

Newtown Linford Magazine



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Join the song

Why is it that some things stick in our memories? I cannot claim to have the greatest memory in the world – I am shortly off to a re-union of the staff of the hotel I worked in thirty years ago. I am very tempted to suggest we all wear name badges as I am certain that I won't be able to remember half the names, let alone put them to the very changed faces. But there are some things which stick; for me, sometimes completely random facts and or information. And sometimes songs. Recently our community hosted nostalgic evenings of music. Why is it that we can forget a name or a face, yet seem to remember the melody and lyrics of a song from 30 years ago without flaw?

I find that with hymns and songs at Church. There are Sundays when trying to choose something both appropriate and familiar seems impossible, 'we haven't sung that for a year!' comes the complaint, 'We don't know it!'. Yet all we need to hear is the opening chord of 'Hark the herald angels' or that solitary voice with the first note of 'Once in royal David's city' and the whole carol is there entire with us, despite the twelve months that have passed since it last was on our lips.

Something about these carols finds deep roots in us. Maybe partly it is just the repetition – some of them have been sung every year of our life. Or maybe it is that they contain such profound messages of meaning which is often absent from our day-to-

day life, of peace and hope and joy, of a Saviour, a God who loves us enough to give himself to us and for us, that we cannot help but join the song of the angels: a Saviour is born! Peace on earth, goodwill to all. So make sure this year you take the chance to join the song at a Carol Service, Crib Service, Christmas Communion, online or onsite. Happy Christmas!

Richard Trethewey, Rector of All Saints' Newtown Linford



VILLAGE DIARY

Regular events

December

- 1st Start of Village Advent Windows
- 7th Village Christmas Fayre and Tree Festival
- 14th Come and Sing Carols
- 17th Family Treasure Hunt



January

- 14th Bradgate Rotary - Freeze your bits off - Bra walk
- 27th Choral Society

Mondays

- 9.30 Slimming & Fitness, The Linford
- 1.30 Dance Fitness for 50+ Linford
- 5.30 Brownies at "The Linford"
- 8pm Bell Ringing at the Church

4th Tuesday of the month

Gardening Club

4th Wednesday of the month

Gentleman's Club Bradgate PH

Wednesdays

- 10am Art Club in Church
- 6.30 Bodyblast Classes Village Hall
- Quiz nights at The Linford 8pm start

Thursdays

- 11.15 Coffee Mornings Village Hall
- 6.15 HIIT/Legs, Bums & Tums/Kettle Bells, The Linford

Fridays

- 9:30 Jolly Tots, The Village Hall
- AM: Fruit and Veg stall at Cooks Farm Shop

Saturday

- 2nd Saturday of each month - Village Ramblers

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS

Can we wish all our readers and advertisers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. A big thank you to all our volunteers without whom there would be no village magazine. Whilst it may be my name you see each month as the editor, there are many more involved in your village magazine.

A big thank you to everyone who sends us the articles, arranges advertising, proof reading, picking up the magazines from the printers, distributing them to our distributors, the committee and especially your distributor who delivers them each month. Many have been doing this for many years, others have joined us this year

Especially to you we say Thank You!

COFFEE & CAKE ROTA December 23 to February 24

December

- 7th Glennis M, Mary Clarke, John Castle, Carolyn T
242897; 0116 3190211; 249173
- 14th Janet & David Brunton, Angela & Adrian McNamee
242662; 07710 253231
- 21st Lesley Cook, Chris A, Ann Scrine 245208; 242432; 481928
Turkey Sandwiches CA to provide
- 28th - Happy Christmas - No meeting today



January 2024

- 4th Jenny C, Sue Howard, Charlotte T, 245373; 07896 349977; 242959
- 11th Carol Ann, Jackie Brewin 243433; 243439; 242370
- 18th Maria Simms, Vicki Kerr, Lauren Ahyow 07974 085434;
07904 123603; 07816 410164
- 25th Sue Morran, Sarah Brown, Teresa Calvert 07810 116641;
07811 166161; 07469 719018

February 2024

- 1st Joe & Claire Costello with Bakers help 249613
- 8th Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Sue Birkett, Julie Clark 07713 457414;
242000; 244317; 07765 032307
- 15th Bev Griffiths, Sue Dobby, Jennette, Lalita 01509 890264; 245366;
07930 955990; 07718 701614
- 22nd Judy Rowe, Felicity Manning, Marilyn Upstone 243989; 245298;
242715
- 29th Glennis M, Mary Clarke, John Castle, Carolyn T 242897;
0116 3190211; 249173

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

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

Rota Volunteers - If you are struggling with putting the tables and chairs out for your duty Joe Costello 249613 has offered to help if around and will ask someone else to help him as well..

