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## It seems to me..... **we mustn't lose sight of the background to what Lent is really all about**

**L**ent may originally have followed Epiphany, just as Jesus' sojourn in the wilderness followed immediately on his baptism (Matthew 3:13 - 4:11, Mark 1: 9-12; Luke 3: 21 - 4:11). However over time it became firmly attached to Easter, as the principal occasion for baptism and for the reconciliation of those who had been excluded from the Church's fellowship for apostasy or serious faults! This history explains the characteristic notes of Lent – self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter, to which almsgiving has traditionally been added.

As the candidates for baptism were instructed in the Christian faith, and as penitents prepared themselves, through fasting and penance, to be readmitted to communion, the whole Christian community was invited to join them in the process of study and repentance, the extension of which over forty days would remind them of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tested by Satan. Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence; from the middle ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross.

The calculation of the forty days has varied considerably in Christian history. It is now usual in the West to count them continuously to the end of Holy Week (not including Sundays!), so beginning Lent on the sixth Wednesday before



***Now is the healing  
time decreed  
for sins of heart  
and word and deed,  
when we in humble  
fear record the  
wrong that we have  
done the Lord.***

*(12th century verse  
describing Lent)*



Easter, Ash Wednesday.

Liturgical dress for Priests conducting services is the simplest possible, and Churches are traditionally kept bare of flowers and decoration. The 'Gloria in excelsis', normally part of the Holy Communion service, is not used.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Refreshment Sunday) was allowed as a day of relief from the rigour of Lent, this break from austerity is the background to the modern observance of Mothering Sunday on the Fourth Sunday. As Holy Week approaches, the atmosphere of the season darkens; the readings begin to anticipate the story of Christ's suffering and death, and the reading of the Passion Narrative gave to the Fifth Sunday its name of Passion Sunday. The Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday) marks the start of Holy Week, a period with its own significance and whilst still in the Lent period captures as a focus the events leading up to Christ's crucifixion on the Friday (Good Friday) and resurrection on the Sunday (Easter Day).

Whilst clearly we conduct baptisms throughout the year and our Church has moved away from the practice of excluding members 'for serious faults', a great deal of the sense of 'preparation' remains for us to follow. Lent offers 46 days (or

40 days if you exclude the six Sundays!) during which we have a time to reflect on our lives. What are we focussed to?; what are we tempted by and how do we respond to this?; How well are we resourced in our faith? We have each year an opportunity to dwell a little on what actually makes us up as person and in particular the need to be prepared not just to enjoy the celebration of Easter at the end, but in the sense of being resourced to live the kind of life that we believe we are called to. We may make efforts during Lent to reproduce a sense of temptation by giving up something that we love, or starting something new that we may wish to stop, but in reality this is just window dressing to help us to get to the real issues of Lent.

I pray that your Lenten devotion in whatever form you have chosen will bring a fresh insight, a renewal of commitment and a deepening of faith, which in reality is exactly why Lent started in the first place.

**Revd Peter**

*(Material sourced from 'Times and Seasons', Church House Publishing)*



## VILLAGE DIARY

### March 2013

5th Parish Council  
9th Ramblers  
16th Rummage Sale  
26th Gardening Club  
30/31st Art Exhibition  
April  
25-27th Bradgate Drama Society

### Regular events

Monday afternoon	Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall
Mondays 8pm at the Church	Bell Ringing
1st Monday of the month	Youth Club
4th Tuesday of the month	Gardening Club
1st Wednesday of the month	Flower Club
3rd Wednesday of the month	Ladies Luncheon Club
Thursdays am during school term	Toddlers Group
Thursdays eve during school term	Brownies
Thursday Evenings	Badminton
3rd Thursday	Gentlemen's Lunch Club

## Art Exhibition and Sale

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Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 10am - 4pm

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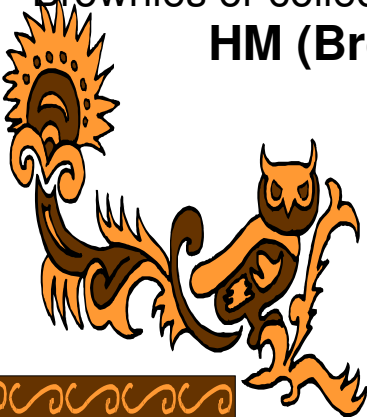
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**HM (Brown Owl).**



## Newtown Linford Gardening Club

When the snow disappeared from our gardens last month we were amazed to discover that the snowdrops had already emerged underneath the white blanket. Many shoots were clearly visible and some were in flower. Since



then more and more have emerged and our front lawn is now gradually filling up. The winter snow may have been a real problem for us but nature seems to take it all in its stride and carries on doing its own thing.

