

# Newtown Linford Magazine

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# The Bradgate

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**April 2017**

How's Lent going? Many of us will have spent the past few weeks trying to resist the temptation of the confectionary shelves in the shops, or perhaps loosening the ties of the caffeine addiction, doing without the pint of beer or glass of wine or even giving Facebook a miss. You won't be surprised, given earlier comments of mine, that I haven't given up coffee this year!

Giving something up can be tough, even when you know there will be clear benefits – stopping smoking, cutting back calories, these things are hard to do, there's a sacrifice to make – but what can keep us going is the thought of the clearer lungs, slimmer waist, that will result.

But what if there are no obvious upsides? Why would you give up something you love, something you value, if there's no reward? Well, sometimes the gain isn't our own, but goes to someone else. Last weekend, when I missed the England-Scotland rugby match, it was so I could go for a walk with someone who isn't a rugby fan but loves getting the fresh air. The sacrifice we make so that someone else benefits. Why would we do this? Normally because of love.

During Lent we make small sacrifices, often for our own sake, sometimes for other people's, which act as a small reminder of the great love shown by Jesus, who at Easter gave up his life not for his own benefit at all, but entirely for ours. As he himself said: *Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.* That's what we can be as a result, his friends.

**Richard Trethewey**



## News from All Saints Church

We are delighted to report that the work to relay the floor at the back of the Church has now been finished. This completes the project which included the new kitchen, toilet and disabled entrance at the rear of the Church, all of which have been funded by a generous bequest which was received some years ago. The changes we have made have given us facilities which have long been needed, and which will greatly enhance our use of the church building. We invite everyone to visit the Church to see just how good the new facilities are.

Redecoration of the Church can be carried out now that the building work is completed, and this is expected to commence in the near future.

The day to day running costs of the Church are mainly funded by generous donations from Church Members and from others in the community who wish to ensure the continuation of this historic Church. However, we do struggle to meet these costs, and like everyone, we spend our limited resources very carefully.

**If you would consider making a donation to help our running costs and to ensure that our Church is here for your needs in the future, please contact us through our website [www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk) or by speaking to a Church warden.**

# VILLAGE DIARY

## **April**

- 8th Ramblers  
12th The Crucifixion - St Mary's Church Woodhouse  
21st Cricket Club - Junior signing on night  
27th Parish Council Meeting  
28th Gardening Club  
29th Possibly a coffee afternoon to raise awareness of Autism!

## **May**

- 1st Bluebell Walk  
4/6th Bradgate Drama Society

## **Regular events**

- |                            |                                       |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday afternoon           | Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall   |
| Mondays 8pm at the Church  | Bell Ringing                          |
| 4th Tuesday of the month   | Gardening Club                        |
| 3rd Wednesday of the month | Ladies Luncheon Club                  |
| Thursdays 11.15            | Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall |
| Thursdays 6.30             | Brownies, Sunday School Rooms         |
| 3rd Thursday               | Gentlemen's Lunch Club                |
| Boules                     | Phone 01530 245373 for more info      |



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### April

6th	Katie Cook & Haley Johnson	0116 2363521
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20th	Glennis Saunders & Felicity Manning	249384/245298
27th	Vicky Lightfoot & Amanda Sculthorpe	242445/07779123952

### May

4th	<b>Sue Clarke, Margaret Bloor</b> <b>At 34 Main Street as Hall N/A - Drama Production</b>	<b>242000/245078</b>
11th	Iris & Peter Sayer	243822
18th	Zoe Renolds & Sue Birkett	07803292704/244317
25th	Bev Griffiths & Sue Dobby	01509 890264/245366

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## Newtown Linford Tennis Club new season 2017.

April sees the start of the new season Coaching for all ages on Saturday mornings with coach Dom Osborn, private lessons on request . A adult beginners group is also starting.



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Court Online booking and club information for members coming soon.

Ladies and men's teams Ladies and mixed now in Division 4. Call John SUGDEN on 01530 243433 for more info on above and how to join

## April - Autism Awareness month

### What is Autism -

**All people with autistic spectrum disorders have impairments in social interaction, social communication and imagination. This is referred to as the TRIAD OF IMPAIRMENTS**



Over 1 in 100 people are on the autism spectrum, which means there are around 140,000 school age children in the UK on the spectrum. Of these 140,000 children, the vast majority attend mainstream schools, which means that most children will have an autistic classmate during their time at school.

