

Newtown Linford Magazine



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Queen Elizabeth II was born in 1926, at a time when cars were still scarce on the streets, most homes lacked running water, and the population of Newtown Linford was a fraction of the current size. We celebrate her 90th birthday officially this month. She has lived through some of the most astonishing changes and developments in history, reigning longer than any other monarch in our history. Her personal commitment to her duty as Queen and in her service of her people, and particularly to the vast number of charities she supports, is inspiring. How has she managed it? How has she, in a life which has seen huge change around her and has been full of personal ups and downs too, kept going with such perseverance and grace?

In a book published this year the Queen herself, in a foreword, acknowledges her dependence on the faithfulness of God and the prayers of so many people throughout the Commonwealth over her lifetime. Her Christmas broadcasts have often spoken of her own faith in the King born in a stable, the King who has drawn her own obedience and allegiance.

The Queen's life and service is worth celebrating. Thousands of people will gather in St James's Park in London on Sunday 12 June for one of the UK's largest street parties, and we, with other communities up and down the country will join in and celebrate in a similar style. I'm delighted that the Church will be at the heart of that celebration, just as her faith in God has been at the heart of all that has sustained our Sovereign.

I hope to see you there as we join in celebrating our Queen and our community.

Richard



Coffee & Cake @ Newtown Linford Village Hall

Thursday Morning 11.15am - Free

All Welcome - All Ages



June

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| 2nd - Janet and David Brunton | 242662 |
| 9th - Carol Ann , Gillian & June Hallam | 243433/01162 2304808 |
| 16th - Mary & Wes Raynor | 243042 |
| 23rd - Ruth Goddard & Ann Smith | 245316/242639 |
| 30th - Lesley Cook, Chris & Gay Redstone | 242214/0116 2351625 |

July

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| 7th - Amanda Sculthorpe & Vicky Lightfoot | 242445/07779123952 |
| 14th - Jo & Claire Costello | 249613 |
| 21st - Angela Roach, Judy Rowe, Pam M & Shirley Baxter | 242289/243989/244384 |
| 28th - Casey Pearson & Jenny Cole | 249259 |

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

Thank you to Margret Bloor for hostessing Coffee & Cake at her house in April due the Hall being unavailable

A beautiful sunny day with everyone sat in the garden

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



THE LINFORD Friday 3rd June

Lesley
Comedienne & Singer



Will be performing at
in the front lounge from 9pm

All Villagers welcome.

Lesley is an excellent Comedienne and Singer so why not come along with a few friends for a good evening with good company?

VILLAGE DIARY

June
3rd Comedienne @Linford
4th Boules
9th-11th Choral Society
11th Ramblers
12th **STREET PARTY -**
QUEENS 90TH BIRTHDAY



Regular events

Monday afternoon
Mondays 8pm at the Church
4th Tuesday of the month
3rd Wednesday of the month
Thursdays 11.15
Thursdays 6.30
3rd Thursday
Boules

Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall
Bell Ringing
Gardening Club
Ladies Luncheon Club
Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall
Brownies, Sunday School Rooms
Gentlemen's Lunch Club
Phone 01530 245373 for more info

12th June 2016

Newtown Linford Celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday

A big thank you to the Church, and the Village Hall and Parish Council who are also making a small donation for financially supporting this event and making it free to villagers.

We have had to pay for Insurance, the closure of the road, hire of the tables, chairs, bouncy castle and decorations. If any villager or company could assist with a small donation it would be much appreciated. Please contact Clive on 243989 .

The Linford are going to provide Plastic Pint Glasses if anyone wishes to partake of a pint in celebration. They are also making their toilets available for the event, as is the Village Hall. Many thanks to both of them .

The Linford are happy for the party to continue after the tug of war - just head down afterwards to join mine host Del.



**Newtown Linford Village
Queen's 90th Birthday Street Party
On Grey Crescent - Sunday June 12th 2016**

You are all invited to the above Street Party in June to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. Those villagers who have lived here for 4 years or more will know that the Jubilee was celebrated by all and what a fabulous day we had.

