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Generational differences can be quite something. Particularly over the past century, when the pace of change has probably been quicker than at any time in recorded history. Not long ago, I was at a farming museum and gazing at a particularly rusty specimen of a tractor. I realised it was the model my dad used occasionally when allowed to drive on the farm he grew up on back in the 1950s. You'd never see the like of it at work today – no seatbelt for one thing – but for his dad, my grandad, it was still an advanced bit of technology. He'd spent most of his farming life with a horse doing the ploughing.

Whereas my son, all 16 months old, seems more motivated in learning to speak so that Siri or Alexa understand him better than we do! His current favourite pastime is pressing the button on the bottom of the iPad and seeing if he can get Siri to say 'hello' back to his muttered 'lo'.

These differences can easily lead to misunderstanding and even deepen into suspicion. I can't imagine what it was like milking the cows before heading off to school, and my dad didn't really ever fully understand the pressures of teenage life in the 1980s and the emergence of computers as a major influence. Every teenage generation has said 'you just don't understand', and every generation as it has aged has said something along the lines of 'it was never like this in my day...'.

Yet some of the richest interactions we have are with people from another generation – my wife still values immensely the hours she spent with her grandmother learning to sew and crochet. When we divide ourselves by age, we miss out on insight, wisdom and challenge.

The Church inherited inter-generationality (please let me know if there's a better word for it than that!) from its Jewish roots, where there is a rich heritage of family-based rituals and celebrations where young and old alike have a part to play in asking and answering questions. The Church is still one of the few places where you will see 9-month-olds and 90-year-olds engaging in the same event. In a society where misunderstanding is rife, and suspicion on the rise, we need to strengthen those links between the generations, to bring reconciliation and understanding instead of division. To learn to get along and share rather than go our separate ways.

Richard Trethewey, Rector of All Saints' Newtown Linford

VILLAGE DIARY

May

- 14th Brownies Rummage Sale
- 14th Ramblers
- 17th Boules Night
- 20th Village Quiz Night
- 28th Wildlife Walk

June

- 3rd Village Jubilee Party
- 5th Jubilee Children's Choir
- 10th/11th Choral Society
- 25th/26th John Nixon Art Exhibition

Regular events

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mondays 9.30 | Slimming & Fitness, The Linford |
| Mondays 1.30 at the Linford | Dance Fitness for 50+ |
| Mondays 5.30 | Brownies at "The Linford" |
| Mondays 8pm at the Church | Bell Ringing |
| 4th Tuesday of the month | Gardening Club |
| 4th Wednesday of the month | Gentleman's Club Bradgate PH |
| Wednesdays 10.30 and 6.30 | Bodyblast Classes The Linford |
| Wednesdays | Quiz nights at The Linford 8pm start |
| Thursdays 11.15 | Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall |

Laying up of the Guidon

On Saturday 14th May a special service will take place at All Saints' in which the Guidon of the Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry will be laid up.

The Guidon is the cavalry equivalent of a battle Standard – it has a distinctive triangular shape to distinguish it from a (square) Standard – and it performed the same task. Originally a way of identifying location on the battlefield, it developed into a way to display the battle honours of the regiment or squadron on parade. Every so often a new Guidon is issued and presented by a member of the Royal Family and the old one must be 'laid up', consecrated and placed beyond use, hanging in a chapel or church or other public building until it disintegrates due to age.

A new Guidon was given to the Yeomanry some years ago, the old one has since been hanging temporarily in the mess at their barracks in Wigston. On Saturday 14th it will be handed over to All Saints', where it will be hung permanently in the north transept, a reminder of the strong ongoing link of the Church with the Yeoman, through the hosting of the annual Frezenberg Memorial service in mid-May, which will also be incorporated into this event. More information and photos on page 24/25

Richard Trethewey, Rector of All Saints' Newtown Linford

Coffee & Cake Rota April/May 2022

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



May

5th Sue Morran, Sarah Brown, Teresa Calvert
07810 116641: 07811 166161: 07469 719018

12th Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Sue Birkett
07713 457414: 242000: 244317

19th Judy Rowe, Felicity Manning, Marilyn Upstone
243989: 245298: 242715

26th Bev Griffiths, Sue Dobby 01509 890264: 245366



June

2nd Glennis Meredith, Mary Clarke, John Castle 242897: 0116 319011

9th Maria Simms, Vicki Kerr, Janice Cook 07974085434: 07904123603

16th Lesley Cook/Chris A/Gay Redstone/Ann Scrine 245208: 242432:
01162 351625: 481928

23rd Carol Ann, June Hallam, Sue Howard 243433 0116 2304808
245373

On the Lawn – Gable Cottage 32 Main Street

30th Casey Pearson, Jenny C,
Mandy James, Maria W 249259

Please swap with someone else if you are unable to do your duty. Pass on the hall key to the next people on duty.