Last year, The National Autistic Society launched their *Too Much Information* campaign during World Autism Awareness Week because they found that autistic people and their families are being socially isolated due to a lack of public understanding about autism. Their 2016 report found that over 50% of autistic people and their families sometimes or often didn't go outside because they were worried about how people would react to their autism and many people spoke of occasions where strangers had tutted or stared at them or their family.

There are several families in the village who are affected by Autism (including the editors). We are hoping to raise awareness by holding a coffee morning at the end of April (more information in the next magazine). We hope you will be able to join us to find out more about the condition



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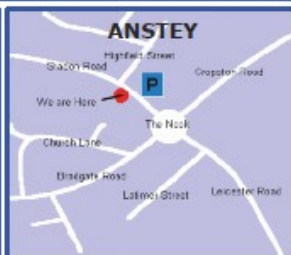
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## From the Park

### New Shoots

Last weekend the sun shone and I suspect I was not alone in feeling compelled to get out in the garden and start catching up with those jobs that I had been putting off during the past few cold, wet weeks. I have converted a small corner of the garden at The Lodge to a vegetable patch but, don't worry, this is not about to turn into a gardening column; for one thing, I am nowhere near qualified to write one. If you really want to, you can read my garden-related and other ramblings on my personal website [www.petertyldesley.co.uk](http://www.petertyldesley.co.uk) (the management accepts no responsibility, etc).

Someone who is far more expert a gardener than me, is Kip Phillips, who will be known to regular visitors as one of our Car Park Wardens or, to those who go back a bit further, from his first career as a Community Beat Officer for Leicestershire Police. What you may not know is that Kip has been developing the Park allotment on the area of ground fronting onto Bradgate Road between the Conservatory Tearoom and the Sunday School Rooms. With the help of Kip's eager band of gardening volunteers, the area under cultivation has been steadily expanding, paths have been laid and a small orchard of heritage-variety fruit trees has been established, courtesy of a grant from the Leicestershire County Council Stepping Stones Project.

As well as bringing new life to a piece of land that had lain redundant for many years, we hope that the allotment and orchard will give an opportunity for our visitors who may not have gardens or know much about food production, to gain an insight into this most basic and earthy of pastimes. The harvest from the allotment is sold via a donation box system from the patio outside the Conservatory Tearooms with funds raised going back into the gardening group.

This year, the gardening group are working with Community Wildlife & Education Officer Nicole Garrett to raise awareness of the allotment and what is grown there. We are also delighted to be giving a new home to the Leicestershire Master Composters and their Composting Demonstration Project. As the Carry-on Composting website says: "Master Composters are volunteers who encourage people in their local community to start composting at home, and offer support to people who are already home composting and may be having difficulties or need encouragement." The demonstration project will be showcasing different composting techniques using the kitchen waste from the Conservatory

Tearoom along with garden waste from the allotment and lawn clippings from the garden area around the Tearoom. The project will be moving onto site in the next few weeks and the Master Composters will be running various demonstrations and educational activities in partnership with the Bradgate Park Trust team. If anyone local is interested in joining the gardening volunteers who, in addition to the work on the allotment, are also restoring part of the Bradgate House kitchen garden, please contact Mat Bate-man (Volunteer Coordinator) on 0116 236 2713 Ext 28 or email [volunteers@bradgatepark.org](mailto:volunteers@bradgatepark.org) or speak to Kip and his happy band on site.

In February, our Visitor Experience Volunteers began leading guided tours of the ruins of Bradgate House. These tours, which last around an hour, are free of charge and offer an excellent way to gain an insight into the life of one of the finest houses of Tudor England. We aim to run tours on most days and details can be obtained by calling the Visitor Centre on 0116 236 2713 Ext 25.

Our volunteers have been busy over the winter smartening up Old John and we will be opening the tower to the public over the Easter Weekend between 1 and 4pm. We are always on the lookout for new volunteers to help us with the tours of the house or the tower (or both!). Anyone interested can email [visitor@bradgatepark.org](mailto:visitor@bradgatepark.org)

I was going to promote our first Stargazing event in association with Leicester Astronomical Society but, seeing as it was fully booked within two hours of its announcement, I don't need to! We are looking to put on more dates so, if astronomy is your thing, keep an eye on our website and social media.