Carol Ann

Festive Christmas Messages for Charity 2023 from Villagers

Happy Christmas to you all from the following Villagers, donations to Charity - **£180 to support the homeless. See the next page.**



**Wishing all my friends in
Newtown Linford a very
Happy Christmas
& healthy New Year
From Shirley Baxter**



**With best wishes for
Christmas &
the New Year
from Pat Wood**

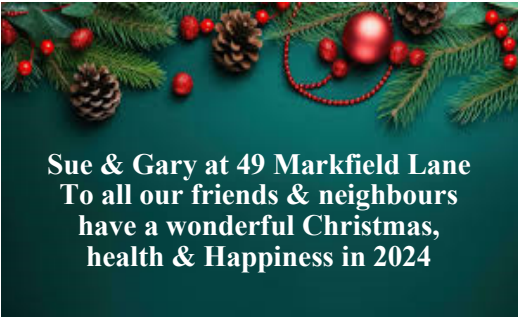


**David &
Sue Clarke
would like to
wish all our
friends a very
Happy Christmas
and a Peaceful &
Healthy New
Year**



**Wishing all our friends a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy & Peaceful New Year**

Des Bates & Families



**Sue & Gary at 49 Markfield Lane
To all our friends & neighbours
have a wonderful Christmas,
health & Happiness in 2024**



**Carol Ann, John and Family
Sugden would like to wish
everyone a fabulous Christ-
mas and New Year full of
great company, family
gatherings and merriment,
oh plus Xmas pudding of
course!**



**Wishing all my
friends and
neighbours a very
Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year
Janet Green**

**Warmest Christmas
wishes to all'**



7th
December

5PM - 7PM

Christmas Advent *Faire*

IN CELEBRATION OF THE VILLAGE ADVENT WINDOW TRAIL

Village Hall - Santa's Grotto, Stalls & Refreshments
Primary School - Year 6 Stalls & Refreshments
All Saints' Church - Christmas Tree Festival

With special guest performances from Newtown Linford Choral Society
and Newtown Linford Primary School

Hot Turkey & Stuffing Cobs available from The Bradgate

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LINFORD
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**ALL SAINTS'
CHURCH**

**NEWTOWN
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HALL**

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TO THE VILLAGE HALL FROM THE
CONSERVATORY TEAROOMS AT
APPROXIMATELY 4.45PM

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EVENT

Tennis Club Christmas Mix In and Quiz

Please join us for a Tennis Christmas Mix in
Saturday December 23rd

Tennis 12-2pm Tennis Courts

**2pm onwards at the Bradgate
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**Music Quiz
Village Hall
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Friday 2nd February 2024

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Newtown Linford Choral Society

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The Brownies

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14th December

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Cricket Club and the Bates Family. I would like to thank Dick Howard for his article about the Bates family and with reference to Newtown Linford C.C. he mentioned myself, Paul and Sam playing for the Club. In order that no-one in the family is left out I would also like to include George, Iain and Harry because they also contributed to the success of the Club. Here is a photo of the six of us at a recent Annual Dinner and Presentation evening at Lingdale Golf Club. From left to right George No1 grandson. Played just a few games in his early teens until he was badly injured playing football and was in a wheelchair for a few years. He went on to play wheelchair basketball professionally in Spain and Sardinia and was in the G.B. team that won the World Cup beating the USA in 2018. He is now Head Coach at Loughborough University Samuel No 4 grandson Was capped by Leicestershire in 2022 and now plays for Bedfordshire and NLCC Iain No.2 son. Was captain and played for many years at NLCC before moving away to Retford Myself. At 6ft 2in was the tallest Bates for many years – not so now. Paul. No1 son. Captain and the longest playing member of the Club Harry No5 grandson Recently broke into the first team as an all-rounder The Club only keep records of League games (Not junior, friendly & cup games) so at the last count between us we have contributed over 12,000 runs, over 1,100 wickets and over 700 stumpings and outfield catches. Gill, Fiona and Steph also worked tirelessly in the kitchens with the teas. **Des Bates**



Newtown Linford tennis club
presents



Christmas



Treasure Hunt

Sunday 17th December



Family ticket - £10

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10:30am start at the Linford

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Newtown Linford Gardening Club
(www.newtownlinford.org.uk/gardening-club.html)

The visit from our celebrity in October gave us a wonderful evening. There was a packed house to hear Troy Scott-Smith tell us about the wonderful gardens with which he has been involved. We welcomed over 30 visitors from other local Gardening Clubs and entertained them with glasses of wine and soft drinks.

