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April 2019

By the time you read this, 29th March will either be imminently upon us, or past. So Brexit, whatever shape we're going to get, will either have happened or will have been deferred – from what I can see – almost indefinitely. At the time I write, in early March, it's almost impossible to know with any confidence what on earth is going to happen in the next fortnight.

I don't often write about overtly political subjects despite having studied it at university, not least because I know it is entirely possible for faithful Christian people to have contrasting views on political issues. In my last Church we had a Conservative Cabinet Minister in the congregation, in the one before that someone who is now a Momentum activist!

So what should I say about Brexit?

One thing is that whether we believe it is a good thing or not, Christians should always be concerned about the effect on the poorest and most vulnerable in our society. When even the most ardent Brexiteers say it may be 50 years before we see the full economic benefits of Brexit, we need to be prepared to help those who will suffer from the inevitable short-term losses.

Another thing is that whether we agree with them or not, Christians are called to respect and pray for our political leaders. Since 2016 I have been dismayed at the loss of civility in public debates. We have a long and honoured tradition of political satire in this country, so mocking politicians is fair game, but we have now moved beyond that to a corrosive lack of confidence, of hatred and even violence. How can we regain the necessary trust in people who, by and large, I believe are in politics with an aim to serve with integrity?

Thirdly, whether Brexit happens or not, Christians are called to believe first not in the sovereignty of Parliament or Brussels but in the reign of Jesus: a just and good power which as we celebrate this month at Easter is victorious even over death and beyond. That's where our ultimate hope is, however important current events are.

Richard Trethewey

Rector of St Peter's, Glenfield, and All Saints', Newtown Linford

VILLAGE DIARY

April

1st Tennis Club Voga
7th Annual Parish Church Council Meeting
13th Village Ramblers

May

2nd Borough Council Elections
4th Safari Supper
14th Annual Parish Council Meeting

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 9.15	Jolly Tots Playgroup, Church
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



Newtown Linford Choral Society 20th Anniversary Concert 1999-2019



We would like to say thank you to everyone who came to the Winter Concerts in Ratby Church. Our next event for your diary is the popular Summer Concert to be held in the Village Hall on 6th/7th/8th June. This year will mark the 20th Anniversary of the foundation of the Choral Society in 1999. We've therefore decided to perform favourite songs from summer concerts over the last 20 years. These will include items by Abba, the Beach Boys, and from popular musicals, as well as a variety of other entertaining pieces. Once again, the concert will be compered by the ever amusing Len Matthews.

Ticket prices will be Thursday £9 (children £5), Friday and Saturday to include supper £19 (Children £9). Details of the tempting supper menu will be available next time and we ask that you please advise of any special dietary requirements. Tickets will be available in April, contact 01530 243822 or any member of the choir.

Iris Sayer



Coffee & Cake @ Newtown Linford Village Hall

Thursday Morning 11.15am - Free

All Welcome - All Ages



Coffee and Cake Duty Rota

April

4th	Mary, Sarah & Wes Raynor, Jean Deveaux	243042
11th	Lesley Cook/Chris A & Gay Restone	242214/242432/ Lei2351625
18th	Casey Pearson & Jenny Cole	249259
25th	Amanda Sculthorpe & Vicky Lightfoot	242445/07779123952

May

2 nd	Carolyn Turner, Charlotte Jackson, Ruth Goddard	249173/245316
9 th	Jo & Claire Costello	249613
16 th	Janet & David Brunton	242662
23 rd	Sue Pritchard & Teresa Calvert	243119/482802
30 th	Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Josie	245078/242000

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

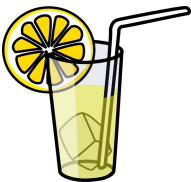
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Alan Birkett	244317





VILLAGE SAFARI SUPPER - 4th May 2019



The Church is organising a Safari Supper in the village again this year, to raise money towards the Redecoration Fund. It is taking place on Saturday 4th May, please put the date in your diary.

