead one.

We are also considering using different front cover designs containing photographs or artwork provided by our readers but will retain at least one issue each year containing John Nixon's painting which has been on the cover since the start of the "New Look" magazine 26 years ago!

We would welcome feedback and comments about these suggested changes. **What do you think?**

**Email the Editor with your thoughts and ideas.**  
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# The Bradgate

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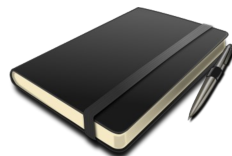
This month I start a secondment as the Acting Archdeacon of Loughborough, filling in for three months while Claire Wood is on sabbatical. I'll still be around in my Parishes on Sundays, and to help and support with particular issues – including the ongoing work towards the next phase of re-ordering in church – but by and large from Monday through to Saturday I will be covering the Archdeacon's work.

I blame Newtown Linford. When I arrived in the Combined Parishes eight years ago I had no intention of going anywhere near Archdeacons. My father, who some of you will have met when he's covered services locally, became one shortly before I was ordained and I never fancied the look of the work. However, both of my predecessors as Rector in Newtown Linford are now Archdeacons: Peter Hooper is Archdeacon of France, and I am looking forward to working closely with Richard Worsfold, who is Archdeacon of Leicester. Perhaps it was inevitable that I should follow in their footsteps – though I must emphasise this is only a temporary secondment and I will be handing back to Claire in January.

Archdeacons have been described as “being a good steward so that others are freed to be the worshipping, witnessing and ministering Church’ (the Ven. R.L. Ravenscroft in ‘The Role of the Archdeacon Today’). They work for the Bishop in supporting and enabling work in Parishes across the Diocese. Rarely in the limelight, theirs is often an administrative or governance role. They have a particular responsibility for buildings, including giving permission for many kinds of minor works, and for clergy, primarily in pastoral support and care but also in handling disciplinary matters. They work with Parishes in vacancy to help make sure ministry and mission continue, as well as guiding recruitment processes. And then there are the hundreds of questions which tend to come their way as they are often called in to help with all the odd and unusual things which arise across the Diocese.

I would appreciate your prayers as I take on this responsibility for the remainder of the year. Having been Assistant Archdeacon for 18 months I have dipped my toe in the water, but this will be full immersion! Here in the Benefice I am extremely grateful to the Wardens who agreed I should take this opportunity on, and to John and Pam, our retired clergy, who with other support will be continuing our ministry. The primary point of contact for enquiries will be the Churches Office, our administrator Hayley Moore ([office@bradgatechurches.org.uk](mailto:office@bradgatechurches.org.uk)).

# VILLAGE DIARY



## **October**

- 4th Music Quiz
- 5th Wildlife walk
- 8th Village Ramblers
- 9th Parish Council Meeting @ 19:15
- 29th Open Evening Biodiversity Group

## **November**

- 1st Halloween Party for Adults
- 9th Singing for Fun
- 14th Last date to submit Christmas Card Village entries

## **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 Rock and Roll The Linford
- 8pm Bell Ringing at the Church

## **4th Tuesday** of the month

Gardening Club

## **4th Wednesday** of the month

Gentleman's Lunch Club

Lingdale Golf Club

## **Wednesdays**

10am Art Club in Church

6.30 Bodyblast Classes Village Hall

8 Quiz night at The Linford

## **Thursdays**

11.15 Coffee Mornings Village Hall

6.15 Exercise class, The Linford

7.30 Choral Society Village Hall

## **Fridays**

9.30 Jolly Tots, Church

## **Saturday**

2nd Saturday of each month - Village Ramblers

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## Coffee & Cake Rota October - November 2024

### October

3<sup>rd</sup> Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Sue Birkett, Julie Clark  
07713 457414; 242000; 244317; 07765 032307

**Tables David Clark**

10<sup>th</sup> Lesley Cook/Chris A/Ann Scrine with School 245208; 242432;  
481928

**Tables – Steve Pratt, Chris Scrine**

17<sup>th</sup> Bev Griffiths, Sue Dobby, Jennette, Lalita 01509 890264; 245366;  
07930 955 990; 07718 701 614 **Tables Steve -**  
[steve.harrold@outlook.com](mailto:steve.harrold@outlook.com),

