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Pastoral Letter from Richard Worsfold, Team Rector

### Ready, steady...wait!

'Are we nearly there yet?' As a parent I can still remember the oft-repeated question from the children in the back of the car as we made our way off on holiday. Well, in terms of our journeying from 15 Groby Road, Ratby to 49 Westcotes Drive Leicester (a distance of some 5 miles!), the answer now is 'just a few weeks to go'. The removal vans will arrive on 18<sup>th</sup> June and we shall say our final farewells after 10 happy years in the Bradgate Team.

There is so much I know I want to say about the time we've shared together, but I'm finding it hard to summarise my thoughts, surrounded as we are by so many 'to do' lists. So, instead I'm going to share something of our experience over the past 4 months of waiting to move on, because for us the time of waiting has been quite hard and uncomfortable.

Waiting can be a time when self-confidence can be sapped; a time when tension and anxiety can lead to impatience and frustration. But for that very reason waiting can also be a time of growth in faith because we simply have to learn to thirst for God and depend upon his promise that he has got a good a perfect plan for each of our lives.

As you read this we will have just been remembering that waiting time that Jesus' first followers faced after his ascension into heaven. They had been given their instructions (go and make disciples of all nations!), but had then been told to wait. They were not to do it in their own strength but were to wait for the Holy Spirit.

Our time of waiting is drawing to a close, but for the Team Parish here a time of waiting begins. Like our period of waiting, your period of waiting may be a testing time. But my prayer is that it will also be a time of

growth in faith, particularly for those shouldering responsibilities for managing the interregnum and for the process of finding a new Team Rector.

And finally, thank you. Thank you for welcoming us into your lives and homes and hearts and communities. May God bless you richly in the years to come.

Richard

'In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus' Philippians chapter 1 verses 4-6

#### **Team Parish News**

#### The Forest Edge Mission Partnership begins!

The inauguration of our Forest Edge Mission Partnership got off to a fantastic start. The Caterpillar Social Centre was full, the conversation began with everyone in their own Parish Groups, but by the end of the evening we'd made new friends across the Partnership, enjoyed a fantastic Christian puppet show and prayed for one another as we set out on this new venture. Our thanks to Louise particularly for her organisation along with the pilot group. Please pray now that over the summer period we will build upon this good beginning as we draw together a Partnership Mission Action Group, to progress ideas for shared Mission ecumenically across our area.

### The Edge returns to Stanton Under Bardon

The first Mission Partnership event after our inauguration will be the Edge service on Pentecost Sunday evening 31st May at 7.00pm. Once again we shall be returning to Stanton Under Bardon. This time the theme we shall be looking at is that of *Change* and what the transformed Christian life looks like; all of course with the usual blend of interactive contemporary worship, drama, coffee and even a very hungry caterpillar..... Stanton Under Bardon Parish Church is easy to find in the Main Street through the Village. All are welcome.

## **VILLAGE DIARY**

#### June

3rd Gardening Club

13th Ramblers

17th Gardening Club trip

18th - 20th Choral Society - Summer Celebration

22nd Parish Council Meeting

## Regular events

1st Sunday in the Month@11am Sunday School

Sunday Evenings at the Linford - 7-10.30pm Lady Jane Grey Club for

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last Tuesday of the month Gardening Club Thursdays am Toddlers Group

3rd Thursday Gentlemens' Lunch Club

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There are no Meetings in June or July. Time perhaps for holidays or to enjoy your garden.

However there is one exception. Mrs Gillian Bates has arranged for us to return to Ulverscroft Grange on 30th July for morning coffee, lunch and an afternoon cup of tea. Time also to explore the Garden Walks. Numbers are restricted for this event however. More details later.

Please let me know who wants to enjoy this special day.

Another date to look forward to is Tuesday 18th August at 2.30pm. Mrs Ann Halsey is taking us on a visit to Egypt! Anne is known to us as a very interesting speaker, so please do attend and give her a warm welcome. Tea. Coffee and refreshments afterwards.

#### Kathleen

As you know the numbers of the Welcome Club have dwindled and we think this is a very good time to thank the dedicated ladies who have supplied their time and cake making skills for such a long period of years.

serving coffees, teas without fail to everyone who attended these Thursday mornings. We thank all our helpers very much and during the Thursdays to come.