Around two dozen of our members braved the snow and ice and came to our January Meeting about perennials. We were in two minds whether to hold the Meeting or cancel but our members proved that a spot of ice and snow wasn't going to keep us all indoors!

Helen Osborne is our speaker on March 26<sup>th</sup> and she will be talking to us about Spring in Hanging Baskets. She is a new speaker for our Club, a nursery owner and a panellist on BBC Radio Leicester's 'Down to Earth'. We are all looking forward to an interesting evening.

Before we hear Helen, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting. That will begin at 7.15pm, so that Helen's talk will be able to start at the usual time of 7.30pm. Any communications about the AGM should be made to the Secretary in the usual way.

We have welcomed several newcomers this year and are always pleased to see more. If others would like to join us, please contact the Secretary (tel. 242452 or e-mail [01530242452@talktalk.net](mailto:01530242452@talktalk.net)), or come to one of our meetings to see how you like it before making a commitment (£2 for visitors). Alternatively give us a ring and ask for a copy of our programme for the coming year and we will be pleased to send one to you.



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On Jan's walk last Saturday we walked from Thurcaston to Bradgate, passing over two old bridges which are both listed monuments. **Coffin Bridge**, said to be so named because the track was used to take coffins from Cropston to Thurcaston Church, and **Sandham Bridge off Anstey Lane, Thurcaston**. Both are Pack horse bridges of C16/C17, made of granite and slate rubble stone. We enjoyed a cuppa and cake at the park cafe before returning via the reservoir. Thank-you to Jan. for leading the February walk. Photo Damage caused by vehicles in Bradgate Park.

Walks are usually between 3-4 miles. Please wear proper walking shoes or boots . ANY QUERIES -Ring the walk leader or Email [glenis72meredith73@gmail.com](mailto:glenis72meredith73@gmail.com)

*Well-behaved dogs only are welcome. To be under the close 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. 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.*







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## **Newtown Linford Brownies**

On 15th November the Brownies went to the Fire Station. When we all got there a fireman told us about fire safety.

He also asked some questions. After that we went to look in the fire engine. It was big and there was lots of different types of things in there. When we finished that we played some games, like rolling up the hose.

We all had a good time



**By Lucy Holmes**

## Wild wet and windy in the Park



Winter seemed to be a long time coming this year but once it arrived, it certainly made its presence felt. We have only had one sustained period of snow sufficient for the slopes of Old John to be transformed into Leicestershire's version of the Cresta Run, although we did have another, lighter, snowfall in mid February.

The recurring theme of this winter has been rain. 2012 was the wettest year on record in England, despite there having been a hosepipe ban in force in many areas at the start of the summer. As a result of the changing global climate, it is predicted that we will have to get used to wetter winters in future, with the increased rainfall arriving in heavier bursts and extreme weather events becoming more common. Farmers have been badly hit with many unable to get autumn-sown crops into the ground and the generally lower yields of spring-sown alternatives will have an impact on harvests and, therefore food prices in the shops.

At Bradgate Park, the wet conditions have restricted what we can do on the Park without our vehicles causing damage to the ground. The River Lin has burst its banks on more than one occasion and we have had to dig a new ditch to intercept water that was running off the Park and threatening to flood neighbouring properties. The regular maintenance of ditches and drains has always been an important part of good estate management but it is set to become more vital than ever if we are indeed set for wetter winters in the future.

The onset of winter means the start of supplementary feeding for the deer. Grass obviously stops growing in the cold weather and what is left standing is of poor nutritional quality. We therefore feed a combination of hay and processed feed. As it happens, our deer are fed on Llama and Alpaca Mix as this has the best combination of nutrients for their particular needs. They also receive a nutritional supplement containing vitamins and minerals and that is designed to improve the efficiency with which they are able to extract the nutrients from their feed.

Following the rut in October, we hope that we have a large number of pregnant females but we will not know for sure until June, when the young are born. It is when the hinds (Red deer) and does (Fallow) are carrying young that it is more important than ever that people do not allow their dogs to worry the deer. The fact that the deer can run free across most of the Park means that it is very unusual for one to be

caught and physically attacked by a dog. However, being chased by dogs, even if the dog is “only playing” as we are often told by owners, causes stress, increases the likelihood that a deer will injure itself trying to escape or, in the case of a pregnant female, suffer a spontaneous abortion.

