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Roadmaps are in the news. A full year after we first went into lockdown, we have an outline of the route out of it for good, we are promised. Some details are still vague – dates are targets, not promises, some specifics are subject to the results of further research – but we know where we’re heading and roughly how to get there.

Roadmaps are useful to plan forward, but they can also help us make sense of how we’ve ended up where we are. Have you ever had the experience of poring over a map trying to work out how you got somewhere, to re-orient yourself and understand what’s going on?

Two of Jesus’ friends found themselves in that place on the first Easter Day. They were on their way to a town called Emmaus. They probably didn’t need a map for that journey because they were heading home, they knew the way. But they couldn’t understand why things had turned out the way they had – why had their friend and hoped-for saviour, Jesus, died? What had gone wrong? Then they invited a stranger to walk with them (it was sensible to travel in numbers on roads targeted by robbers) and he opened their eyes to see how the scriptures they knew, what we call the Old Testament, pointed towards just this conclusion. And that in fact if they read them rightly, this wasn’t the end, but actually a brand-new beginning.

It’s an example of possibly the most audacious claim Christian faith makes. That if you want to make sense of life, then you need to look to Jesus to explain it. If you want to make the most of life, you need to follow the way Jesus walked. And if you want a true and reliable guide to life – one with a ‘sure and certain’ promise – you need to trust Jesus.

Richard Trethewey
Rector of St Peter’s Glenfield
and All Saints’, Newtown Linford
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Coffee & Cake News April 2021

Hope this finds you all in good spirits and well! Another month nearer the end of some form of lock down? June is not too far away, with the latest few days of warmer weather and sunshine making everyone a lot more positive.

Most of you over 50 should have had your first vaccination with many about to have their second. We are all lucky we live in a country that has a supply and can afford to fund it.

We have a Plan - Fingers crossed we will be out of lock down on 21st June. We hope to hold the first meeting outdoors on Thursday 24th June at 11 am at Gable Cottage, 32 Main Street. All you need to do is bring a picnic chair and wish for good weather! Anyone who is prepared to help with baking etc please let me know.

I will be in touch with the Village Hall Committee up to then as to when we can be back indoors for our meetings but of course they will be guided by the latest COVID Rules.

If anyone would like to help by going on the duty rota we would be thrilled to have you on board. You can go on with 2 other friends or join another group and get to know other villagers. Duties come around every 18 weeks and you can swap weeks if you are away. Please call Carol Ann on 01530 243433

Until then we continue with the regular weekly Zoom meetings run by Joe Costello so do join us. Joe organises them and will talk you through how to sign in. It's lovely to see faces you can't at the moment, with all their news and banter!

The Fish & Chip Van came last month and even though Carolyn had a few nightmares due to an emergency illness with the Van owners, she managed to get someone to cover temporarily with the normal van back this month. See previous copies of the magazine (or online on Parish website for more details)

Joe Costello has a very good **3D printer**; with advanced 3D modelling software (called Inventor) that allows him to design and print just about any shape imaginable.

I am sure this could be of great use to people maybe to replace a small part that has broken off a machine - saves having to throw away the item. If you have something that you think Joe might be able to help with - give him a email on joe1846@hotmail.co.uk

Newtown Linford Choral Society



As a result of the pandemic, more than a year has passed by since members of the Choral Society have been able to meet one another at Thursday night rehearsals in the Village Hall. We have instead been rehearsing online using Zoom, and for some of us this has been a steep learning curve! Our Director, Sue Ford, is currently leading us in these rehearsals with a view to compiling an Easter video, which will be available for use in online Church Services during Easter, and hopefully also enjoyed generally. The music to be sung will include some well known hymns, and pieces by well known classical composers. A link to the video, to be entitled "Seven Songs for Easter" will be posted on the Newtown Linford Parish Council and NHW website.

Later in the year we hope to be able to perform a live concert of pieces that we have learned during the lockdown, and with this in mind we are keeping a close eye on the progress of Covid in the hope that infection rates will reduce sufficiently. Then further ahead, we have optimistically booked the magnificent Emmanuel Church in Loughborough on 29th January 2022 to perform our traditional Winter Concert, accompanied by an orchestra and professional soloists.