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Kathleen

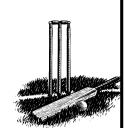
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Interestingly, some members of the group had never visited this gem of peace and tranquillity of nature before, although it is so easy to access. It is an excellent place to bird watch - it has an active heronry and many other bird species breed, and visit here - we saw broods of cygnets, goslings and ducklings along the way. I am also well informed that it is an excellent place to gather blackberries in the autumn, and some of the lakes are available for water sports, such as sailing and wind-surfing.

A slight detour to the planned route was necessary, as improvements to 2 bridges across the Grand Union Canal were in progress, in order to facilitate easier access for wheelchair users. However, this did not deter us from visiting the local hostelry - before returning home! We also managed ice-creams along the way - for those of us not on diets! Following this. we spent an enjoyable evening at The Bradgate, though I suspect some of the participants may have been recovering from a very good evening. organised by Carol-Anne et al, the previous night.

### **Penny Neaves**

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June 13<sup>th</sup> Carolyn & Peter Lowe 01530 242877 Meet 11.00am opposite the Village Hall. "Awayday, East Leics." lunch at the Stag & Hounds, Burrough on the Hill.

July 4th Glenis & John 01530 242897 Meet 9.00am opposite the Village Hall. "Awayday, Derbys." Bring packed lunch or eat in a cafe in Bakewell

Peter and Carolyn's walk is part of the Leicestershire Round. The walk starts at Thorpe Satchville, then to Burrough on the Hill where we shall break for lunch at the Stag & Hounds.

The two walks above are day walks, therefore longer than usual. Transport is in shared cars and hence the petrol cost to be paid for by the passengers. New members are always welcome. All you need is a pair of walking shoes or boots, and able to walk 7-8 miles...

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good comments have been relayed back

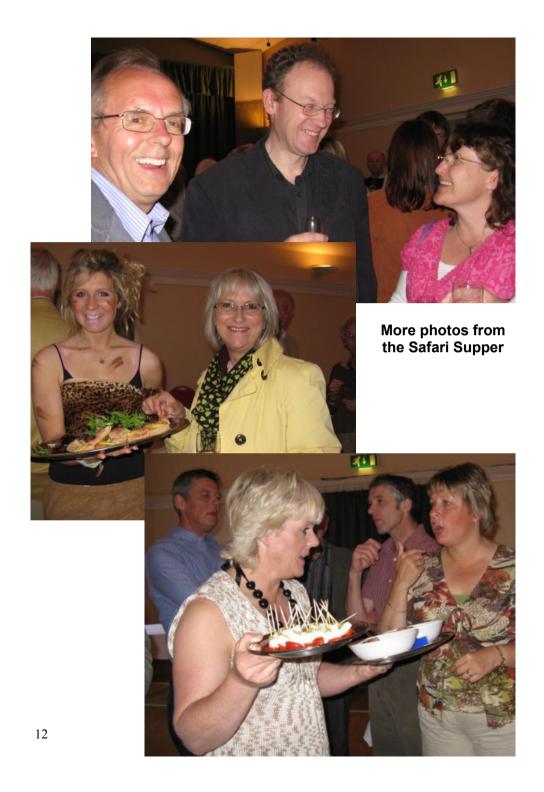
Recent/New Villagers came along and really enjoyed meet new faces or getting to know others better. We also had some returning villagers who came back for the event.

Looking forward to next year in the hope that all the

Village will be involved young and old!

The Village Hall Social Committee





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## **Newtown Linford Primary School** A note from Mrs O'Connell

I hope you all had a relaxing Easter break - although it seems as if it was ages ago now! The School has many new arrivals to welcome including Mrs Pagett-Wright and our new starters, Olivia and Chloe-Ann in year 5. Another very special arrival to announce is baby Roman who was born on 13th April. Both Julia and baby Roman (photo below) are doing well. The updated classroom

and new toilets are nearly completed and Pluto Class has now moved back in and they are making it their own.

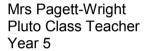




Chloe-Ann & Olivia

Autumn Term Governor's cup winner pictured with their cups are Abbie, Callum & Sacha.





