



Pastoral Letter  
Team Parish News  
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***Pastoral Letter from David Collins, Reader in the Bradgate Team  
Love Life, Live Lent***

Recently there have been a couple of reports in the Leicester Mercury about people who have been given £20 by complete strangers. Not life changing sums of money I know, but these random acts of kindness have produced feelings of well being vastly out of proportion to the original act.

Love Life, Live Lent is a scheme which began in Birmingham in 2006. It offers a new and different way of keeping Lent whereby children and adults are offered opportunities to make a difference to someone's life every day for the forty days of Lent. The Independent newspaper said this in 2007:

*"In recent years, in different corners of the globe, several movements have sprung up inviting followers to combat the selfishness of modern life by doing nice things to random strangers. If you put your mind to it, carrying out acts of kindness can start as soon as you wake up. You can be kind to people in different parts of the country, or on the other side of the world, or even be kind to the planet itself, without leaving your home."*

The Government has been concerned for some time about the lack of community spirit in the country. They try all sorts of initiatives in an attempt to restore the feeling of well being so many of us remember from years gone by. If only they would look to the Church they might just find solutions which go quite a long way to achieving this. Love Life offers what you might call a win-win situation. We copy what Jesus did during his Ministry on earth. Think of the people he had time for whether it be for a chat or healing. We find a happier life after the constant worries thrown at us. We help those around us in small ways but ways which mean so much. In doing so we begin to build up God's Kingdom right here where we are. And just think of it – in a few weeks we get to have the best celebration ever as we experience again the joy of Easter.

The Love Life, Live Lent booklets only cost £1 so it makes you wonder if we can afford not to get one. Happy Lent – if I'm allowed to say that!

**David**

### **Team Parish News**

#### **Announcement made on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February in the Team Parish**

It is announced today that Richard Worsfold, our Team Rector, has been appointed as Vicar to the Church of the Martyrs in Leicester. This follows an interview process that took place just over a week ago.

The date for the Worsfold family move has not yet been fixed, but it is not intended to be before the end of June this year, as their daughter Sarah is still sitting GCSE examinations in June.

When Richard takes up his appointment there will then be a period of interregnum in the Bradgate Team Ministry until a new Team Rector and member of the Clergy Team is appointed.

The Church of the Martyrs is situated on the Western side of the City of Leicester in the Westcotes area near Narborough Road and close to the De Montfort University campus.

*So it is that we now approach a time of transition; but as we do so, let us be Churches who are open and prayerful, so that God can lead us well through it all.*

#### **Advance Notice of Palm Sunday Evening Joint Worship**

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April there will be a joint service led by Groby and Ratby Church Choirs, starting at 6.30pm in Groby Church. This will feature the Roger Jones Cantata 'From Pharaoh to Freedom'. This is the story of the Passover from the OT and from the Last Supper that Jesus shared. Newtown Church Choir section will be taking part in the Good Friday evening service at All Saints' Newtown Linford. More details next month.

#### **A brief reflection from Richard about 'moving on'**

The day on which it was announced that we would be moving on was a very painful one for myself and the family and for many others too. Our 10 years here in the Bradgate Team have been, and continue to be, very happy ones. But the time had simply come for me to accept a new challenge; and my prayer is that we will use the next few months well in sharing our sadness at parting, in looking back at what we have shared with thanksgiving and in encouraging one another in the challenges that lie ahead of all of us.

In next month's magazine we hope to explain a little bit more about the moving on and interregnum process for the Team Parish.

## VILLAGE DIARY

### March 2009

4th Bradgate Flower Club  
7th Brownie Rummage Sale  
14th Ramblers  
17th Fellowship & Welcome Club  
23rd Parish Council  
24th Gardening Club  
29th—11th April - Church Spring Clean

<b>Regular events</b>	1st Sunday Month@11am	Sunday School
	Thursdays am	Toddlers Group
	3rd Thursday	Gentlemens' Lunch Club

### ALL SAINT'S FELLOWSHIP AND WELCOME CLUB

First things first - We would like to thank Mrs Gillian Bates for arranging our visit to Ulverscroft Grange on the 29<sup>th</sup> January, it was very good indeed, a welcome with coffee and biscuits, a superb luncheon, a chat with the Chef and later, afternoon tea and freshly made cake before returning home. Gill and Des made all these arrangements in between travelling back and forth to Switzerland caring for family. Thank you very much Gill. Hope all goes well for you, Des and the family.