24<sup>th</sup> Judy Rowe, Felicity Manning, Marilyn Upstone 243989; 245298;  
242715

**Tables Clive Rowe, Toby Manning**

31<sup>st</sup> Glennis M, Mary Clarke, John Castle, Carolyn T. Gill Haddon  
242897; 01163 190211; 249173

**Tables John Castle, Tom Clarke, John Vann**

### November

7<sup>th</sup> Janet & David Brunton, Angela & Adrian Mcnamee 242662; 07710  
253 231

**Tables David Brunton, Adrian Mcmanee**

14<sup>th</sup> Jenny C, Sue Howard, Charlotte T, Janet Collins 245373; 07896  
349977; 242959

21<sup>st</sup> Carol Ann, Jackie Brewin 243433; 243439

**Tables Paul Tuff**

28<sup>th</sup> Sue Harris, Judith Harris, Hillary, Sue 07582 293510; 242512;  
07432 302983

**Tables John Vann, Paul Day**

Thank you to a few villagers who have answered my plea for more helpers for Coffee & Cake. If anyone else could help, please call 01530 243433. We are looking to the next generation. I know everyone is busy but if you happen to be working part time we would love to have your help once every 11/12 weeks. Thank you

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

**Anne and David Couling**

**Newtown Linford Gardening Club**

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

64 members paid a visit to the house and gardens at Belgrave House on the northern outskirts of Leicester. We were very warmly welcomed and given a guided tour of the house and gardens with coffee at the end of the evening.

The house was interesting, and our guide was knowledgeable, and we learnt a lot about the industrial leaders who occupied and maintained the house, which is now part of the Leicester Museums collection.

The extensive gardens contained many interesting trees and plants, some of which we had never seen before. It was very sad, however, to find the garden badly needing volunteers to help restore it to its former glory, and many of our members could see the enormous challenge which faced the gardener who was tasked to do something about it. We hope the Leicester Parks Department will give it some tender loving care.

Back in the Village, we are looking forward to our celebrity evening in October when we welcome the return of Adam Frost, who is widely known for his appearances on BBC Gardeners' World. All the tickets have been allocated and we have a waiting list of people who would like to receive any which become available from cancellations.

Our Club has proved very popular, and membership has steadily increased to a level which we feel is the maximum we can readily manage. We have, therefore, reluctantly decided that we can take no more new members at this time and so, if anyone wishes to become a member, we will take note and then invite them to join us when vacancies arise.

However, if you want to know more about our Club, information 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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## Wild Charnwood

Newtown Linford Biodiversity invites you to join us at our annual

### Open Evening

on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**

at the **Village Hall**

when Sue Graham will be giving a presentation on  
“Wild Charnwood.”

**Admission free.**

**Light refreshments; plant stall. All welcome.**



### Newtown Linford Young Wildlife Artist of the Year – WINNER

Congratulations to Annabel Hancock, age 12, who submitted this drawing of a Painted Lady butterfly. The judges were impressed with her careful observation and attention to detail, even including the knapweed it was feeding on. Annabel wrote:

*Painted Ladies like dry, open areas but can be seen anywhere in a good year*

*Painted Ladies have a lifespan of 14-28 days*

*They are the world's most widely-distributed butterfly*

Annabel will be presented with her certificate soon, and her picture will be on display at our Open Evening on 29<sup>th</sup> October.

**Colouring competition – WINNER** Clara W., aged 6, was the winner of our wildlife colouring competition. In second place was Harriet H., aged 5. Congratulations to both.

### New Hedgehog Monitoring programme

For the first time, a hedgehog monitoring programme has been set up, as a pilot,



which uses AI to accurately measure hedgehog numbers in different sites across the country. This programme started in 2023 when cameras were set up in 13 different sites. Over the next 2 years the cameras will be increased until 40 different sites are covered. It is planned that, after this 3 year pilot, the sites will be monitored annually and new sites added.

The programme has trail cameras to capture images of hedgehogs (and other wildlife) in different habitats. AI algorithms sort all the images captured, minimising the number of blank or human images and maximising the number of animal images for home-based volunteers, known as “spotters,” to identify.