The Public Space Protection Order in respect of dogs in the Park was confirmed by Charnwood Borough Council on 20<sup>th</sup> February. This gives legal backing to the seasonal dogs on leads restriction in the lower part<sup>12</sup> of the Park and also makes it an offence not to put a dog on a lead

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Having had a number of recent incidents of dogs chasing deer, we have been asking visitors throughout March to put their dogs on leads in advance of the Order coming into force on 1<sup>st</sup> April. We are all saddened and frustrated to still see dogs out of control and worrying deer despite all the publicity surrounding the issue. We have been very grateful to all the regular dog walkers who have supported our efforts in this area and who have exercised positive peer pressure when they have seen dogs not under proper control.

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## Bradgate Drama Society – see Two for the Price of One!

Having had to cancel our Christmas production at short notice when our leading actor became seriously ill, the Society is back in action again for its Spring production.

The production comprises two one-act plays, both hilarious comedies which will keep you entertained through the evening. The first, **Sharks in the Custard**, is set in a museum where a group of cleaners face redundancy or outsourcing of their jobs – can't say that we don't combine current affairs with drama in our productions!



The second, **Two Sisters**, is a bit darker, which you might expect from it being set in 19<sup>th</sup> century Russia and having a coffin as the centrepiece of the set! Any resemblance to Chekov stops there, however, as the play rattles along at a joke a minute to its final twist at the end.

All this is yours for an extremely reasonable **£7** per ticket (better than your average Tesco buy-one-get-one-free offer). Plus there's a bar available which you definitely don't get in Tesco!

The production will be staged on  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>, Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
in the Village Hall,  
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Tuesday 13th June  
Tuesday 11th July  
Tuesday 8th August  
Tuesday 5th September

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In the event of rain the skittle alley has been booked for us.

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**Tickets are now available for the Choral Society's Summer Concert to be held in Newtown Linford Village Hall on Thursday 8th, Friday 9th and Saturday 10th June. (Thurs £8, children U/14 £5 and Fri and Sat £18, children U/14 £9).**

Our theme this year is "A Night at the Opera". You can therefore expect to hear The Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves from the opera Nabucco, Summertime from Gershwin's Porgy and Bess, a Medley from Phantom of the Opera and much more! The concert will be compered by the ever amusing Len Matthews.

An excellent two course supper will be served at 7.15pm on Friday and Saturday nights, see below for our delicious menu. On Thursday there will 'nibbles', and a starting time of 8 pm. On all three nights there will be a licensed bar. In previous years there have been capacity audiences for the June concerts, so please make a note to buy your tickets early.



## MENU

Salmon & Watercress Quiche  
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Sliced Roast Ham  
Minted New Potatoes, Mixed  
Salad, Rice Salad  
French Stick & Butter  
Apple & Passion fruit Shortcake  
with Chantilly Cream

Please let us know when you buy your ticket if you have special dietary requirements as these can be catered for.

**Iris Sayer  
01530 243822**

## TOP HARMONY GROUPS IN CONCERT

There's a rare opportunity to see some top flight harmony singing groups in concert at the Academy Theatre in Loughborough College on Saturday 8th April. The concert features the 65 strong Grand Central Chorus (five time winners of the British Barbershop Chorus championships), the Finest Hour quartet (2016 British barbershop quartet gold medallists, who scored the highest mark ever recorded in a UK contest), 4 on Demand quartet (2016 youth quartet gold medallists), The Locksmiths quartet (top quartet aiming to win the gold medal in the 2017 UK contest), and Syncapella (exciting choir performing contemporary material).



Tickets at £10 (children £6) are available from myself on 01530 243822, Brian on 01773 749737, or from Carillon News in Loughborough Market Place.

**Peter Sayer**

### Brownies

The Brownies and I would like to say a big thank you to the village for supporting our Rummage sale. Your help made it a great success. The Brownies joined in serving on the stalls with great enthusiasm and they tell me they can't wait until next years Rummage Sale.



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## NEWTOWN LINFORD SERVICES

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
2nd April	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
	10.15am Worship as One (RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
5th Sunday of Lent	6.30pm Evensong (RT)	
		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
9th April  Palm Sunday	10.15am Service of the World (BH)	10.30am Morning Prayer (RT)
	4.00pm Messy Church	
16th April  Easter Sunday	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
	10.15am Holy Communion (FT/GS)	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (RT)	
23rd April  2nd Sunday of Easter		8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
	10.15am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am All Age Service (GS)
	6.30pm Compline (GS)	
30th April  3rd Sunday of Easter	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
	10.15am Service of the World (GS/BH)	10.30am APCM (RT)
	6.30pm Compline (RT)	

### MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—April 2017

<b>GLENFIELD</b>	Wed	10.45am	5th	12th	19th	26th
<b>NEWTOWN LINFORD</b>	Thur	10am	6th			

# ADDITIONAL EASTER SERVICES

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
<b>13th April</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	10.45am Holy Communion (RT)	7.45pm Holy Communion (RT)
<b>14th April</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	10.15am Worship as One (RT)	2.00pm Hour at the Cross (RT)
	7.30pm United Service (RT/BH)	

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## From the Records

Going back into the Village Records to 2004 , we discover that August 2004 saw the first wheelie bins arrive in our village for the collection of garden waste. Whilst it is still an optional scheme - looking at the number out every fortnight - it looks like they have been a great success and saved many a run to the tip. September saw the introduction of the black wheelie bins collected fortnightly and at the time green and red bags for recycling. It did not go smoothly with reports in December that over one weekend Newtown Linford had a heap of 20 plus bags left by the road side.

October saw the closure of the garden centre opposite the Sunday School rooms which made way for the building of new residential homes.

November saw Severn Trent empty Hallgates 4 - an underground reservoir which supplies Leicestershire with much of its drinking water for a massive clean-up. Staff from Severn Trent which owns the reservoir in Bradgate Park were checking the structure and cleaning the insides of the 1960s storage reservoir before it would be steadily refilled over two weeks. The treated water from Hallgates 4 (which holds enough water to fill 26 Olympic size swimming pools or 400,000 bathtubs) goes straight into pipes that lead to our homes. They explained to the Leicester Mercury that its main purpose is to supply water to Leicester and is a storage reservoir that meets demand at peak times such as breakfast or tea but if necessary they can send water to Birmingham or Warwickshire. It is supplied by the open reservoirs which include Staunton Harold, Cropston, and Ladybower in Derbyshire. Every day enough water flows through to supply just under one million people but above ground all that can be seen is gravel spread over the size of a football pitch..

December saw an article about Old John. You will have already read the article from Peter about the Park opening up Old John at Easter and appealing for volunteers - but were you aware that there used to be more to it! See the pictures on the following page and spot the difference! At some stage since the Victorian period, the tower was rounded off above the arch and has lost a 'window'. When we are not sure. Maybe someone has information about this? To view Old John at Easter - bookings are not been taken, it will be a turn up and be patient to view the tower and surrounding scenery.

Old John replaced a windmill that was severely damaged in a violent storm in 1784 . The mason who built it was Thomas Sketchley

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from Anstey who was employed by the Earl of Stamford. It may have originally been built as a mock ruin and changed to provide shelter. An etching of 1792 shows Old John without its crenellations or windows which implies that it would have originally been open. Thomas was known to have returned to carry out further work on the tower and it is thought this is when the changes were made. The upper floor is reached via a narrow staircase inside the tower which gives superb views over the parkland. Both ground and first floor have slate fireplaces.

Old John is located at the highest point in Bradgate Park and the second highest in Leicestershire at 690 feet above sea level. From here the Earl of Stamford would have

been able to view his race horses as he had a race course set out around the hill and we can view today's visitors to the park!

One of the Legends about Old John is that it was named after a miller known as Old John who was struck and killed by a burning pole at a bonfire to celebrate the Earl of Stamford's son's coming of age that was lit on John Hill. However the facts do not support this theory as the tower was built two years before the bonfire





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## Village Ramblers

Eleven ramblers and three dogs set out on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March from The Waterside Inn on Sibley Road, Mountsorrel for a circular walk around the village. Fortunately the weather was dry if rather grey.

We crossed the bridge over the canal taking in the pretty picture of locks, boats, swans and ducks and made our way by the Peace Gardens to the replica 15<sup>th</sup> century market cross. We then crossed the road towards the Buttermarket which was erected in 1793 to replace the original market cross now standing in Swithland.

Since the opening of the A6 bypass the environment has been transformed. It has removed the old A6 traffic and quarry traffic and some of the buildings now have the protection of being listed.

From the Buttermarket we proceeded up towards Castle Hill where the War Memorial is now sited on what was once a Motte and Bailey castle. The views across the Soar Valley were magnificent.

Our walk continued through the castle gardens, the village green and along country lanes towards the recently built Mountsorrel Heritage Railway station platform on Bond Lane. From here it was a short walk to Nunckley Hill Station and Heritage Centre, built on the site of the old Nunckley Hill



NL Ramblers enjoy a cuppa at Granite's Coffee Shop, Mountsorrel

Quarry where we stopped for a welcome cup of tea/ice cream at the Granite Cafe. The museum here tells the story of the railway restoration. We returned to our starting point through centenary wood and the Mountsorrel quarry workings onto the old A6 and back to the Waterside Inn.