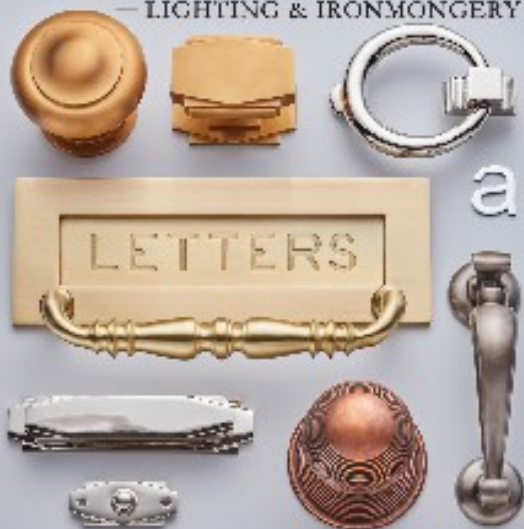
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History of the Village Archive

The Archive is a wonderful collection of scrapbooks, photographs, newspaper cuttings and many reports relating to Village life. The first book currently held begins in January 1953. I believe that the Archive was the idea of the Women's Institute and over the years it has been maintained diligently by at least four people. It was passed on to me approximately two years ago. I understand that somewhere there is in existence an earlier book, borrowed some years ago and sadly never returned. If you are clearing an attic and come across it then would we would be delighted to have its return

So much information is now online and it is rather more difficult to keep a complete paper record, if you have any information i.e. photos of village events, Orders of Service etc then please forward to me. To digitise the archive (70 years) would be an incredibly lengthy time-consuming task that is if anyone is thinking of volunteering! For the time being we are keeping the original style. Do you know of any other village that has kept such a record? Let me know if you do, I suspect we are unique. The books are fascinating and, when possible and as part of another event, we will arrange a small exhibition of the books for you all to enjoy.

1953 So what was happening that year? The most outstanding local event is described as follows:

“Being the installation of the church clock given by the village from the proceeds of the Pageant of Bradgate and Lady Jane Grey. It was made by John Smith and Sons of Derby. The cost was £550 and it was dedicated at evensong on 17th May. The sound of the church clock striking was new to the inhabitants and there were some complaints at first, especially from those living nearby. However by 1955 the general opinion was favourable with regard to the striking and tolerant towards its sometimes erratic timekeeping”.

The most important national event was the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth on the 2nd June and in beautiful manuscript handwriting the archive reports: “A week of wonderful celebrations with extremely inclement weather on the day itself and many of the events had to be postponed or delayed until later in the week or held in Bradgate Hall i.e. children's tea party, sports events, fancy dress parade, firework display. Many of the village houses were decorated and gave a very festive appearance despite the wind and rain”. Sadly there are no photographs of these events

in the Archive. If you have any please forward to me at sayer-iris@gmail.com.

Later on in the same book I found a Leicester Mercury article dated **1962** which describes Park View Farm (now called Greystones), on the corner of Groby Lane which is now a beautiful home, as being a 16th century stone and Tudor house scheduled as a ancient monument with 27 inch walls.

The then new owners Mr & Mrs Page, said that "they didn't get a wink of sleep the night before the auction and that they found a house greatly in need of repair, a collapsing floor, doubtful wiring but full of cruck shaped beams with unexpected doors hidden behind cupboards and from the pantry a very narrow window providing a private view of the crossroads". The article also describes how much they loved the house.



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A New English Elm

Monday afternoon, the 8th March, was bright and sunny so I decided to walk up to the Cemetery to check the newly planted trees and in particular our new English Elm. We were welcomed by the sight of an early flowering cherry just starting to come into flower, and the two young willows showing their new leaves.

I think it is important to record that this new elm tree is almost certainly the first to be planted in the Parish for some 50 years, since Dutch Elm Disease devastated nearly all the elms in the 1970's. The elm, planted in the far left corner of the cemetery, is an English Elm (Upper Swell). It was kindly



“Ulmus procera”

donated to the village by Goscote Nurseries who have been growing three varieties. Our tree has been micro propagated from a tree in Gloucestershire that had not been affected by Dutch Elm Disease. It is expected the tree will grow to around 100 feet tall.

According to Brian Anderson there used to be three elm trees in the hedgerow on the opposite side of the road to the cemetery so I am expecting our new one to do well.

It is hard to believe that some 25 million elms were lost in the UK. The disease is spread by the scolytus beetle which was first identified by Dutch botanists in 1921.

One potential benefit for nature of an elm tree is as a host to the now rare White -Letter Hairstreak butterfly.

So thanks to Goscote Nurseries, please feel involved and watch the progress of this elm and the other new trees that have been planted.

Dick Howard



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Newtown Linford Tennis Club

Great news! The Club will re-open on the **29th March 2021**. It seems like an age since we were last allowed on the tennis court.