“Spotters” are needed to carry out this stage of the work, which is described as easy, and involving looking at a sequence of images and tagging the species seen (at home on their own computer). Free training and ID guides are provided on-line. More information can be gained (including how to volunteer to be a “spotter”) from [www.nhmp.co.uk](http://www.nhmp.co.uk)

It is hoped that this project will give an accurate measure of the numbers of hedgehogs in the different habitats surveyed and results in a robust national estimate. Research has already shown that hedgehog populations have declined by between 30% and 75% in different areas of the countryside since 2000. It is hoped that this monitoring programme will provide insights into the factors causing this decline and lead to practical conservation measures being identified.

**Carole Longe**

## **Wildlife Tip**

Consider making your garden less tidy!

Gardening at this time of year often involves cutting everything back and having a good tidy up as plants die back and lose their flowers and leaves. But a few seed heads, hollow stems and low-lying foliage can provide important habitat with extra food and shelter for many animals over the colder months.



## Singing for fun – Saturday 9 November

Last year Sue Ford, who is the Musical Director of the Choral Society, led a very successful singing for fun afternoon in the Village Hall. The afternoon was the result of several people having told her that they would enjoy taking part in a group singing session, but lacked the time or the confidence (or both!) to come and join our weekly Choral Society rehearsals. A lot of people have asked Sue to repeat the event, and as a result Sue will be leading another fun singing session in the Village Hall, on Saturday afternoon 9 November, from 2 pm to 5 pm.

This will be a relaxed informal session, and there's no risk of you being picked on for singing a wrong note! If you enjoy singing, even if it's only in the bath, or would like to give it a try, then please come and join us. Some members of the Choral Society will be coming along to add a bit of vocal support, and we will also have an expert keyboard accompanist to help.

The charge of £10 for the session will include free coffee and cake! To sign up please email Sue at [sueford30@hotmail.com](mailto:sueford30@hotmail.com).



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Newtown Linford Choral Society

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We have not produced a Village Directory since before COVID. It used to be a 2 yearly directory with essential services, useful phone numbers for hospitals, GP Surgeries etc along with any local business that wanted to share their details with other villagers.

You do not need to advertise in the Village Magazine for this. If you have a business and you are a villager, then please send us your details and we will add you to the directory which hopefully we will print in the November Magazine.

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# Music



# Quiz

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#### Main Courses

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## Newtown Linford Brownies

This week at Brownies we went on a really fun adventure to Twinlakes Theme Park. There were so many awesome rides like The Excalibur, Buffalo rollercoaster and Trauma Tower to name a few. All of which the Brownies loved. When we stopped for lunch we all went into the food



hall this was filled with arcade games, claw machines and more rides, we got to play on them all, it was so exciting. Once we finished lunch we headed to in my opinion the scariest ride of them all 'Dragon falls log flume' you had to ride down a huge drop and splashed into a big pool of water, we all got soaked!

Eventually it came to the end of the day and we all went to the gift shop to buy a souvenir of our day, I chose a pen. As we went home the Brownies all said they had enjoyed their experience of Twinlakes.

**Raegan Hickey age 10**





## Brownies trip to Johns Lee Woods

Once we had arrived, we walked into the woods and headed down to the campfire. We started to collect sticks and then it started to rain. It rained really hard for about 15



minutes whilst we got more sticks. We then started to light the fire. It kept going out, but we finally got the fire started. We then toasted marshmallows and ate them with biscuits. We also tried to make our own fire and after lots of trying to light it we got it going. We ate lots more biscuits and then it was time to put the fire out.

After it had cooled down, we covered our faces in charcoal and tried to cover everyone else's face too. We finally headed back, and we went home wet and covered in charcoal. Overall, it was a very fun brownies session.