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

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John Nixon Art Exhibition

25th and 26th June

Newtown Linford Village Hall



An exhibition of John Nixon's paintings and drawings will be held in Newtown Linford Village Hall over the weekend of 25th and 26th June 2022.

Come and join us for coffee and cake between **10.30 and 12.30 on Saturday 25th June**, when you can peruse his paintings.

If you would like to have one (or more) of them please make a donation to Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis, details of which will be available on the day.

We will also open the Hall between **2pm and 4pm on Saturday afternoon**, and again between **10.30 and 12.30 on Sunday morning** should you not be able to join us on Saturday morning.

Coffee and cake on Thursday mornings was the highlight of every week for my father during his later years, and to be able to meet people who knew him and enjoyed his artwork will be lovely.

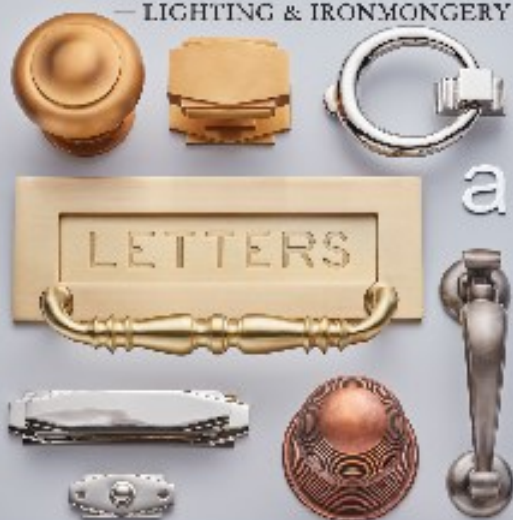
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Celia Dyson (nee Nixon)



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Newtown Linford Village Hall

Quiz Night

Friday 20th May 2022

7.00pm, to start at 7.30pm

Come and enjoy a Quiz Night , to raise funds for our Village Hall.

There will be a substantial cold supper and a cash only bar.

The cost is £80 for a table of eight.

There is a reduced number of tables this year so that we have more space
around, so do not delay in reserving your table.

Tickets from Elaine Mulvihill

07748 097123

e.mulvihill1@gmail.com



Newtown Linford Platinum Jubilee

Off Road Street
Party



Friday 3rd June 2022

At The Linford Club

**Tickets £2 pp (Inc Children)
to reserve a place**

**Tickets available from
1st May behind the bar at
The Linford**



Keep an eye out for full details including itinerary which will be on social media and on Community Action Response WhatsApp group and The Linford Facebook page at a later date. More next month—tickets however are limited so don't wait!

Current Ideas are Music, Morris Dancers? Bring your own picnic, BBQ selling hot dogs /hamburgers, family games. Car Park at back will be part of seating area . Aimed at those who live in the village, volunteers will be needed for setting up, hosting a game, helping financially to cover cost of hiring games etc



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Platinum Jubilee Edition of the Village Magazine

Have you met the Queen?

For the June issue of the magazine we wondered if we could share stories of villagers who may have met the Queen (or other members of the Royal Family).



If you have met the Queen—we would love to share your story with other villagers. Even better if you have any photo's you might have taken that we can share.

Please email Carole at heubecks@gmail.com or newtownvillagemagazine@outlook.com or alternatively ring and leave a message on 01530 244790 by 15th May..

We look forward to sharing your lovely stories.

Newtown Linford Gardening Club

We have had quite an eventful time recently in the Gardening Club. In February, we were expecting Jim Buttress, the prestigious horticulturalist to speak to us. He had an accident and we had only twenty four hours to put together an entertaining evening. We had a 'recognise a gardener quiz' to start with and were very impressed when Jean Wilson knew every single one. A question-and-answer session followed and we concluded with an Irish raffle. Mary Clark was the last member standing and she took home an indoor plant as her prize.

On 22nd March we held our first celebrity evening when Matthew Wilson, a gold medal garden designer and a regular panellist on Gardeners' Question Time, was our speaker. As is traditional, we opened these evenings to non-members. We have now had a celebrity evening visit from all three of the Gardeners' Question Time experts who came to us for a recording of the programme. He was most entertaining and told us about his time as curator of the RHS gardens at Hyde Hall and Harlow Carr.

At the meeting to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the formation of our Gardening Club, we gave all our members a goody bag containing gladioli bulbs, which they will plant in a pot or in their gardens. In time we should receive photos of their efforts. At the meeting, the AGM was held and the Committee re-elected. Our speaker was Jack Willgoss from Wildegoose Nurseries. He is nationally renowned for growing violas and our members bought plants for their own gardens. We are going to Shropshire in August to visit his garden.



Our speaker in May is Alan Mason, a well-known garden designer whose work has included city parks, stately homes and gardens in both France and Italy. The title of his talk is 'It's a Gardener's Life'

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month in Newtown Linford Village Hall and anyone interested in our activities can contact the Secretary (tel.01530 242452) or e-mail us at 32couling@gmail.com . Visitors to a particular meeting are also welcome for only £3.