Troy told us about the projects in which he has been involved at three famous gardens. The first was at Courts Garden in Wiltshire which he helped to renovate for the National Trust to bring it up to standard for visitors to enjoy. From there he moved to be head gardener at Bodnant in North Wales. The most major task he faced was to renovate the famous laburnum walk which is a cascade of yellow in the spring. It required major work to deal with trees which were tired and needed renovating and a structure to support them creating the long pergola through which visitors can walk.

The final garden was the one with which he is most associated, Sissinghurst in Kent. The challenge he constantly faces is keeping the garden faithful to the legacy of Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicholson while also adapting it to the modern age. Again, this involved major structural work and the redesigning of the Delos Garden which Vita and Harold created after spending time on the island of Delos in Greece.



This was an excellent way to draw our season to a close with only the Christmas Party in December to come and then, of course, to look forward to our programme for 2024.

Further details of our Club can be found on our website, shown above, or by email at 32couling@gmail.com or by telephone on 01530 242452

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Brownies fun Halloween and Remembrance by Sophia

We all designed a scary face on a piece of bread and butter and we used cut up vegetables like cucumber, carrots and raisins. It was very very fun. We played 'Catch a Rat, Sit Him on a Mat, and Never Let Him Go!' and we song the song too. The best part was we got to drink punch with witches blood and ghost blood and fizzy water. We added fangs, snakes, witches teeth, lips and skeletons.



We went to Church for Remembrance Sunday and at the beginning the



Picture of the Brownies who had planted daffodil bulbs for next Spring which go towards them earning their gardening badges. Willow wrote about this in last months magazine

Brownies carried the Brownie Cross and the Brownie flag in and we put them at the front. We sat in our pews and there was 2 minutes silence at 11 o'clock. It was very quiet. Then we had our first song. One of my neighbours called Brian read a prayer with Felicity, one of the Brownies. It was special.

Sophia Parker

We would like to send our very best wishes to everyone and hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Many thanks for all your support throughout the past year.



From Brown Owl, Snowy Owl Young Leaders and Brownies.



VILLAGE HALL NEWS December 2023

**Toby Manning
Chairman,
Village Hall Committee**

No longer just the venue for toddlers, choirs and local meetings, the Village Hall has become the hottest venue in town for the very best parties. Following on from the fabulous 80s' night in March, a two-night 90s' weekender took place over the 10th and 11th of November, with more



than 250 villagers and their friends joining in the fun.

The brainchild of the Village Hall Committee, these events were devised to raise much needed funds to help pay the ever-increasing energy

and rental costs necessary to keep this resource open for the community. An amazing £2500 was raised over the two nights which will keep the Hall warm and welcoming over the winter. Perhaps just as importantly the events have seemingly struck a chord with huge numbers of NL residents

who love to dress up, party on and have a great time with their friends and neighbours.



None of this would be possible without our very own Count of Clubbing, Ian White, owner of Bradgate Events, who trans-





formed the Hall into a 90s nightclub and then DJ'd the night away with a great set of tunes from that era. Whilst some of the guests dug out their nightclub attire from the 1990s, others saw it as an opportunity to dress up as their favourite icons from that decade, with Ginger Spice, Austin Powers, Ali G, Father Ted and Wayne's World all making appearances. Special mention goes to Stuart Wardle whose plastic green soldier from Toy Story looked amazing.

Huge thanks to the Village Hall Committee for their hard work putting the events together, and to the volunteers (



Paddy Mulvihill, Steve Belcher & David Gee) who helped Ian set up the nightclub and dismantle it on Sunday morning. Particular thanks to Parish Clerk Hannah Shaw for overseeing the event organisation, Tara Pickles, Charlotte & Nathan Jackson, Richard Palmer, Jason Hall, Sue Pritchard, Matt Betts, Beth Raynor and to Scott Raynor for his tireless work.

When he's recovered we will surely be asking Ian to become the Duke of Disco and organise a 70s' Night Fever party in March. Get your platform shoes and glitter balls ready.



NEWTOWN LINFORD CHORAL SOCIETY
25th Anniversary Concert

Winter

Requiem: John Rutter

and others including

Rutter: Blow, Blow

Chilcott: Midwinter

Elgar :The Snow

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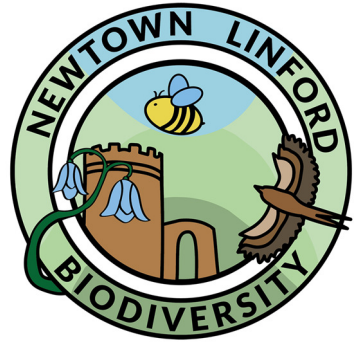
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Newtown Linford Biodiversity Group

Open Evening

Around 40 people attended the Open Evening at the Village Hall on 7th November. Our guest speaker, Dr Jack Matthews, delivered a fascinating presentation about Charnwood Forest Geopark, and explained why the geology of Charnwood is so special and globally-significant. The region is home to a number of rare fossils, including *Bradgatia linfordensis*, which represent some of the oldest evidence of animal life in the world.