The New Vicar Richard Trethewey has been the driving force and the following plans are proposed. Details as follows;-

Grey Crescent will be closed to traffic so long trestle tables can be put on the road for the tea party.

We will have villagers at both ends of Grey Crescent in the early afternoon to tick off families arriving who will have been issued with tickets. Villagers should have received a leaflet inviting you to the street party with a tear off slip at the bottom. Please tear this off and return it to The Linford Club or the Post Office Newsagents by Friday 3rd June. If you have not received your invite please use the one on the next page. We will then issue you with a ticket for you and your family.



The event is free but your ticket will indicate whether you bring sweet or savoury food to share.

For further information contact Clive Rowe Tel 243989 Carolyn Turner 249173 Carol Ann Sugden 243433

Villagers should have received a leaflet through the door regarding this detachable form but you may need to cut this out if you live outside the Village but are a member of the community through Church, Brownies, Tennis Club etc

| Name | Address | Tel no | No of Adults | No of Children |
|------|---------|--------|--------------|----------------|
| | | | | |

Can I also give a big thank you to the Wildays for designing and printing the fantastic flyers which are being delivered to residents in the village inviting them to the party



Programme of the Street Party

1.30pm

Decorated Cake Competition all ages to be Judged

Brown Owl will expect your cakes on the day at the cake table on Grey Crescent by 1pm ready for judging. **Please note any entries will be used after judging for the Tea Party**

2pm

Welcome by Vicar – Tea Party

Long trestle, Tables, bunting etc. All children and the elderly will be seated and as many others as possible

3pm Games & hopefully a bouncy slide

3.45 for 4pm

Street Tug of War Competition on Bob Bown's playing field or the Reccy as some know it.

This competition has been held many times and is a Village Tradition. Each village street enters a team inviting you all to be part of it. Please let your street organiser know if you would like to be involved or call **Scott Raynor 249206**

Photo of 2012 Newtown Linford Brownies along with others showing us how to celebrate a street party . The Committee are gathering together plates, cups, table coverings, flags etc to help decorate the tables for Grey Crescent - but we would also like to invite villagers - especially Grey Crescent Residents to decorate and help us celebrate the Queens Birthday (and no cars on the street).



Newtown Linford Brownies

On Thursday 21st April, the Brownies completed their Hostess badges by making cheese and cucumber sandwiches. We cut the sandwiches into four triangles and elaborately placed them on our decoratively cut out doilies, sprinkled with cress. We made signs to show what they were, and at the end we were lucky enough to have a tasty piece of chocolate cake. Providing we had brought in our flower arrangements, we were all able to collect our Hostess badges.

By Isobel Warhurst, age 8.





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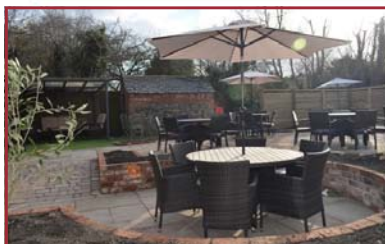
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News from the Park DEVELOPMENTS



The Bradgate Park Trust has been in existence as a charity since 1928. Nevertheless, a large number of people are still under the impression that Bradgate Park is owned and operated by the County Council. Twenty years ago the County Council contributed some 25% of our income with a similar proportion being paid in by Leicester City Council. Since then times have changed and in the current financial year the two Local Authorities will contribute around 3% of our operating budget between them with over 80% of the Trust's income now being generated on site.

Achieving greater recognition of the Trust is important partly because we hope people will feel better disposed to paying their parking fee knowing that it is not going to "the Council" and also because we want people to support us with their time as well as their money and achieving greater 'brand awareness' of the Trust as a charity is an important factor in encouraging this.

