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Lent begins on Wednesday 14 February. It's going to be a slightly difficult day for some Christians who will be torn between the desire to keep the tradition of Lent as a time of giving up things, and the almost equal tradition of marking Valentine's Day with food and chocolate!

So let me offer you an alternative. Rather than giving up something for Lent this year, why not try a different kind of discipline: doing something good or kind for someone else, every day? There are 40 days of Lent, ending on Good Friday, 30 March. So over the seven weeks you could help over 40 people if you did something kind each day. I must confess this isn't my idea. There's a website devoted to helping people do exactly this, www.40acts.org.uk

Here's an example of an idea from last year:

We've come to expect bargains. And we love a 'two for one' or a 'buy one get one free'. But how often do we use them as an opportunity to share with others?

Choose how you'll complete today's act:

Head to the supermarket, stock up on BOGOFs, and start handing them out to everyone you see: 'Hey, I just got this for free and I don't need it – want it?' A bar of chocolate, a bottle of water, a newspaper, a concert ticket, gift vouchers for the cinema – take your pick.

Don't wait for the offer; buy it yourself. Get the next person in line a coffee/sandwich/pint along with your order. Or, pay for a bus ticket for the person behind you.

It does us good sometimes to give up something we've come to rely on – whether that's coffee, or chocolate, or alcohol – but sometimes what will help us grow isn't giving up things, it's doing something new. What I keep coming back to is this thought:

God has been generous to me, all that I have comes from his kindness. What am I giving to other people? How do I reflect the kindness I see in God through Jesus?

Richard

VILLAGE DIARY

February

1st	Parking In the Village—Crisis point? - Public Meeting
2nd & 3rd	Choral Society
9th	Stags Head Appeal Music and Pudding
9th	Ramblers
15th	Charity Race Night
19th	Friends of Charnwood Forest
27th	Gardening Club

Regular events

Monday afternoon	Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall
Mondays 8pm at the Church	Bell Ringing
4th Tuesday of the month	Gardening Club
1st and 3rd Wednesdays of month	Home Study Group
3rd Wednesday of the month	Ladies Luncheon Club
Thursdays 11.15	Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall
Thursdays 6.30	Brownies, Sunday School Rooms
Thursday Eves	Bridge Club 9 Main Street
3rd Thursday	Gentlemen's Lunch Club
Boules	Phone 01530 245373 for more info

Parking Problems - Newtown Linford Public Meeting (at the invitation of Newtown Linford Parish Council)

In the Village Hall, on **Thursday 1st February commencing 7.30 pm.**

The meeting will be chaired by County Councillor Deborah Taylor and the Clerk will be Ann Irving, Clerk of Woodhouse Parish Council.

The meeting is to allow all residents to express their concerns and potential solutions regarding excessive and often illegal parking in the village.



Borough Councillor David Snartt will be in attendance and invitations have been extended to representatives from the Police, Charnwood Borough Council, Leicestershire County Council and the Bradgate Trust. At this stage it is not known the names of who will be attending. This will be published as and when available.

**Further information from Pam McMorrان, Clerk to
Newtown Linford Parish Council
pamriverlyn@msn.com 01530 242201**

Coffee & Cake @ Newtown Linford Village Hall
Thursday Morning 11.15am - Free

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Coffee and Cake Duty Rota

February

1st	Zoe Renolds/Sue Birkett	244317
8th	Bev Griffiths & Sue Dobby	01509 890264/245366
15th	Carol Ann/Gillian & June Hallam	243433/0116 2304808
22nd	Ruth Goddard & Anne Smith	245316/242639

March

1st	Judy Rowe/Clare A/Rhian/Natasha	243989/243119
8th	Mary & Wes Raynor	243042
15th	Lesley C/Chris A/Gay Redstone	242214/242432/Lei2351625
22nd	Amanda Sculthorpe/Vicky Lightfoot	242445/07779123952
29th	Casey Pearson & Jenny Cole	249259

April

5th	Jo & Claire Costello	249613
12th	Carolyn Turner & Charlotte Jackson	249173/242959
19th	Margaret Bloor & Sue Dobby	245078/242000
26th	Sue Pritchard & Teresa Calvert	243119/482802

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 the following have offered to help if around just give them a call