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## Award winning author visits Newtown Linford

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generation of writers.

Pippa, who lives in Leicester, has written almost fifty books for children including the very popular Winnie the Witch series. During her day at the School, Pippa spent time with three classes, reading from her own work and asking the children to come up with their own ideas for new stories.





**Acting Head** Teacher Mrs O'Connell said "we were thrilled to have Pippa Goodhart working with the children and helping to inspire their imagination. It's marvellous for the boys and girls to have such an opportunity to learn from a wonderful author and share their ideas with her

– something which our small class sizes makes possible. The creative writing day was a great success and we plan to offer our pupils other interesting visitors in the future."

For more information please contact Mrs Lucy O'Connell, Acting Head Teacher, on 01530 242370

## **Newtown Linford School Improve-**





#### ments

The Primary School has just completed a major refurbishment of the infants' classroom, transforming the space into a light, bright & airy learning environment (though the children are of course particularly excited about

new coloured lighting in the cloakroom!). The five and six year old children are delighted with their new room and on May 1st they wrote invitations to their parents inviting them to come for afternoon tea & cakes which they had made themselves.

This investment is part of an ongoing refurbishment programme & further improvements to other areas of the school are planned. The school has already benefited from the purchase of 15 new laptops so the all the children have good access to IT.

The Acting Head teacher Mrs Lucy O'Connell would be delighted to give a tour of the School to any parents considering sending children to the School in the next two years.

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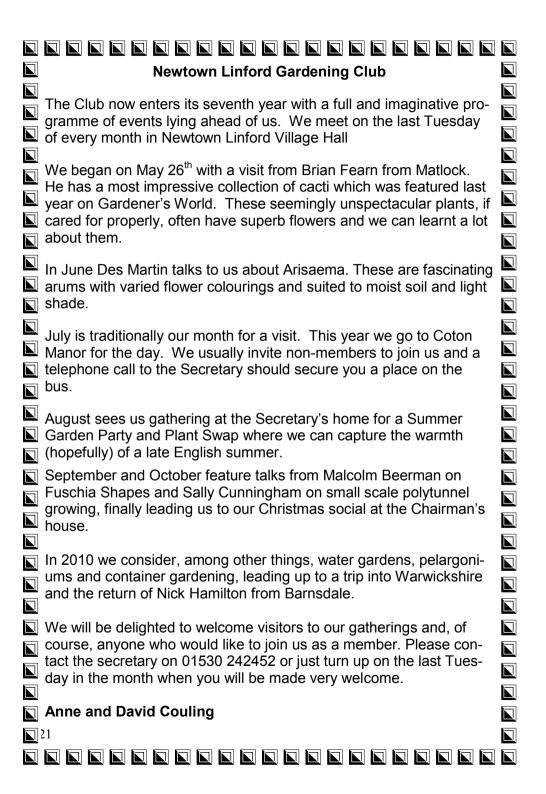
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**Bradgate Team Sunday Services June 2009** 

Date	Groby	Ratby	Newtown Linford
7th June	8.00am Holy Communion		
	9.30am Family Service	10.00am 'Worship for All'	11.00am Holy Communion
	6.30pm Holy Communion	6.00pm Holy Communion	
14th June		8.00am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion
	9.30am Holy Communion	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Family Service
	6.30pm Evening Service		
21st June	8.00am Holy Communion		
	9.30am Morning Worship	10.00am Joint Service at RATBY Holy Communion	
	6.30pm 3SE		
28th June			8.00am Holy Communion
	9.30am Holy Communion	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Morning Prayer
	6.30 Evening Prayer		

## **Midweek Communion Services**

Groby Wednesdays at 9.30am

Newtown Thursday 11th June at 10am:

Ratby Alternate Thursdays at 9.30am:4th and 18th



#### **Church Services and Events for June**

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Trinity

11am Holy Communion with baptism

and Sunday School presentation Richard Worsfold

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> after Trinity

8am Holy Communion Canon Derek Buxton

11am Family Service with Brownies Richard Worsfold

Sunday 21st June - 2nd after Trinity

8am 8am Holy Communion at Groby Richard Worsfold

10am All-age Communion Service at Ratby Richard Worsfold

Sunday 28th June - 3rd after Trinity

8am Holy Communion Anne Stratton 11am Morning Prayer David Collins

## **Thursday Communions at 10.00am**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June Richard Worsfold

## **Focus Prayer Times**

An informal time of prayer for people and organisations in our village. All are welcome. Prayer requests may be left in the lidded basket in the back corner of the church