**Grace age 10**

## Newtown Linford Tennis Club - Tournament Day

Well the day started with RAIN and more RAIN! With a full programme throughout the day, starting at 9am, it was a worry but then at 10am the sun came out and the rest of the day was glorious

### **Family Cup**

This has been competed for, for many years with many local family names already etched onto the Cup. 2 members from the same family compete but with a different format this year. 11 families entered all playing first on a round robin basis with the top 2 scoring couples playing the finals. A family affair in the true sense of the word

**Winners - Charlotte & Nathan Jackson**

**Runner ups - Carolyn Turner & John Turner**

### **Junior Competition**

2 age groups played - the younger Red and Orange Ball followed by the older Juniors. A competition where they all played a round robin event  
It was lovely to see how much the youngsters are developing,

### **Red & Orange Ball**

**WINNER - Orla Burder**

**RUNNER UP - Alfie Jackson**





**Older Juniors - Yellow Ball**  
**WINNER - Brandon Clanchy**  
**RUNNER UP - Ridley**

**Pickleball**

A New addition this year to the Club. The final was closely fought with one of the winners ecstatic as she said it was the first competition she had won. Well done Debbie!

**WINNERS - Debbie Cook & Paul Bates**  
**RUNNERS UP - Richard Cook & Ash Bruntnall**

**Newtown Linford Classic Cup**

This competition is a Doubles tournament drawn at the start of the season and played as a knock out event. On losing, you are entered into the Consolation Competition

Great standard of tennis played by all ending with a final tie break

**WINNERS - Natalie Davidson & Steve Dovey**  
**RUNNERS UP - Brandon Clanchy & Paul Scrine**

**Consolation Event**

**WINNERS - Andrew Clanchy**  
**& Sam Slade**  
**RUNNERS UP - Rachel Slade**  
**& John Turner**

Thank you to all those who entered and of course those who came to watch and support

Martin Combes and son Bob on the tennis court enjoying a game of tennis.



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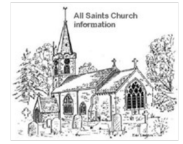
<b>October</b>	<b>Glenfield</b>		<b>Newtown</b>	
6th Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity	8:30 9:30	Holy Communion Breakfast Church	10am	Holy Communion <i>John Woolmer</i>
13th Twentieth Sunday of Trinity	10am 6pm	Harvest Communion Compline	10am	Morning Prayer <i>John Woolmer</i>
20th Twenty First Sunday of Trinity	10am	Morning Workshop	10am	Holy Communion <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
27th Bible Sunday	10am 4pm	Holy Communion Crumpet Church	10am	Morning Prayer <i>Marilyn Upstone &amp; Richard Trethewey</i>
Every Wednesday at Glenfield	10am	Midweek Holy Communion		

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## **Regular Events:**

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## **CHURCH REGISTERS**

### **Weddings**

10th August ~ Paige Cooke & Jack East

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### **Baptisms**

None

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### **Funerals**

None

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**Church Warden:** Michele Petty,  
[m.petty@ulverscroft.co.uk](mailto:m.petty@ulverscroft.co.uk).

## Local girl Rosie Sugden gets married - July 6th 2024

What a joy this summer for John & Carol Ann and family to have Rosie 'tie the knot' with her beau Charlie Marshall. Not uncomplicated, the first ceremony in Newtown Village Church with just the immediate families followed by the second in France. A huge thank you to Revd Richard who made it so special with so few in the congregation.

Rosie walked to Church so she was lucky the rain held off.

France was amazing too and very hot with a lovely celebration enjoyed by all. The family welcome Charlie into the family. Rosie was born in the Village and has been lucky to live at Gable Cottage all her life.





## **Village Ramblers**

The Ramblers latest walk took place on Saturday 14th September. There were seven walkers who enjoyed a lovely sunny afternoon.

They walked over the fields to Groby Pool and then through Sheet Hedges Wood. The wildness of the wood was thoroughly enjoyed as well as the relative silence. The walk concluded by returning back to the village on Bradgate Road and on the way being revived with and biscuits at 484.

Our Next walk will be on Saturday 8th October .

**Peter Lowe**

## **Jolly Tots Playgroup**

**Newtown Linford Church**

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## FAREWELL MARLEIS

The Coffee & Cake Group and many villagers said their farewells to our lovely Marleis on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. There was a substantial spread for the occasion and some kind words on behalf of us all from David Snartt, plus many memories shared of her time during her life in the village. I don't think anyone ever met her without a wonderful smile or a wave when walking down the village or her famous 'yoo hoo' greeting. She had many friends because she was a good friend to them all.