Roger Leech	0116 3480192	Wes Raynor	243042
Joe Costello	249613	Arthur Harrison	0116 2213845
Alan Birkett	244317		

Stags Head appeal—many thanks to everyone for supporting the Stags Head appeal at our recent coffee morning—further information and money raised see page 10 and 15





RUMMAGE SALE

NEWTOWN LINFORD BROWNIES

BROWNIE RUMMAGE SALE



Saturday 3rd March 2018

1.30pm in the Village Hall



Admission 50p



Tea and Home made cakes



Well the Rummage Sale time has come round again and we are hoping you are having a Spring Clean out of all your unwanted clothes, bric-a-brac, books and toys etc. The Brownies would be very grateful for your surplus articles.

Village Hall doors will be open for dropping off rummage from 9.15am on date of sale or collection can be arranged.

Hilary - Brown Owl
07432 302983



VILLAGE SAFARI SUPPER



The Church is organising a Safari Supper in the village, as a community activity and also to raise money towards the redecoration fund.

Date: Saturday 14th April,

Please put the date in your diary.

The evening will start in Church at 7pm with drinks and canapés. Then at 8pm guests will travel to various houses in the village for a main course, after which they will return to Church for desserts and coffee.

The ticket price is £10.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the evening, particularly if you are willing to host a main course for 6 - 8 people.

For tickets and for offers of help with the evening, please contact Ed Killick 01530 249 589

150 Editions and counting.....

Observant readers will have noticed that the December edition of this magazine was the 150th. Fifteen years have passed since the magazine changed from being a Parish Magazine for All Saints Church to its present format as a Village Magazine delivered free to all residents.

Carole Heubeck, our Editor, has produced every one of these 150 issues and Julian Heubeck has found the advertisers whose financial support is invaluable.



On behalf of the Magazine Committee and all residents, we would like to thank Carole and Julian for their commitment over so many years without which this publication would not have been such a success. The quality and content has gone from strength to strength and is now a publication which is enjoyed by many in the Village.

Thank you again, Carole, and thanks also to the many contributors who have provided such varied and interesting content for Carole to include each month.

Michael Upstone, Chairman
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Charity Race Night

Thursday 15th February
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STAGS HEAD APPEAL

MUSIC AND PUDDINGS

Friday 9th February

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From the Park

As I write this, the days are beginning to get perceptibly longer as we approach the old pagan festival of Imbolc at the beginning of February (celebrated by Christians as Candlemas) which marked the half-way point between the shortest day and the spring equinox. Having had the disruption of snow before Christmas, the winter has continued as a wet one with the Park sodden and activities restricted by the poor ground conditions.

Despite the poor weather, the deer are in good shape with a generous fat cover seen on the carcasses of culled animals. In this respect deer are unlike sheep and cattle, where fat is 'marbled' through the muscle tissue and a fat animal yields fatty meat. No matter how fat a deer is, venison is always a remarkably lean meat as all the fat lies on the outside of the muscle and can be trimmed off. We have traditionally fed the deer hay in winter alongside their high-energy concentrated feed but this year we have changed to silage as a result of the experience of other deer parks and this seems to have gone down well.

The wet weather has affected our woodland work and we have had to bring the horses from Total Tree Services back to Swithland Wood to extract timber from areas where it has been impossible to take a tractor without causing serious damage. Our volunteers have been busy clearing brambles from recently cut coppice areas and around the new trees that have been planted to thicken the understorey in these areas and will soon move onto planting this year's quota of trees, which are being provided by the Woodland Trust.

On the Park, the usual winter job of tarmac repairs on the main carriage-way has been taking place, once again emphasising how varied the life and skill set of a Park Ranger is.

We are aiming to publish the 2018 Events Programme in time for February half-term. This year's highlights will include the Bradgate Proms on Saturday 18th August with the Folk Picnic on Sunday 19th. Early Bird tickets for both these events were released at the beginning of January and are selling fast.

Having worked with Chapterhouse Theatre since 2013, this year we will be trying something different in the form of outdoor cinema as part of the Summer Nights Film Festival that takes place across some of the finest historic locations in England.