I must also just mention our Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January. It was such a pleasure to see and welcome so many of you, especially Mrs Peggy Bown who is recovering from a long period of illness, (we hope that the recovery will continue), and two new members Mrs Betty Musk and Mrs Joan Bates.

We send our Very Good Wishes to our leader Mrs Joyce Perrin. Joyce is very much better and more at ease in The Cedars Care Home.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm.

I am sure you will all remember Marion Vincent and her talk 'The Lost Kingdom of Bhutan'. This time I hope you will give another very warm welcome to Marion. Her talk will be :-

#### **The Day I Met The Queen.**

Afternoon Tea as usual, Transport if required.

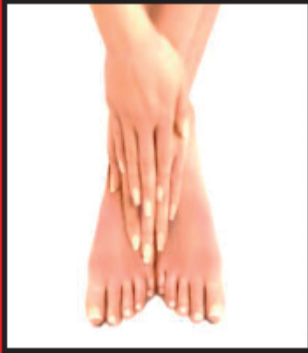
I look forward to seeing you all .

**KATHLEEN.**

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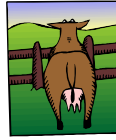


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This will be between 29th March and 11th April, the

day and time to suit you.

Happy Cleaning

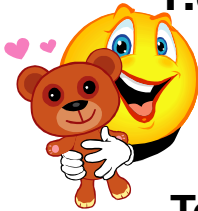
**Gwen Wakefield**



# **Brownie Rummage Sale**

**Saturday 7th March**

**1.30pm in the Village Hall**

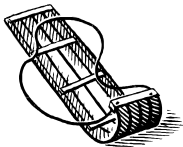


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Brownies  
or collection can be arranged**

**Hillary Monk (Brown Owl)**

# Newtown Linford Gardening Club

The early February snows certainly ensured that not much gardening was done – not that February is a month for a great deal of outdoor work - but it certainly hid from view the snowdrops which were beginning to show their heads. In case you have already forgotten what it was like perhaps this photograph will act as a reminder!!!!!!

On 24th March we are delighted to welcome Ann Bird who is a member of the Royal National Rose Society. She will be talking about roses in Japan and how much we owe to rose growers on that side of the world. Roses are such an international plant these days that we often do not realise the distance our favourite roses travel. Indeed David Austin's roses flourish in our son's garden in California.

We have had several new Members join us over the last year and we are always pleased to welcome more. If you wish to become a member, please contact the Secretary (tel. 242452), or come to one of our meetings to see how you like it before making a commitment (£2 for visitors).

**Anne and David Couling**



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**For tickets, more information or if you are prepared to be a host either for the main course or dessert please contact Carol Ann on 01530 243433 or Gill Bates 01530 242375**



**EASTER FLOWERS**



During the year and on special Church Days the willing band of ladies keep the Church bedecked with lovely flowers but we wondered if there was anyone else who would like to give to the FLOWER FUND so that this Easter (12th April) we can have lovely lilies in our Church.

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## LETTER PAGE

Following last month's article from Sharon and Tony at the post office I would like to thank them for the effort they go to—to provide a paper delivery to the village. We are elderly and virtually house bound and would be without a daily paper if it wasn't for the service. We were very disappointed that their staff were upset by a few who if in our position would realise how important the service is.

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I am delighted to say that sales of the DVD have so far raised £105. It seems very appropriate to spend this money on something worthwhile in the Village and the Parish Council have agreed that the money may be spent in planting bulbs around the Bob Bown Memorial Playing Field. I have sought the advice of our local expert, Mauice Pettifor, and 200 Snowdrops, 100 Narcissi, 100 English Bluebells and 30 Primroses will be planted for future enjoyment.



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**Iris Sayer**

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The chair of this area forum is Cllr Leigh Harper-Davies of Charnwood Borough Council

In between meetings you can keep abreast of developments of the Area Forum by going on-line at [www.leicestershireforums.org](http://www.leicestershireforums.org)

If there is anything that you would like to see discussed at this or future meetings please contact Richard Downing, Community Engagement Manger on 0116 305 5823



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# Newtown Ramblers 2009

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May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Penny Neaves	0116 2362660
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Carolyn & Peter Lowe	01530 242877
(Meet 11.00am at Village Hall. "Awayday, East Leics." lunch at a pub.)		
July 4 <sup>th</sup> **	Glenis & John	01530 242897
(Meet 9.00am at Village Hall. "Awayday, Derbys." Bring packed lunch or eat in a cafe in Bakewell)		
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Iris Sayer	01530 243822
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ed Killick	01530 249589
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Toby & Felicity	01530 245298
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Tovey	01530 243912
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Lesley Baker	01509 890771

Unless otherwise notified, all walks **depart** from opposite the Village Hall at 2.00p.m.

