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July 2019

It's not very often that we host a World Cup that England have a half-decent chance of winning. Maybe 1966 was the last time! But we're doing so at the moment - the Cricket World Cup which comes to a climax – hopefully with England in the final – on 14th July.

England have had a settled team for the last couple of years, a team which has clearly been the best England one-day team ever: scoring lots of runs consistently, taking some inspired catches in the field, and bowling accurately and economically.

But then, in the run up to this World Cup, there came a bit of an upset. A new bowler became eligible for selection. No one had doubts about his skill and ability, but if he took a place in the squad it would push out one of the players who had brought England to this higher level of play. What to do? Keep the settled team, or bring in the new player?

It reminded me a little of a parable Jesus told. Of a landowner who went out and hired day labourers for his vineyard at about 6am in the morning, promising them a fair wage. He went out again at 9am, hiring more workers at the same rate. He went out again at 12 noon, at 3pm and then finally at 5pm. At the end of the day he paid them all the same rate. When the workers hired first thing saw that people who had come nearly 12 hours later were being paid the same wage, they were annoyed. Surely they deserved more – they'd been there all day, after all! It isn't fair!

Jofra Archer's inclusion in the final squad upset some people – it just didn't seem fair that he came in and took that spot at the last minute. Jesus' story seems to be a bit unfair too.

But Jesus is saying that it's a good thing God isn't fair! We don't always get what we deserve, instead we get what he is generous and kind enough to give us, which is far more than we deserve!

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

VILLAGE DIARY

July

3rd Bradgate Drama Society casting/auditions
5th/7th Flower Festival
13th Ramblers
16th Boules
18th Race night for Charity at The Bradgate

August

10th Ramblers
12th Tennis Cub Fundraiser
13th Boules

Regular events

Monday afternoon	Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall
Mondays 6.30	Brownies, Sunday School Rooms
Mondays 6.30	Yoga, Village Hall (also Wednesdays)
Mondays 8pm at the Church	Bell Ringing
4th Tuesday of the month	Gardening Club
1st and 3rd Wednesdays of month	Home Study Group
3rd Wednesday of the month	Ladies Luncheon Club
Thursdays 9.15	Jolly Tots Playgroup, Church
Thursdays 11.15	Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall
Thursday Eves	Bridge Club 9 Main Street
3rd Thursday	Gentlemen's Lunch Club

Ramblers Unless otherwise notified, all walks depart from opposite the Village Hall at 2.00pm. New members are always welcome. All you need is a pair of walking boots and the ability to walk 4/5 miles. Well behaved dogs are also welcome but must be under the supervision of the owner and be on the lead wherever there is livestock or nesting birds.



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Coffee and Cake Duty Rota

JULY

4th	Iris & Peter Sayer, Glenis Meredith	243822
11th	Felicity Manning & Sue Brown	245298/249384
18th	Margret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Josie	245078/242000
25th	Mary, Sarah & Wes Raynor, Jean Deveaux	242214/242432/ 243042

August

1st	Lesley Cook/Chris A & Gay Redstone	242214/242432/ Lei2351625
8th	Casey Pearson, Jenny Cole & Marie Wilday	249259
15th	Amanda Sculthorpe & Vicky Lightfoot	242445/07779123952
22nd	Carolyn T Charlotte Jackson, Ruth Goddard	249173/245316
29th	Jo & Claire Costello	249613

September

5th	Janet & David Brunton	242662
12th	Sue Pritchard & Teresa Calvert	243119/482802
19th	Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke & Josie	245078/242000
26th	Sue Birkett & Jan Dempsey	244317/Lai 2700072

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

Rota Volunteers - If you are struggling with putting the Tables and Chairs out for your duty the following have offered to help if around just give them a call

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Flower Festival

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Friday 5 July

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£5 on the door, a glass of wine included

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Saturday 6 July: 10am-5pm

Sunday 7 July: 12pm-5pm

Sunday 7 July

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From The Park

Whilst the rain in June seems to have been relentless, so has activity by staff and volunteers.



Our work at Swithland Wood continues, with the constant work to get the messages across about the conservation value of the Wood. The Young Rangers have also been working in the wood adding new 'natural' benches and seating, and this will continue. It looks great and we have received support from the Leicestershire Ramblers for this in addition to the support of Swithland Show for the work of the Young Rangers in general.