To help us achieve this, we have employed a new Development Officer. Carolyn Holmes is an ecologist by training and has had a varied career spanning museums, country parks, community development and fundraising. One of the exciting initiatives that Carolyn will be leading on is the development of a Friends of Bradgate Park group, of which we hope to announce details over the coming months, but her first major task is organising the public consultation exercise around the new dog rules in the Park. The first phase of this has been canvassing the views of our season ticket holders, as a result of which regular dog walkers will be pleased to hear that we have modified the 'dogs on leads' restriction slightly so that it will apply between 9am and dusk between 1st April (Good Friday if earlier) and 31st October on the areas of the Park below the Middle Wall. As we do not want to encourage an early morning influx of problem dogs, you may not see us publicising this change particularly heavily but it will be in the wording of the Public Spaces Protection Order and will be what we enforce so don't panic if it is not mentioned in the media.

On the subject of development, the new Visitor Centre is progressing well. The builder handed over the site to the exhibition installer in mid-May and we are on target to open at the beginning of July, hopefully with the luxury of a few days 'soft opening' during the last week in June. As part of the Visitor Centre development we are converting the old entrance lobby to a 'kiosk' serving takeaway hot and cold drinks and ice creams, which will take some of the pressure off the queue in the

Deer Barn Tearoom.

If you have not already got your tickets for the Bradgate Proms on 16th July, I encourage you to either go online to www.seetickets.com or call into the Conservatory Tearoom where you will save the online booking fee. Before then we have the first of this season's theatre evenings, 'Wuthering Heights' on Sunday 24th June.

Residents may have noticed that we have installed 'crocodile teeth' across the exit road from the Newtown Linford car park. These are designed to stop cars entering the car park from the wrong direction when we are busy and causing disruption and also so that we can secure the car park after dark and stop it being used for various antisocial activities. If this measure is successful we plan to install similar measures in the other car parks.

Regular walkers on the Park will have noticed the show of bluebells in some of the areas where the bracken has been controlled. I wrote about the beneficial effect that our bracken management had had on the Park's biodiversity in April and this spring show of colour is another example of this. The small yellow flowers of Tormentil are beginning to appear and these will soon be followed by the white clusters of tiny flowers of Heath Bedstraw. Taking advantage of the abundant insect life feeding on these nectar sources, the song of the Skylark can now be heard and the sharp-eyed are likely to spot a Green Woodpecker or two feeding on the many anthills around the Ruins and hear the unmistakable knocking of its Greater Spotted namesake coming from a nearby tree.

See you on the Park.

Peter Tyllesley

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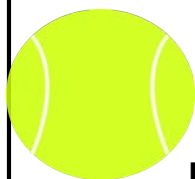
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NEWS We have started an after school junior club afternoon on a Tuesday at 3.30 - 4.30 junior school (just after school) and 4.30 -5.30 seniors. If anyone wants more information call John on 01530 253434

The new season has been greeted with some fabulous sunny days and is now underway. Time to dust off your racquets; join us for one or all of the following things on offer down at the club.

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Newtown Linford Gardening Club

Now that Spring has truly arrived, our gardens are full of colour – the blossom trees are at their best, tulips and bluebells are flowering in abundance and the tree branches are turning green as the fresh leaves emerge. Spring is certainly a wonderful time in Britain.

Our meeting on Tuesday 28th June is all about bees. We have come to realise recently that bees are incredibly important in our gardens as without them our flowers and trees would not be pollinated. The effect of that would be catastrophic as our fruit trees would not fruit, our flowers would not regenerate and our biodiversity would be greatly affected. As gardeners, we need to consider the needs of bees so that our plants can continue to thrive.