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May Wildlife Walk

On Saturday 28th May the Biodiversity Group will lead a nature walk concentrating on wildflowers in local meadows. Please meet outside the Village Hall at 2pm. Further information from ptm@tobymanning.co.uk



Our walks are open to all, not just those involved in the Group.



Wood anemone

March's walk was along Ulverscroft Valley. These are a couple of the early spring wildflowers we found along the way:



Lesser celandine

Shire Environment Grant

Thanks to the successful bid by the Parish Council for a Shire Environment Grant from the County Council, the Parish Council has purchased several wildlife homes/hotels: 5 bird boxes, 8 bat boxes, tawny owl box, barn owl box; 6 hedgehog hotels and 4 insect hotels. These are being located in areas in the village which are maintained by the Parish Council - cemetery, churchyard, Bob Bown Playing Field - and also in the wildlife sections of Groby Lane and Markfield Lane verges. N-L Biodiversity is helping to site and install the boxes.



One of the bird boxes in Bob Bown Field

Claire Costello cecostello25@gmail.com

Information from David Snartt.

Planning Matters.

I was pleased to see residents from the village have had their say during the consultation, objecting to the proposed developments adjacent to Bradgate Road, Anstey, making it clear the negative impact this will have on village life. I have also written to the Local Highway Authority asking them to take all of the development in Anstey together when making decisions on highway matters. In my view, 920 extra dwellings will make an enormous difference to the already severe levels of traffic we see at peak times of the day. I have also alerted our MP Edward Argar about my concerns. If you would still like to have your say on these planning applications, e-mail development.control@charnwood.gov.uk including the application numbers P/21/2358/2 and P/21/2359/2.

Residents living on Markfield Lane near to Field Head have received a leaflet about possible development at the rear of the houses on the left hand side going towards Field Head. This land was put forward to Charnwood Borough Council to be included in the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA). This land has not been included in the Charnwood Draft Local Plan which is now in the examination stage of the process. Details of the Draft Local Plan can be found on the Council's website.

I now understand, following the publication of the pre-submission Charnwood Draft Local Plan, the Council received representations from Pegasus Group on behalf of clients regarding land in this area. These representations have been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and may be considered by the Inspectors during the examination in public. This information can be found by going to

https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/lp_representations,

these representations are 619 and 622.

I have put my name forward to speak at the hearings which should be taking place during June/July.

Update on Council Tax Rebate.

Council Tax rebates to help with energy bills will start to be paid to Charnwood residents.

Charnwood Borough Council will confirm details soon about how residents who do not pay their council tax by Direct Debit will receive their payment. Residents are urged to keep an eye on the Council's council tax rebate webpage, which is regularly updated. For those who receive Housing Benefit, Universal Credit or Council Tax Support, the rebate will not affect your entitlement to these benefits.

The Council will also be launching a discretionary scheme for vulnerable households who may not qualify for council tax rebate. Further details will be announced shortly. If you are unsure on which council tax band you are in, you can find out by visiting My Charnwood. To find more details on the council tax rebate, visit the webpage where there is further information and frequently asked questions.

Need a Dog Boarder?

I have received this information from Charnwood Borough Council. Going on holiday or returning to work? If you are having to leave your dog whilst at work or overnight, please make sure you use a licensed boarder. Anyone who carries out a business of boarding dogs in Charnwood must have a licence from Charnwood Borough Council. Therefore if you are paying someone to look after a dog then they need to be licensed. Licensed dog boarders are assessed against minimum standards and the majority also comply with optional higher standards to ensure the welfare of your dog. Full information and regularly updated lists of current animal activity licences is available on the Council's website at www.charnwood.gov.uk/animalwelfare. If you are interested in running a licensable animal activity, please contact the Council on 01509 634628 or e-mail env.health@charnwood.gov.uk.

Outwoods Visitor Centre and Café.

I attended an event at the Outwoods to unveil a plaque dedicating the Outwoods Visitor Centre and Café in memory of David Slater, former leader of Charnwood Borough Council. David was a good friend and colleague at the Council. Therefore, I believe this was a fitting tribute to recognise his achievements whilst Leader of the Council.

Last year, the Council invested in this project to convert the former ranger's cottage into a visitor centre and café. The café is being operated by popular Loughborough business Olivia's Coffee and Bakery which will be known to many local residents. I know by talking to people this café has already become a place to visit whilst enjoying one of the oldest surviving woodland sites in Charnwood. It will soon be time again to visit the Outwoods to see the wonderful display of bluebells in this 110 acres of ancient woodland.





RUMMAGE SALE

NEWTOWN LINFORD BROWNIES

Saturday 14th May 2022



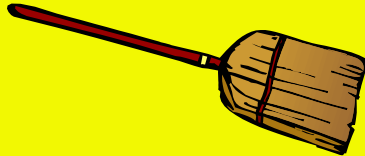
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Natasha—Snowy Owl



From the Park

With the sun shining and a busy Easter weekend in full flow, this month I'm pleased to be able to write about some recently completed work and exciting projects in the pipeline here at Bradgate.