It was an absorbing and informative talk. Thank you, Jack, and all who came along to the event. There was an opportunity afterwards for people to have a chat over refreshments, purchase greetings cards and look at photographs and other material illustrating the work of the biodiversity group in the parish.

Social Media

As well as having a web page on the Parish Council website (www.newtownlinford.org.uk/newtown-linford-biodiversity) don't forget that we're also on Facebook. It would be great if even more people (currently 62) on Facebook followed us (search for 'Newtown Linford Biodiversity') and posted photos of local wildlife, or perhaps shared their experience of, for example, gardening for wildlife, making a wildflower meadow or building a wildlife pond.

Christmas Tree Festival

Look out for the decorated tree representing our group in All Saints' Church at the Christmas Tree Festival which starts on the evening of Thursday 7th December.

Claire Costello



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Village WhatsApp and Children in Need

I noticed after my last article in the Village Magazine that a few more villagers have now joined the village whatsapp group, "Community Action Rescue" (The name comes from its original purpose when set up during Covid). It came in very handy recently as a message was passed through that Vernon Kay, Radio 2 DJ would be passing through the village (Tuesday 14th November) as part of his challenge for his Ultramarathon for Children in Need. He was going to use the Village Hall for a quick pit-stop. Hannah asked that the details were not posted to social media and only shared locally with fellow residents. Vernon ran/walked 116 miles over 4 days between Leicester's Victoria Park and Bolton.



Photo by Carolyn on our village Whatsapp).

It went very well with the school and residents who came out to cheer him on his journey.

Vernon said "The best part of the challenge has been seeing everyone out on the streets, whooping and cheering, that has just been amazing." He has raised more than £5 million so far!

CHARNWOOD YOUNG FARMERS

CHRISTMAS TRACTOR RUN

£10 per tractor • £5 per passenger



Little Markfield Farm

10th December • 4pm start

All proceeds to charity • 3pm arrival

Services for all ages over Christmas

Christingle Service, Sunday 10th December at 10am

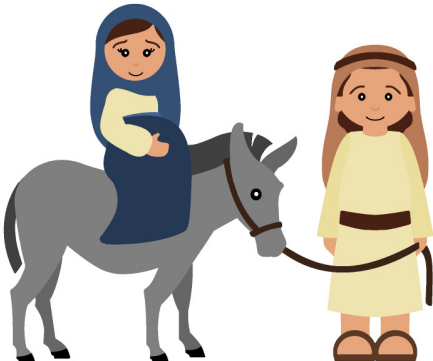
Everyone is welcome to a Christingle service on 10th December.

Christingle is a longstanding tradition with a rich set of symbolism and meaning for Christmastime. The service will include carols, prayers and a collection in aid of The Children's Society, helping them to continue their work with disadvantaged children.



Crib Service, Christmas Eve at 3pm

An opportunity to put the story of the birth of Jesus at the heart of your family Christmas celebrations. For all ages, but particularly appropriate for smaller children, come dressed as your favourite characters from the Nativity story to take part in our re-telling of the events over 2000 years ago as we celebrate with songs and carols.



Christmas Events and Services

Light a Candle, Saturday 16th December, 12 noon - 4pm

On the afternoon of Saturday 16th December we invite you to come to light a candle and remember a loved one who will not be with you this Christmas.

Lessons and Carols by Candlelight, Sunday 17th December at 7.30pm

A traditional celebration of Christmas through readings, carols and choir pieces, including the premiere of a specially commissioned new setting of 'The First Nowell' by Bob Chilcott for the Church of England. All are welcome to come and listen to the new and join in the familiar carols and appreciate the atmosphere of a darkened church lit by candles and festive lights as we follow through the story of God's saving work which found its fulfilment in Jesus.



Midnight Communion, Christmas Eve at 11.30pm

For many the only way to see in Christmas Day is with a Communion service finishing shortly after midnight. Rejoice in the deep joy and mystery at the heart of Christmas



Christmas Communion, Christmas Day at 9am

Start the day with a celebration of Jesus' birth. All welcome as we celebrate the feast with a traditional Communion with carols together.