The Ranger team have been working with Leicestershire County Council's Rights of Way team to remove stiles and improve access with new gates. When this project is complete, we will have created stile-free walking routes from Newtown Linford to Anstey, Cropston and Swithland, which is of huge benefit to those walkers of a certain age who are reasonably fit but struggle to get over stiles like we used to. This has already had great feedback on social media from local visitors.

The Park has seen a great few months of work, with drystone walling and conservation tasks by Rangers and volunteers moving our Parkland Management Plan on. The Plan can now be found on our website, along with the Woodland Management Plan.

We have had a lot of interest in the media about the Park and Wood. This has included not just local but national coverage. Journalists are admitting they are looking for non-Brexit news. It has been a way for us to get conservation messages across around historic ways of restoring boundary walls, potential damage that can be caused by den-building and fire, and also increasing anti-social behaviour in car parks. We have also had many positive stories such as Wildlife Weekend, our Poet in Residence, Heart Safe Park and events.

Our events continue to enjoy a strong profile with most selling out. Our feedback is great online and from visitors on the day. We are getting great visitor engagement and with volunteers now contributing to our Facebook feed through the #ExploreShareInspire project. We are finding people across the Globe commenting on how they appreciate this. We are also seeing more regular online donations – a case of every little helps.

And finally...

I have been Director of the Bradgate Park Trust since October 2012, only the fourth person to do the job (and the first to have that title) since the Trust was founded in 1928 and the time has now come to move on to pastures new. It has been a huge privilege to lead such a dedicated team of staff and, since 2015, volunteers. During the time that I have been here, the Trust's income has increased by 70%, tearoom income has more than doubled and parking income has increased by nearly 40%, despite all-day parking and season tickets being cheaper than they were in 2001. Our grants and fundraising income has grown from nothing to over £70,000 per year and the value of our venison sales has more than trebled. The staff team has nearly doubled in size and we now have a professional senior management team and a coherent staffing structure. Over the same period, our Council funding has declined by 76% but we have achieved the transition to financial self-sufficiency. In 2017 we published the Trust's first ever Strategic Plan. On the Park, the dominance of bracken has been addressed leading to measurable improvements in biodiversity, and our remarkable collection of veteran trees is getting the care and attention it deserves, almost entirely from an up-skilled Ranger team. The opening of our remarkable Visitor Centre by Sir David Attenborough in 2016 has led to a revolution in the way in which we engage with our visitors, and the work of our Community Champions means that the Trust has now extended its work beyond the Park gates. The support of the Heritage Lottery Fund has enabled us to develop an education programme that is able to offer more children than ever before some truly memorable experiences, and the #ExploreShareInspire and #BradgateInspires programmes have delivered high quality learning and creative activities to adults, children and families. The development of our first holistic Parkland Plan in 2014 included a series of archaeological surveys that led to the excavation in 2014/15 of one of the most important Late Upper Palaeolithic sites ever discovered in the UK and to the University of Leicester's Bradgate Field-School, which has transformed our understanding of the Park's past and the ways in which we talk about it to the public.

I know that there are those who wish that these changes had never happened and that the Park had remained like it was in years gone by. That is simply not possible for two reasons. Firstly, the cost of running the Park, even without all the additional activities we now do, far exceeds the funding we receive from local government and in conservation and land management grants. Our local authority funding has declined in real terms by 95% since its peak in 1995 and by 76% since I arrived in 2012. It has been one of those situations in which doing nothing simply is not

an option. The Trust has had to move from a position in 1995 where 54% of its income came from local government to the situation today where the Councils contribute less than 2% of the total and 80% of our income comes from our visitors.

The second reason is more philosophical: Charles Bennion established the Trust in 1928 and charged it with “the provision of a public park and recreation ground, and the maintenance and improvement thereof, for the benefit of the inhabitants of the County of Leicestershire, and of visitors thereto, with the object of improving the conditions of life for such persons”. There is no justification in these words for keeping the Park for the benefit of a select few and not welcoming all who wish to visit. Obviously with an attraction that welcomes in excess of 500,000 visitors a year there are going to be unwanted side-effects. This is where our local authority partners could reasonably be expected to take more of a leadership role. Figures we commissioned last year show that Bradgate Park generates over £11 million each year for the local economy and supports the equivalent of over 140 full-time jobs. That is an awful lot of local tax revenue, some of which could be reasonably spent in sorting out issues like on-street parking once and for all.