When I last wrote, the café at the Deer Barns was about to close for major works – it has now been fully refurbished and the previously cramped space has been transformed into one big light, airy room with new counters, flooring and furniture – we hope this will give visitors a far more pleasant experience when enjoying their café visit. Do come and see for yourself if you haven't done so yet – and I can thoroughly recommend the flapjack!



Meanwhile, at the top of the hill, the woodland at Hunt's Hill is being transformed into an area for Forest Schools and two of our Rangers are being trained to lead these sessions in the future – huge thanks to Severn Trent Community Fund for supporting this.

We've also recently been planning some work to resurface a couple of key routes across the park with locally sourced stone / gravel – I hope some of you will have come to chat to us or seen the display in the Visitor Centre over Easter. The impact assessment work we've commissioned shows the benefits of this resurfacing to the park and landscape, particularly in areas where new desire lines have formed or existing routes have become wider and wider, potentially damaging wildlife habitats. Our next steps will be to discuss this work with planners at Charnwood.

At the Hallgates end of the park, new fencing has gone up around the overflow car park and tree frames in the adjacent field – these are the first steps in creating field margins for wildlife habitats and planting new hedgerows and parkland trees there next winter.

Finally, look out for some new information boards appearing on the park soon – thanks to National Forest funding, in partnership with Severn Trent, we have produced four new interpretation panels to help inform visitors about the park and how important it is.

I hope you enjoy the better weather as we move into the Spring and hope to see you on the park soon. Don't forget that we have our usual packed season of Ranger-led walks, with booking available via our website.

James Dymond, Director, Bradgate Park Trust.

Groby Table Tennis Club

If you are interested in playing table tennis either as a beginner or to improve your skills then why not join an established table tennis club?

We are a long established club with a friendly membership and meet weekly to enjoy playing the game.

It really does not matter if you are a beginner or a more experienced player or somewhere in between, as we have members of all ability ranges.

We meet every Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 at Elizabeth Woodville School on Glebe Road, Groby.

There is no membership fee but players pay £3 for each session they attend.

If you are interested please just turn up on a play night or if you want to talk to someone beforehand please call Pat Carter on 0116 287 2730 or Laurie Goldberg on 0116 287 6727 for a chat.

We play every week with the exception of a short break over the Christmas period and during the school summer holiday period.

During our sessions we always aim to comply with Covid rules as laid done by the Table Tennis England.

**Laurie Goldberg, Treasurer,
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Jubilee Children's Choir



On **Sunday 5th June**, as the whole country celebrates the Platinum Jubilee of our remarkable Queen, we will be holding a special service at All Saints' to mark and give thanks for the 70 years of dedicated service our Sovereign has given us.



More details in June's magazine, but we are very much hoping that a big feature of the service will be the performance of a choir of children. We have a professional singer, Anna Davies, who will be holding rehearsals every week in May in church to prepare. If you are – or have a child –

aged 7-12 years old,

you are heartily invited to take part.

See more details – including some of the pieces to be sung – and sign up on our website now.

Contact the Rector for more information.

www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk
rector@allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk

SUNDAY SERVICES May 2022



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
1st May	8.30am Holy Communion	
Third Sunday of Easter	10am APCM	10am Holy Communion <i>led by Rev Stuart Burns</i>
8th May	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>led by Rev Alison Prince</i>
Fourth Sunday of Easter	6pm Praise Service	
14th May		11am Laying up of the L&D Yeomanry Guidon
15th May	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion <i>led by Rev Pam Harvey</i>
Fifth Sunday of Easter	3pm All Age Worship	
22nd May	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>led by Rev Richard Trethewey</i> followed by APCM
Sixth Sunday of Easter		

Online Services

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsnewtownlinford/live>

<https://www.facebook.com/stpetersglenfield/live>

CHURCH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

27th March - Leo Monk

We welcome him in to the church family



FUNERALS

21st March - Keith Newton
28th March - Ronald Tunnicliffe



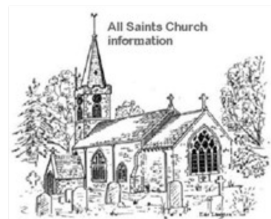
We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends, and pray that they may find peace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Church Contact Details

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Church Wardens: Michele Petty, m.petty@ulverscroft.co.uk,
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Regular Events - Bell ringer's practice: Monday 8pm

Website: www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk

Village Archive

Leicestershire Yeomanry Service in Bradgate Park

Every year at All Saints we welcome representatives of the Leicestershire Yeomanry to commemorate the First World War battle of Frezenberg. Many brave young soldiers lost their lives in the battle (281 took part, many were wounded and 94 were killed) and the Service is always a deeply moving event. On Saturday 14th May there is to be very special Service at All Saints for the laying up of the old Regimental guidon (flag), which will then hang in the north transept. This significant Service is being held on a Saturday as rather more people from the current Royal Yeomanry Squadron than usual will be attending. I wondered if the guidon shown in the photograph from 1953 is that now being laid up. As you can see very many people attended the Service in May 1953 which continued at the War Memorial in Bradgate Park. The photograph is very old and rather faded but we can still see how important it was for people to be there.

