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The Bradgate Team Parish

It seems to me...

That Christmas is all about contrasts...

Recently I had the pleasure of venturing to our capital city and taking some time to visit a few of those well known and famous London department stores. As you would expect in the middle of November, they were all full of the initial offerings of glitz and glamour for the Christmas period and they were also not surprisingly extremely busy with tourists buying what they must have thought were the ultimate in British festive decorations. With the saying *'when in Rome do as the Romans'* resounding in my mind, I set off to find the 'Christmas Floor' in one particular store.

This happened to be the whole of the fourth floor and having taken the decision to work off the rather heavy lunch that I had earlier consumed, I set off up the stairs. I was somewhere between the second and third floor when I came to an abrupt hold as there in front of me, hanging on the wall, was an object of great familiarity. Having just finished the various Remembrance Day and Armistice Day services, there was no mistaking the British Legion wreath nor the carved wooden memorial to staff members from the store who had lost their lives in both world wars. On the way to the

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the last thing that I had expected to see, and what a contrast it proved to be. With all the joys of Christmas just one floor above, the sadness of death through war brought a reality of what life is actually all about.

And I have been further reminded of this by the terrible events in Paris, still unfolding as I write this, the loss of life through the terrorist attacks and the tangible outpouring of grief as witnessed through the images screened on our televisions. But therein lies another great contrast, the sadness of the Parisian attacks set alongside an international football match played between England and France. The score whilst deemed to be of no importance was heavily broadcast, along with the joy of the winning England team and the usual interviews of the winning team's captain and goal scorers.

Such contrasts are in reality a fact of life, and of course not just restricted to secular living. Within the Church we are currently in a period known as 'Kingdom Season' where we bring a focus through hymns and readings to Jesus as the King of God's great Kingdom. This period running through much of November leads us up to Advent Sunday and then of course the preparation for Christmas with the focus to Jesus as that tiny new born baby. Through the account of the nativity, as recorded by our gospel writers, we are also encouraged to hold the contrast of a new born human yet at the same acknowledging that this child is also truly divine, God's only Son. Of course, perhaps the ultimate contrast of Christmas, is the fact that such an important, world and life changing event took place not in a regal palace but in a humble stable in Bethlehem.

But such comparisons and contrasting viewpoints should not surprise us, after all we are requested to live in a world where in the main the Christian values that we hold to be important are not deemed by society to be of the same value. When we truly live out our lives as God asks of us we are seen to be in contrast to modern ways and living, and perhaps the Christmas period with its focus to outright consumerism is where it is most starkly marked and felt.

Yes, I was surprised to find the war memorial and wreath in Libertys, but to be honest I was glad as it provided a reminder to me of what life (and death) is truly about and a sense of contrast as to what Christmas is really about when set against our society's interpretation.

Wishing you a very peaceful, happy and surprising Christmas.

Revd Peter

VILLAGE DIARY

December

- 2nd Bradgate Flower Club
5/6th Bradgate Park Christmas Fair
12th Village Ramblers
13th Christingle Church Service 10.30am
13th Carol Singing at the Linford with Ratby Brass Band 6.30pm
17th Choral Society - come and sing Carols Village Hall 7pm
19th Church open - light a candle for a loved one
20th Carols by Candlelight Church Service
21st Parish Council Meeting
24th Crib Service in Church 5.30pm

January 2016

- 9th Village Ramblers
18th Parish Council Meeting
18th Friends of Charnwood Forest

March 2016

- 4th/5th Music of the Masters
12th Brownies Rummage Sale

Regular events

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday afternoon | Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall |
| Mondays 8pm at the Church | Bell Ringing |
| Tuesday afternoons 3-5pm | Mothers and Toddlers (SS Rooms) |
| 4th Tuesday of the month | Gardening Club |
| 1st Wednesday of the month | Flower 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 (will restart in Spring) | Phone 01530 245373 for more info |

ADVANCE NOTICE

BROWNIES RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday 12TH MARCH 2016

5 If you are having a sort out in the New Year - please keep items for the
Brownie Rummage Sale

Coffee & Cake @ Newtown Linford Village Hall

Thursday Morning 11.15am - Free

All Welcome - All Ages



December

3rd Carol Ann Sugden and Gillian Cooper.