SUNDAY SERVICES December 2023



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
3rd December	8.30am Holy Communion	
First Sunday of Advent	9.30am Breakfast Church	10am Holy Communion <i>John Woolmer</i>
10th December	10am Holy Communion	10am Christingle <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
17th December	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
Third Sunday of Advent	5pm Carols by Candlelight	7.30pm Carols by Candlelight <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
24th December	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer
		3pm Crib Service <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
	11.15pm Midnight Communion	11.30pm Midnight Communion <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
25th December	10.30am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion <i>Richard Trethewey & Luke Dobson</i>
Christmas Day		
31st December	10am Bradgate Group Holy Communion held at All Saints', Newtown Linford <i>Richard Trethewey</i>	
First Sunday of Christmas		

SUNDAY SERVICES January 2024



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
7th January Epiphany	8.30am Holy Communion	
	9.30am Breakfast Church	10am Holy Communion <i>John Woolmer</i>
14th January Second Sunday of Epiphany	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>John Woolmer</i>
	4.30pm Compline	
21st January Third Sunday of Epiphany	10am Service United with Glenfield Methodist Church	10am Holy Communion <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
28th January Fourth Sunday of Epiphany	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
	4pm Crumpet Church	

Midweek Holy Communion

Newtown Linford These services have been cancelled for the time being

Glenfield 10.30am, Wednesday 6th, 13th & 20th December
and 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st January

CHURCH REGISTERS



Weddings

None



Baptisms

None

Funerals

1st November ~ John Keith Turner



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

Online Services

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

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

Church Contact Details

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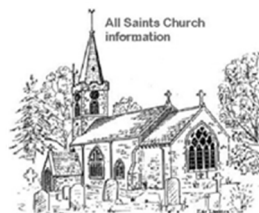
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Regular Events - Bell ringer's practice: Monday 8pm

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FREEZE YOUR BITS OFF

SPONSORED BRA WALK

IN AID OF GLENFIELD BREAST CARE CENTRE



Register



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SUNDAY JANUARY 14TH AT 10 AM

Strut Your Stuff

Through Bradgate Park approx 3 miles



The event is open to men as well as women as long as they wear a bra!!

The Route

Starting just inside the main gates to the Bradgate Park entrance at Newtown Linford you will follow the tarmac covered road to the far end, Hallgates car park, near Cropston, and return. .

You will be greeted at the finish with a packed goody bag, completion certificate and some well deserved refreshments supplied by the Co-op. In the event of adverse weather conditions, we may need to postpone the walk to a more suitable day.

Newtown Boules

Another successful and most enjoyable season for the Newtown Linford boules this year.

We managed to play all the matches throughout the year without any interference from the weather and as usual the fantastic food and drink supplied by Clare and Mike at the Blue Bell, Hoby were always a winner.



Adam Lever-Parkin came out this seasons champion with a solid three wins over the year narrowly beating David Snartt for the title. This year we had some players join us from Sweden which gave us an real international feel. We are always welcoming new members and



with an age range from 40- 87 there's no excuse. It's a friendly community so If you're interested any would like to join in the fun then please contact Stuart Wardle 07891 444440



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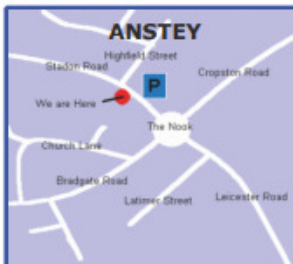
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Well we have had interesting weather last month with the rain.

Jan Croft sent in this photo to make us smile

I'm soooo lucky my cottage is away from the river. Cheers, Jan Croft



Newtown Linford Choral Society – we're 25!

The Choral Society will be celebrating its 25th anniversary year, when the 70+ voices of its choir present a programme of well-known classical and sacred music at Emmanuel Church, Forest Road, Loughborough. The Concert will take place on Saturday 27th January, 2024, and the choir, directed by Sue Ford, with accomplished soprano soloist Ella McNamee, will be accompanied by an orchestra. The music to be performed will be John Rutter's Requiem, and other pieces including Mid-winter (Bob Chilcott), The Snow (Elgar), Hallelujah Chorus (Handel), Ecce Novum (Gjeilo), Lullaby (Elder), and Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind (Rutter).

Tickets at £14 for adults, and £7 for under 18s and students in full time education, are available by ringing 01530 243822, online via ticketsource.co.uk, or on the door (subject to availability).

Peter Sayer

Our Story

In 1998 Rev Peter Sheridan appealed for a Church Choir to be formed. Sue Ford stepped forward and we started rehearsing in Chris McChrystal's living room but soon outgrew that and moved to the School and other venues for several years.

Our very first Concert was in January 1999 in the Village Hall, and you will see from the photograph that many of our original members remain with us, although sadly a few are no longer here. It wasn't long before we became a Choral Society and as a result of Sue's inspiration, hard work and leadership the Choir has gone from strength to strength, and is currently thriving with a membership of over 70.

We have enjoyed 25 years singing a wide variety of music, both sacred and secular, have wonderful musical memories and made many friends along the way. We are looking forward to continued success under Sue's leadership.



Jolly Tots Playgroup

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All Welcome.