We wish her joy for the next stage of her life living near her family in Northampton. She has promised to come back to visit and is going to keep an eye on what's going on in the Village by having the Village Magazine sent monthly. We will all miss her but will look forward to those visits. Thank you for your contribution to our lovely community Marleis.

**On Sunday 27th April 2025**, James Wardle will run the London Marathon to raise funds for Alzheimer's Research UK in memory of his late grandma, Georgina Hargreaves.

His grandma was a truly one-of-a-kind person with a unique outlook on life. She put her creative mind to perfect use with a long and successful career as an artist and illustrator, with her illustrated works ranging from Enid Blyton's *The Magic Faraway Tree* to *Peter Pan* and *Black Beauty*. However, in the final eight years of her life, we noticed something wasn't quite right. Georgina became forgetful and frequently confused. Amongst other things, she could no longer draw because she would forget her subject before the piece was finished. This was, sadly, a battle with Alzheimer's that would continue until she passed in September 2023.



Alzheimer's is a disease that has probably

touched, or will touch, all of us, or someone we love, at some point in our lives. We are so close to finding a cure, or at least a way of slowing its progress. Please do what you can to donate.



Please donate on the following link or get in touch with Jane or Stuart Wardle, James' parents, at Olde Cottage, 75 Main Street, Newtown Linford.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/james-wardle-aruk?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fjames-wardle-aruk&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email](https://www.justgiving.com/page/james-wardle-aruk?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fjames-wardle-aruk&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=pfp-email)



## Letters page

**We welcome letters to the magazine - if you have anything to share or get off your chest - send us a email or letter!**

I am happy to publish letters from residents and also willing to leave off names etc. when published, if anyone wishes me to. I regret however that I cannot publish letters where the recipient does not include their name.



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## NEWTOWN LINFORD C. C. – END OF SEASON REPORT

I would like to start the end of season report by congratulating Sam Wood, who made his debut for Leicestershire in the County Championship versus Glamorgan at Sofia Gardens, Cardiff. He follows in the footsteps of Tim Mason (England Under 19's, Leicestershire and Essex) and our present captain, Sam Bates (Leicestershire), who have progressed through our junior ranks and into the professional game.

At Club level, success was achieved by both our Mid-Week XI and Under 13 XI. The Mid-Week XI being victorious, comfortably defeating Sibleby by ten wickets in the final of the 'Joe Orton Cup'. The Under 13 XI, who won the County Cup, defeating Plumtree in the final.

The First XI had a reasonably successful season, finishing in the top half of the extremely competitive Premier Division of the Everards Leicestershire and Rutland Cricket League. Fred Foulds, a previous resident of the village and ex-player and captain of the Club, kindly donated two new individual trophies for the First XI. These trophies were presented at the conclusion of the final league match together with various other individual awards.



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## Village Archive

### Markfield Lane

I have referred to this item on a previous occasion, but it is of such topical interest that I thought I would mention it again. I recently read the article by Councillor David Snartt in the September issue of the Village Magazine, where he states that he is devastated to read that the Planning Case Officer is currently preparing a report with a recommendation of approval for the 115 dwellings on the site adjacent to Markfield Lane.

In this connection it is interesting to read a letter of 26<sup>th</sup> July 1965 in the archive, from the Minister of Housing and Local Government, expressing a completely different conclusion. A planning application on the same site had been refused by the County Council, and the developers had appealed. The eminent Planning Inspector hearing the appeal said that -

“The area is a rural one and the impact of development on the scale proposed would be marked. There would be a material increase in the traffic both pedestrian and vehicular generated by and attracted to the area to the detriment of the rural character....the site is remote from any

established village centre, and it would be wrong to attempt to build up into a community the straggling development which now extends on both sides of the A50”.

The Inspector also referred to “a serious hazard involved in crossing, especially for children, on a motorway feeder road” in order to access local services, and he considered that there were “serious planning objections to the development”. His conclusions were accepted by the Minister at the time, and the appeal was dismissed.