Following the success of the 2017 Queen of Bradgate season and capitalising on the interest in Lady Jane Grey stimulated by the recent three-part BBC4 documentary, we will once again be running a series of Queen of Bradgate events to celebrate Leicestershire's other royal con-

nection.

As usual, the first event of the season will be the annual Bradgate Lecture, which this year will take place on Wednesday 21st February in the village hall when Peter Liddle will talk about the exciting archaeological discoveries made during the latest season of the Bradgate Field school. The lecture starts at 7.30pm and admission costs £3 for adults and £1.50 concessions.

There is a Public Meeting in the Village Hall on Thursday 1st February to discuss the issues around parking in the Village. Having recently discovered an article that I wrote for this magazine in 2014 in which I said *“If the new restrictions are approved - and then enforced – there is no reason why traffic congestion caused by visitors to the Park should not be a thing of the past.”* It is clear that my optimism was perhaps a little premature but I am still firmly of the view that the solution to our parking problems lies in a comprehensive approach to parking restrictions backed up by effective enforcement. We are not in a unique situation in Newtown Linford: there are examples all over the country of large visitor attractions and rural communities existing side-by-side without residents’ lives being blighted by illegal and inconsiderate parking.

As the days lengthen and the snowdrops push their heads towards the low winter sun, I look forward to seeing you on the Park.

Peter Tyldesley

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STAG'S HEAD SCULPTURE

Hopefully, by now, you will all know that the old dead oak tree stump on the left hand grass verge, when heading towards Anstey, will be carved into a tasteful and symbolic Stag's Head.

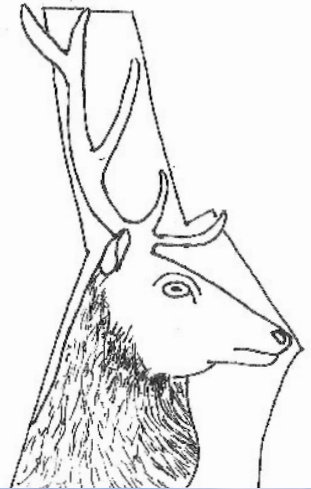
At the Thursday coffee and cakes morning on 11th January Peter Leadbeater, the sculptor, explained to over 40 villagers how the tree will be carved, and he also answered questions. You can see on the sketch how imposing the stag's head will appear in profile, and it will be looking slightly towards Anstey. The actual sculpture will be influenced by the grainflow and a couple of soft spots will need to be avoided.

Peter, and his assistant, are planning to start the carving in the second week of March. The outer surface will be treated with preservative and it is recommended that this treatment is repeated on a four monthly cycle. With good care the carving will last from 30 to 50 years.

I have a target of £2700 of which £2500 is the cost of the sculpture. Thank you all for your donations and enthusiasm for the project. We have also received a generous donation of £1000 from the Friends of Charnwood Forest and together with the £124 from the raffle we are now within £400 of the target. All the prizes at the coffee morning raffle had been donated, thank you for making it such a successful and friendly event.

Our next fund raising event is "Music and Puddings" at the Village Hall on Friday 9th February at 7pm with music by the N'Ukes, Leicester's Premier Ukelele Group. Tickets are only £8 and available from myself Dick Howard 01530 245373. This will be a good fun, café style evening. Please support this final push to reach our target.

I can assure you all that you will feel proud of this iconic and unique village sign.



VILLAGE RAMBLERS

Our December walk took place on Saturday 9th. Glenis had kindly offered for us to go to her house at 11.00 for Mulled Wine and biscuits, which was a very pleasant way to start our walk. Twelve of us started out from Glenis's house and we were later joined by a further three for lunch at the Badgers Sett at Cropston.



The weather was fine, but chilly. We walked into the Park, through the 'Tyburn' gate and then from there to the right of Tyburn Wood and directly to the ruins. From there we went over the bridge and turned left, travelling along the east side of the reservoir until we arrived in Causeway Lane.

We arrived at The Badgers Sett in good time, but our pre-booked meal was marred by the very long wait for our orders to be taken and then a further long wait until the food arrived, more than an hour's wait in all.

We walked back to Newtown, via Hallgates and because of the delay over lunch we decided to walk along the tarmac rather than the
16 planned route over the park.

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We arrived back in the village at 4pm having enjoyed the exercise and the good company.