On a personal note, I am off to Wales to take up a new challenge as Chief Executive of the Centre for Alternative Technology. As well as being a remarkable visitor attraction, the role at CAT offers the opportunity to take a leadership role in the fight against climate change and to get involved in more media work, lobbying and activism, all of which suit someone with an inability to keep his mouth shut.

As I sign off for the last time, I should like to thank you for welcoming me as part of the Newtown Linford community and wish you all the best for the future. I should particularly like to thank Carole Heubeck, who produces this wonderful, vibrant Magazine each month, for making space available for my ramblings and for putting up with my somewhat haphazard approach to deadlines for the past six-and-a-bit years.

Peter Tyldesley, Director Bradgate Park



Date for your diary - Tennis Club

Saturday 2nd November

Tennis Club End of Season Bash - Peaky Blinders Night - Fancy Dress come as your favourite Peaky Blinder - More info later.

Newtown Brownies - Teddy Bears Picnic

On the 3rd of June all of the Brownies went to Brown Owl's house for a Teddy Bear's picnic. I took two teddy bears which were called Ding and Dong.

We had juice, packed lunches, cakes, ice poles and biscuits. My favourite part was playing a game of Ladders. We also played bear games and sang bear songs. We had a lovely time and it didn't rain.

**By Madeline
Brown aged 7**



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ing the mind. Meditation is achievable to anyone at any time, anywhere you will wonder how you ever lived without it.'



Bradgate Drama Society

Reminder from last months magazine - We'll be casting for our 2019 Christmas production

in September and are looking for new talent both on and off stage to help make this our biggest and best Christmas production ever. Think you can do it? Well why not come to our open evening on

Wednesday 3rd July

at Newtown Linford Village Hall, starting at 7.45pm.,
partake of a glass of wine and have a chat. Alternatively you can contact either Andi Hastie (07939 156982, bradgatedrama@gmail.com) or Peter Upton (7713 893732, petergupton@btinternet.com) - it could be the start of a whole lot of fun!



Newtown Linford Gardening Club

We really cannot rely on the British weather. After the lovely early Spring we have been buffeted by high winds and drenched with heavy rain. No wonder our plants do not know what to do. Some have flowered very well whereas others have struggled to do anything much at all. Ahh the joys of living in Britain!!!!

Our speaker in May was one of the finest we have ever had. There were around 100 members present to hear Timothy Walker from Oxford talk to us about borders. He had managed the Oxford Botanic Gardens for many years and had a wide range of knowledge. His talk was highly informative and very amusing and many of our members asked for us to invite him back again in the future.

He recommended a mulch called Strulch which is organic, weed-suppressant, water retentive and good for the soil. As a result we ended up placing a bulk order and no fewer than 108 bags have been delivered and distributed around our members.

July is the month of our traditional Summer Garden Party, when we all gather at Mountain Ash, Ulverscroft Lane, the home of our Chairman and his wife. This is always a popular occasion attended by around 100 of our members.

Further into the year we have a visit in August to the Leicester Botanic Gardens and our celebrity evening with Chris Beardshaw which is already a sell-out.

Anyone interested in our activities can contact the Secretary (tel. 242452) or e-mail us at 32couling@gmail.com, or else come along to one of our meetings as a visitor (£3). If you would like a copy of our programme for the coming year, we will be pleased to send one to you.

Anne and David Couling

Newtown Linford Tennis Club

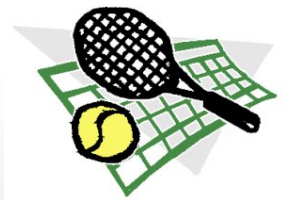
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As a young girl, Jane won a scholarship from Leicestershire County Council to attend one of the top vocational Schools in London. She performed professionally in productions such as Nutcracker Ballet, Les Sylphides and Copelia. She now holds a full registered teaching Diploma of Dance having studied a three year professional course at the Central School of Ballet in London. She is accredited with the Royal Academy of Dance (London) and is DBS checked.