The evening will start in Church at 7.00pm with drinks and canapés. Then at 8.15pm guests will travel to various houses in the village for a main course, after which they will return to Church for deserts and coffee. The ticket price is £10.00.

Last year the event was very well supported and all the tickets sold out in advance.

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

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We chose to go on the walk starting at the stile at the bottom of Markfield Lane. We followed the path by John's Lee Wood and Tangle Trees Farm where we turned right then past Stinking Wood, Bushey Field Wood and Lea Wood. We crossed the River Lin to join the path leading to Ulverscroft Mill, over the bridge and fields to Jan's house where she had a very welcome tea ready for us. Thank-you Jan.

The next Village Walk is on 13th April.
Leaders: Claire and Joe Costello.
Meet 2:00 p.m. Opposite the Village Hall.



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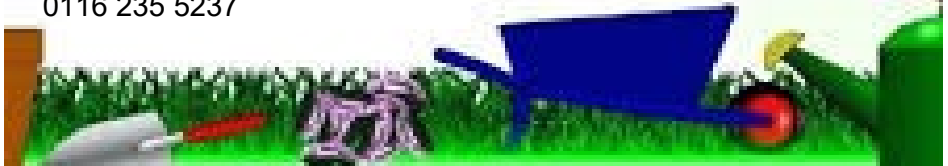
SUNDAY 7th JULY

12-5pm

WANTED

- People willing to open their garden (new ones not part of NGS most welcome)
- to sell tickets
- Have a stall - e.g. plants, cakes
- Help serve teas
- Cook cakes
- Make notices

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0116 235 5237



From the Park



Whenever I sit down to write one of these pieces, I always look back to see what was happening at the same time in previous years. For a start, I note that I am writing April's column four days earlier than I did last year, so I hope the Editor appreciates this (especially as I am doing so in the office on a Saturday morning). Readers may remember the spring snow we had in 2018: I recorded on 20th March that there was snow on the ground, and we had a further snowfall on the 27th. I noted at the time that there were no signs of Spring to be seen. Fast forward to 2019 and the daffodils were in full bloom at the end of February and, despite a short-lived flurry last weekend, we have had practically no snow at all this winter. Last year, I enjoyed a couple of days of April skiing at Glenshee on some of the best snow I have seen in Scotland in nearly 30 years; this year this Scottish mountain resorts are closed for want of snow.

Year-on-year fluctuations in weather are entirely natural and cannot be used on their own as evidence of a changing climate but there is no doubt that we are seeing increasingly dramatic swings in conditions with many months in each year being either the best or worst on record when it comes to our visitor numbers, the biggest driver of which is the weather. Looking at the last 12 months, March and April were damp squibs, May was good, June was the best on record, July was mediocre, August was poor, September was the worst on record (does anyone remember the heatwave and drought?), October and November were middling. Since then, December, January and February have all been the best on record and March has seen us battered by wind and rain with barely a visitor to be seen on many days. I always say that Dante missed out a Circle of Hell when he wrote *The Inferno* because there is one reserved for mortal sinners who are condemned to run outdoor visitor attractions in England.

The practice of naming storms in the UK only started in 2013, itself a response to the increased frequency and severity of weather events. In the past few weeks we have been battered by Storm Gareth and I am not certain whether the wind currently howling around the Deer Barns represents the tail-end of Gareth or the vanguard of Hannah who, according to the Met Office website, will be the next named storm, to be followed by Idris, Jane and Kevin with scope to go as far as Violet and Wyn if things get really rough. Whatever the name of this particular instalment, this

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week has seen us lose a number of trees across the Park and in Swithland Wood, although I am pleased to say that the roof is still on the Lodge (at the time of writing anyway).

Because the Park is criss-crossed by public footpaths, one of which runs along the main carriageway, we cannot ever lawfully close the Park without going through a lengthy legal process. When the weather gets so bad as to, in our view, represent a real safety risk to the public, we post notices on the gates and on social media strongly advising people not to enter the Park or Wood. All the parkland trees are subject to a safety inspection regime and are in as safe a condition as we can reasonably ensure. We do not, therefore, post such advisory notices lightly and I would strongly recommend that people take heed of them when they appear.