Unless otherwise notified, all walks depart from opposite the Village Hall at 2.00pm. New members are always welcome. All you need is a pair of walking boots and the ability to walk 4/5 miles. Well behaved dogs are also welcome but must be under the supervision of the owner and be on the lead wherever there is livestock or nesting birds.

Ed Killick

For the short walk in January, there were 8 walkers, with others joining us later for tea and cakes at our house and to finalise the dates of walks in 2018/19.

The list of walks is below. Please join us we would be pleased to see you

Lesley & Philip Baker

Village Walks 2018

February 9th	Claire and Joe Costello
March 10th	Toby & Felicity Manning
April 14th	Pat Woodward
May 12th	Christine Hall
June 9th	John Castle
July 14th	Glennis Meredith
August 11th	Peter & Iris Sayer
September 15th	Penny Neaves
October 13th	Peter & Christine Lowe
November 10th	Sarah Forrester
December 15th	Ed Killick (and

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Newtown Linford Gardening Club

2018 started with a bang for the Gardening Club and January turned out to be very full. With only 8 weeks' notice we were asked to host the BBC National Radio programme 'Gardeners' Question Time'. At the time of writing all the tickets have been sold and the names of the panellists advertised. A report of the event will appear in next month's Magazine but we feel privileged to be able to put Newtown Linford on the national stage.

This event is an extra event for January because the Chelsea Gold Medalists for echiums is with us as well. These enormous and showy plants are truly spectacular and we expect that our members will have some in their gardens by the summer

On 27th February we have a talk from Amanda Fields who, with her colleagues, uses gardening for Social and Therapeutic purposes. This is clearly something which is deeply personal as well as horticultural and should be a fascinating evening.

Our first celebrity evening is on 24th April when we welcome Bob Flowerdeew to our village. He still has his trademark pigtail and his clever turn of phrase and is very interesting to listen to. Tickets for this visit have proved popular so, if you are not a member of the Newtown



Linford Gardening Club and would like to come and hear him speak you will need to contact us pretty promptly.

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 (32couling@gmail.com)), 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.



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President: Mrs Janie Martin

GONE WITH THE WIND; the lost Windmills of Leicestershire

TALK BY Mark Temple

**MONDAY 19th February 2018
WOODHOUSE EAVES VILLAGE HALL at 7.30pm**

At one time every family's diet included bread which relied on a constant supply of fresh flour. So virtually every village had a mill of some sort, a watermill if there was a suitable stream, or if not, a windmill was placed on an elevated position where its sails could catch the wind. At their peak in 1835 there were believed to be 152 mills in Leicestershire, and many were locally such as Woodhouse Eaves, Markfield, Mountsorrel, Shepshed etc. Mark has tried to gather together all the photographic images that have survived and has also made a collection of milling stories. He knows of the existence of many mills but as far as he knows their images have been lost.

FUTURE EVENTS

**Monday 19th March 2018 brief AGM followed by a
1970 film "Leicestershire a Heritage at Risk",
at Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

You will not be surprised that most of the issues raised are still the same today. It is a delightful film as it brings back memories of familiar sights 48 years ago of rural Leicestershire and Charnwood Forest. The meeting will conclude with a brief discussion of the issues raised led by the CPRE.

For further information contact Dick Howard or look at our website
www.focf.org.uk

Visitors welcome £3 on the door.

Dick Howard 01530 245373

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
4th February	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
2nd Sunday before Lent	10.15am Worship as One (RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Evensong (RT)	
11th February		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
Sunday before Lent	10.15am Holy Communion (RT/BH)	10.30am Morning Prayer (JW)
	6.30pm Compline (RT)	
14th February	10.45am Holy Communion (RT)	
Ash Wednesday		7.30pm Holy Communion (RT)
18th February	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
1st Sunday of Lent	10.15am Service of the World (BH/GS)	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)
	4.00pm Messy Church	
25th February		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
2nd Sunday of Lent	10.15am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am All Age Service (RT)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (RT/GS)	

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—February 2018						
GLENFIELD	Wed	10.45am	7th	14th	21st	28th
NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10.30am	8th			



CHURCH REGISTER **NEWTOWN LINFORD**

Weddings

31st December ~ Thomas James & Jadie Leeder

Baptisms

None

Funerals

None



Website:

www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk

Church Contact Details

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Rector of St Peter's, Glenfield, and All Saints, Newtown Linford
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Parish Office: Bekki Williamson (9am - 11am weekdays)
0116 239 3768 Email: ; office@bradgatechurches.org.uk

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“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself’.”. Matthew 22:37–39

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Ben, Brenda and the Wheeler family were greatly comforted by the many cards and kind letters of condolence they have received after the tragic loss of their dear son Edward.