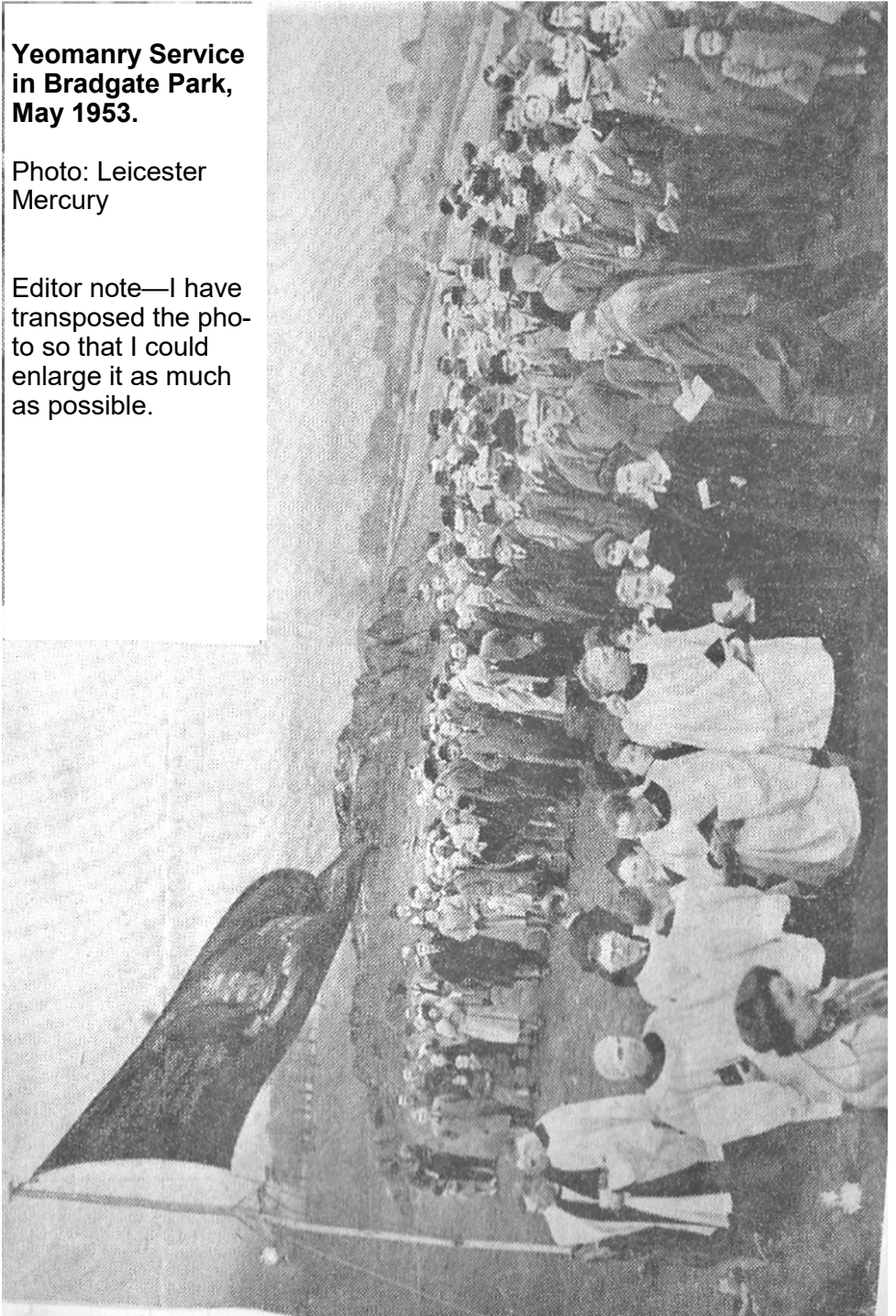
Iris Sayer



**Yeomanry Service
in Bradgate Park,
May 1953.**

Photo: Leicester
Mercury

Editor note—I have
transposed the pho-
to so that I could
enlarge it as much
as possible.



Newtown Ramblers

There were 13 people and two dogs on the April Village Walk, following the perimeter of Bradgate Park from our house down to Hallgates. We then moved onto Swithland Woods, taking in Stocking Wood where the beautiful white wood anemones were still in full bloom in the sunshine. Lovely.

Lesley Baker



Next Walk—Saturday 14th May

Meet at 2pm outside the village hall if you want to a lift or share a car, or come to Fig Tree Cottage, Roecliffe Road, LE7 7HQ where the walk will start at 2.15. There will be a cream tea on return to the house.

Fig Tree Cottage is next to the Severn Trent lay-by opposite Swithland wood south carpark. Please don't park in the lay-by but outside Fig Tree Cottage in the private road next to it.