We are busy laying plans for the coming season. The Visitor Centre has been open free of charge during the last three school holiday periods and we have seen a huge increase in the number of people coming to discover the history, geology and wildlife of the Park.

Over Easter we will be staging our first Art in the Park events with local artists Jenny Brooks and Ian Risely exhibiting on Easter Sunday and Monday and 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> April respectively above the Visitor Centre. Admission is free and I hope people will come along and enjoy their work and that showcasing local artistic talent will be something we can do more of in future.

We are updating and expanding our programme of Guided Walks this season and, thanks to the help of the Loughborough Naturalists' Club, Leicestershire & Rutland Ornithological Society and Leicestershire Fungi Study Group, we will be offering an early morning bird walk, stream dipping, moth trapping and a fungi foray. We hope that these activities will give people a chance to try something new and whet their appetite for getting more acquainted with the wonders of the natural world. The programme will be on the shelves, and on the web, in time for Easter and will include established favourites such as our Deer Walks and the chance to see inside Old John Tower as well as new walks in Swithland Wood focussing on some of the folklore associated with the wood.

It is already looking set to be a busy summer and we have not really shaken off winter yet.

**Peter Tyldesley**

### **Editors note**

**For info on Guided walks you can visit the website**

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3rd March	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)		
3rd Sunday of Lent	9.30am Family Service (LC)	10.00am Worship for All (PH)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (LC)	6.00pm Holy Communion (PH)	
10th March		8.00am Holy Communion (PH)	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)
Mothering Sunday	9.30am Holy Communion (HH/ KW)	10.00am <b>Special (PH)</b>	10.30am <b>Special (LC)</b>
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (KW)		
17th March	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)		
5th Sunday of Lent	9.30am Civil Service (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am Holy Communion (FB)
	6.30pm 3SE		
24th March			8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
Palm Sunday	9.30am Holy Communion (HH)	10.00am <b>Special (LC)</b>	10.30am <b>Special (PH)</b>
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (PH)		
31st March	8.00am Holy Communion (HH)	<b>6.30am</b> Holy Communion (PH)	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
<b>Easter Day</b>	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Family Communion (PH/FB)	10.30am Holy Communion (HH)
	6.30pm Easter Praise (LC)		



## CHURCH REGISTERS

### Weddings

*23rd February ~ Robert Ferguson and Sophie Wagstaff*

### Funerals

*30th January ~ Amy Snaylam, formerly of Main Street, Newtown Linford*

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

### Baptisms

*None*

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I have to address this issue ASAP. Almost ALL women do NOT carry anywhere near enough testosterone in their bodies to get big, bulky muscles from resistance training. If we look at the median or mid-range testosterone levels in men and women, men have 16.47 times more testosterone than women! It's entirely possible for us to lift weights, even heavy ones (yes, it's true) without looking like The Incredible Hulk. Resistance training offers women many benefits including:

**INCREASING YOUR METABOLIC RATE** – that's right ladies!! The more lean muscle you have, the faster your metabolism works. After a resistance training session, your metabolism is elevated for up to 24 hours.

**BEATING OSTEOPOROSIS** – women who DON'T strength train have an increased risk of developing Osteoporosis, a condition attributed to Low Bone Density. By incorporating a great resistance training programme into your routine, osteoporosis can be prevented and in some cases, reversed.

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**LOOK AMAZING** – lean muscles help you stand tall and improve your posture. As we age, our skin sags – a sad (boo) fact. If you maintain a resistance based programme, you can prevent the bingo wings and keep your derriere at a reasonable distance from the back of your knees.

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## ITALIAN CHARITY DINNER IN SUPPORT OF THE SHUTTLEWOOD CLARKE FOUNDATION'S ULVERSCROFT EDUCATION CENTRE

The Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation is please to announce that Livios's restaurant in Shepshed will be hosting an Italian Charity dinner in support of the Ulverscroft Education Centre project.

The Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation plans to develop a new Education Centre for the elderly, adults with disabilities and young people in the community. Alan Norman, Chief Executive of the Foundation, said 'the construction of this fantastic new facility will open many doors to a wide range of people in need, giving endless opportunities to expand the Foundation's provision of support, care and friendship' He added 'arts, crafts, education and wellbeing have been an integral part of the Foundation's work for many years and as demand for the Foundations services continues to increase we continue to adapt and develop the opportunities and services that we have to offer'.