Despite the mad March weather, we have had some notable wildlife sightings in recent weeks including a pair of peregrines, a red kite and otters on the river, captured by one of our trail cameras put up to investigate what we were worried might have been evidence of mink along the riverbank.

The stags have started to cast their antlers and in April the fallow bucks will do the same. Generally speaking, the largest animals lose their antlers first, which leads to the usual hierarchy being turned on its head as they are bullied on the feed lines by the smaller, but still intact, males. The drive-through scheme for Blue Badge holders will run again this season, starting on Thursday 4th April. As last year, users will need to book a 'slot' in advance to enable us to manage the number of vehicles in the Park at any one time. In a change from previous years, to gain admission users will have to purchase a Pay & Display ticket; the old system of requesting donations was not raising enough money to cover the costs of operating the scheme and we feel that the new approach is fairer and less ambiguous.

Our first Venison Tasting Experience held on 5th March went very well so we will be repeating this event on at least one occasion next season. On the subject of venison, a reminder that the season is about to end, so stock up now or go without until September!

Assuming that it is safe to venture out, I look forward to seeing you on the Park.

Peter Tyldesley



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Muriel Pettifor aged 93 years has recently passed away. Muriel lived with her late husband Maurice at 23 Grey Crescent since the houses were built in 1967. She very much enjoyed the super garden planted by Mau-



was born she preferred not to teach. When younger, she was a member of the Tennis Club and W.I. but more recently she was satisfied to read, watch television and be visited by her family.

When I visited her she would always make me a cuppa, relax and have an interesting chat. A very good person to have as a neighbour. **Glenis Meredith** . .

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The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ (cAD 30) is the cornerstone of Christian belief. Without it, as St Paul writes (c AD55) eloquently in 1 Corinthians 15:19 'we are of all most to be pitied'. So why do Christians believe in the Resurrection? Is it just a pious hope that we have been taught since childhood? When my eldest daughter was about six, one Easter evening she said 'Daddy, is the Resurrection really really really true.....?'

I, as a trained Mathematician, have always believed in the historical truth of the Resurrection. Even when I have doubted God, been horrified by the scandals and failings of various churches, been puzzled by some seemingly unanswered prayers, I have never doubted the historic truth of the Resurrection? Why? Am I deluded? Here are some reasons for this seemingly unscientific crazy belief.....

1- The written evidence is very early. St Paul (whose extraordinary faith was based on an encounter with Jesus and led to his martyrdom in Rome) wrote some of his letters as early as the AD 40s. He wrote 1 Corinthians in AD 55 about 25 years after the event. The Gospels followed a little later.

2- The Gospels tell us that the brave people at the crucifixion, and on the first Easter morning, were largely women - amazingly led by a woman called Mary Magdalene who had been released from seven evil spirits (Luke 8:20). Anyone 'inventing' a story to convince the sceptical Greek and Roman world could hardly have chosen a less credible witness. The Gospels tells us that the tomb was empty (the grave clothes neatly folded like the empty chrysalis of a butterfly - John 20:7). No one has ever produced the body (the only credible alternative is that Jesus' body was thrown into a pit with other common criminals)

3- Consider the state of Jesus' disciples on the evening of the first Good Friday. They were in hiding. Only John had even been brave enough to attend the crucifixion. Their leader had denied all knowledge of Jesus, one of their number was about to commit suicide. Yet a few weeks later, they were preaching with extraordinary effect, performing miracles in the name of Jesus and taking the unlikely news of a crucified carpenter, who had risen from the dead, all over the known world and especially to its dangerous capital city - Rome. What had inspired them?