**Pat Woodward**

The next village walk is on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Leader Claire and Joe Costello. Meet opposite the village hall at 2pm.



Newtown Linford Cricket Club

# Junior Cricket 2017

## Junior Signing on Night

### Friday 21st April

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## First Training Night

### Friday 28th April



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## Newtown Linford Gardening Club

In February, we were entertained by a wonderful speaker, Arthur Parkinson, who has packed an enormous amount into his youthful twenty four years. We learned how, through his own initiative, he had been to college; worked on a training scheme at Kew; walked 7 miles to see Sarah Raven and ended up house sitting for her and working in her garden. Finally he met up with Emma Bridgewater at her pottery in Stoke and turned a concrete car park into a garden specialising in producing cut flowers for the pottery gift shop and restaurant. His knowledge was immense and he spoke without notes for an hour and a half, covering a range of subjects before finishing off with a very concise and informative section all about dahlias. This is a young man who will go far and we were privileged to hear him speak at such an early stage in his career.

28<sup>th</sup> April is the date of our AGM and we again invite Members to join us on the Committee or put forward ideas for discussion. Our membership now exceeds 100 and we are being recognised as one of the more prestigious Garden Clubs in the region.

Our speaker on this occasion is Jack Willgoss one of the founders of the relatively new nursery Wildgoose. Their stand of violas was one of the great talking points of the Chelsea Flower Show a couple of years ago and they were catapulted on to the scene as a leading nursery of these plants. They are now one of the national authorities on violas in the country and we will have an opportunity to see and perhaps buy some of the latest blooms to come on to the market.

We have welcomed a large number of new members this year and will be pleased if others want to join us. If you are interested in our activities just 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.

Anne and David Couling

## Patricia Brooks Parkinson (Pat)

Pat died on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and a Service of Thanksgiving for her life was held in All Saints Church, Newtown Linford on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Pat was born on 18<sup>th</sup> November 1925 in Preston, Lancashire. Her father, Billy, was a Sea Captain and the family lived in India as he navigated ships up the Ganges. Her mother, Flo, was expected to enter into the social life in what was then the days of Raj. She was looked after by an Ayah who she loved very much. At the age of eight she was sent home to England with her younger sister Shirley to live with her grandparents and attend boarding school where she had to look after Shirley. She only saw her parents about every three years after that.



Pat never married although she did meet a Jewish boy who she went out to Israel with but sadly that did not work out. Her sister married Martin and Pat enjoyed being Aunt to their children, Peter, Louise and Steve.

Upon returning to England from Israel she and her friend Christine decided to leave Preston and stuck a pin in the map, Leicestershire was chosen. They both lived happily on Hinckley Road and in Oadby, Glenfield and finally Newtown Linford in three different houses. During the 1950s Pat taught firstly at Melbourne Road Infant School subsequently taking a degree in order to teach the mentally handicapped. Christine also taught in various schools subsequently becoming Head Teacher at Forest Lodge, New Parks. As they got older they decided they needed to live on the level and moved into the annexe of Stone Cottage where their friend Carol lived. Christine died in 2008 and by then Pat had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

Whilst living in Newtown Linford they kept ponies in their field and always had Yorkshire Terriers. They enjoyed many happy hours walking the dogs in the park.

Their friend and neighbour Carol looked after Pat allowing her to remain in own home until the end. Carol would like to thank everyone for their support and kindness and also for their generous donations for the Alzheimer's Society and Dementia U.K. Also, a special mention for the Rev. Richard Trethewey for taking the Service and also to Colin and Shirley from the P.O. Café for providing lovely refreshments at very short notice.

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## Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



All seems very quiet on the crime front. There was a report of damage at the top of Sharpley Hill which I assume is the double decker bus café again.

The Police Beat Team have been unable to attend our Parish Council meetings for the last couple of months. Hopefully we will see them soon.

It is time to start thinking about Speedwatch again but I suspect that we will not do it this year due to lack of support but I will keep you informed. It goes without saying that volunteers would be appreciated!!!

I see that from 1<sup>st</sup> March the penalty for texting on your mobile phone whilst driving is a £200 fine with six penalty points. Don't let it be you. It cannot be me because I wear distance glasses to drive and I would need my reading glasses to text!