Tickets for this fundraising event cost £36; this price includes a three course meal with wine served during the meal. £12 from the cost of each ticket and the proceeds from the auction and raffle will be donated to the Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation - enabling this wonderful charity to expand and develop their valuable and inspirational work.

The Italian Charity Dinner will take place on

**Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm**

**at Livio's Italian Restaurant,**

**31 Hall Croft, Shepshed, Leicester LE12 9AN.**

For Tickets and more information about this fantastic Italian fundraising event please contact the admin team on 01530 244914 or email [admin@shuttlewood-clarke.org](mailto:admin@shuttlewood-clarke.org)

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All passengers were offered complimentary chilled Champagne and canapés as we settled in to our seats and admired the truly magnificent table settings, sparkling crystal and shining silverware. The sumptuous dinner consisted of six courses including coffee and chocolates, with a half bottle of wine per person included. With all dietary requirements catered for, the chefs produced superb food. An excellent meal, made our leisurely, romantic evening complete, along with the table-magician (amazing!) and the strolling musicians, who played and sang their way through the carriages – perfect. Mouth-watering food, excellent wines and entertainment.

A huge thanks to Emma, who looked after us throughout, splendidly. Our carriage was named Belvoir – after Belvoir Castle, Leicestershire – the destination of the inaugural journey of the re-launched Northern Belle on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2000.

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## GLENN GUEST HUNTS KART RACING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 2012

Congratulations to Glenn Guest, aged 19 years old, who has finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the 2012 Kart Racing Championship held at Kimbolton, Cambridge-shire.



Glenn is a member of Hunts Kart Racing Club, a professional Motor Sports Association (MSA)

race circuit, and his Championship was run over 11 rounds throughout 2012 with his top 10 rounds counting. All the races that Glenn took part in had a starting grid of up to 34 competitors.

Glenn has been karting for fun from the age of 8 years old (when he was at Newtown Linford Primary School) and gained his Association of Racing Kart School (ARKS) Licence in May 2011. This licence enabled Glenn to race karts at circuits controlled by the MSA, the motor sport governing body for the United Kingdom.

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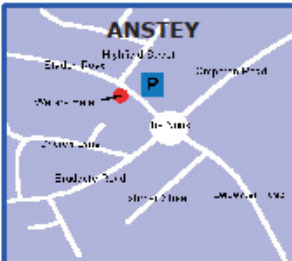
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## **Arthur Thorpe 1921-2013**

The family of the late Arthur would like to thank the Vicars Peter, Helen and Louise, friends, neighbours and villagers who attended Dad's funeral on 25th January 2013.

Dad had his first heart attack 30 years ago and found the upkeep of their large garden difficult, so they sold up and bought park homes in Newtown Linford and East Runton, Norfolk. There followed many happy years, summers in Norfolk, winters in Newtown. They spent their time walking and, as professional dance teachers, dancing. They performed their last demonstration at the age of 80.

Sadly, Mum passed away 5 years ago, Dad was a lost soul until turning to the Church. He was Baptised and Confirmed at the ripe age of 88 by Bishop Tim and was a regular member of the 10.30 congregation.

Dad loved music, as everyone on Lady Jane Park will tell you! He had a huge collection together with 2 ipods and an mp3 player. He and mum spent their later holidays at Thoresby Hall, where dad continued spending short breaks every few months. He classed it as his second home. The staff were wonderful to him and also came to his funeral.

Unfortunately Dad's health deteriorated and he found it impossible to be on his own and decided to move to Marwood Residential Home, Shepshed. He was very happy there and spent his last 4 months safe and cared for



I'm sure he will be missed in the village as he is by us all. RIP Dad





**Newtown Linford Neighbourhood  
Watch  
A member of the Parish Council**



Police and Crime Commissioner Sir Clive Loader will unveil his draft plan for tackling crime soon and the public has until the 10<sup>th</sup> March to comment. I did send out this link in an email in January. Not a lot of time left now but the link is:-

[police.commissioner@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:police.commissioner@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)

I have also circulated the details for the road closure at Field Head. Please contact me if you would like a copy. It is three files and too much for printing here.

Speedwatch is booked for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September each for two weeks. Volunteers please. So far I only have three for the village plus myself, husband and daughter in law. I hope we can get more willing people. Roecliffe Road is showing us up.

Trading Standards inform me that there are bogus people, probably in the City, claiming to be from the Trading Standards and they point out that they never make cold calls.