For more information or if you would like to help in any way - please contact Ann 07925 919 618 or Carolyn 07896 960 676

January 1999



Gardening Volunteers Opportunity at Newtown Linford Primary School



We are hoping to set up a Gardening Group of volunteers to work with the school staff and children to help us with the gardens at school. This is a long term project for the ongoing planting, upkeep and maintenance of the gardens and we are looking for some volunteers to help us with it.

Who Can Volunteer?

Anyone can volunteer to help - it could be parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles - anyone who is able to help with planting, weeding, watering and the ongoing care of a vegetable garden, a wildlife area and lots of planters. We are also extending this out to the community, so if you have a neighbour or friend who may be interested please let them know.

What Are The Requirements?

People with a few hours to spare in school time to assist with the maintenance, watering and weeding, this doesn't have to be consistent each week as some weeks there might not be much to do. Ideally we will be able to form a core of regular volunteers and a group of occasional weeders & waterers. We would like a few people who would like to be a bit more involved to help with planning and sourcing items. You don't have to be involved with the planning elements if you would prefer to be a weeding & watering volunteer, everyone will be welcome.

What Will I Be Doing?

The Volunteer Gardening Group will work with the Children's Gardening Group and the school staff to create and maintain the areas around school. This won't include mowing the grass, cutting the hedges or maintaining the trees! You could just help on either the vegetable plot or flowers if you prefer to focus in one area. We would like to plant a mixture of flowers, bulbs, vegetables and fruit. The vegetables and fruit will be harvested by the children and used in cookery lessons, they will be able to bring the food they make home. As well as introducing the children to growing their own food, this also fits into the curriculum in several areas.

How Do I Apply? Everyone who volunteers will need an enhanced DBS, which the school will pay for, and there is some paperwork required to complete a file. We only have to do this once as long as you come into school to volunteer at least a couple of times a year. If you are interested or would like any more information please contact the School Office by emailing: office@newtown.bepschools.org, calling 01530 242370 or popping into the office. Mrs L Proudman, Co-Headteacher, Newtown Linford Primary School



THE FRIENDS OF CHARNWOOD FOREST



This month's talk to the Friends of the Charnwood Forest was entitled 'Keeping our River Clean; the Work of the Trent River Trust', given by two members of that Trust, which is a charitable organisation. They were Louise Richmond and Nicholas Wilding. Louise started by giving us a general overview of the problems which the trust was addressing. Generally, these fell into two categories – pollution and flooding, the latter being responsible for soil erosion as well as distributing polluting chemicals widely.

The most common pollutant from farming activity was triallate, which is used on corn, followed by meloprop and flufenaleet, the last being a rat poison. This last peaked in January and has increased rapidly in the last few years. Of the large number of pesticide pollutants, glyphosphate was probably the most easy to remove, and metaldehyde among the more difficult. Advising farmers of methods to improve a more even distribution of pesticides and to reduce ploughing improved the situation, rainwater being responsible for washing topsoil and the pollutants into the rivers. Soil erosion was a serious problem – it takes years to form and can be washed away in minutes.

To improve biodiversity, grasslands, margins and banks provided areas for flowering plants, whilst particular crops improved bee and bird feeding habitats in the autumn, and bird food in the spring. Drought resistance was also a good thing. Farmers' co-operation saved money on purification.

Nicholas then took us through various methods, well illustrated, of reducing floods. Essentially there were three methods he described; these were a sort of dam, wetlands and ponds which held water back and stopped extra large volumes getting into rivers after heavy rainfall. He emphasised that the methods were natural processes and were coping with increases in bad weather recently, due to global warming. He illustrated his point with the picture of a tractor driving through a flood, causing a bow-wave which flooded local houses. Planting willow trees along the banks of rivers bound the soil and stopped it being eroded. Ponds, either connected directly to a river, or not, could hold large quantities of water, which reduced the flow in the river, and collected sediment. Constructed ponds about one metre deep could act as pasture land for cattle when the water had dried out or was removed by a drain.

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Wetland could be formed by lowering the riverbank at certain points. Straightening channel did reduce the danger of flooding in some places by removing water more quickly, but may then cause flooding further downstream. Weirs and dams prevented fish migrations and were being removed where practical, though under licence.

He described various places and works in which the trust had been involved. One particular example he gave, was a fallen tree across a brook. If the sides of the brook were dug out and the trunk lowered, it would act as a breakwater. There would be a gap under the trunk for water and fish to pass through, and one or more trunks above to hold flood water back. Also, a pond could be constructed to the side of the breakwater to hold excess. It was a very informative talk.

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NEWTOWN LINFORD VILLAGE



RUMMAGE SALE

**Saturday 2nd March
2024**

1:30pm

in the Village Hall

If you are outting unwanted clothes, shoes, bric-a-brac, books, linens, toys etc. over the Christmas period, will you please remember we are having a Rummage Sale.