Jane Woolmer



NEWTOWN LINFORD BOULES

2022 SEASON

**TUESDAY 17th MAY TUESDAY 14th JUNE
TUESDAY 19th JULY TUESDAY 16th AUGUST
TUESDAY 13th 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 the skittle alley has been booked for us.

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THE FRIENDS OF CHARNWOOD FOREST



On Wednesday 23rd March the meeting of the Friends of the Charnwood Forest heard a talk given by Mr Richard Bailey on Bawden Lodge farm. His grandfather started the family business when he took up farming at Outwoods farm, and Bawden Lodge was acquired in the course of the following years. Because the prices of farm products are fixed whilst suppliers to the farms do not suffer this restriction, costs rise and incomes do not. Thus there is a need to diversify.

Mr Bailey showed slides of the developing Bailey Wood which had been planted in 30 acres of the farm and was centred on an oak tree. Business premises had been created from farm buildings; recently these have tended to be let to businesses that are involved in life-styles. 220 Solar panels had been installed and were expected to pay for themselves within six years. Events, including weddings, concerts and plays had been put on. Mr Bailey made a point that weddings often involved starting preparations at 8.00 am and finally finishing between 2am and 3.am the next morning. The present author has been to performances of plays in the open air on the farm, and notes that car parking was provided.

An old grain store has been converted into a shop cum café, and its turnover in the first four months of operation was greater than the farm's for the previous two years. As well as all this the farm is still an active business, and one slide depicted a cart of hay destined for a stables. Mr Bailey ended by warning of the dangers of isolation as a farmer. In his younger days he was chairman of the Farmers' Union, he is a borough councillor and was involved in the planning of the UNESCO geopark, which was the subject of the Friends last meeting.

The April meeting was beekeeping in Botany Bay in Charley. It took place at 7.30 p.m. on 20th April as advertised in our March magazine..



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NEWTOWN LINFORD OPEN GARDEN

2nd & 3rd JUNE

Whilst you're enjoying the Spring Bank Holiday and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, please come and enjoy a stroll round the **2 acre garden at 'Mountain Ash'** and help raise money for the NGS's several nursing charities.

Mike & Liz Newcombe's 'Mountain Ash' garden, which is situated halfway along Ulverscroft Lane between Newtown Linford and Ulverscroft, will be open to the public on the Late Spring Bank Holiday on Thursday 2nd June and on the Queens Platinum Jubilee on Friday 3rd June **from 11.00am to 5.00pm.**

This beautiful 2-acre garden has excellent views across a wide area of Charnwood countryside. Near the house are patios, a water feature, flower and shrub beds, a fruit cage, fruit trees, greenhouses and vegetable plots. Lawns slope down to a large wildlife pond with a waterfall, a gravel garden and three small areas of woodland with pleasant walks through many species of trees. The lower two thirds of the garden have been created since 2004, with over 200 conifers and deciduous trees planted. There are several places to sit and relax around the garden. Adding further interest, for both adults and children, there are about 50



garden statues and ornaments around the garden.

There will be stalls to browse and light refreshments will be available. There is a toilet available with exterior access from the garden. Admission for adults is £6.00, children are free and dogs on leads are welcome. Pre-booking is not required and tickets will be available online on the NGS website or can be bought at the gate.

The full address is :- 'Mountain Ash', 140 Ulverscroft Lane, Newtown Linford, LE6 0AJ. Parking is on the lane.



For further details and some photographs of the garden, see the NGS website – www.ngs.org.uk – (put Mountain Ash into the garden finder)

Bank Cottage

Also remember that Bank Cottage Newtown Linford is open in May by arrangement. A Traditional cottage garden set on different levels leading down to the River Lin. Providing colour all year-round but at its prettiest in the Spring. Aconites, snowdrops, blue and white bells, primroses, alliums, aquilegia, poppies, geraniums, roses, honeysuckle, Philadelphia, acers, wisteria, autumn crocus, perennial sweet pea, perennial sunflowers, some fruit trees, small pond. Full of wildlife. Contact Jan on 244865 or 07429 159910



Leicestershire National Garden Scheme – Open gardens in May

There are 8 wonderful and inspiring gardens opening in May across Leicestershire. Our entrance fees are modest, delicious tea and cakes will be on sale plus children visit for free. All together this makes visiting one of our gardens a rewarding, but inexpensive trip out.

There are three gardens opening over the first bank holiday weekend in May. Hedgehog Hall at Tilton on the Hill, LE7 9DE, opens on Sunday 1st May. A plant lovers paradise, there are herbaceous borders, a lavender walk, and an herb garden. The sheltered walled courtyard contains a collection of hosta, acers, ferns, a wisteria and climbing hydrangea and more. Opening on the same day is Westview, Great Glen, LE8 9EH which is a walled cottage garden including some rare and unusual plants, many grown from seed. On display is small auricula theatre and stone alpine troughs. Both gardens open from 11-4pm. Hedgehog Hall and Westview are also open on Bank Holiday Monday 2nd 11-4pm.