The Tennis Club AGM was held by virtual zoom in February. At this meeting our Chairperson for the past thirty years, Geoff White, decided to step down from the position. He will be replaced by Paul Scrine. The Club would like to thank Geoff for all the work he has done during this period, with the Committee, transforming the Club from a small village facility to a thriving Club offering league tennis, installing our own professional coach, presiding over the construction of the new Club House and many other facets pertaining to the Club. The committee would like to wish him many years of playing tennis without responsibility and to wish Paul the best of luck taking the Club forward.



Thank you to everyone who supported the 'Festive Raffle'. We hope that, with the road map out of lock down, we will once more be able to enjoy playing tennis and attending future social events.

The Committee

Information from David Snartt.

Nationwide Building Society.

I thought I would give an update on Nationwide's decision to close their Anstey branch. Since my last details, I have had further correspondence with the Society, I have now exhausted all my requests to reverse this decision through their complaints procedure. I have referred this matter to the Financial Ombudsman and the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). This I believe the last throw of the dice to save this branch from closure. I have found it most difficult to communicate with the Directors, indeed I have always been referred to other people within Nationwide, who I understand have never visited the branch to see the local difficulties this will cause.

With the Financial Ombudsman and the FCA, I have raised three issues, why I believe this branch should remain open:

- Nationwide should keep to their promise to keep branches open until January 2023, this was stated in their December newsletter to members:
- Difficulty for people to access other local branches, especially the elderly and disabled who rely on public transport:
- Nationwide's own data states that there has been just a 7% reduction in transactions over the period 2015 to 2019. Their latest figures included 2020 whilst the Covid-19 pandemic was impacting on people accessing local businesses.

In my view, Nationwide have not kept to their promise to members. It will be interesting to see the responses from the two organisations I have now alerted to this damaging decision made by the Society. It does seem empty words when they stated: "We passionately believe in communities. That's why we've made a promise to keep a branch in every town or city we currently serve until at least January 2023. We hope this brings some reassurance to our members when the last thing any of us need is more uncertainty."

Covid-19 Pandemic.

I am sure we are all aware of the good progress made with the vaccination roll-out. In my view this has been a real success. I thank all the many NHS staff and the volunteers who have contributed to this excellent achievement.

As I write, Charnwood Borough is still above the national average for Covid-19 cases. Therefore, now is not the time to be complacent, it is still important to follow the rules set out by government: Stay at home, unless you have to go out for an essential reason: Remember the hands, face, space guidance at all times: Get the vaccine when it is offered to you.

New Outwoods Visitor Centre.

Charnwood Borough Council is converting the former ranger's cottage into a visitor centre and café. Plans for the project were approved at a Plans Committee last year, however, the Covid-19 pandemic put the project on hold until this year. It is hoped the centre will be completed by the end of the summer. People can keep up to date with this project by checking out the Council's social media channels or by visiting www.charnwood.gov.uk/visitorcentre. I thought this information would be interesting to many local residents who I know regularly visit this ancient woodland.

SUNDAY SERVICES APRIL 2021



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
4th April Easter Sunday		
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
11th April 2nd Sunday of Easter		
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
18th April 3rd Sunday of Easter		
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
25th April 4th Sunday of Easter		
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service

Easter Services

Please see page 16 for details of Easter Services .

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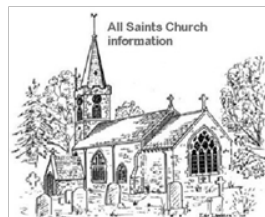
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Support groups

In the remaining weeks of lockdown one of the few permitted gathered activities is the running of a support group for people in particular circumstances of need. We have just started one of these for new and expectant mums. This is fortnightly at 10.30am on Friday mornings in the Church Centre in Glenfield, but mums are welcome from both Parishes, and those from Newtown Linford have been attending. Facilitated by Jane Quarmby and Ruth Trethewey.



Holy Week and Easter at All Saints'



Stations of the Cross

During Holy Week (and possibly for a few days before) there will be a series of 14 Stations of the Cross in All Saints' Churchyard. Each station will consist of an aid to reflection (a picture or an object), a short Bible passage and a prayer. You will also be able to scan a QR code on your Smartphone to listen to a short meditation by John Woolmer on each as well. These meditations will be available online on our website to listen to from home if you're not able to visit the churchyard.