After dancing in London and America and teaching classes in London and Lincolnshire, Jane is happy to be back in Leicestershire close to family and is looking forward to being able to bring dance classes to Newtown Linford

Classes will be starting for pre-school, school age and adults.

If you or a member of your family is interested in ballet and other dance classes contact Jane to discuss and possibly register your interest.

Mrs France Welch (1940-2019)

After a long and difficult battle with Parkinson's and Dementia of Lewy. France finally succumbed on the 30th March in the Francois Mitterrand hospital in Pau, France.

France and family came to Newtown Linford 35 years ago, living at Yew Tree Cottage, 43 Main Street. She was bi-lingual English/French and worked as a translator and language teacher mainly in Coalville, where she also looked after handicapped people. Latterly, in retirement she was active in the Secour Catholique in France, doing voluntary work.

She is sorely missed by husband Nicholas, sons John and Benoit, companion Kerry, and grandchildren Astrid and Jack.

Farewell and Thank You

I would just like to say farewell to two major contributors to the Village Magazine who will both be missed by us all.

Peter Tyldesley, Director Bradgate Park

who is moving to Wales. His articles about the Park have always been interesting. He has really transformed the Park and it's relationships with adjoining communities..

Pam McMorrان, NHW co-ordinator and Parish Clerk. Pam was one of the original team who started and helped develop our Village Magazine from one distributed only to Church Members to one distributed free to all villagers. She contributed many interesting articles, initially about villagers, and latterly as NW co-ordinator and then Parish Clerk. Pam also started and developed our village Facebook page which is a fount of information. We wish her well in her retirement .

Carole Heubeck - Editor

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BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES

July 2019

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
7th July	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
3rd Sunday of Trinity	10.15am Worship as One (RT)	10.30am All Age Service (JW)
	6.30pm Evensong (GS)	6.00pm Songs of Praise (RT/JW)
14th July		8.00am Holy Communion (FT)
4th Sunday of Trinity	10.15am Holy Communion (SA)	10.30am Morning Prayer (FT)
	6.30pm Compline (SA)	
21st July	8.30am Holy Communion (SA)	
5th Sunday of Trinity	10.15am Service of the Word (BH)	10.30am Holy Communion (SA)
28th July		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
6th Sunday of Trinity	10.15am Holy Communion (SA/GS)	10.30am All Age Service (RT)
	5.00pm Group Evening Prayer at Newtown Linford (RT/DMcD)	

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES— July 2019							
GLENFIELD	Wed	10.45am	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10.30am	4th				

BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES

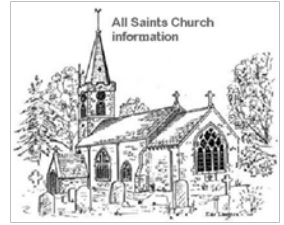
August 2019

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
4th August 7th Sunday of Trinity	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
	10.15am Worship as One (RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Evensong (SA)	
11th August 8th Sunday of Trinity		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.15am Holy Communion (SA)	10.30am Morning Prayer (JW)
	6.30pm Compline (BH)	
18th August 9th Sunday of Trinity	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
	10.15am Service of the Word (GS)	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)
	4.00pm Messy Church	
25th August 10th Sunday of Trinity		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.15am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am All Age Service (RT)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (RT)	

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES— August 2019						
GLENFIELD	Wed	10.45am	7th	14th	21st	28th
NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10.30am	8th			



CHURCH REGISTER, NEWTOWN LINFORD



WEDDINGS

4th May ~ Andrew Simpson & Naomi Lane
4th May ~ John Edwards & Lauren Stewart

BAPTISMS

26th May ~ Evelyn Nethercot
2nd June ~ Harry Matthew Greasley
23rd June ~ Matilda Emily Rose Baggott
23rd June ~ Charles George Edward Baggott

We welcome them in to the church family

FUNERALS

*17th June ~ Barbara Long, formerly of Main Street,
Newtown Linford*

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.



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Climate Change

On Wednesday 5th June Newtown Linford's Church Bible Study Group met to discuss how Christians should respond to climate change. As I have been an environmental enthusiast since 1997 (22 years) I was asked to lead the meeting.