Sincere thanks to everyone

From The Records

There have been many discussions regarding the current traffic and parking problems in the village. Some have said it is due to the expanding range of events the Park now has to hold to attract visitors to cover running costs, others the sheer growth of the population, number of visitors and the growing popularity of exercise, not just walking, but increasing numbers running, jogging and cycling in the Park.

Thinking of the present traffic proposals and our public meeting, over 30 years ago, the Parish Council was informing us in the Church Magazine (August 1986) that their recommendations for parking restrictions had been accepted by the County Council with one alteration. After consultation with the Police, the County Council felt that it would be more practical and effective if the restriction line on the Groby Lane service road is on the side of the houses with parking against the wall.

Ironically almost 30 years later, yellow lines were put down apart from a few parking bays with 30 minute parking restrictions, because residents had difficulty driving out of their drives due to vehicles parked opposite on such a narrow road. 9 months later, in May 1987, the Parish Council noted that we were a step closer to parking restrictions on Sundays and Bank Holidays. We have been fighting for parking restrictions/parking bays now on Grey Crescent for almost 2 years and at this stage are not much further forward. Lets hope things can move forward soon.

In the May edition was also the Vicar's Dilemma

If his address is a few minutes longer than usual : He sends us to sleep

If its short: he hasn't bothered

If he raises his voice: he's shouting

If he speaks normally: you cant hear a thing

If he is away: he's always on the road

²³ If he stays at home: he's a stick in the mud

If he is out visiting: he's never at home
 If he's in the vicarage: he never visits his parishioners
 If he talks finance: he's too fond of money
 If he doesn't: nobody knows what he is up to
 If he organises a bazaar: he's wearing everybody out
 If he doesn't: the Parish is dead
 If he takes time with people: he goes on and on
 If he's brief: he never listens
 If he redecorates the Church: he's spending too much money
 If he doesn't : he's letting everything go
 If he is young: he lacks experience
 If he is old: he ought to retire
 And if he dies? ...Well of course: Nobody could ever take his place.

Rev Harry Fletcher who was a much loved Vicar here in Newtown Linford died just over 30 years ago in 1987 and is still fondly remembered by villagers who knew him .

He is seen here in a picture taken for the local paper in March 1987 going for his regular jog. He used to run at least 10 miles a week around the Parish. In his youth he was a cross country runner . Harry was a popular figure in the village and his articles in the Church Magazine showed he really knew his 'flock'.

Harry left the Foreign Service after a long career serving largely in the Middle East. He was ordained in his early 50s, served as an Assistant Curate in Loughborough, and settled happily into the parish life of Newtown Linford for 13 years until he died suddenly of a heart attack at the age of 70, the day after taking Sunday services and going for a run in Bradgate Park. His wife Doreen moved away after Harry's death but when she died in

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The Rev. Harry Fletcher jogging in Newtown Linford.

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We are a very lively bunch, as the staff at the restaurant will testify, although, of course, impeccably behaved, sharing conversation and repartee along with a convivial drink and meal.

When I first joined as a newcomer to the Village, I was able to get to know a large number of residents in a short period of time and it played a major part in my becoming involved in the life of the Village.

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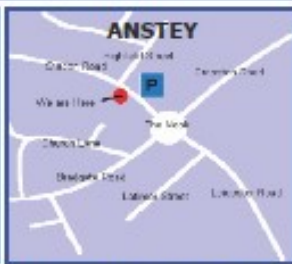
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Letters Page

David,

I read once more your letter in the Magazine (December issue) about dogs on leads. I also have lived in Newtown for many years and had dogs large and small and not once have they chased the deer. We dog walkers are very responsible people and enjoy walking our dogs and making friends, as Charles Bennion would have wanted. Don't forget he did leave it to the people of Leicester. You obviously do not know the adequate rules made last year by the Park, which we all observe in both the dedicated areas and times to put our dogs on leads, which we intend to carry on as agreed by the rangers. I really feel that you should also look at the cyclists which think the park is for them to use as a speed track. How about enforcing penalty notices for them!