Most walks are between 4-5 miles, but day walks between 7-8 miles.

Thank you to Ed. For stepping in and leading the February walk via the Leicestershire Round, from Thornton to Newtown. Again the weather was fine, and on high ground the snow was untouched. Roxey decided to try the frozen pond and much to her surprise the ice cracked! Fortunately she quickly pulled herself out. We wish our absent members good holidays in India, New Zealand, France, Yorkshire and Cornwall.

Thank you for all your help, get-well cards and flowers after my op. in January. I did manage ½ of Ed's walk last Sat.

New members are always welcome. All you need is a pair of walking shoes or boots, and able to walk 4-5 miles.

Dogs are welcome only under the supervision of the owner, and to be on the lead where there is livestock or nesting birds. Please check with the leader that dogs are allowed across any access land.

Any queries, please ring Glenis Meredith, Tel.01530 242897.

Disclaimer. Members are reminded that participation in walks is at their own risk, and that the leader(s) accepts no liability for any loss or injury, however caused.





February Walk—Alan Illiffe

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## From the Records

### Copy from the Leicester Mercury

Through the years the LEICESTER MERCURY has provided copy for the Village (WI) Records. A subject often raised is Bradgate Park.

September 1977 provided some interesting news. The County Land Agent Mr Edward Turner retired after 29 years. The article told us that he had been the Ranger of Bradgate Park for 16 years. He was succeeded by Mr Michael Harrison Chief Assistant Land Agent.

On the same page there is an article about Mr George Grass. A forester by trade who was Head Warden of Leicestershire County Council's Country Parks. By 1977 he had been Head Keeper at Bradgate Park for 16 years. "His simple aim was to do the job to the best of his ability" Mr Grass explained about the herds of wild red and fallow deer.

There have been deer in the Park since at least 1220 but little was done to monitor them until 1962 when Mr Grass and the new Ranger, replacing retired staff, began tagging young deer. Ever since then, for a three week period in June, Mr Grass and his men search the 800 acres at night to find the new born deer. The combined herd which varies from 280—320, has steadily improved in quality.

In 1962 Ministry of Agriculture Veterinary Surgeons carried out a research project on the red deer to find out the cause of a disease known as SWAYBACK, which was prevalent in herds throughout the country. It was discovered to be copper deficiency and it is now possible to control the disease.

In his interview Mr Grass talked of the spectacle of deer giving birth and the gentle licking down by the mother, a sight that never failed to engross him. The natural way of things is all-important to Mr Grass's way of life but often it can be cruel. The rutting or mating season for example, sees stags fighting, in some cases to the death, for the rights of a harem.

Once they have established their rights the stag spends three weeks serving the females and tirelessly keeping rivals at bay, at which time they can lose half of their body weight.

Mr Grass said "the problem with the deer is that they are wild. We do not interfere unless it is anything serious. They are very difficult animals to keep. Its nice to be able to let the public get so near to them in their wild state. THE WORST PROBLEM WE HAVE IS DOGS CHASING THEM"

2008 - still the same as the records show. Lots of newspaper coverage. Readers comments are very interesting they provide copy when not much else is happening

## Bradgate Team Sunday Services March 2009

Date	Groby	Ratby	Newtown Linford
1 <sup>st</sup> March	8.00am Holy Communion		
	9.30am Family Service	10.00am 'Worship for All'	11.00am Family Communion
	6.30pm Holy Communion	6.00pm Holy Communion	
8 <sup>th</sup> March		8.00am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion
	9.30am Holy Communion	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Family Service
	6.30pm Evening Service		
15 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00am Holy Communion		
	9.30am Morning Worship	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion
	6.30pm 3SE		
22 <sup>nd</sup> March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>		8.00am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion
	9.30am Holy Communion	10.00am All-age Celebration	11.00am All-age Celebration
	6.30pm Evening Prayer		
29 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00am Holy Communion		8.00am Holy Communion
	9.30am Holy Communion		11.00am Morning Prayer
	6.30pm Evening Service	7.00pm Markfield Methodist Church The Edge Partnership Service	

### Midweek Communion Services

Groby                      Wednesdays at 9.30am

Newtown                Alternate Thursdays at 10am: 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March