The name Fergus Garrett is very well-known and revered in the world of gardening and is becoming as synonymous with Great Dixter as its creator Christopher Lloyd. Christopher was one of Britain's greatest and most innovative gardeners and his garden at Great Dixter is famous around the world. Fergus Garrett is now head gardener there and has the great responsibility for continuing the work on this prestigious garden. Fergus does very few speaking engagements in any year and we are very proud that he has chosen Newtown Linford as one of his venues this year. He comes on Tuesday 25th October and we are inviting non-members to come and join us on this occasion. Tickets for the evening are £10 and can be obtained from the Secretary. We anticipate that these tickets will be snapped up quickly so we advise a prompt application

We have welcomed a large number of new members this year and will be pleased if others want to join us. If you are interested in our activities just contact the secretary (tel. 242452 or e-mail 01530242452@talktalk.net), or come to one of our meetings to see how you like it before making a commitment (£2 for visitors). Alternatively give us a ring and ask for a copy of our programme for the coming year and we will be pleased to send one to you.

Anne and David Couling

From the Records

I heard this week that the village rambblers were taken on a walk in Sheet Hedges Wood by Claire and Joe Costello. I searched the Village Records and found the invitation to the grand opening on 8th June 1998 by Mrs CE Brock, the Chairman of Leicestershire County Council. The County Council had carried out a two year programme of woodland management operations to prepare the new plantation in the wood. Work had included the harvesting of mature timber, replanting areas and coppicing hazel trees. The newly opened facilities included a car park and a system of marked trails which take visitors through the old part of Sheet Hedges Wood which was recorded as long ago as the 14th Century.

The wood is a designated site of special scientific interest and the woodland work was carried out with the support of English Nature. The picture is of Newtown Linford School who helped replant some areas of woodland and were invited to the opening ceremony.

There were demonstrations of charcoal burning and timber extraction using horses.

A County Council spokesman said "The opening of the car park and trails provide visitors with an opportunity to explore two very different yet beautiful areas of woodland and will provide attractive alternatives to other recreational facilities in the area.

The trails are still there but the car park was shut because it attracted undesirable visitors.



From the Records

When you reach page 38 of the magazine you will see in the article from Pam McMorran that Lydia Knott retires on the 31st August this year. We found an article in the records along with a picture of Lydia when she was appointed clerk of the Parish Council.

Lydia took over the role from Mrs Connie Stopper who was retiring and with her husband Harry (a past Chairman of the Parish Council) was moving to Grange over Sands in Lancashire. Harry and Connie had lived in the village for 37 years.



QUORN COUNTRY CRAFTS

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Wine and Cheese Party

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NEWTOWN LINFORD SERVICES June 2016

| DATE | NEWTOWN LINFORD | GLENFIELD |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| 5th June 1st Sunday of Trinity | | 9.00am Holy Communion (RT) |
| | 10.30am Holy Communion (JW) | 10.15am Family Worship (RT) |
| | | 6.30pm Evensong (RT) |
| 12th June 2nd Sunday of Trinity | 8.00am Holy Communion (RT) | |
| | 2.00pm Open Air Service (RT) | 10.15am Holy Communion (RT) |
| | | 5.00pm Open Air Service (RT) |
| 19th June 3rd Sunday of Trinity | | 9.00am Holy Communion (RT) |
| | 10.30am Holy Communion (RT) | 10.15am Service of the World (BH) |
| | | 6.30pm Evening Prayer (tbc) |
| 26th June 4th Sunday of Trinity | 8.00am Holy Communion (RT) | |
| | 10.30am Morning Prayer (RT) | 10.15am Service of the World (BH) |
| | | 6.30pm Holy Communion (RT) |

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—June

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------|------|--------|-----|-----|------|------|
| GLENFIELD | Wed | 9.30am | 1st | 8th | 15th | 22nd |
| NEWTOWN LINFORD | Thur | 9.30am | 2nd | | | |



CHURCH REGISTER NEWTOWN LINFORD

Weddings

None

Baptisms

None

Funerals

18th May ~ Dawn Elizabeth Reid, formerly of Joe Moores Lane, Woodhouse Eaves

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.

Church Contact Details

Richard Trethewey
Rector of St Peter's, Glenfield, and All Saints, Newtown Linford
0116 287 1604
Email: richard@stpetersandallsaints.org.uk

Parish Office: Bekki Williamson (9am - 11am weekdays)
0116 239 3768 Email: office@bradgateteam.org.uk

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

Bell Ringing in Newtown Linford

If you ever wish to experience the joys of bell ringing, want to find out more, or just want to socialise, you are welcome to pop in at any practice at Newtown Linford Church; **Monday nights, 8-9pm**. All are welcome to enjoy the bell ringing and the church.