We meet to pray on Tuesdays at 9.15am in Church on Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June

## For more details, please contact either of the following:

Team Rector, Revd Richard Worsfold 0116 239 3009 rworsfold@btconnect.com

## **Sunday School Specials**

Every child welcome. we meet the first Sunday of the month at 11am in the Sunday School Rooms. We are a relaxed group of primary age children who have fun using arts and crafts to tell stories from the bible.

Please give Katherine a ring on 01530 244790 for more information.

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#### **Towards a new Team Rector**

It seems a little uncomfortable to be writing about this before Richard has actually left us, however due to a variety of circumstances, much in our favour, the process is moving ahead quite swiftly.

The Archdeacon of Loughborough, Ven. Paul Hackwood, who is responsible for setting up the process, met with the PCC on 5th May to outline the timetable and the necessary legal procedure.

The PCC then met to begin to put together a Parish Profile concentrating at that point on a portrait of the Parish in practical terms e.g. description of the Churches, buildings, services, organisations, groups, ecumenical links, communication, finance etc.

Questionnaires were circulated and an open meeting with the Archdeacon was held on 16th May to put forward ideas with regard to the strengths and weaknesses within the Benefice, our vision for the next five years and from that what we are looking for in a new Rector. This meeting, attended by about 50 people showed a positive reflection on the sense of unity within the three Churches and points from each of the five discussion groups proved to be very similar.

Work will continue on the Parish Profile from this meeting which will then be approved by the PCC on 2nd June. The post will then be advertised. A representative from each Church will be on the interviewing panel. Peter Smitherman from Groby and Michael Upstone have so far been elected by the DCC to take on this role. A representative from Ratby Church is to be appointed.

There will be some opportunity for Church Members to meet with the candidates, however this is likely to be a weekday as the Archdeacon has no Saturdays free in his diary!

The Archdeacon anticipates that our new Rector will be in post by Christmas which is excellent news for the continuation of God's work in The Bradgate Team.

Please pray for the right person to come forward to join us in our Ministry in these communities.



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## **BRADGATE FLOWER CLUB**

Our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, at our last meeting, was a really superb affair. We were treated to a fascinating talk about Venetian Masks. Janet Steele from Norwich was our speaker and she kept us all entertained with the history of the masks dating from circa 1200. We all then enjoyed a delicious supper with an Italian theme. The tables were all laid beautifully especially as Jan, our Chairman, had made us a mask each which were used as decoration on the tables.

As I write this, we are all very busy with the final plans for the Flower Festival over the Spring Bank Holiday in the Church. We are just hoping for lovely weather and lots of visitors over the weekend. Jan and Richard were fortunate in being invited to Westminster Abbey for the service to celebrate NAFAS Golden Jubilee, so we are all looking forward to seeing the photographs of the Flower Festival that was taking place at the time.



On 17th June we are having an outing to Hidcote Gardens. We are opening this event to visitors and tickets are available from Anne Jacks, telephone 01530 416864. The cost is £20 including entry. National Trust members need only pay the coach fare. This should be a lovely day out in the Cotswolds. The coach



will leave from the Village Hall at 9.30 am and returns at

3.30 pm approx from Hidcote.

Our next meeting will be on

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Rosemary Garratt from Widmerpool WEDDINGS GALORE At the Village Hall at 7.30pm

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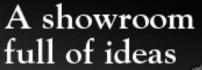
## Jessica celebrates her 18th birthday in KEN & BARBIE Style

Happy 18th birthday congratulations go to Jessica Sugden who celebrated the occasion with family and friends on the 24th April. Guests made a great effort to dress as Barbie or Ken which all added to the fun of the evening. Many thanks to all the neighbours for being understanding re the noise luckily there are not many Sugdens left to reach their coming of age!