The village School children will be visiting to sing Carols.

10th Village Christmas Lunch

17th Sarah Raynor and Carmel 01530 249206

January

7th Carolyn & Charlotte Turner 01530 249173

14th Bev Griffiths & Sue Dobby 01530 245366

21st Janet & David Brunton 01530 242662

28th Katy Cook & Haley 0116 2362521

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 everyone to catch up on village news
and activities and to meet your fellow neighbours**

On **Wednesday 2nd December**,
Bradgate Flower Club welcomes Lorena Dyer from Coventry.

She will follow a seasonal theme, 'It's Christmas - **let's Sparkle!**'

Regrettably, this is the last ever meeting of the Club. We invite former members, friends and visitors to join us for this, our final demonstration. We meet at Newtown Linford Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

**Bradgate
Flower
Club**



Visitors are welcome. A charge of £5 is made.

Details from

Lillian Coleman on 0116 2363191.

Chris Beardshaw comes to Newtown Linford Gardening Club



The latest celebrity evening at **Newtown Linford Gardening Club** saw TV gardener Chris Beardshaw delight a full hall of 150 people as he told us all about his gold medal garden at Chelsea two years ago. This garden spotlighted the charity which supports sufferers of arthritis and was designed to show the different sensations which arthritis sufferers experience and the plants which can be used to relieve the pain and discomfort of arthritis.

The garden became a personal project because Chris has suffered from arthritis since childhood. It was designed to have three sections; one showing the despair of severe suffering; one to show the hope of having relief and a third to show the joy of feeling free from pain. He chose some trees which were gnarled and twisted for his first section and bright cheerful ones for the final area.

The centrepiece of his seated area in a spectacular glass shelter was a frankincense bush which we know as a gift from the Magi to the baby Jesus as it is a cure for pain and suffering. We learnt that there are quite a lot of plants which herbalists can use to relieve suffering and that different people can get relief by omitting certain foods from their diet.

As he was speaking to a hall full of gardeners he concentrated some of his time on explaining which plants he had chosen for the three areas and showed us how these plants can be enhanced by the way they are combined in a bed. Because most of these plants were ones readily available in local garden centres this was especially useful to his audience.

He finally told us that our gardens should reflect our own personal feelings and that the word 'garden' comes from the word for paradise. We should, therefore, look at our own gardens and ask ourselves whether it was the place where we would like to spend our time in eternity. If the answer is 'yes' then our gardens are right for us, but a 'no' response should lead to us altering the offending area and planting something which we would like.



We had a wonderful evening listening to a very gifted speaker and a highly knowledgeable gardener, who sent us away feeling royally entertained and inspired to approach our gardens with a fresh eye and renewed enthusiasm.

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News from the Park Winter Arrives



I said in last month's column that the balmy Autumn we had been enjoying would surely end sooner or later. Well it did and all of a sudden on the 2nd November. Sunday 1st November was an unseasonably warm day: the Newtown Linford car park and all the overflow capacity was full to bursting (we had to shut the gates at one stage) and I led a guided tour in shirt sleeves. The following day it all changed – the Park was blanketed in thick fog all day and we even had to mount a Search and Rescue operation for a lady with a small baby who had got lost in the fog as darkness fell. Thankfully everyone got home safely in the end.

The Rangers are now settling into the winter work routine of deer management and forestry together with finally tackling those little maintenance jobs that have been waiting all summer.

The Park has traditionally had a very rigid 'season' lasting from April to October, at end of which everything stopped and we all went into hibernation. This winter we are keeping a few things going on the basis that people want to get out and about at all times of the year, albeit in smaller numbers.

We are opening the Ruins on Sundays between 10am and 4pm. This is subject to the ground condition being suitable but, despite a spell of wet weather, everything has held up so far.