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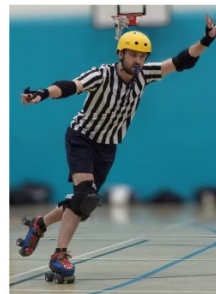


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**Information From David Snartt.
Charnwood Borough Councillor - Forest Bradgate Ward.**

Planning Application for Solar Farm.

I have now received information about a proposal to construct a 49.9MW Solar Farm with battery storage, facility with associated access, landscaping and infrastructure, on land adjacent to Charley Road, Ulverscroft. I understand at this time of writing the planning application is invalid, but already over 100 representations/objections have been received by Charnwood Borough Council.

From the information supplied, the proposal will see the installation of photo-voltaic panels, energy storage container units, transformer/inverter units and a control/substation building. Photo-voltaic panels will generate electrical energy for export to the national grid.

I have had concerns raised from residents about this application, especially the impact this will have on the landscape at this sensitive area of Charnwood Forest. If you are minded to submit your representations about this proposal, the information can be found on the Charnwood Borough Council's website under planning application P/23/2029/2. I will keep you updated as this application progresses through the planning process.

Charnwood Forest Geopark.

After attending meetings about Charnwood Forest becoming a Geopark, I thought you may be interested in a few details, especially about the new website. I am grateful to Dr Jack Matthews, Geo Heritage Officer, who provided the information to share with residents.

Geoparks are areas of outstanding geology that are used by local communities, alongside their cultural and natural heritage, to promote sustainable economic development, conservation and education.

Charnwood Forest has a geological story that dates back nearly 600 million years and home to

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For more information and stay up to date with the Geopark news visit the website www.charnwoodforest.org/news/

Right Stuff, Right Bin.

A campaign has been launched to help Charnwood residents recycle more. Charnwood Borough Council, which collects recycling from 77,000 homes in the Borough, has launched 'Right Stuff, Right Bin', a campaign to help residents increase their knowledge around recycling to ensure their efforts do not go to waste. Around 40 tonnes of waste are ending up in the wrong bins each week in Charnwood, sometimes this can lead to recycling going to landfill.

The campaign will share key information and offer top tips to give residents the confidence to recycle right. The campaign will also highlight some of the common items in the household which end up in the black bin but are recyclable. Items include: Clean aluminium foil: Empty aerosol cans: Clear plastic bags (including bread and vegetable bags): Plastic cellophane and cling film.

Each week, around 325 tonnes of recycling is collected. However, on occasions a lorry load of recycling can be rejected due to it being contaminated by non-recyclable and dirty materials such as, food, nappies and textiles.

To find out more about the 'Right Stuff, Right Bin' campaign, including a list of what can and cannot be put in your green recycling bin, visit charnwood.gov.uk/rightstuff.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. I also thank all the members of the Parish Magazine Team for their excellent work throughout the year making sure residents receive local news and information.





Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



This month's NHW report comes from our Local Police Beat Officers:

“Welcome to ‘Police Matters’ for the Dedicated Neighbourhood Policing Team that cover Anstey, Thurcaston/Cropston and Newtown Linford. Your main two officers for the area are PC Greg Moore 0330 and PCSO Mitch Jarvis 6093.

News

There has been a high level of vehicle crime that has mainly been committed in Anstey over the past few months. There was a sharp decline in these numbers however they are still occurring. This is unfortunately is a problem across the whole of Charnwood and the Police are making this a priority to catch these offenders.

Please remember going forward to lock your vehicles and not leave anything of value in them especially overnight.

The crime breakdown shows offences committed between 23rd September to the 23rd of October 2023.

Crime figures (Anstey)

Theft Store – (inc. Attempts) – 1

Criminal Damage (non Dwelling) (Business Premises, Shed, Garage etc) – 2

Theft Property (inc. Attempts) – 2

Crime figures (Cropston)

Theft from Motor Vehicle (inc Attempts) – 1

Crime figures (Thurcaston)

Theft from Motor Vehicle (inc Attempts) – 1

Crime figures (Newtown Linford)

Criminal Damage (non Dwelling) (Business Premises, Shed, Garage Etc) – 6

Burglary Dwelling (inc. Attempts) – 1

Crime Prevention

Burglar facts

- Burglars target homes that they think will contain valuables. A sure giveaway is leaving packaging from expensive items outside your front door
- Burglars often look for homes with windows or doors left open or



with vulnerable features that they can exploit.