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#### **June News**

Lilian Maud Brewin seen here in the photograph with her late husband Horace and the late Agnes Barnet was born Lilian Maud Frith on the 11th March 1913 in the Markfield/Stanton Under Bardon area. She passed away at the age of 96 on the 10<sup>th</sup> April and a Service in Joyful Memory and Thanksqiving for her life took place in All Saints on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009. As a testament to her popularity, and no doubt that of her son Malcolm as



well, the Church was full of family and friends from the Village. The Cortege led by John Wright of Anstey and District Funeral Services, the family and neighbours walked the length of the Main Street to the Church and again to the Cemetery on Groby Lane for her burial. The retiring collection was given to LOROS and I know that this was a substantial amount for which LOROS are very grateful. The Service was taken by the Revd. Richard Worsfold and the reading was given by Betty McChrystal her close neighbour.

Lil as she was known was one of eleven children who survived their childhood. Fred, Dick, John, Grace, Glad and Margaret still survive her Olive having already passed away. The family moved to Poultney Farm before moving to the lower end of Markfield Lane. At that house the six boys slept in one room and the five girls in another in double beds 'top and tail' as they say. Lil worked in the hosiery trade at Rowleys Hosiery and after a spell in an isolation hospital, through TB, she worked in service to a family on Gynsill Lane. She met Horace who was an apprentice builder at Anstey for Disney and Toone and they married in 1945.

Horace passed away in 1998. They moved to the present house on

Main Street in 1947 where Malcolm was born in 1950. That cottage and the adjoining cottage had been bought by Horace's parents John and Alice in 1926 for around £160. A full history of these cottages before 1926 can be read on page 91 of Joan Stevenson's book "The Old Buildings and their Occupants". Lil and Horace sang in the Choir at All Saints for 40 and 68 years respectively. Lil loved cooking but spent most of her time working on the farm of which there was 35 acres. There were the cows to be milked and plenty of mowing and haymaking to be done. She delivered milk to the village firstly by jug and then by their own bottling. I can remember one resident on Main Street telling me that if you were not about Lil would put your milk in your fridge for you. Those were the days when doors where never locked.

Malcolm has asked me to thank everyone who went to the funeral to pay their respects and support him. He very much appreciates it. Also the Choral Society who provided the choir and all those who gathered at the Linford afterwards it truly made a memorable day for him and his family. Finally to those neighbours who made it possible for Lil to remain in her own home as long as possible. He says you know who you are and he is truly grateful.

It has been pointed out to me that not everyone knows that Michael Harrison, of the Bradgate Trust, allows anyone attending a funeral at All Saints to park free of charge. You must write a notice that you are at-

on 29th April by beating Loughborough Grammar School in a

tending a funeral and put it on your dashboard. This does not apply to any other services.

I have just had the last four years copies of the magazine bound and deposited them with the Leics. Records Office at Wigston. They look good bound in blue with silver writing as shown here being accepted by Jo Buckley.

As a sequel to the report in last month's Magazine, the John Cleveland College under 18's Rugby Team under the Captaincy of Stephen List had a further success by winning the Leicestershire Schools under 18 County Cup when they gained the Trophy



closely fought game.

Seven of the School Team, including Stephen, have this season also played with the Hinckley Colts and on 4th May at Franklin Gardens, home of the Northampton Saints, the team won the National Colts Cup Final 22- 15 against the Hertfordshire side, the Old Albanians.

Sam Waterfall son of Ken and Kath recently took part in the London Marathon (26.2 miles) completing it in 4 hrs 2 mins. He raised around £1,500 for his chosen Charity the Shaw Trust which is a small charity who help people with all kinds of disabilities to enter the workplace. They focus on what people can do rather than what they cannot. If you are in to 'You Tube' you can see his euphoric film just after he finished.

I am watching the rethatching of Jasmine Cottage with fascination as I know are a lot other village people. It is not often you see the whole roof laid bare.

Pam McMorran, News Editor.



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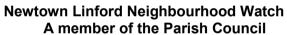
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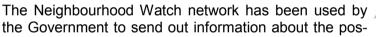
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http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publichealth/Flu/PandemicFlu/DH 065006 for further information.

We have suffered several burglaries this month which have been planned rather than opportunist thefts. Four houses on Markfield Lane suffered. In one case entry was gained by removing a cat hatch. Another by taking the locks off the conservatory doors. The village store was hit twice with the iron grille on the doors being cut with bolt croppers and in the second case the burglar alarm was taken off the wall.