So come on David, stop having a thing about dogs and being a Ba Humbug

Janet and Dog Walkers of Newtown Linford

Note from Editor (it is I who only use first names on letters and both David and Janet have submitted their full names)

Recent consultation by Leicestershire County Council re parking proposals

Dear Villagers

We, as Grey Crescent residents, were concerned about the new parking restrictions proposed by the County Council.

Knowing the affect of the extra parking that transferred to Grey Crescent, after the yellow lines were put down on Groby Lane, we distributed a form to residents of Grey Crescent and the top part of Main Street who we felt may not be aware of the proposals as they did not receive any notification from the County Council as "it did not directly affect them".

We wanted residents to be aware of our concerns: removing the option of parking outside our own homes; how it would affect areas up Main Street that are narrower and the surrounding country lanes; the need to build larger drives etc. We desperately want designated parking spaces and to stop visitors to the village from parking across our drives but feel a whole village approach is required.

We would like to thank the 20 residents who returned forms which we submitted within the deadline to the County Council. Copies were sent to the Clerk to the Parish Council, Charnwood Councillor Mr David Snartt and County Councillor Deborah Taylor.

**Paul & Rachel
Carole and Julian**

Letter page continued

Traffic Problems

Reading the Village Magazine, I was very interested to read about traffic problems past in the village. It took me back to when Mother, Lilly Warrillow, invited us over for Sunday lunch in the 80s. Phil parked the car on Mother's driveway. We went in the house & Phil went over the road to the Linford.

We hadn't been in very long when I noticed a double-decker bus stuck outside Ron's house. I looked down the road to see a HGV lorry stuck outside Aunt Alice's house. It was clear nobody's going any where as cars were parked on both sides of the road end to end. There was a gap between cars in front of aunt Alice's front lawn so the lorry driver squeezed his lorry through the gap on to the lawn and drove across to Mothers lawn. Mother had a half moon garden in the middle of her lawn with heather & about 5 or 6 Standard rose trees. The lorry flattened the lot. It left two very deep trenches where the wheels went, so deep that any farmer would be proud to plant a row of potatoes in them. The driver then shouted at me to move my car so he could get back onto the road, (that is the polite version). I went outside steaming mad, Aunt Alice was in the same mood. We were just about to let rip when Mother came out & spoke very calmly to him the way she always used to and just put him firmly in his place and made him feel ashamed. He apologised & I moved the car to let him out.

Phil, in the mean time, still in the Linford oblivious to what was going on, finally came back for lunch and announced the beer was very good over the road be-

cause he could have sworn he had seen a dirty great big lorry on Mothers Front. Typical of him. After all this time I can still feel a little indentation where the lorry went.

Rhona Warrillow



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A Happy New Year to you all. It seems to be very quiet at the moment with regard to Neighbourhood Watch. I put out a report of a lady losing her keys in the village. I never heard whether she found them.

At the time of writing I am busy arranging the Public Meeting on behalf of the Parish Council. This is to discuss the parking concerns in the Village. I wrote to Simon Cole, the Chief Constable to invite him to attend and in his reply he pointed out that parking was decriminalized many years ago and whilst they have some powers re obstruction they have no powers over yellow lines. He also pointed out that he had one million fewer police officer hours to deal with anything. He did later say he would ask a member of the local Police Team to attend if available. We will wait and see.

I have received no reports of any crimes on our patch which is a good thing.

We now have 103 NHW members on facebook and about 70 on the Gmail system. This is good but there must be a lot more residents out there not receiving our bulletins.