I understand that under the new application a proposed new entrance to the site would now bring all of the extra traffic on to Markfield Lane.

It seems that various building firms have been attempting to build on this site for 60 years!

Correction: The Sept magazine should have made clear that, as mentioned in a previous article, following her remarriage, the Princes in the Tower were the two sons of Elizabeth Woodville and Edward 1V.

Iris Sayer



## **Update from Peter Bedford MP**

I hope that you are enjoying the summer and have made the most of the sunny days - when we've had them! I wanted to update residents on what I have been up to over the last few months since my election as your Member of Parliament.

The most challenging of my tasks has been to set up an office both locally and at Westminster, as well as recruit staff, and respond to the hundreds of pieces of correspondence that I have received since the General Election. Much progress has been made and I am pleased to announce my constituency office as: Office of Peter Bedford MP, 4 Cropston Road, Anstey, LE7 7BJ, Tel: 0116 507 7162,

Email: [peter.bedford.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:peter.bedford.mp@parliament.uk) .

The office will be open to the public from 10am – 4pm from Monday to Friday; but I would encourage calling ahead to ensure that my staff are appropriately prepared to deal with any issues you wish to raise.

It is my intention to hold surgeries fortnightly (Fridays: 10am-2pm); and once these are up and running I will advertise to residents via my articles and social media platforms.

Some of my activities over the summer have included...

- Speaking on BBC Radio Leicester about the environmental concerns in LFE with Casepak and the fly swarms;
- Meeting Markfield disability campaigner, Simon Sansome, to hear what more can be done to support those with mobility challenges;
- A visit to the University of Leicester to discuss jobs, skills and training;
- A tour of Mountsorrel quarry to understand the impacts of any extension and what mitigations could be introduced should it go ahead;
- A residents meeting in Ratby to discuss concerns about the HBBC's Local Plan and implications for The Burroughs;
- Attended the opening of the Jubilee Hall extension in Anstey part funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund;
- An introduction to the new ME Sports Community Centre in Markfield;

On a Parliamentary level many residents have written to me about the New Government's proposals to scrap the Universal Winter Fuel Payment. I would like to assure residents that I will be fighting this cut and will be speaking on it in Parliament during the coming months.

If you have any issues that my office can be of assistance with please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best wishes,

**Peter Bedford MP**

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## CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR CHARITY

This Christmas we again plan to enable residents to send a Christmas Greeting to Magazine readers, and thereby raise funds for a homeless charity. As in previous years, readers can send a message to local friends in the Christmas Village Magazine by making a donation of £20 to the Charity. If you would like to take part please put an envelope with your name and Christmas message and your donation in the door of No 32 Main Street NL. Please note the last date for the messages to be in by is the 14th November 2024.



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

**Planning Application P/22/1031/2.**

I have been corresponding with the Case Officer at Charnwood Borough Council about the latest position with the planning application for 115 dwellings south of Markfield Lane. The latest response I have received is that: Ongoing discussions are currently taking place about the pedestrian/cycle track and I do not have an expected Plans Committee date at the moment.

**Charnwood Sports Awards.**

Just a reminder - It is the last chance to submit nominations for the 2024 Charnwood Sports Awards. This year's awards ceremony is taking place at Burleigh Court in Loughborough on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024. However, the deadline for nominations is midnight on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

The event, which is organised and run by Charnwood Borough Council, is in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, and celebrates the sporting achievements of individuals, clubs and volunteers, as well as highlighting workplaces and schools 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: Team of the Year and the Generation Charnwood Inspiration Award. To find out more about the eleven categories, nominate online, or find out more about the awards visit [www.charnwood.gov.uk/sportsawards](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/sportsawards) or call 01509 634966

**Hope Bell Installation.**

The main structure of the Hope Bell, which will mark the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on local communities, a tribute to the NHS and key workers and a reminder of how communities came together to support each other in challenging # (continued on page 36)

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times has now been installed in Queen's Park, Loughborough.

Fittingly made on behalf of the Council by local company John Taylor & Co, the last major bell foundry in the UK, the Hope Bell is a clock chime installation comprising four quarter chime bells and the main Hope Bell to sound the hours. The installation is due to be completed by October 2024.