Climate change has recently become a newsworthy topic and the meeting began with a lively discussion on the causes of climate change, moving on to some Biblical references of God as the creator of the world and humans as stewards of that creation. Much of the following animated discussion was concerned with what we should be doing about the effect of the warming climate. The following ideas were put forward.

Energy – change to green energy, turn the thermostat down, don't waste heat- close doors and windows, change bulbs to LEDs and don't keep unnecessary lights on, dry clothes outside, less grass cutting, turn standby off.

Transport – travel less and walk or cycle more. Fly less.

Consumption – buy less, buy second hand, repair, buy without plastic bags.

Food – Don't waste food – eat everything you buy, eat less meat, home grown veg, think where your food is coming from (avoid food using air transport)

Population – Reduce family size.

These ideas and many more need further exploration. If anyone in the village is interested at looking at how we can change our behaviour in response to climate change I would be happy to run a 7 week course (Footpaths) which I helped to write with others from Transition Leicester 8 years ago.



Jane Woolmer (ejwoolmer@gmail.com)

BOULES

I suppose I am one of the lucky people for whom the sun is shining every day, and so it was on the day of our first boules of the year on Tuesday 21st May at the Blue Bell, Hoby.

It was a glorious evening as 15 players assembled, and we even had the Cup! We were all pleased to welcome Roger Leech and to teach him how to play boules and not bowls. Just to test him he was put in first for the play offs.

At the end of the evening, after six exciting matches, with a slight chill in the air, we played for the Chell Cup. Congratulations to our well deserved winner, Andrew Pearson, who expressed his delight on being presented with the Cup for the first time.

On a very wet evening on the 18th June we had to abandon boules and play Skittles instead. It was ironic that a week before the forecast was dry, 22 degrees and good visibility, and on that basis we had a record turnout of 18 players. Nonetheless it was a great fun evening with good camaraderie. Andrew passed over his Cup to the new winner



ner Toby Manning for good keeping until our next game on 16th July.

TUESDAY 13th AUGUST TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

Meet outside the Village Hall at 6.20pm (September 6.00pm). All matches to be played at The Blue Bell Inn, Hoby, phone number 01664 434247. In the event of rain we will play skittles.

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Butterflies of Charnwood Forest

On Monday 29th May, Prebendary Canon John Woolmer gave a superbly illustrated talk in Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall on the butterflies which can be found in Charnwood Forest, in our gardens and a bit further afield in the Midlands. He apparently rediscovered a childhood interest in butterflies when taking a group of non-cricketers from Winchester College, where he taught mathematics, to a woodland area, and has been studying them ever since. John's wife Jane, one of Newtown Linford's churchwardens, had among many other things taken a photographic course, and they combined their skills to photograph butterflies in many parts of the world (usually where John was doing some short term mission work - invariably good places for butterflies - rural Zambia, much of East Africa, Argentina and Papua New Guinea). They have photographs of all English species (not all photographed in UK) and many European species.

His talk began with a series of images dealing with the development sequence of butterflies, from eggs through caterpillars to pupae and then the insects. His images of butterflies emerging from the chrysalis were amazing. John dealt with most of the species that can be found in the Forest and then in our gardens – it seems to be essential to cultivate nettles for many species! We learnt that global warming has one positive advantage in that some species are moving northwards and more varieties of butterflies can now be seen round here than used to be the case. John has published widely and had copies of his book *The Grand Surprise – Butterflies and the Kingdom of God* available for sale to raise money for Newtown Linford Church.

Please note that John is giving a similar talk as part of a celebratory weekend, Butterflies and Flowers, in the Village Church on Friday 5th July, which will also include teas on Saturday and Songs of Praise on Sunday. If you missed his talk, do come along then.

Dr Marilyn Palmer
Events Organiser, Friends of Charnwood Forest

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Visit to Kirby Muxloe castle

Our guide was Pete Liddle, the very knowledgeable former county archivist for Leicestershire, who had made a study of the castle. Not only was he able to detail the history of its building, but, with the help of the building accounts, actually knew the names of the workmen who were involved. In those days, when a thousand pounds was considered a sum which we today would equate to a billion, master craftsmen were paid 8d a day, whilst labourers got 4d. Some things never change.