There are reports of several email scams: Some claim to be from FedEx saying they have tried to deliver you a parcel and some say your PayPal account is not up to date. Remember to study an email very carefully before opening. Whilst viewing the unopened email have a look at the address line at the top. It is often a foreign Country and looks quite gobbledegook. A Parish Clerk from elsewhere in England recently opened an email. It contained a phishing link which took out all the Parish Council records. That has me worried.

The new Parish Council and Neighbourhood Watch closed Group on Face book is growing. There are now fifty-one members. If you are a member of Facebook and have not joined, please find Newtown Linford Parish Council and NHW Group and request to join. Or find my name and click to be my friend. I will then add you to the Group and unfriend you. I am now reassembling those who are not on Facebook into mailing Groups direct from my Orange server. This does not allow such good formatting but it is the best I can do.

Pam McMorrان.....NHW Co-ordinator  
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## Lydia Knott's 80th Birthday

Lydia Knott who retired as Parish Clerk after 44 years at the end of August 2016 celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the 26<sup>th</sup> February. She is seen here in the photograph with partner Chris and son and daughter Helen and Peter. Lydia was born in Nuremberg, Germany and came to live in England at the age of nine. She married John and came to live in Newtown Linford firstly on Warren Hill and subsequently in Groby Lane. After bringing up her two children she decided it was time to give something back to the village.

The previous Clerk, Connie Stopper, who also lived in Groby Lane, was moving away and persuaded Lydia to take on the job saying: - there's nothing to it. This was in August 1972. Lydia says despite this promise of a little job it turned into something that consumed her life. Further she says after meeting other Clerks and hearing their problems over the attitude of their Councillors and Residents she is pleased she was with Newtown Linford Parish Council, as she has always found the Councillors and Residents have been most polite and kind to her.



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The Churchyard was closed about 1960 and the Parish Council has responsibility for its maintenance although All Saints retains ownership and any work carried out there must be authorized by the Church Authorities in the form of a Faculty Application. Several of the graves are getting dangerous and both the All Saints PCC and the Parish Council believe the way forward is to stand the gravestones round the wall. A number have already been dealt with in this way. It renders them safer and makes for ease of grass cutting. I noticed Markfield Church has virtually all its stones standing in this manner. Before we can apply for the Faculty to move them, we must be certain that the successors in title of those buried do not wish to pay for them to be stood up again. Below is the list of graves that may be affected. If you believe someone is in your family and you wish to comment, please contact the Clergy, Church Wardens or the Parish Clerk. The lead Councillor for the Churchyard is Councillor Stuart Eyre.

William Banm (sic), Percy Cross, John Johnson died 26<sup>th</sup> May 1890, Thomas Beck.

The broken Springer in the Bob Bown Playing Field has now been repaired. The Council is looking to replace the football nets with plastic rather than rope which seems to rot away quite quickly. We also believe it is safer for the children. Councillors Sue Colebeck and Stuart Eyre are the lead Councillors for the Playing Field and they inspect it once a week. If you spot anything untoward, please let them know. Their details can be found on the website.

The Cemetery extension continues to progress and we hope to be able to offer graves there by the end of the year. The fees for the Cemetery can be found on the website are in the shelter at the cemetery. The lead Councillor for the cemetery in the Registrar of Burial's absence is Council Rob Haylock. Again, his details can be found on the website.

Several residents have offered to purchase trees in memory of loved ones. All offers gratefully accepted. The Woodlands Trust awarded us 30 whips and these are being tended by our Tree Warden Brian Anderson until they are planted.

The Council has asked the same company to provide the plant hangers on the lamppost in the centre of village for the coming year. There are ten of them, two each on five lampposts.

Three residents have agreed to water the troughs near to their homes. For this we thank them. We have not yet found anyone for the two troughs in front of the Church wall but we are hoping a member of the congregation will do that. There is a water tap and watering can at the Church. These five troughs have faded and will be painted green to match the waste bins in the spring.

The Councillors continue to deal with Planning Applications as expediently as possible and our Tree Warden is always in demand giving helpful advice to anyone who requires it. Find his details on the website.

The next two Parish Council meetings are on Mondays 27<sup>th</sup> April and 24<sup>th</sup> May starting at 7.15. Please note this is a new time. We are hoping that Peter Tyldesley from the Bradgate Park Trust will be coming to the April meeting to speak to the Councillors about their concerns over parking in the village.

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