Pam McMorran.....NHW Co-ordinator
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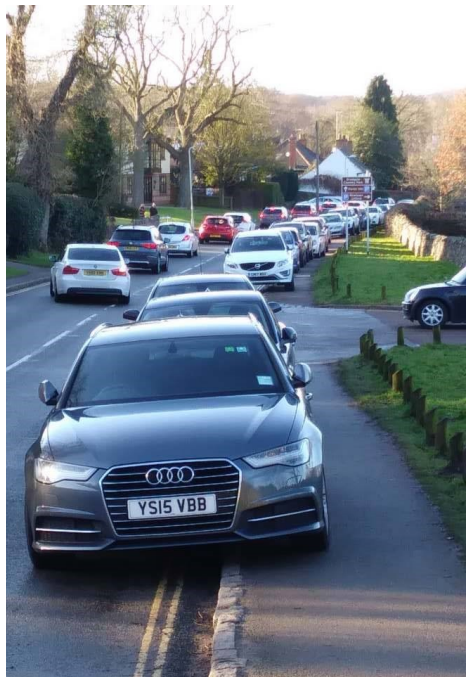
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Parking in the Village - Crisis point?

Whilst writing this article in time for the Magazine deadline, I am aware that events may well overtake the statements therein as this matter will have been discussed at the January Parish Council meeting, and possibly a wider public meeting, before this Magazine has arrived through your doors.

We, as a Parish Council and as a village, are increasingly concerned and worried by the danger and inconvenience caused by inconsiderate and illegal parking by visitors to the village, the majority of whom are visiting Bradgate Park. Visitor numbers have been and are continuing to increase as the Bradgate Park Trust seeks to increase its' income stream to offset the major reductions in funding from Leicestershire County and City Councils. With the stated aims of the trust over the next 10 years (<http://www.bradgatepark.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Strategy-for-website-April-2017.pdf>) our parking problems seem only destined to increase.

The situation between Newtown Linford and Anstey along Bradgate Road, where parking reduces the road to a single lane, has been highlighted as presenting a particular danger, as well as preventing residents from accessing their drives. Bradgate Park Trust is funding the consultation by Leicestershire County Council (LCC) and any subsequent painting of double yellow lines in sections along this road. This seeks to provide passing places as total yellow lines along this road was felt by Highways to be likely to dangerously increase traffic speeds within the 40 mph limit. Within this consultation exercise there are proposals for limiting the on-road parking within Grey Crescent. Parish Council requests for a residents only parking scheme have been turned down by LCC (apparently the small number of spaces make it uneconomical even with a £50 annual charge for a space). White lines and parking bays are unenforceable by law so the additional double yellow line scheme has been put forward for consultation. All residents have been encouraged to submit their views on these proposals



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and LCC will be reporting their decision on Bradgate Road and Grey Crescent in the near future.

However, as we have seen, yellow lines are only effective if those that park on them know they have a good chance of being fined! After the chaos of a recent Sunday (when numerous cars were parked along the yellow lines outside the Park within the 30mph zone without a single ticket being issued (!)) we have requested that the matter of enforcement (ie 'Traffic Wardens') be discussed urgently at Charnwood and Leicestershire County Council level.

Although the potential yellow lines along Bradgate Road are a start the Parish Council are very much aware that a 'whole village' solution is going to be needed. Park-

ing along Main St and the road by Old John car park will only get worse as the number of 'free' parking spaces reduces. We desperately need a solution to this problem and Bradgate Park Trust and LCC must acknowledge their responsibilities and be 'brought to the table' to explore **all** potential options to prevent the gridlock that occurs on popular weekends. Plans are being made for a Public meeting where these issues can be discussed and the Parish Council welcomes suggestions and ideas from residents that can be put to Bradgate Park Trust and LCC. Everyone will have their views but everyone will be wanting the same outcome.....

It is right that the legacy of Charles Bennion should be enjoyed by the 'inhabitants of the County of Leicestershire and of visitors thereto'; it is not right that this should endanger and cause vexation, harassment and distress to the residents of Newtown Linford.

Sue Pritchard (Chairman Newtown Linford Parish Council)



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Copper Beech – Sadly by the time you read this the tree will be felled but hopefully a new tree will on the way.

Oak Tree on Bradgate Road – All approvals are now in place including safety procedures for the carving scheduled for March.

Bob Bown Playing Field – Spring is just around the corner. The maintenance team will be returning soon and hopefully our youngsters will enjoy many more hours of pleasure. If you spot anything untoward, please let the Clerk know with a photograph if possible.

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