Services

While cases immediately local to Newtown Linford have been low recently, we are not far from some very high rates of infection within Charnwood and neighbouring areas of Leicestershire. Therefore the local Public Health request is that onsite worship not be fully re-started yet. Therefore, our services over this season will be:

Palm Sunday (28 March): Online at 10.30am
Daily in Holy Week, Mon-Fri: Online at 9.15am
Maundy Thursday (1 April): Online at 7.30pm
Good Friday (2 April): Online Hour at the Cross at 2pm
Easter Day (4 April): Holy Communion, 9am at All Saints'

Please book on our website if you wish to attend Holy Communion on Easter Day. We are confident we will have space to accommodate people who wish to come, but we do need to know numbers so we can adequately prepare.

Our website is www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk

Services are streamed at www.facebook.com/allsaintsnewtownlinford/live

After Easter

Assuming the Public Health position allows, we anticipate that services will continue on Sundays at 9am for some time, before a more permanent schedule resumes.

The PCC is actively monitoring the situation and government advice to see when things like singing, refreshments and reduced social distancing will be possible.





The following crime statistics were recorded during February and received from PCSO Martin Dravien:

1 x Burglary

In response to this, Leicestershire Police have issued the following appeal:

Officers are appealing for information after a reported burglary in Newtown Linford during which war medals were stolen.

Officers are appealing for information after a reported burglary in Newtown Linford during which war medals were among the items stolen. It was reported that around 6.30pm on Thursday 18th February a man entered a property in Johnscliffe Close via a bathroom skylight, stole a safe containing a number of items and drove away in a black hatchback, turning right towards Main Street.

The items stolen include:

Atlantic Star war medal

1939-45 War Medal

Defence Medal

Polish war medal – cross of valour with two bars

Polish Air Force medal

A gold Tag Heuer watch

A Tag Heuer bi-metal series 6000 bracelet watch

An Omega Planet Ocean watch with an orange strap and orange bezel

Detective Constable Julia Newton said: “We would like to speak to anyone who may have seen a black hatchback in the area or anyone who may have seen these items for sale.

“We would also urge anyone with dash cam footage that may have captured the vehicle to please get in touch.”

Anyone with information should contact 101 quoting reference 21*98222.

Home security and crime prevention advice from Leicestershire Police can be accessed via the following web address:

<https://www.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/>

Wishing you all a safe and crime free month ahead.

Keep 'em peeled.

Best wishes,

Hannah Shaw

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Steps out of lockdown

STEP 1

8 March

29 March

EDUCATION

8 MARCH

- Schools and colleges open for all students
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SOCIAL CONTACT

8 MARCH

- Exercise and recreation outdoors with household or one other person
- Household only indoors

29 MARCH

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

8 MARCH

- Wraparound care, including sport, for all children

29 MARCH

- Organised outdoor sport (children and adults)
- Outdoor sport and leisure facilities
- All outdoor children's activities
- Outdoor parent & child group (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

TRAVEL

8 MARCH

- Stay at home
- No holidays

29 MARCH

- Minimise travel
- No holidays

EVENTS

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings and wakes (6)

STEP 2

No earlier than 12 April

At least 5 weeks after Step 1

EDUCATION

- As previous step

SOCIAL CONTACT

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

- All retail
- Personal care
- Libraries & community centres
- Most outdoor attractions
- Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual use only)
- Self-contained accommodation
- All children's activities
- Outdoor hospitality
- Indoor parent & child groups (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays (household only)
- No international holidays

EVENTS

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings, wakes, receptions (15)
- Event pilots

STEP 3

No earlier than 17 May

At least 5 weeks after Step 2

EDUCATION

- As previous step

SOCIAL CONTACT

- Maximum 30 people outdoors
- Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review)

BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

- Indoor hospitality
- Indoor entertainment and attractions
- Organised indoor sport (adult)
- Remaining accommodation
- Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances)

TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays
- International travel (subject to review)

EVENTS

- Most significant life events (30)
- Indoor events: 1,000 or 50% (plus pilots)
- Outdoor seated events: 10,000 or 25% (plus pilots)
- Outdoor other events: 4,000 or 50% (plus pilots)

STEP 4

No earlier than 21 June

At least 5 weeks after Step 3

All subject to review

EDUCATION

- As previous step

SOCIAL CONTACT

- No legal limit

BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

- Remaining businesses, including nightclubs

TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays
- International travel

EVENTS

- No legal limit on life events
- Larger events



News from Newtown Linford Parish Council



**Have you looked at the website recently?
www.newtownlinford.org.uk**

As I sit here in the Parish Council office, the sun is shining, the daffodils are starting to bloom and Spring and the warmer weather will be with us very soon. It's been a long winter!