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NEWTOWN LINFORD BOULES

Our boules evening coincided with one of the wettest days in May. We always have a contingency plan in place, so we played 9 pin long alley skittles instead, swapping the woodyard for the terrain. At the end of an enjoyable evening, not noticeable for its skill, out of a dozen players John Nixon, last year's winner, presented the Chell Cup to the new winner, David Woodward.

Boule Facts

Pétanque is a form of boules played in South West France. The current game originated in 1910 in Provence. The word Pétanque means "fixed feet" in the local dialect. So before we play an end the first player scribes a circle with his foot, in which each player stands for his turn. Prior to the 1910 rules players were allowed to run three steps. These new rules spread across France so that Boules and Pétanque are now basically the same game.

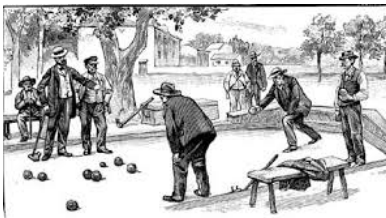
Why were the rules changed to fixed feet?

Read next month's Magazine for the answer and more Boule Facts.

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Fracking, our new neighbour?

There was a near capacity audience of 60 members and 31 guests at Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall. Dick Howard, our speaker finder and past Chairman, introduced our talk at the meeting on 25th April, saying that he had chosen this title as Charnwood Forest had been neighbours to so much “nasty” extractive industry that he wondered if fracking for gas might be yet another such neighbour.

Our speaker, David Bridge, is a retired geologist with much experience in the oil and gas industry. He served for many years with the British Geological Survey. It quickly became clear that his factual explanations were unbiased and could be respected. However it was equally clear from what he said that there is an ever increasing requirement for gas in the UK and a diminishing reliability of supply into the future.

On the other hand, his detailed explanation of the process of fracking to obtain a new supply of gas left few in doubt that the process was an expensive, messy and dirty business with many threats of pollution and disturbance, all for perhaps a 40 year supply. Much remains to be established.

The search area of interest to us - called Bowland - covers the full width of the UK across the north Midlands and northern England. The southern extremity includes Loughborough. Not far to the north there seem to be deposits which might be worth exploring. The regulatory framework covering exploration and extraction will be demanding. So far, no licences have been issued for Leicestershire.

David left us to make up our own minds on the subject. Our guests included a group of protesters whose noisy interruptions were capably countered by our officers and our speaker. They had not come to listen to the factual explanations but to make their own points.

The evening concluded as usual with informal discussion, lubricated by wine and a few nibbles.



**Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch -
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I am disturbed to report that the Police have a new format for letting us have any information. Whereas before we got a small amount of info such as the name of the road and type of crime now we will just get a box as follows- pretty well useless as far as I can see.

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| Offence | |
| Burglary Non-Dwelling | 1 |
| Damage | 1 |
| Total | 2 |



BEAT NEWS:

This month the beat team carried out consultations in the area and the highlighted issues were parking and speeding around Bradgate Park.

The Beat team also carried out speed checks and within a 40 minute period we had 27 vehicles travel through, 6 were stopped and issued advice notices regarding the speed and 1 vehicle was issued with a TOR. We shall continue to do these speed checks whenever possible so please could motorists drive safely and within the speed limit.

We would like to remind residents to lock and secure your home or vehicle; we have had an increase in theft from motor vehicles in the surrounding areas.

Thanks for reading and as always please remain vigilant and report any crimes or suspicious activity to the Police on 101.