Further afield at 7.30 on the 31st March three men entered the house of an elderly lady in Uplands Drive Markfield. One kept her talking and the other searched the house. They are thought to have been using a light blue car.

A rotavator was stolen from a garden shed in Bradgate Drive Ratby and a Green Norlett garden rotavator with a red fuel tank was taken from a driveway in Danehill Ratby. Golf Clubs and shoes were taken from a garage in Stamford Drive Groby. Two cars, both Fords, were stolen from Croft Way and Shaw lane Markfield. Another Ford, this time a Ka in Lee Rise Ratby. was fired by using an accelerant. And 2 more cars were stolen from Cliffe Hill Quarry Markfield. A handbag was stolen from a car in Little Shaw Lane Markfield by smashing the window.

A white man aged about thirty, 5 ft 9 ins with hair was believed to be the person who stole a tool box in Main Street Markfield. A laptop computer was stolen from the Islamic Foundation on Ratby Lane Markfield. Wooden fencing panels were taken from a house in Groby which has a footpath running alongside it.

Free electronic tagging inserted into the frame will be available for anyone taking along a bike to Loughborough Market Place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June on the Community Safety Partnership Stand. This is particularly aimed at the student community in the hope that any recovered bikes can be returned to their rightful owner.

As I complete this copy I am informed that there have been nine burglaries in eighteen days in Thurmaston and Cropston. Most of them at night whilst the residents are asleep in their beds. On a couple of occasions doors had been left unlocked. So please, remember to check all windows and doors before you go to bed or even when you are sitting watching the television because you will not hear if anyone enters.

Pam McMorran, NHW Co-ordinator



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#### From the Records

## The Grey Family

In the records there are many items about Bradgate Park taken from the local press. The letter page provides lots of interesting topics and comments

An item written in May 1985 covers the visit of Lady Jane Grey. The eldest daughter of the Earl of Stamford was always christened Jane. The title died out with the death of the tenth Earl, his sister Lady Jane Grey was the latest and when she married in 1927 her surname became Turnbull. She went on to have three children and three grandchildren.

As a child she was haunted by the fate of her namesake. She thought she would be beheaded and her early visits to the Park were not happy ones. By 1977 she lived in Suffolk and was asked by her W.I. President to give a talk about her ancestress. This set her off researching about the famous Lady Jane Grey and the Grey family. Up to then she knew very little. She said "that it was so sad that there are so few mementos". A contemporary painting and a piece of her embroidery which is kept in Syon House. Zurich museum has some letters she wrote to a Swiss religious reformer and the letter she wrote to her sister the night before she was beheaded (a copy in our Church).

On a couple of recent visits to Bradgate Park Lady Jane talked with Joan Stevenson about her ancestress and the Grey family, Joan having spent many years researching and writing about the Greys. Six months later there was a small piece about the first visit to Newtown Linford by Lord Deremore, a descendant of the Grey family. Lord Deremore is Patron of All Saints Church.

The East window was put in by his Grandmother Katherine Venezia Grey in memory of her famous ancestress Lady Jane Grey who was by tradition baptised in the Church and as we all know spent her short life living in the house in Bradgate Park.

Janet Neaverson







## **Groby Community College celebrates international diploma success**

Staff and students at Groby Community College are celebrating after becoming the first school in Leicestershire to offer a world-renowned qualification.

Over the last couple of years, staff have been working hard to build on the college's success as a Specialist Language College and a British Council Full International School Award holder, by pursuing authorisation as an International Baccalaureate World School. These are schools that share a common philosophy – a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education.

Following a rigorous process, the school heard earlier this month that it is now officially an IB World School, the first in the County to achieve this status and one of only a handful in the region.

This means that from September, there will be a unique opportunity available for Post – 16 students to study the **International Baccalaureate Diploma** in a school sixth form setting in a College described by the IBO visiting team as 'caring and welcoming'.