The drive-through scheme for Blue Badge holders is very popular and allows people who cannot walk into the Park, or at least not walk very far, to drive in and park at the rear of the Ruins or outside the Deer Barn Tea-room. The drive-through has always finished at the end of October but this winter will be operating on Sundays between 10am and 2pm. We operate a permit system for our regular users but welcome anyone with a Blue Badge – worth remembering if you have a disabled or elderly friend or relative visiting and want to show them the Park. The drive-through will not operate on 27th December or 3rd January.

The last guided walk usually takes place at the end of October or beginning of November. On Saturday 9th January we will be running our first 'Ramble with a Ranger' walk. These will be longer walks lasting around 6 hours and covering the Park from top to bottom including visits inside the Ruins and Old John Tower. Places are pre-bookable via the Estate Office and cost £15 per head. We hope to run a 'Ramble with a Ranger' walk¹¹ every month.

The excavation of the Upper Palaeolithic site at the end of Little Matlock is progressing well with well over 1,000 finds being catalogued. Most of these are tiny pieces of flint 'debitage' or flakes that have been chipped off as waste products of the knapping process but the archaeologists have recovered a very important collection of projectile tips, scrapers and piercers, which has confirmed the site's international significance.

I mentioned last month that we are working on a special event for next summer and I can now reveal that we will be staging a 'Last Night of the Proms' concert with the Bardi Wind Orchestra on Saturday 16th July. Full details including ticket prices will be announced shortly.

Preparations are well advanced for the Christmas Fair on 5th/6th December and we have some new stallholders this year as well as a number of additions and improvements to the programme.

The tearooms will be closed for Christmas from 23rd to 26th December, reopening on Saturday 27th.

It was disappointing that a number of our Christmas Fair banners were stolen from Hallgates and Hunts Hill car parks on the evening of 2nd November. If anyone has any information concerning these thefts I should be grateful if they could inform Leicestershire Police quoting Incident Number 154 0310)

It only remains for me to thank all village residents for your support and forbearance over the past year and to wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Peter Tyldesley

Booking of Village Facilities

To book the Village Hall (Residents only)
call Pat Wood on 242251.

To book the Sunday School Room
£10 per hour, £15 for two hours, £20 for 3 hours, £45 per day

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**THE FRIENDS OF
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President: Mrs Janie Martin

Charnwood Forest: a Living Landscape

Talk by Michael Jeeves

Monday 18th January 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall

Michael Jeeves has been Head of Conservation, Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust for the last 25 years.

The Charnwood Forest Living Landscape project aims to conserve and enhance the unique wildlife, geology and character of Charnwood Forest. The project is led by the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust and is supported by Aggregate Industries.

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 Newtown Linford Cricket Club

Sponsorship starts from as little as £50 with a limited number of opportunities also available on the Club's new playing kit.

Current on-going projects include a new scorer's facility, disabled toilet, double-bay practice nets and a fourth sight screen.

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Brownies

On Thursday 5th November 2015 the Brownies went to Brown Owl's House for a small bonfire. We had to bring a knife, fork, plate and mug because Brown Owl had cooked jacket potato, beans and sausage. We sang songs in Brown Owl's garage, toasted marshmallows



on the fire and had glow sticks. Brown Owl made us all a hot chocolate and then we finished the night with sweets. What a great way to spend bonfire night!

Mia Ashworth-Gardiner age 9





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Village Ramblers.

Due to really bad weather i.e. torrential rain, we abandoned our November walk and headed for the Griffin Inn where we spent a very enjoyable hour talking about rambling!

If you haven't been on a village ramble and would like to come along for a pleasant afternoon walk of approx 4 miles you will be made very welcome. The walks are varied and often very interesting. They are not always directly from the Village in which case we share cars. We recommend that you wear walking boots or shoes and keep your dog on a lead or under control. The walks are usually on the second Saturday of each month.

Our December walk will be on Saturday 12th and will start at the earlier time of 11.00am due to the reduced daylight hours. Please meet opposite the Village Hall. The walk will be local and will be followed by lunch at The Bradgate at 1.00pm.

The walk will be led by Ed Killick 01530 249589. Please let him know if you would like to have lunch, so that enough seats can be reserved. Other halves, past members etc are welcome to join in with the lunch, during which we hope to organise leaders for our walks in 2016.