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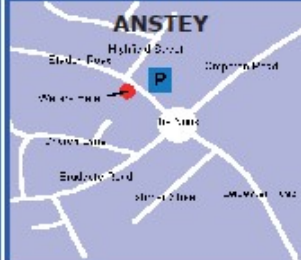
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BROOKVALE WELCOMES KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN

Brookvale was delighted, once again, to welcome children from local Primary Schools to two exciting annual events:

The aroma of cooking and baking filled our school corridors on Friday 12th February 2016, when we were joined by a host of Year 3 children, all eager to participate in our annual 'Bake Off' activity morning!

Aprons at the ready, flour a-flying, under the guidance of Ms Owen, our Food Technology Teacher, the children (and their relevant staff members) got well and truly stuck in to create their very own version of a Pizza Pin Wheel, where they practiced their dough making skills, perfected their knife techniques and learnt how to use an oven safely. Delicious and healthy fillings were loaded on to the pizza base all ready to cook and sample, and washing up and cleaning down was even thoroughly enjoyed!

Well done Year 3. Brookvale looks forward to welcoming you again in the not so distant future, when you begin your Food Technology lessons with us in Year 7.

On Friday 18th March 2016, we were thrilled to host another annual event involving our local Primaries. On this occasion, Mrs Pattison and Mrs Mawbey, two of our Science Teachers, welcomed Year 6 Scientists to our Primary Science Morning.

As this Science morning fell on the day of the Sports Relief charitable event, the activities were centred round that theme. The budding Scientists burnt food to determine which food source gave the most energy, after which exercise was the name of the game, as the children monitored their pulse rate to find out what happened following a period of physical activity. Some of our own Year 8 students assisted the children whilst they used data loggers and recorded their findings.

After such a hectic morning, refreshments for all were enjoyed, and it was a delight to hear the chatter between the children as they reflected on their experiences.

It continues to be a pleasure to meet our future students, and to

see them again as they begin the next chapter of their educational lives with us.

BROOKVALE STUDENTS HELP TO CREATE A NEW WOODLAND

Following a period of rain, rain and more rain, Monday 14th March 2016 dawned bright and breezy, thank goodness! Wellies and spades at the ready, our Year 7 students prepared to meet a member of staff from The Woodland Trust, to embark on a second year of tree planting around the perimeter of our campus, organised once again by our Science Teacher, Mrs Pattison.

120 Year 7 students, to be precise, planted in excess of 200 young trees and were guided by The Woodland Trust with respect to the depth of planting and the types of soil in which young samplings grow.

It will be wonderful for the students, as they continue their education across our campus, to see these trees grow and flourish, and who knows, the students may also return as adults in the future, with their own children, to see the woodland in all its glory once again.

Elaine Freeman, Roving Reporter

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SIGNS YOU NEED TO CHANGE UP YOUR EXERCISE ROUTINE

Even the fittest people on the planet (think Jessica Ennis Hill) go through periods with their exercise where they just get bored. Nothing is worse for slacking off from a healthy exercise routine than boredom and that's when you know it's time to change things up. Here are some signs to look out for and solutions to fix them

SIGN – Spend more time looking at your mobile phone than doing your crunches.

SOLUTION - LEAVE THAT PHONE ALONE for an hour. It will survive without you and your focus on your workout will be much better.

SIGN – You start to think of every excuse under the sun to not go to the gym.

SOLUTION – This is classic boredom! Do a little research and discover other workouts you'd like to try. Hike with a friend, a new dance class or that yoga teacher on YouTube you've been wanting to try. If you keep changing it up, you'll always be surprising your body and keeping that metabolism in check too!

SIGN - You are watching every second go by on your cardio equipment (treadmill, stepper, cross trainer, rowing machine) as you plod along for 30 minutes. This is me J

SOLUTION - It's time to introduce interval training on your cardio machine. You can cut your workout in half and still burn just as much (if not more) fat.

SIGN – You've been doing your cardio religiously at the gym. You feel healthier but you're not toning up.