The politics of the day seems to have been clouded by personalities, perhaps even more so than today. Rather than political parties, it was a question of families and one's loyalty to which family which governed your position and prospects. As long as 'your' family was in the ascendancy you were OK and could even prosper. If not, the consequences could be dire, exile being the least you could expect. Pete Liddle found from the accounts that building work on the castle had not stopped the day that the owner, William, Lord Hastings, was dragged from a council meeting and beheaded in 1483, but continued for another two years, until the money ran out.

The site of the castle was originally occupied by a manor house dating from two centuries before the castle was conceived. There is evidence that, even while the castle was being built, the old house was being repaired, which suggest that the 'castle' was a sort of more advanced fortified manor house in a way. Despite the lose of the head, it is possible that the Hastings family continued to occupy the site for two more centuries, judging by surviving correspondence. Unfortunately the record of the progress of the work stops with the accounts, and, with the destruction of much of the works over the years after the dwelling was abandoned, it is now not possible to say how much of the fortifications were completed, and how much moth-balled for future work which never took place. The one thing which we know to have been complete was the moat, home now to flotilla of Canada geese.

The decline of the castle after it was disposed of by the Hastings is not well documented. At one point it was part of a farm. By the twentieth century it was in the hands of officialdom, which carried out essential repairs. One of these repairs obscures a magnificent vaulted ceiling of brick in the main entrance, which is still the old gate-house. Other places clearly show up in modern brick. However, the chief point of interest these days seems to be the arrangements for the disposal of human 'waste', which was funnelled into two small chambers beside the moat, into which their contents had to be shovelled, presumably by miscreants.

One last point – the gun 'port-holes' even now guard the bridge, in the site of the old draw-bridge. It may still be unwise to invade the place.

Dr D McNeil



National Garden Scheme open gardens during July in Leicestershire.

July is a great time to visit gardens when they are in full bloom. Every time you visit a garden which opens under the National Garden Scheme, you are donating to nursing and cancer charities. Last year over £3.1m was donated by the NGS .

There are many gardens open all around the County and you can find an garden opening near you on our website <https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden>

Opening at the beginning of the month on the 3rd July, also the 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st is the

lovely garden at Stoke Albany House (LE16 8PT) 4 acres of country house garden with sweeping lawns, mature trees and colourful herbaceous borders. In July many of the scented roses will be in bloom. There is also a parterre, Mediterranean garden, heated greenhouse, water gardens and plenty of relaxing places to sit and enjoy the garden views.

The weekend of 6th & 7th July is busy for Wigston gardeners (LE18) a



group who open their very varied gardens starting with the unique wildlife garden at 7 Little Dale on the 6th. It is a maturing wildlife friendly garden with a meadow lawn, and a new wildlife pond. Entry to this garden includes a visit to the nearby 28 Gladstone Street, a town garden divided into gardening rooms, including a pond, unusual perennials, David Austin scented roses, a shade garden and Hosta theatre.

On the 7th July 7 Little Dale opens again together with 40 Rolleston Road, a nearby town garden with a willow arbour, mixed beds, a scented archway and borders packed with colourful plants. Both of these gardens are wheelchair and dog friendly.

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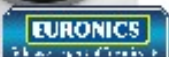


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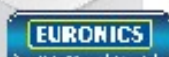


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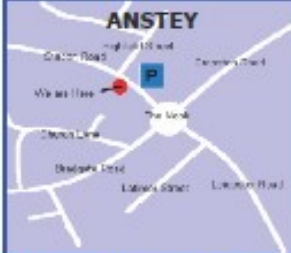
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visiting the Harborough Allotments (LE16 9BB) opening on the 7th July. There are two allotment sites: Stevens St with over 130 plots growing all types of veg, fruit & flowers, ponds, wild life area & small orchards. Northampton Rd is has 50 plots with polytunnel. There will be a demonstration of compost making and chance to meet with allotment holders who are happy to give advice. There are some unusual veg on display such as cucamelon, different types of squashes, older and heritage varieties of vegetables together with companion planting. In addition there is a community Poly tunnel with shared planting. There are wide paths and the sites are wheelchair accessible.