Ratby                      Alternate Thursdays at 9.30am: 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March



## Church Services and Events for March

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion at Groby Louise Corke  
11.00am *Sunday Special for children in the Sunday School Rooms*  
11.00am Holy Communion Richard Worsfold

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion Canon Derek Buxton  
11.00am Family Service Richard Worsfold

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> of Lent

11.00am Holy Communion Anne Stratton

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion Richard Worsfold  
11.00am All-age Celebration Richard Worsfold

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March - 5<sup>th</sup> Lent, Passiontide begins

8.00am Holy Communion Richard Worsfold  
11.00am Morning Prayer David Collins  
7.00pm *The Edge* Mission Partnership Service  
at Markfield Methodist Church

### Thursday Communion this month

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am Richard Worsfold  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am Richard Worsfold

### Focus Prayer Times this month

Tuesdays at 9.15am in Church on Tues 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March

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

*Team Rector, Revd Richard Worsfold 0116 239 3009*

[rworsfold@btconnect.com](mailto:rworsfold@btconnect.com)

*Team Vicar, Revd Louise Corke 0116 231 3090*

[words.th@talktalk.net](mailto:words.th@talktalk.net)

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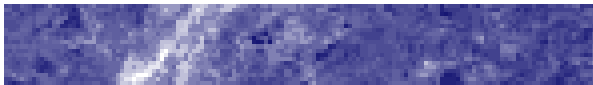
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We are pleased to announce the Christmas wedding of Kerry Jordan and Alex Salter, the son of Steve and Julie who sadly passed away last February. Their daughter Amy and Kerry's sister Frankie were the two bridesmaids and the happy couple enjoyed a lovely honeymoon in Thailand. Dodmoor House in



Northamptonshire was the venue of the wedding on 19th December and the couple are now living in Market Harborough



## March News

Glenis Meredith, our Ramblers Group leader and regular contributor to the Magazine, is recovering slowly from a recent operation. Hurry up the Mothers and Toddlers need you.

Congratulations to Gillian and Des Bates on the arrival of their seventh grandchild, a daughter for Iain their youngest son and his wife Gillian. **Editors Note:** Iain was our regular Postman for a while. Jack their grandson in Switzerland is responding well to treatment and awaiting an operation.

The Brownies celebrated Thinking Day (February 22<sup>nd</sup>) on the Sunday that National Marriage Week was also celebrated. This photo shows the colour party from left to right Beth Raynor, Tilly Elliot and Erica Shepherd.

Verna and Gilbert Dakin who were at the service were celebrating their 55<sup>th</sup> Wed-

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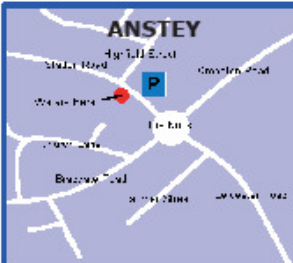
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ding Anniversary that day. Congratulations to them. There were several couples there who had been married 50 years or more. I have been asked, on behalf of the parents of the Brownies, to express their thanks to Brown Owl Hilary Monk who they think does not get enough recognition. Our Pack is very popular and in fact there is a waiting list. Nationally, numbers are dwindling so this is something to be proud of. She is not getting any younger and needs help to keep going. It's the old story - anyone who would like to do it is already doing too much.

There has been quite a bit in the press about supporting local food outlets so here is the up to date list for the Farmer's markets bearing in mind you only use these if Cooks Farm Shop does not sell it!!!

**Farmers' markets are as follows (all 09:00am – 1:30pm)**



Every Tuesday and Every Friday – Melton Mowbray  
First Thursday of each month – Market Harborough  
First Saturday of each month – Burbage (Windsor Street)  
Second Wednesday of each month - Loughborough  
Second Saturday of each month – Lutterworth (Town Hall car park), and Castle Donington  
Third Thursday of each month – Hinckley (Market place)  
Third Saturday of each month – Ashby de la Zouch  
Fourth Saturday of the month – Blaby (social centre car-park)  
Fourth Sunday of the each month – Market Bosworth  
The last Wednesday of every month – Leicester City Centre (Market Place)

If you want somewhere to go on Bank Holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May, Launde Abbey is having a Spring Fair. There is no commercial involvement - all items for sale will be donated items. There is also a Flower Festival on the whole of that weekend and a Cricket Match on the Monday. On the previous two days you will have visited Newtown Linford Church to see the Flower Festival by the Flower Club to celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Gardening Club will have a stall on the Saturday and they are busy potting up plants ready to sell.