A resident on Groby Lane had a disturbing call from someone wanting to visit about Burglar Alarms and claiming that most of the residents on Groby Lane had arranged to see him as there had been so many burglaries – neither of these facts are true of course.

Pam McMorran  
NHW Co-ordinator – [pam@riverlyn.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:pam@riverlyn.freeserve.co.uk)  
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## MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE IN THE VILLAGE

### Latest Updates



Martin Rumble who is coordinating the fight for mobile phone coverage has been able to update us with the latest happenings on the fight for mobile phone coverage

BBC watchdog are interested and Martin is sending them more details .

Stephen Dorrell MP has written to the MD of EE/ Orange after David Snartt & John Calow contacted him.

Martin sent a solicitors letter to EE

Martin has also contacted Ofcom on the advice of David Snartt

The Leicester Mercury weren't interested in covering the story.

Nancy from the village has had lines of communication with T Mobile and wrote to them at the address below as similar to myself last month - she could not email T Mobile as they work to 'improve their service' (wonder how many months this will take!)

She received a letter back where they have finally admitted that we have been affected with the decommissioning of an orange cell site (see copy below) and can cancel her account without penalty - however this still does not help as we are still left with no signal!

We would suggest that villagers with problems with signals with T Mobile and Orange contact :

The Complaint Investigations Team, T-Mobile  
6 Camberwell Way, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear,  
SR3 3XN



Thank you for your reply and for the examples. I note that you have written to the current Head of the Customer Services Team. This has been passed back to me to handle.

These examples were passed onto our Technical Support Department for further assistance, who have come back to me confirming that you are likely to have been affected by the decommissioning of an Orange cell site. This information was not given to me previously. However, now that I have discovered this, you now have the option to cancel your account without penalty. In order to do this please can you reply back to me within the next 14 days.

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## Bradgate Lions Club News

Things have been rather quiet since Christmas, although we did enjoy a post Christmas dinner and Quiz at the Bulls Head, Hinckley Road, Leicester, as part of our social events calendar.



We are now looking forward to one of our most eagerly awaited events of the year, when we entertain SWAG's to Skittles and a Fish and Chip supper. Swag's are a local group of special needs young people, based in Groby, who challenge us annually to a match, which they always win, and they thoroughly enjoy doing so.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> February, we hosted 'A Night at the Races' at Botcheston Village Hall, This was a Charity Fund Raising event. As well as a superbly presented eight race card, we enjoyed a 'Ploughman's' type supper midway, and a raffle. All proceeds going into our charity funds, ready for allocation to various good causes in May later this year.

The month of March sees us enter a hectic few weeks with our Easter themed fund raising events. We have the 'Easter Egg Prize Draw Baskets' in 12 local public houses. Our members then have to visit these, to sell to the clientele. We also have our 'Easter Bunny' Float which tours the streets of Groby, Ratby and Kirby Muxloe, and 'Easter Bunny' Pub crawl of drinking establishments in Markfield, Copt Oak, Stanton under Bardon, Thornton, Botcheston and Ratby. And finally, on 30<sup>th</sup> March, an all day bucket collection at the Glenfield Co-op Superstore.

Another date for your diaries is a 'St. Georges Gala Concert' at Markfield Community Centre on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, with the Croft Silver Band, starting at 7.30PM. Tickets for this are £8.00 including a 'Ploughmans' type supper.

### Ordinary People – Amazing Rewards

How would you like to join BRADGATE LIONS CLUB? We are looking for new members with new ideas and bags of enthusiasm to take our successful club into the future.

The Bradgate Lions started in 1988 and have raised over £140,000 since then. These funds have been distributed to many deserving charities since then such as:-

- Rainbows Children's Hospice
- D.L.R. Air Ambulance
- Loros.

## Children in Need

And many more International, National and Local Charities and Good Causes.

Bradgate Lions provide community initiatives that are of real benefit to those who are less fortunate amongst us namely:-

- Westgate School Pupils
- SWAG's (A local group for young people with special needs)!
- Glenfield Hospital Patients.

It's not all just work. Members enjoy camaraderie at monthly business meeting held on the second Thursday of each month, an various social activities arranged by the club.

Now we are looking for new members who can contribute their ideas for new activities and opportunities for fun, fundraising and service initiatives. If this article strikes a chord with you and any of your friends, colleagues or partner, then join us at one of our meetings, and meet Club members and learn more.