There are a total of 7 Gardens opening on the 7th July at Willoughby (LE8 6UH) with many different gardens to enjoy. Farmway is a mature plant lover's garden with views across Leicestershire. John's Wood is garden designed to attract a wildlife including wild flower areas and a large pond, all are a haven for butterflies. 1 Church Farm Lane is a well-stocked, medium sized garden, with lots of interest including mixed borders of trees, roses, shrubs, herbaceous perennials and climbers. Tubs, troughs and baskets add a splash of colour and summer colour.

2 Church Lane also has fruit and vegetable areas. Kapalua has colourful borders backing onto open land with lovely views and this lovely lush planted seating area.

High Meadow garden has mixed perennial borders, a lovely shepherd's hut, quiet seating areas and a backdrop of open views. Nearby 3 Orchard Road is a pretty south facing garden.

These are just a few of our open gardens which offer many different gardening experiences to our visitors. There is tea and homemade cake on sale and you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Village Volunteering

Early one Saturday morning in early May, a group of villagers decided to have a working party and tidy up the churchyard giving extra love and care to ensure the Church and Village was looking its best. Despite the hard work, they enjoyed the experience with many positive comments from passers by and also from the 2 weddings that occurred on the day. .

Whilst some of the group managed to hide from the photographer the villagers involved were Dick & Sue Howard, Nigel Blyth, Dave Rigg, Paddy Mulvihill, Graham Capewell and Wes & Scott Raynor.



We are very lucky in our Village that so many volunteer to make our Village such a lovely place to live in for all. Whether it is working on the Parish Council, Neighbourhood Watch, organising coffee mornings, and other events to entertain us, picking litter, delivering our Village Magazine, being a good neighbour or the many other roles not mentioned here.

Can I say a big thank you to everyone.





Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



Summer is now in full swing. It can be tempting to leave your sheds and garages open whilst you are gardening or even sitting in a deckchair. Not a good idea. Also ensure that all your items are marked with your post code so that they can be returned to you if found by the Police. Tools can also be used to break into your home so make sure everything is safe and locked away.

Movement activated lights are a good deterrent. I purchased a solar powered unit from Costco at a reasonable price and it is mounted on top of the Dove Loft. In my case it is the foxes, badgers and hedgehogs that activate it and hopefully no-one untoward. The power of the light is amazing and I fully recommend it. It has three lights on facing different directions.

The previous Police Commander has left after three years and the new Charnwood NPA Commander Mark Botte will be visiting the Parish Council for the June meeting which will be before this Magazine goes to press. Hopefully he will have delivered some wise words for us to publish in September. These might be we will be seeing more boys in blue!!

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I picked up from the Local Magazine that the beat team were holding two beat surgeries at our blue Police Box in June and July and I was then able to publish the details. Sadly they had failed to notify Newtown Linford Parish Council or NHW.

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Bob Bown Playing Fields – As with the cemetery mentioned later in this copy the Councillors are considering additional cuts to keep the grass tidy. Maintenance work has been carried out to secure one of the waste bins.

Traffic Enforcement Officers – The officers continue to attend as arranged. This being paid for by the Parish Council and the Bradgate Park Trust. Borough Councillor David Snart reports that the tickets have been issued as follows:- January 56, February 44, March 48, April 64 , May 21 up to the 13th.

VAS signs – All three signs continue to work well being powered by solar energy. The one on Bradgate Road will be tweaked in due course. Swithland Parish Meeting are looking to install the same units. Their Parish only meets once a year.

Speed Limit on Roecliffe Road – The new speed limit of 50 mph has now been put into force on part of Shepshed Road, Charley Road and Joe Moores Lane. The Councillors are keen to have the limit lowered at Hallgates. However County Councillor Deborah Taylor informs us that since there are no reported incidents, the double yellow lines have now been repainted so it is clear there is no parking in the area and Bradgate Park has doubled the size of the car parking at Hallgates, it is not very likely to be granted.

Cemetery on Groby Lane – This continues to improve all the time. The grass grows very fast at this time of year and the Councillors are looking towards an extra cut during the high growing season.

Bradgate Park Trust – Director Peter Tyldesley continues to attend most of the Parish Council meetings for which we are grateful.

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