Children returned to school on 8th March in the first step of the Government's Covid-19 roadmap.

From 29th March, organised outdoor sport for adults and children will be permitted, as will all outdoor children's activities and outdoor parent and child groups (up to 15 people, excluding under 5s). Outdoor sport and leisure facilities will also be allowed to reopen.

Social contact will be extended to a rule of 6 or two households outdoors only and travel must continue to be minimised and no domestic or international holidays are allowed.

Below is a summary of the HM Government Covid-19 Roadmap: (see pages 19 and 20 for full details).

Step One – 8th March 2021

Step One – 29th March 2021

Step Two – No Earlier than 12th April 2021

Step Three – No Earlier than 17th May 2021

Step Four – No Earlier than 21 June 2021

Traffic Regulation Order

Following on from last month's update, Officers at LCC Highways have informed us there is a chance the new parking restrictions will be implemented in time for Easter, however, this is weather dependant.

I hope by the time this edition of the Village Magazine reaches you, we may know more or indeed, have an array of newly painted primrose yellow lines. We hope the implementation of the new restrictions will help ease the traffic chaos we have experienced but monitoring of all areas will be ongoing.

Parish Councillors have also emphasised the need for robust enforcement once measures are in place.

Hedge Cutting and the law

Did you know there are certain laws regarding hedge cutting, to ensure there is no damage to active bird nests?

The RSPB recommend not cutting hedges and trees between March and August as this is the main breeding season for nesting birds. However, this can be weather dependant and some birds may nest outside this period, so it is important to always check carefully for active nests prior to cutting.

It is an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built.

Further information and guidance can be found at the following web address:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/gardening-for-wildlife/plants-for-wildlife/garden-hedges/hedge-law/>

The Village hanging baskets and Village Hall flower tower will be installed sometime in June and Parish Council Chairman, Sue Pritchard, has been tending to the village troughs which are looking delightful. Some spring bedding plants will be planted out soon to fill the gap before the summer annuals go in. Thank you, Sue!

On with more news....

Bob Bown Memorial Field

If you recall, back in November 2020, NLPC applied for funding for new equipment at the Bob Bown Memorial Field Play Park. Just before Christmas, we heard our first application had been unsuccessful.

Undeterred by this temporary setback and with the reopening of other grant opportunities, an application was then submitted to the National Lottery Community Fund - Awards For All.

I am very happy to announce that on Tuesday 16th March, NLPC received notification that our application had been successful and the £10,000 funding awarded, has now been received. So, it's full steam ahead for our play park improvement works at the Bob Bown Memorial Field!

To recap, the funding will enable us to have not one but two new pieces of equipment installed: an all-encompassing modular play unit

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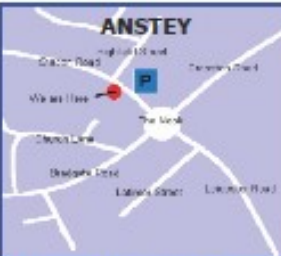
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and a 2.4m basket swing. The funding will also pay for the removal of the slide, springie and rotator pole, to make way for the new installations and associated wet pour repairs and extensions.

Our contractors, Wicksteed Play Ltd, are currently working on a 10 to 12 week lead time, so we should expect installation carried out sometime early Summer. The park will need to close temporarily whilst work is undertaken and I will keep you updated as arrangements progress.



We would like to thank the National Lottery Community Fund and National Lottery players for making this possible. We are truly grateful and hope park users have many years of enjoyment from the new installations.

In other Bob Bown news, the hole in front of one of the football goals which was impeding play, has now been filled and the benches within the play park have received some care and attention.

Cemetery and Churchyard

As of 31st March, Pam McMorrان retires as Registrar of Burials, a post she has held for the last 5 years, and my hours have increased as I take on the role. Pam was pivotal in the establishment of the cemetery extension ensuring Newtown Linford resi-

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As previously reported, Cemetery fees have now increased for the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 financial years, effective from 1st April 2021.

Stay well, stay safe and Happy Easter!

Best wishes,

Hannah Shaw

Parish Council Clerk

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Contributions to Village Magazine

Can we have your contributions for the **May 2021** issue by **15th April 2021** please. **Send to the Editor, Carole Heubeck, 5 Grey Crescent, Newtown Linford (01530 244790).**
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