2016 date for the diary

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Family Services over Christmas and the New Year



Christingle Service - 13th December

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www.childrenssociety.org.uk



What is the meaning of Christingle?

- + The orange represents the world
- + The red ribbon indicates the love and blood of Jesus Christ
- + The dried fruit (or in our case the sweets) are the fruits of the earth, symbols of Gods love and also represent the four seasons of the year.
- + The lit candle symbolises Jesus, the light of the world, who brings hope to people living in darkness

Crib Service - Christmas Eve - 5.30pm

Come along to the family service on Christmas Eve and experience the true meaning of Christmas. An opportunity for all the family to get together and celebrate the forthcoming birth of Christ. Listen to the Nativity Story and sing simple Christmas Carols together.





We will be welcoming a new Rector for Newtown Linford and Glenfield. Richard Trethewey will be joining us in February. He will be coming from Knowle Parish Church in Solihull. Richard will move into the Rectory which is located in Glenfield and we will be welcoming him and his new bride to our community.

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—December

NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10am	3rd			
GROBY	Wed	9.30am	2nd	9th	16th	23rd
RATBY	Thur	9.30am		10th		

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If you do not at present have a Verger but would be interested in hosting a meeting of the Branch or for any further information please contact the Secretary Mrs Kathryn Mobbs Dip GV(hons)

30 Wanlip Avenue, Birstall Leicester LE4 4JP

Tel 0116 2677156

Email Clivekathryn@yahoo.co.uk

Or Miss Marjorie Thomas Dip GV at 4 Forest Close, Groby LE6 0BW

BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES

December 2015

DATE	GROBY	RATBY	NEWTOWN LINFORD
6th Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)	
	9.30am Family Service (LC)	10.00am Christingle (PH/RC)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (LC)		
13th Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent			8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (RC)	10.30am Christingle (PH)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (KW)	6.30pm Carol Service (PH)	
20th Dec 4th Sunday of Advent	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)		
	9.30am Nativity Play (LC)	10.00am Morning Prayer (RC)	10.30am Holy Communion (PH)
	6.30pm Carol Service (LC)	6.00pm Holy Communion (RC)	6.00pm Carol Service (PH)
24th Dec Christmas Eve	6.00pm Special Service (LC)	4.00pm Crib Service (PH/RC)	5.30pm Crib Service (PH)
	11.00pm Midnight Mass (LC)	11.30pm Midnight Mass (RC)	11.30pm Midnight Mass (PH)
25th Dec Christmas Day	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)	
	10.00am Christmas Service (LC)	10.30am Christmas Service (PH)	9.15am Holy Communion (PH)
27th December 1st Sunday of Christmas 10.00am Family Communion (LC) Parish Service held at Groby Church			

BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES

January 2016

DATE	GROBY	RATBY	NEWTOWN LINFORD
3rd January Epiphany	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)	
	9.30am Christingle (LC)	10.00am Worship 4 All (PH)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (LC)		
10th January Baptism of Christ			8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (RC)	10.30am Family Communion (PH)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (PH)		
17th January Christian Unity	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)		
	10.00am Special Service (LC)	10.00am Special Service at the Methodist church (RC)	10.30am Holy Communion (PH)
	6.30pm Taize (LC)	6.00pm Holy Communion (PH)	
24th January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany			8.00am Holy Communion (LC)
	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am Morning Prayer (KW)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (KW)		
31st January Presentation of Christ	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)		8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
	9.30am Morning Worship (Team)	10.00am Special Baptism Reun- ion Service (PH/RC)	10.30am Holy Communion (FB)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (LC)		

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—January 2016

	NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10am	7th		
25	GROBY	Wed	9.30am	6th	13th	20th 27th
	RATBY	Thur	9.30am		14th	28th

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25th October ~ Annabelle Eleanor Jelley

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Funerals

27th October ~ Monica Barker, formerly of Main Street

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and pray that they may find peace through faith in Jesus Christ
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Regular Events - Bell ringer's practice: Monday 8pm



19th December

Church Open 10 - 4pm

We are opening the Church between 10 and 4pm for anyone who would like to come into Church and light a candle. It might be to remember a loved one, to offer a prayer for a loved one who will not be with you this Christmas. It might be just to have a little space. It doesn't matter whether you normally go to Church or not, you will be very welcome. The time will just be your own and no one will bother you, but if you do want to talk there will be some one in the Church all day.

Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight

20th December

Nine lessons and Carol Service at 6pm followed by home made mince pies and mulled wine.

Every one is welcome to come along and join in with celebrating the birth of Christ as we prepare for Christmas. An opportunity to listen quietly to the nine lessons telling the story of



the birth of Jesus and enjoy the carols and candlelight. The Church is dimmed for this service and afterwards everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy refreshments and the fellowship of their friends and other villagers.

Thank You. Betty would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who agreed to bake and supply the home made mince pies for us all to enjoy. Thank you very much.

24th December Midnight Mass

We would like to welcome you to Church at 11.30pm to celebrate Midnight mass, to celebrate the birth of Christ.

25th December Christmas Day Service

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Newtown Linford Primary School



The Dedication Service of Newtown Linford Primary School's War Memorial Stone



Newtown Linford Primary School is now one of only a very few schools to have within its grounds its own War Memorial and of this we are very proud.

We held our Dedication Service on Tuesday 10th November which was led by Revd. Peter Hooper and we were highly honoured that our Memorial was unveiled by Lady Gretton who, as Lord-Lieutenant, is the official representative of Her Majesty The Queen for the County and City of Leicester.



We were also very fortunate to have Mr D Snartt, Chairman of Leicestershire County Council, the Mayor and Mayoress of Charnwood and Col.R Martin OBE DL, President of Leicestershire and Rutland County Royal British Legion in attendance. Mr David Snartt has been a significant part of our school life for many years. He grew up living next to the school, attended the school and



years, holding the position of Chair and Vice Chair of Governors.

It was a very thought provoking Service as children read out poems they had written about the war, read most of the prayers and placed a wreath on the stone. All our Y5/6 children also played on their brass instruments

Abide with Me. Every child was part of the Service along with a number of local residents and family members of children at our school and it ended with children giving out



thank you gifts to our special guests and those who have been instrumental in enabling us to have our War Memorial. After the service we shared refreshments and raised money for The British Legion by selling cakes. On display here was children's work which showed what the Memorial meant to them, poetry they had written and research they had carried out about Lady Gretton, the Cenotaph, The British Legion and the poppy. The work produced about Lady Gretton was also presented to her.



The start of the journey to having our own War Memorial began over a year ago with our award winning entry in the Scarecrow Festival telling the War Story of 'Stanley Smith.' Our scarecrows

³⁰ showed his marriage, time in the trenches and also him being nursed

by Edith Cavell. The children also included as part of the display a significant amount of written work which showed their level of interest and how important remembrance was to them. We were very proud to have won the Group Entry and also the People's Choice within the competition and over the weekend our school was a focal point within the village as our scare-crows and the children's work was discussed time and time again.



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The messages written by the children on poppies and by people who visited our display over the weekend were made into a memorial and laid on the grave of Private Joseph Spence on Remembrance Day last year. Here we met Mr Terry Spence, his grandson and we have enjoyed keeping in touch with him. We were very pleased he was also able to join us at our Dedication Service.

At Christmas our oldest children acted out the Christmas Truce and also shared with us poetry they had written during their English unit of work studying war poetry.

It was at this point Mrs French one of our Teaching Assistants started working hard with Mr Rowlinson to enable us to have our own War Memorial. Without their hard work and dedication we wouldn't have our stone today and to them we are truly grateful. Donations received from the Parish Council, a local resident and also Friends of Newtown Linford Primary School enabled this memorial to be funded within our school. Old Cliff Quarry also chose and donated the beautiful piece of stone.



Our stone will now become the focus of our remembrance in future years. More importantly, however, it will be a stimulus for all of our pupils as they learn about the ultimate sacrifices made.



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Until the sun comes out to play.



Still then the world is sad,
Full of rage and anger,
Still then the world is bad,
The enemies speaking slander

People dying, children crying,
Mothers filled with fear,
Fathers fighting, forces uniting,
"I will be home soon dear."