SOLUTION – You need to pick up some weights. Resistance training is the best way to tone up your muscles, giving that lovely, streamlined look. If you have no idea where to start with it all, ask for help at your local gym or hire a personal trainer for some sessions. And ladies, **DO NOT BE AFRAID** of the weight room. I hear some of say you feel intimidated – take a deep breath, lift your head up and do it!! Every single one of us started with baby steps.

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Village Ramblers

Twelve ramblers and two dogs set out from the Village Hall on 14th May on a sunny afternoon. We took the footpath which runs parallel to Groby Lane, and continued along the path to Groby Pool, admiring the carpets of bluebells in Lady Hay Wood along the way. We returned through Sheet Hedges Wood and back into the village, re-emerging on Main Street. After this slightly shorter than usual ramble, there was plenty of time for tea and biscuits at Joe and Claire's house in Markfield Lane.

The ramble on 11th June will be led by John Castle. Meet as usual at the Village Hall at 2pm. As we'll be walking from the village, cars will not be needed.



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Our Annual Meeting of the Parish (not to be called an AGM) followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting will have taken place on Monday 23rd May 2016. At this meeting it is hoped that a new Chair and Vice Chair will have been elected along with the appointment of two Parish Councillors to fill the casual vacancies. Last month Tara Pickles of Markfield Lane was appointed to fill another casual vacancy. This new team will face many challenges over the coming months and Lydia and I will do our best to guide them in the correct direction.

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 Councillor Dr. Sue Pritchard writes to acknowledge the changes on our Council.

Dr Richard Lowe

Dick retires from the Council having been a Councillor since May 1998. In addition to his general duties as a Parish councillor over this time he has also used his professional skills as our Tree Warden - liaising

with Charnwood and advising on tree issues to protect the green and pleasant environment that we all enjoy.

Ken Waterfall

Ken joined the Parish Council way back in 1979, about the same time that Margaret Thatcher became prime minister. He served on the Council until 1988 when he was elected Chairman, taking over from Bob Bown – whose campaign had previously saved the village from the predations of the M1. He was a reliable and hardworking Chairman, only taking one year off from his Chairman's duties between 1988 and 2016. At a rough estimation he has attended well over 400 meetings.

During these years he carried out the sometimes difficult duties of the Parish Council Chairman, ensuring that the cemetery, churchyard and public spaces in the Village were well maintained by our contractors, liaising with the Police on crime prevention and traffic issues. He represented the Parish Council at numerous Leicestershire County Council events and made sure that Newtown Linford had a voice when issues pertaining to our Parish were discussed. All planning applications were carefully considered and he was a crucial part of constructing the Village Design Statement, to ensure, where possible, the look and nature of our unique village would be protected when developments and redevelopments/improvements were required.

The refurbishment of the Village Hall was another project that was helped by Ken negotiating and obtaining a public works loan in the name of the Parish Council and the Hall was reopened in 2007. Ken has also represented the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee and he and Michael Upstone (and latterly Toby Manning) have worked together to ensure this Hall is maintained and run for the benefit of our community. He drove a hard bargain whenever the rent for the hall was reviewed by Everards!

In September 2008 the Bob Bown children's playground behind Grey Crescent was reopened with all the new play equipment and the football area that our children enjoy today. Ken was the driving force in obtaining the grants, employing the contractors and purchasing this equipment and he regularly inspected the playground to ensure its safe use, identifying issues and liaising with the equipment companies.

By the time this Magazine is distributed the Parish Council APM will have happened. I'm sure the new Councillors will join with old to say a very grateful thank you to both of these gentlemen who have served the Village so well for so long.

Finally last but definitely not least Lydia Knott our Parish Clerk retires on 31st August in the month when she completes 45 years of admirable service. She will be a hard act to follow but I will do my best. On this subject I must point out that whilst we were aware that a Councillor could not be paid as a Clerk, we were only told by the powers that be last week that a retiring Councillor cannot be paid to do the job for a whole year after resigning as a Councillor. We have to create a Clerk position without profit for me until 1st April 2017 but I will still do my best for the village in this unpaid position.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting Monday 20th June, Village Hall

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