- Burglars are aware of the times when someone is expected to be away from their house such as during the school run or holidays
- Burglars typically do not want to be seen or heard and if they feel that they would be noticed by a neighbour or passer-by then they are more likely to feel exposed and may move on to find somewhere else to burgle
- Burglars often choose a home because they've spotted a specific vehicle, motorcycle or bicycle they want to steal – and the keys are more than likely to be inside the residence
- Sheds and garages are often vulnerable as they are not that secure and contain tools which the burglar can use to assist them to gain entry to a home
- It's a fact that many burglars return to homes that they've previously burgled because the homeowner failed to upgrade security following the first burglary. They sometimes return to an area to try to burgle a nearby home that they spotted while committing a previous break in. Even more reason for you to ensure you keep your home as safe as houses

If anybody has any information about the recorded crimes then please speak with your local officers, or if you have any information at all about crime please call CRIMESTOPPERS. Your call will always be free, we won't ask your name and you may even receive a cash reward. Just call – 0800 555 111

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News from Newtown Linford Parish Council

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Well, we've had an exciting time in the Village of late! Firstly, thank you to everyone who bought tickets and dressed up for the Lovefool 90s weekender at the Village Hall. A jolly good time was had by all and plans are already underway for a 70s themed evening in early March. Watch this space.

Thank you to all members of the Lovefool Team for their hard work and to the volunteers who helped out over the weekend. Special thanks go to resident, Ian White of Bradgate Events and his team, who yet again worked tirelessly to transform the Village Hall into the Lovefool nightclub and delivered a cracking playlist of 90s tunes complete with light show. A whopping £2551.20 was raised for the Village Hall and combined with the funds raised in March at Club Tropicana, a grand total raised to date during 2023 stands at over £4000.00. Incredible!

Secondly, on Tuesday 14th November, we welcomed Radio 2's Vernon Kay to the village as part of his Ultra Ultramarathon Challenge for BBC Children in Need.



There was an amazing buzz in the village with both residents and visitors lining the streets to wave and cheer Vernon on. He was also greeted by the pupils of Newtown Linford Primary School and Caroline's Preschool who all donned Pudsey headbands for the event. Thank you to everyone for coming out in support; we really showed Vernon and the Radio 2 team what a great community we are! To view photos and footage from the day, please visit our Facebook page by searching for Newtown Linford Parish Council and NHW.

On with the news....

Bob Bown Memorial Field

Thank you to the residents who have made contact following an appeal for feedback and suggestions for the play park. I am now in contact with playground equipment suppliers and am considering options for an item or items of equipment to replace the timber trail.

As the lead time for equipment is at least 3 months and it can take a further 3 months during the planning stages, we are looking at installation sometime during the 2024/2025 financial year. I am also investigating the possibility of further external match funding to assist with this project. In addition, I have enquired about further foot supports for the climbing

wall to make it more useable for younger children and await further information from the suppliers.

Cemetery and Churchyard

The hard standing for Janet Neaverson's bench has now been installed and the compost area has been cleared. A small compost bin remains at the Churchyard and is for Church use only.

Flooding

Following recent flooding events, Councillors resolved to purchase a supply of Hydrosnake flood defences which will be stored at the Village Hall in the event of an emergency. I have suggested the Village Hall Committee consider installing a key safe for times when emergency access may be required.

Village Hall

Now the Village Hall has become busier with regular bookings throughout the week, access to the hall must be by arrangement only please. If you hold a Village Hall key, please do not assume it is OK to access the hall freely. Should you require access to the hall, please contact me in the first instance and I can advise when the best time would be. Hirers pay up to £32 per hour to hire the hall for group bookings and they expect privacy during the times they have reserved. It is not OK for keyholders to turn up unannounced when the hall is already in use, as this could cause unwelcome disruption to our hirers. Thank you.

Village Advent Fayre and Christmas Tree Festival

This year's Village Advent Fayre will take place on Thursday 7th December at All Saints' Church, Newtown Linford Primary School and Newtown Linford Village Hall. At 4.45pm, Santa will begin his journey on his sleigh from the Conservatory Tearooms to the Grotto at the Village Hall and will leave at 7pm, to include a ride around Grey Crescent, before returning back to the tearooms along Main Street and Bradgate Road. During the evening, there will be guest appearances from Newtown Linford Choral Society and Newtown Linford Primary School Choir and just in case you think you might forget, the wonderful bellringers will be ringing All Saints' Church bells at 5pm to mark the start of the event. Refreshments will be served at both the Village Hall and School and there will be festive stalls galore until 7pm. We hope to see you all there!

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a bright New Year from all of us at Newtown Linford Parish Council.

Best wishes,

Councillors Sue Pritchard, Sue Greasley, Vicki Lightfoot, Tara Pickles, Rob Haylock, Tim Porte, Ronnie Bains and Clerk, Hannah Shaw

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