Guns shooting, sirens hooting,
Many people perishing,
In the fires, barred with wires,
For life, they were relishing

By Natalie

Stones

My feet slip along the stones,
Just as they did those many years ago,
For those men who did not return home,
As their bodies are motionless, they still glow.

As we rush through life,
As merry as can be,
They fought, they died,
For you and for me.

Those grey skies, those sunken faces,
Those taken lives,
Those different places.

As we gather around the stone,
Just as they did those many years ago,
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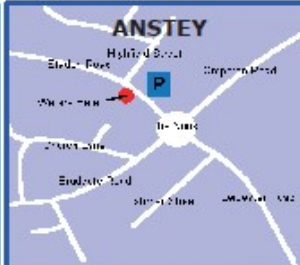
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To think that people were dying
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In the fires, life expires
Burnt down to a crisp
Masks on, job done
Suffocating in the mist

We all tire from this new empire
From keeping ourselves alive
So lets unite and stop the fight
And get on with our lives

By Jolie



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Village Hall News

The AGM of Newtown Linford Village Hall Charitable Trust will take place on **1st February 2016** in the Small Hall at 19:30. All residents within the Parish are welcome to attend, although only those over 18 may vote.

THE Agenda will be as follows:-

Apologies for Absence

Minutes of 2015 AGM, and matters arising

Reports from:-

Chairman

Treasurer (including accounts)

Social Secretary

Booking Secretary

Bar Manager

Notification of Appointed members*

Election of 8 committee members

Consideration of the following proposed changes to the Trust Deed

Removal of 3 year limitation on Chairman's term of office

Permitting decisions to be made by Electronic communication

Miscellaneous minor changes to bring the Trust Deed up to date

* All Village organisations are entitled to nominate a representative. Nominations are currently made by Bradgate Drama, the Choir, the Flower and Gardening Clubs and the Parish Council.

The Committee is always looking for new blood, and at least one of the existing elected members will be standing down at the AGM. If you are interested in serving on the Committee, please discuss with me on 245298 or come to the meeting. Please also contact me if you would like details of the proposed amendments to the Trust Deed.

Toby Manning,

Chairman

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June 2004

June 2004 saw the official re-opening of Newtown Linford Village Hall. We (Newtown Linford Villagers) celebrated the re-opening of our 75 year old Village Hall after it underwent a £250,000 makeover.



Pictured at the re-opening of the Village Hall are from left, Michael Upstone Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, Ken Waterfall, Chairman of Newtown Linford Parish Council, Mayoress and Mayor Marj and Mike Jones and Charnwood Borough Councillor David Snartt

The Hall had been closed since October 2003 after a Village Appraisal revealed that most residents wanted to see improvements made to the building which was used by many clubs and societies in the village.

The Village Hall Committee raised more than £20,000 towards the scheme and obtained grants from the Community Fund, Charnwood Borough Council, Leicestershire County Council's Shires and Flag grants, Wren (Waste Recycling Group) and support from Newtown Linford Parish Council.

Work included repairs to the roof, a complete overhaul and redecoration of the main hall and small hall, kitchen, toilets, as well as other improvements. Completion of the work was marked in style by a 1950s/60s Music Evening on Friday 18th June 2004



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After a long and useful conversation with BT I have arrived at the following conclusion: if you use your PC/laptop/tablet merely for emails and a bit of web surfing, it is unlikely high speed broadband (HSBB) would be in your best interests. Although the price is so reasonable you may want it anyway. Here are some salient points:

For 25 Markfield Lane my charges would increase by £5 per month for an increase in speed from 10 Mbits to 35 Mbits. The ultra fast broadband is really only for hardened online gamers who take pride in knowing the difference between their motherboard RAM and their graphics card RAM.

You would need to be hard wired (including mains adapters) to your hub to gain the full benefits of HSBB, although BT do offer a gadget, at a price, that improves Wi-Fi network reception, I surmise this will be still heavily dependent upon your house wall thickness and distance from the hub.