### **Kick Start Market.**

A special market day set up for new traders and budding entrepreneurs is returning to Loughborough Town Centre on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 10am to 4pm. The initiative is being organised by Charnwood Borough Council's Markets Team. The successful pilot event held in May was aimed specifically at young people, but this time around, the upper age limit has been removed to enable anyone to get involved.

Anyone interested in becoming a market trader or running a stall to support their new business can sign up, as well as students who want to sell items, display their work or get feedback on their business ideas. Alongside the market stalls, there will be a range of food outlets and entertainment, including live music. At the pilot event, traders sold a variety of goods and services, including homemade jewellery and accessories, retro sweets, plants, toys, guitar tuition and physio equipment.

Kick Start Market stalls will be free of charge on the day, but spaces must be booked in advance. The Council has arranged public liability insurance for the traders, anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

To sign up and find out more information, contact the markets team by visiting [markets@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:markets@charnwood.gov.uk).



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### Protect your bike from theft

If you've ever had your bicycle stolen, you'll know how upsetting it can be. Our practical tips will help keep your bike safe and out of the hands of thieves – and also advise on how to get it back if it is stolen.

The most important things to remember are, double lock your bike and register the frame number.

### Ten ways to protect your bike

Follow these 10 tips to ensure your bike remains safe, secure and not a statistic.

#### 1. Double lock it

Using two locks slows thieves down and makes your bike less of a target. Use two quality locks, at least one of which is a D-lock. Thieves are less likely to carry multiple tools, so use two different types of lock if possible.

#### 2. Lock the lot

Lock the frame and both wheels to a secure cycle stand.

#### 3. Secure it

Secure your bike as close to the stand as possible to give any thieves little or no room to manoeuvre.

#### 4. Take removable parts with you

Take parts that are easy to remove with you, such as wheels, lights, baskets or the saddle. Or use locking skewers or nuts which can increase security by securing the bike's components to the frame permanently.

#### 5. Park securely

Lock your bike at recognised secure cycle parking. It should be well lit and covered by CCTV.

Find parking sites at [www.leicester.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/cycling-in-leicester/cycling-facilities/cycle-parking/](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/cycling-in-leicester/cycling-facilities/cycle-parking/)

## 6. Register it

Register your frame number on [www.bikeregister.com](http://www.bikeregister.com) approved by [Secured by Design](#). The frame number is usually found underneath the bike between the pedals or where the back wheel slots in. If your bike is ever stolen and recovered by the police, it can be traced back to you.

## 7. Mark it

Get your bike security marked. It's a highly effective, visible deterrent to bike thieves. They know that if they are caught with a registered bike, the owner can be traced and they will be arrested. Security marking products can be found at [Secured by Design](#).

## 8. Remember safety begins at home

Take the same care to lock your bike securely at home as you would on the street. Avoid advertising that you have a bike at home, for example, by removing car roof racks, and creating 'privacy zones' on apps like Strava to avoid disclosing your location.

## 9. Check ownership

Ask for proof of ownership and check the bike frame number on national bike registration databases approved by [Secured by Design](#).

## 10. Act fast

If your bike has been stolen, contact us as soon as possible by reporting online at [www.leics.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/](http://www.leics.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/). Give us your frame number, cycle database number, a photo and any other details and make sure you update the status on the cycle database where you registered it. The sooner we know, the sooner we can act, which might stop it being sold on.

## What to do if your bike is stolen

It is worth posting a description and photo of your missing bike on the following forums:

- [Ride.cc Bike Forum](https://road.cc/forums/roadcc-bike-forum) <https://road.cc/forums/roadcc-bike-forum>
- [Bikeradar](https://forum.bikeradar.com/) <https://forum.bikeradar.com/>
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**News from Newtown Linford Parish Council**

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

**It's been a busy month or so for the Parish Council and there's lots to update you on....**

### **Land at Markfield Lane Bridge**

You may recall NLPC had resolved to investigate the possibility of applying for Adverse Possession of a small piece of land at the Markfield Lane bridge, close to the junction with Main Street. The application process for adverse possession is complicated and required the advice of a solicitor.