Opening on 1st May is Westbrook House, Little Bowden, LE16 8AX from 10.30 – 5pm where it is tulip time. Over 10,000 tulips planted for the May opening and there is much to see in this splendid, 6 acre garden. In addition to the blazing colour of the tulips expect to see a new secret garden with fernery and water feature added in



2021, the courtyard which houses a collection of over 270 miniature and very small Hostas, access to the bluebell woodland area under a weeping willow tree and over a river bridge which leads to a folly, new for this opening.

Tulips at Westbrook house, Little Bowden

The following Sunday afternoon, the 8th May, from 2-5pm Burrough Hall at Burrough on the Hill LE14 2QZ opens. Originally an old hunting lodge built in 1867, it is a wisteria clad house set within lovely gardens with sweeping lawns and views across Leicestershire. For the May opening there will also be a small collection of vintage cars on display.

On Sunday the 15th May 2 gardens are available to visit. Opening in the afternoon from 1-5pm is 1 The Dairy Swadlincote DE12 8DU. This is an

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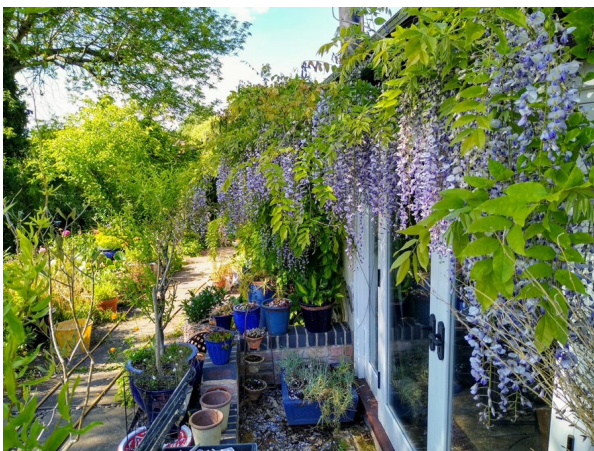


exciting Japanese themed garden with Japanese planting, a large koi carp pond and over 100 rhododendrons, camellias and azaleas, six ilex cloud trees, many acers and a pagoda along with some natural woodland areas.

Open all day Sunday May 15th from 10-5pm is Whatton House an ideal destination for a family day out with 15 acres of garden to enjoy including picnic areas, woodland walks, a rose garden, and views of Charnwood forest. There is also a Chinese garden complete with a terracotta warrior, Dutch garden and an arboretum.

During the last weekend of May 28th and 29th from 2-5 pm, 88 Brook Street and 109 Brook Street in Wymeswold open together and one entrance fee covers both

gardens. 88 Brook Street LE12 6TU is a quirky garden with three different areas: the first has a mature ash tree under planted with ferns, camellia, astrantia, clematis, persicaria, geraniums, globe thistles and roses. The second area has numerous water features and two topiary elephants. The third is a working area including a greenhouse, vegetable beds and an orchard.



88 Brook street wisteria in bloom

109 Brook Street LE12 6TT is a garden of around an acre with lovely traditional planting of a rose and clematis patio, and a herbaceous border enclosed by yew hedges. This is contrasted by a wild area with a pond, wild flower meadow fringe and woodland walk. There is an extensive rainwater harvesting system that includes 4000 gallons of storage and a variety of watering systems operated by solar power, tours are available. In addition to tea and cakes, there will also be a plant sale.

Your donations and purchases at our open gardens raise valuable funds. Your visit counts and by visiting one of our gardens you can enjoy a warm welcome, a relaxing time out with nature and help raise important funds for our charities. In 2021 the NGS donated over £3 million to its beneficiary charities and we are now the most significant charitable funder of nursing in the UK. Our beneficiaries include Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and The Queen's Nursing Institute. For more information about our gardens including accessibility, entrance fees, dog friendly gardens, and pre booking visit www.ngs.org.uk



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Newtown Linford Brownies

This March all of the Brownies went to go and see the new born baby lambs. All the Brownies walked down to the lambs but before we went to the lambs we walked to the pregnant sheep in a big barn, on the way back to see the baby lambs we came across some friendly cows they all crowded round to say hello. Finally we got to see the lambs, we all got to cuddle a lamb and get our pictures taken.

They were so small and cute that I had to name my favourite lamb Cookie, me and the brownies had such fun and I can't wait to see them again.

Bella Colyer 9



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The beat team are holding beat surgeries in the upcoming weeks:

Newtown Linford - Bradgate Road (Police Box) -
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This is a good opportunity to meet your local policing team and to discuss your concerns.

We hope to see you there!





Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



Sadly, there has been a spate of burglaries and attempted burglaries in Newtown Linford during recent weeks. These reports are being investigated and detectives at Loughborough Police Station have been working hard to identify suspects.