You will get a free 5th generation Hub that in itself is a great benefit. If you have or are likely to get a 4K/UHD television you are unlikely to be able to watch 4K films without HSBB. BT currently stream BT Sports in 4K and have promised to show movies, through Netflix, "hopefully soon". If you have an old or slow computer (less than 4GB of RAM) it is unlikely to be able to benefit from HSBB.

In conclusion, although I shall be upgrading because that's my thing, it is unlikely that the increased speed of sending an email because the side panel advert stream faster would warrant the hassle and expense of HSBB. Perhaps wait until you upgrade your computer.

P.S.

Windows 10 looks good. Although there are many scare stories floating around and the activation of Cortana the voice recognition app in the UK is a definite problem, I would still recommend the acceptance of Microsoft's offer of a free upgrade while it lasts. So if you have the windows 10 icon appearing on your task bar I suggest you go for it and call me if you have any problems. You may also wish to watch the excellent Windows 10 video tutorial on you tube.

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I have briefly looked into protection against fraud and there may be other companies who offer this service but the one I was told about is CIFAS. You pay a fee to register and the following is a brief piece from their website. At least one of the two residents affected has registered and knows the systems works.

How does it work?

When you request Protective Registration, we place a warning flag against your name and other personal details in our National Fraud Database.

This tells any organisation that uses Cifas data to pay special attention when your details are used to apply for their products or services. Knowing you're at risk, they'll carry out extra checks to make sure it's really you applying, and not a fraudster using your details.

Cifas Protective Registration does not affect your credit score. It is a fraud prevention measure and not a form of insurance against losses caused by fraud. You can have your Protective Registration removed at any time by writing to the address below.

Cifas Protective Registration will not be for everyone. Cifas Protective Registration is only for people whose identities are at heightened risk. The service works by prompting Cifas members to carry out extra checks to prove your identity to prevent further fraud. This can mean that genuine applications take slightly longer to process while checks are carried out.

High-speed Broadband I am told as I write this copy (29th October) that high-speed broadband has been operational for three weeks. You can
43 not take advantage of it without entering into a new contract with

your provider. I looked at my provider and it looked like it will cost me another £14 per month but one resident tells me it cost him no more so look into it thoroughly before you enter into a new contract. There are two speeds 30 and 70 but I am told no-one needs 70 and that is very expensive. Apparently 30 is very good but to be honest most people do not even need the high-speed at all. It is those who run companies from home and spend a lot of time on skype and video links who do. (see page 41 for more information).

With thanks to the residents who have supplied this information who for obvious reasons I cannot name.

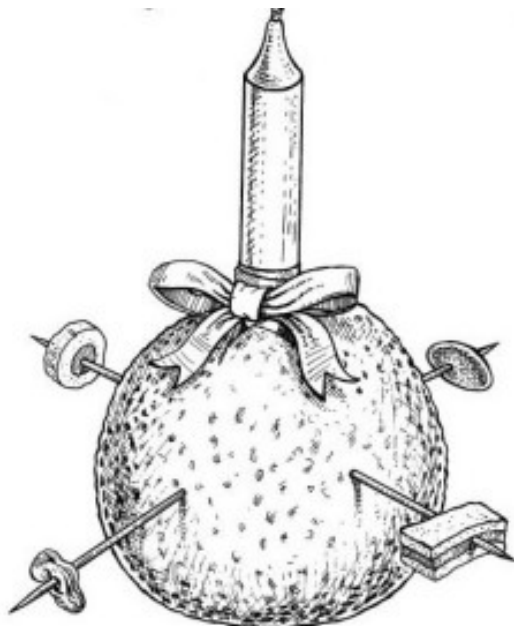
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Newtown Linford Parish Council

Our Parish Council December meeting is on Monday 21st December 2015 and the January one on Monday 18th 2016. We would love to see you. The Parish Council meets in the small room of the Village Hall. Enter by side entrance. If you wish to discuss a particular topic, it would be helpful to let the Parish Clerk know before hand.

We would like to thank the resident who has allowed a new green grit bin containing 400 Litres of rock salt to be installed on their land at the top of Bracken Hill. This will be very useful as winter now comes upon us!

If we haven't wished you a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Wonderful 2016, let me do it now!!

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