At Groby Community College, the IB Diploma programme will be offered alongside existing AS/A2 courses and will allow students to have a broader choice of programmes of study. It is ideal preparation for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and will appeal to self-motivated, committed and hardworking students with a profile of good GCSE results in a range of subjects. The IB Diploma programme provides a two-year rigorous and challenging preparation for worldwide university admission. It is also recognised by large international companies as an ideal grounding for young people entering the world of work in the global economy of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It offers breadth of curriculum experience as well as opportunities for personal and academic development that are not accredited through current AS and A-Levels.

Caroline Wilkins, Principal, said: "Groby Community College has always actively promoted the development of the whole person through

an extensive range of extra-curricular activities that complement the breadth of study offered to 14 – 16 year olds, where the study of a foreign language and a humanities subject is compulsory."

"We aim to develop knowledgeable and caring future citizens with high aspirations and core values of respect for other cultures and believe that the IB Diploma will support us in developing inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who will become active, lifelong learners."

Anyone interested in finding out more about the IB Diploma programme and Groby Community College you can access the relevant part of the college website

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### **NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

Resignation: At last night's Annual Meeting of the Parish the Chairman reluctantly and with great regret accepted Rachel Green's resignation from the Council. Rachel felt that because of family and other commitments she could not devote as much time to Council



matters as she thought the post deserved. It was great to have Rachel on the Council because she brought an entirely different and youthful perspective to the task. Ken Waterfall, the Parish Council Chairman presented Rachel with a bouquet and thanked her for the two years of dedicated service to the Council and the community. (see above photo) Rachel's resignation has created a 'CASUAL VACANCY'. If you feel you would like to become a Parish Councillor please write to me immediately. There is a Meeting every month. You may be asked to attend other meetings which are of interest to our Village, but only if you volunteer. Nobody will judge you if you don't want to go! There is no remuneration. The official notice is going on the Notice board tomorrow 20th May 2009 and we must receive applications within two weeks. Please think about it, it is a worthwhile commitment.

In view of what has happened with MPs in the last few weeks, I think this is a good time to say that our Parish Councillors have NEVER CLAIMED EXPENSES EVER! What they do is for the good of the residents and not for their own benefit.

Annual Meeting of the Parish: The purpose of the Annual Meeting of the Parish is to receive Reports from the Chairman of the Parish Council, the Clerk of the Parish Council, the Chairman of the Village Hall, P.C. Rhodes for the Police, one from the Primary School and finally the Parish Council Accounts for the past financial year 2008/2009. For the fourth year the precept has been retained at £38,000 and thanks to prudent budgeting a healthy balance of approx. £36,000 is being carried over to 2009/2010. The latter sum is an accumulation of careful saving over a number of years. This will come in very useful when we extend the cemetery, which is due to happen within the next two years.

Annual Parish Council Meeting: The Annual Parish Council meeting followed on. This is like an ordinary Parish Council Meeting, except for the annual election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Ken Waterfall was again nominated and unanimously elected (there were no other nominations). Janet Neaverson also was again nominated and unanimously elected (there were no other nominations). We are very grateful to them for the amount of time and effort they give to the Council.

Good news for the safety of our children. Leicestershire County Council Highways have agreed to install Advisory School 20 mph Zone signs, which will cover the section of Main Street most used by children attending the local school. You will have seen similar signs throughout Leicestershire. This is part of the County Council's 2009/2010 capital programme of Integrated Transport Schemes and is intended to address the inappropriate speed of some drivers during school times. If you want to have a look at the drawing showing the scheme, please let me know.

We already get the Mobile Library in the village but if you love to read but you find it too difficult to get to it, because you are elderly or disabled, or because you are caring for someone at home, the **Home Library Service** is for you. The service is provided by the Leicestershire Library Service, is absolutely free and provides access to a huge range of books, including books in large print and talking books. Music CDs are also available and a DVD subscription service for a small charge. If you would like to receive the Home Library Service or want to find out more, please contact your local library or call 0116 3056988; or email: <a href="mailto:libraries@leics.gov.uk">libraries@leics.gov.uk</a> or visit the website at <a href="www.leics.gov.uk/">www.leics.gov.uk/</a> homelibraryservice.

Our next meeting is on Monday 22nd June 2009 at 7 pm in the small hall of the Village Hall (side entrance). We always love to see residents. Lydia Knott, Clerk to the Council t:01530 242522;

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