You can now view Planning Applications on the Leicestershire Villages Website as well as the Parish Council Website. You can also make your own comments on line (I am not sure why — perhaps not all areas have the same Site Administrator and link the two sites together as we do).

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site but did you know that if you follow the link from it, and get your carbon foot print assessed, you will be donating 'green leaves' to the school which they can swop for certain items.

Did you know that residents living in Charnwood Council's area are entitled to 3 free bulky waste collections of three items each year. There is a form on the Council website that you can fill in to arrange collection.

If you are into genealogy, did you know that the 1911 Census has been released two years early. From this I discovered that all four of my great great grandparents were still alive well into their late eighties and I can remember two of my great grandparents being alive when I was in my teens. So in theory I should be around for a long time yet.

Finally a tip I just read – put a fridge magnet over your car door lock to stop it freezing up if your car is standing outside. Do not use a pretty one, someone might steal it!

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**Session dates for the Spring Term, 2009, are:**

	5th March	12 <sup>th</sup> March
19th March	26th March	26 <sup>th</sup> March

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I cannot remember whether I told you that at the last Police reorganization we became part of Beat 3 whereas we used to be Beat 34.

I am pleased to say I have had three more people put their names on the email circulation list. There must be a lot more out there not on.

Did you know that if you dial 112 from any land line in the EU and on a mobile phone worldwide the GPS system will put you onto the emergency services of the Country you are in.

The following incidents have occurred in the village or nearby:-

- A car in Grey Crescent has had both its wing mirrors broken off in two separate incidents
- a number of burglary scenes in the Charnwood LPU have been revisited after six months. This is considered the time when the homeowner has bought new electric items. So remember to install extra security.
- Distraction Burglary in Anstey involving two smartly dressed males claiming there had been an explosion and they needed to check the water.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. Two stolen cars found on a Pub Car Park in Markfield. One was a car the same make and colour as mine. It also had my personal number plate on it. The other car also had someone else's number on. The traffic police that came to inspect the real car in my garage said it was quite easy to get false plates on the net. Well one good thing they won't actually be stealing the plates off our cars anymore!! That did not worry me, what did was the two Traffic Police in a 4 x4 on an extremely snowy day calling. Naturally I thought a member of the family was in a ditch and probably not alive. When I circulated this – I received the following reply: They might get your number plate, although they couldn't possibly try to clone "you" where would they start!!!! Thank you Casey at least someone realizes I am unique.

### **Email myths:**

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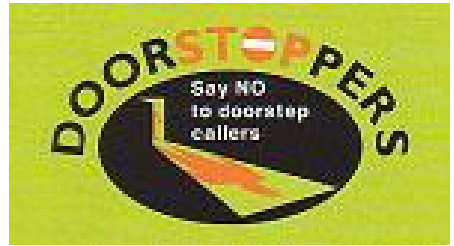


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Fire and Rescue Service	01604 797000	
Severn Trent Water	0800 783 4444	
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Emergency Gas Escape number	0800 111 999	

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**A reminder about ICE.** The idea is that if you are in accident and have no ID with you the Emergency services will look in your mobile contacts for ICE and in that box you will have put the person who you wish to be contacted. Sounds a good idea and no harm will come if you do it. Cannot guarantee the Emergency people will remember to look!!

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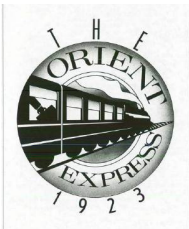
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**Highways:** Can you believe that somebody stole the grit out of the sand box next to Markfield Lane service road during the recent wintry weather? Despite begging the Highways Department, practically on bended knees, for more grit, it has still not arrived. I checked again today (20.02.09)!! Let's hope we don't get more snow and ice. One good thing Highways have done recently is to clear the ditches on Markfield Lane. Could we please ask residents not to put their grass cuttings in the ditches, otherwise they will soon fill up again.

**Bob Bown Memorial Field:** This continues to be a great success. The nets for the football goalposts will be arriving soon. Another little moan. Please don't let your dogs off the lead, as they are fouling the playing field and the footpath running alongside it. You will have read in the last issue of the Village Magazine that Iris Sayer has very kindly donated bulbs for the playing field and organised their planting. Should look brilliant. Many thanks Iris.

**Next Parish Council meeting:** Monday 23rd March 2009 at 7pm in the small hall of the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

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