Over 20K People Fell Victim to Remote Access Scams

More than £50 million was lost last year to scams where victims are tricked into handing over control of their computer or smartphone to criminals.

New data from Action Fraud, the national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime, reveals that 20,144 people fell victim to scams where they were persuaded to grant criminals remote access to their device. Victims reported losing a total of £57,790,384 – an average loss of £2,868 per victim.

What are remote access scams?

Remote Access scams will often begin with a browser pop-up saying that your computer is infected with a virus, or maybe a call from someone claiming to be from your bank saying that they need to connect to your computer in order to cancel a fraudulent transaction on your account. Regardless of the narrative the fraudster's use, their goal is to steal your money or access your financial information by tricking you into allowing them to remotely connect to your computer.

Detective Chief Inspector Craig Mullish, from the City of London Police, said:

"While remote access tools are safe when used legitimately, we want the public to be aware that they can be misused by criminals to perpetrate fraud. We often see criminals posing as legitimate businesses in order to trick people into handing over control of their computer or smartphone. You should only install software or grant remote access to your computer if you're asked by someone you know and trust, such as a friend or family member and never as a result of an unsolicited call, browser pop-up or text message".

How to protect yourself

As indicated above, only install software or grant remote access to your computer if you're asked by someone you know and trust, such as a

friend or family member, and never as a result of an unsolicited call, browser pop up, or text message.

Remember, a bank or service provider will never contact you out of the blue requesting remote access to your device.

If you believe your laptop, PC, tablet or phone has been infected with a virus or some other type of malware, follow the NCSC's guidance on recovering an infected device.

Protect your money by contacting your bank immediately on a different device from the one the scammer contacted you on.

Report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via actionfraud.police.uk.

Elderly Targeted At Cash Machines

Leicestershire Police are warning elderly residents to be vigilant when withdrawing money from cash machines.

It follows a small number of thefts from victims who have typically been approached mid-transaction and distracted or pushed to one side.

The victim's account has then had the maximum withdrawal taken in some cases.

Officers are investigating the incidents but are issuing the following advice:

Be aware of people standing too close or trying to distract you while using the machine.

If someone is too close to you, get your card out without withdrawing any money and walk away.

If possible use a cash machine located inside a bank's premises
Report suspicious activity to the police on 101.

Wishing you all a safe and crime free month ahead.

Keep 'em peeled.

Best wishes,
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I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break.

You may have noticed a Notice of Vacancy in Office of Councillor displayed on the Village Hall noticeboard and on the Parish Council website. Although, the date of the notice to request an election has now passed, we would be very interested to hear from anyone in the Parish who meets the necessary criteria.

Newtown Linford Parish Council is proactive in enhancing the services, facilities and appearance of the village for the benefit of its residents, businesses and visitors. We are looking for a hard-working and engaged member of the community who would join with us in caring for our Parish.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Hannah Shaw via the usual channels detailed at the end of this article.

On with more news....

Bob Bown Memorial Field

As part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, Newtown Linford Parish Councillors are considering what they can offer to mark the occasion. We are currently investigating the possibility of installing a new piece of play equipment at the Bob Bown Memorial Field to commemorate the occasion. If anyone has any suggestions to improve the current play park facilities, please get in touch via the usual channels and all ideas will be considered. If you remember, our most recent installations came as a result of suggestions made by park users and parents.

The grass cutting season at all Parish Council maintained sites resumed mid-March and we have been really pleased with the care and attention shown by our new Grounds Maintenance Contractor, Michael. If anyone has any feedback that you would like us to pass on, please drop me an email to clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk

Cemetery and Churchyard

Sculptor, Peter Leadbeater, has completed work on the eternal light sculpture at the Cemetery and we are thrilled with the end result. Since the image was taken, the sculpture has had a coat of treatment and the surrounding area cleared of debris.

Our sincere thanks go to Peter for his hard work and artistic talents and to the parishioners who very kindly and generously made donations towards the cost of our new art piece. We hope you are as pleased as we are!

The Cemetery is looking a picture with daffodils galore in bloom. With thanks to Parish Council Chairman, Sue Pritchard, for her time in planting the bulbs to add a welcome splash of colour. It won't be long now until the natural hay meadow buttercups are out.

As you may recall, Newtown Linford Parish Council were successful in a SHIRE Environment Grant bid for funding towards the cost of bat, bird

and owl boxes and insect and hedgehog hotels. The new habitats have now been purchased and are currently being installed across the three Parish Council sites, organised by Newtown Linford Biodiversity.

We are looking forward to seeing the boxes in use sometime in the future. If you happen to spot one of the new boxes or hotels, please keep a distance away so as not to disturb them. Thank you.

I hope you are all looking forward to whatever plans you have to mark the Platinum Jubilee bank holiday weekend.

Stay well, stay safe.
Best wishes,

Hannah Shaw
Parish Council Clerk
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Dates of the next Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 25th May 2022
7.15pm (Annual Parish Meeting
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