Please telephone Lion Roger Gamble on 01530 242912

## From The Records

In the February edition of the Village Magazine there is a notice about the Diamond Jubilee Collage - a village project as a finale to the Jubilee Year. I have been asked to look in the Village Records to see what we recorded for the Silver Jubilee and the Pageant the year before.

It set me thinking about how things have changed as to how we record items for the next generation.

Marion Richardson started the W.I. Record books just after 1945 but the earliest records that came to me were those of the early 1950's. We then relied on the local newspapers for articles and reports about our village and surrounding area (only black and white photographs). As the years moved on more people had their own cameras and we moved into the world of coloured prints for our records.



There is a very full report about the Pageant in 1976. starting with the meeting in the Village Hall in February 1976 when it was all planned and the jobs given out. We are lucky that there are a lot of photographs of villagers in their colourful costumes.

For the Silver Jubilee (full programme in the Village Magazine March 2012) there are colour photographs of the float parade and a note to say the children's sports day was postponed 24 hours due to rain.

Leicestershire held a pageant in Bradgate Park "The history of Leicestershire" part of our pageant was incorporated in it and some of our villagers joined in. The final items record a service in the ruins. 400 people came to hear the Bishop preach. Local bands and Church Choirs provided the music.

The Millennium was recorded by the large granite stone (from Groby Quarry) on Groby Land bank and the painting about the village, executed by the members of the Painting Group, which hangs in the church. The actual millennium celebrations which took place in the Village Hall and the pub are recorded in the records.

The Diamond Jubilee celebrations are there in colour photographs. The fish and chip supper at the quiz; the Ball in the Village Hall and a record of the family day in Malc's field. We also have a series of discs recording the cake competition, groups of residents and the sports including the tug of war.

We have come a long way from just newspaper articles which is where all of you can help. I am always looking for items and photographs which tell the story of Newtown Linford. My latest example - At Christmas we celebrated two weddings in our Church - one just before and one just after. I wonder if this is a first.?



**Janet Neaverson**

PS Other special records have been transferred from film onto tape and others just saved direct onto tape.







## **Newtown Linford Sunday School**

We meet once a month on the first Sunday of the month in the Sunday School Rooms at 10.30 for an hour.

We do a mixture of crafts, bible stories, quizzes, and generally have a lot of fun with friendly staff and students. We spend our last 20 minutes of each session joining in with the Church Congregation for Communion and a final hymn and a chance to show off our latest craft offerings! We return to the Sunday School rooms to be picked up by parents

Why not come and join us on 3rd March 2013

Contact Katherine or Carole on 244790

Picture above is Sunday School Members showing their T Shirt Designs



## **NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Police and Neighbourhood Watch:**

We had hoped to welcome Police Sergeant Burnham to our meeting at the beginning of February. Unfortunately he was unable to come, but we were very pleased to welcome back P.C. Ed Stephenson. He valiantly tried to explain the latest Police structure to us, but advised that we should wait until P.S. Burnham explains. Mrs. McMorran will cover the subject in the Neighbourhood Watch section of the Magazine. We have received several complaints about thoughtless and illegal parking by parents delivering or collecting children from school. This is particularly bad at the entrance to Grey Crescent (opposite the school). We know that the Head Teacher has sent reminders to the parents, but not everybody takes notice.

### **Assets of Community Value:**

Charnwood Borough Council intend to establish a 'register of assets of community value' for villages in Charnwood. We have not yet been asked officially, but expect that we will be consulted before long. The Parish Councillors were wondering what the residents consider of great value in the village. Some things which come to mind are: Bradgate Park and its buildings, the Park Toilets, All Saints Church, the Sunday School, the Playing Field, the Village Hall, the Cricket Field and Pavilion, Sheet Hedges Wood, the Village Pump, the Telephone Kiosk, The Linford Social Club. No doubt you can think of more. Please let us know: 01530 242522 or [lydia.knott@btinternet.com](mailto:lydia.knott@btinternet.com).

### **Bob Bown Memorial field:**

The playing field has now been cleared of broken trees, branches and debris and is beginning to look more as it should. We know the football pitch is in desperate need of repair, particularly the goalmouths, but the weather has just been too bad. The grounds maintenance team will come soon. We hope that our young people continue to enjoy the equipment, particularly The Cone, which looks great fun.

### **March Parish Council meeting:**

Tuesday, 5th March 2013 at 7 pm in the Village Hall. We are always happy to see visitors and the Chairman welcomes questions from them.

Lydia Knott

Clerk to the Council

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