Upon meeting with the Parish

Council's solicitor, we were advised our application would take approximately 2 years to be considered and it was highly unlikely it would be successful. Alternatively, the Parish Council could consider registering the land as a Village Green. However, after further consideration, particularly in relation to the responsibilities of a riparian land owner, NLPC decided not to pursue the idea any further.

### **Village Hall Noticeboard**

Following the temporary repairs to the much-dilapidated noticeboard outside the Village Hall, Councillors resolved to purchase a replacement aluminium noticeboard. Unfortunately, the price of noticeboards has meant a smaller 2 door version has been chosen, as the difference in price was considerable. The new noticeboard is dark green in colour and has a magnetic interior, eliminating the need for drawing pins. The 2 x A2 display cases will hold 8 x A4 posters. We hope the new noticeboard will be installed within the next two months. The cost is £815.

### **Tree Works**

Tree works identified during our Duty of Care tree inspection carried out in May, will be taking place from week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> November. Our 3 yearly tree inspection identified 3 large ash trees all with ash dieback disease and in need felling. Our budget for tree works this year was £1000. However, due to the tree fells, this has come in at £2500

which is a considerable overspend for a small Parish but one that is necessary.

On with more news....

### **Bob Bown Memorial Field**

Due to budget constraints, improvement works to the Bob Bown Play Park have been halted. We hope to resume our programme of replacement park equipment next financial year, subject to a budget review in preparation for setting the precept in January.

For now, the equipment in the park may be sparse since the removal of old apparatus but it is safe and that is our priority.

### **Cemetery and Churchyard**

Memorial Headstone Inspections have now been carried out at both the Cemetery and Churchyard. Thank you to everyone for your understanding.

The good news is, the Churchyard is in very good condition and works were identified to just 6 memorials, all of which required immediate attention. You may have seen a cordon in place around one very large headstone and I'm pleased to say the work has now been carried out to make the memorials safe.

As expected, there were a large num-

ber of memorials at the Cemetery which failed the inspection. Out of respect to the families of loved ones buried at our Cemetery, no memorials were laid flat.

In 2000, legislation was brought in requiring all headstones of a certain height to be fitted with a ground anchor to prevent toppling incidents. The issue of memorial safety was brought to a head following cases where memorials toppled over and caused injuries, sometimes fatal, to members of the public. In particular, the death of a child in Yorkshire in 2000 highlighted the problem of unstable memorials. As the burial authority for Newtown Linford, NLPC have a responsibility to ensure our Cemetery and Churchyard are safe places for the public to visit.

The first section inspected this year, section A, holds the oldest memorial stones in the Cemetery, some of which date back to the 1960s and therefore, did not have ground anchors fitted. In total, 27 memorials were found to require ground anchors and 3 required recementing. Only a small number of the identified memorials have registered grave owners known to us, all of whom were contacted during the inspection, however, NLPC resolved at a



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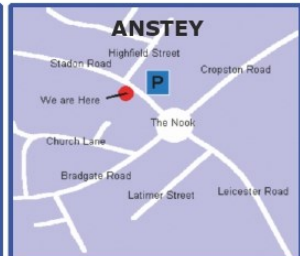
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meeting to fund all repairs necessary and will also honour this decision when section B is inspected next year. The total cost of all repairs at both the Cemetery and Churchyard is £7904 and this will come out of our general reserves.

Over the last 5 years, through careful planning, we have secured a general reserves level of 12 months running costs, which is the maximum a Council can hold and puts the Council in a strong position for situations such as this, where additional funds are required over and above the budget. The very minimum level the Council should hold in general

reserves is 3 months running costs. I am currently in the process of preparing next year's budget and am confident we will carry forward 8 to 9 months running costs into the new financial year, despite these additional and in some cases, unexpected, costs.

Moving forwards and taking into account both legislative requirements relating to cemetery memorials and the impact ash dieback could have on trees in our care, we will budget an amount per year to earmark towards future memorial inspections and tree works etc. which occur once every 3 years or more.

### **Contributions to Village Magazine**

Can we have your contributions for the **November 2024** issue by **15<sup>th</sup> October 2024** please.

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