4- Think about James, Jesus' eldest half-brother. In his life time, Jesus'

family had been sceptical. Mark 3:20-21 implies that they thought he was mad; John 7:5 bluntly tells us that his brothers didn't believe in him. Yet in the Acts of the Apostles (written by St Luke who was present at many of the later events recorded there), we find Jesus' brothers and his mother Mary at prayer with the disciples (1:14), we find James the Lord's brother (not James the brother of John who had already been killed by one of the delightful Herod family see Acts 12:2) as one of the leaders of the early Church (see Acts 15:13). He is often mentioned by Paul in his letters. He is mentioned by the Jewish historian Josephus (writing in the 1st century) as having been martyred for his faith cAD 62. What had changed James?..... Read 1 Corinthians 15:7 'Then he appeared to James'. James encountered Jesus, risen from the dead, what else could change a sceptical half-brother, who despite Jesus' miracles, didn't believe in him, into a martyr?

Space prevents my offering any more evidence. But people ask - what form did Jesus' resurrected body take? Clearly he wasn't a corpse come to life. His body had a unique quality - more like that of an angel. Jesus taught (Mark 12:25) that our bodies, after death, will be like those of an angel. And there is plenty of credible evidence for the existence of angels even in today's sceptical world - but that, as they say, is another story....



The implications are huge. If the Resurrection story is true, it profoundly affects each one of us. We cannot evade its implications for our life - ***neither in this world nor the next!***

Prebendary John Woolmer

(retired Anglican priest, worships and helps out in the Parish Church)

JW will be speaking to the Friends of Charnwood forest on Monday 20th May at 7.30pm in Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall ' *The Butterflies of Charnwood*'

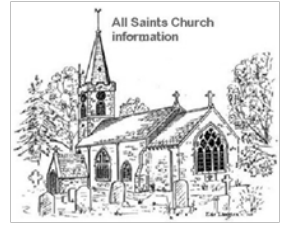
BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES

April 2019

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
7th April		
5th Sunday of Lent	10.15am Worship as One (SA)	10.30am Holy Communion (APCM) (RT)
14th April		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
Palm Sunday	10.15am Holy Communion (RT/GS)	10.30am Morning Prayer (JW)
	4.00pm Messy Church	
18th March	10.45am Holy Communion (PH))	
Maundy Thursday	6.30pm Joint Agape Communion at Newtown Linford	
19th April	10.15am Worship as One (RT/SA)	
Good Friday	2.00pm Hour at the Cross at Newtown Linford (SA/RT)	
	7.30pm United Service (RT & GMC)	
21st April	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
Easter Sunday	10.15am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (RT)	
28th April		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
2nd Sunday of Easter	10.15am APCM	10.30am Morning Prayer (KW)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (RT/SA)	



CHURCH REGISTER, NEWTOWN LINFORD



Weddings none
Baptisms none

Funerals

4th March ~ Elizabeth Jackson, formerly of Stokes Drive, Leicester

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.



MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—April 2019

GLENFIELD	Wed 10.45am	3rd	10th	17th	24th
NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur 10.30am	4th			

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To vote in the local elections on 2nd May this year, you need to be on the Electoral Register. If you are not on the Register, you will need to register by Friday 12th April. Although this is the last date to apply, if you leave it until the last minute and there are any issues with your application, then you may not be registered in time to vote in May's local elections. If you do not believe you are on the Electoral Register, please contact the Council on 01509 634546. Visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/local_elections_2019 for more details about this year's local elections.

Some key dates:

Deadline for receipt of postal vote applications 5pm 15th April

Deadline for receipt of proxy vote applications 5pm 24th April

Polling Day 7am to 10pm 2nd May

Counting of votes 3rd May.

There is a change to the usual polling station for Newtown Linford and Ulverscroft. This will now be at the Linford, 66 Main Street, Newtown Linford. The change has taken place because the old venue had issues relating to disability access and parking. There are no other changes to the other two polling stations within Forest Bradgate Ward. The Village Hall, Woodhouse Eaves and the Community Hall, Woodhouse.

David Snartt.

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Leicester Cathedral Walking Group

Cathedral Walking Group – Start of 9th Season of Visits



On Saturday 6th April 2019 the Cathedral Walking Group will be starting it's 9th season of visits and walks with a visit to St Thomas of Canterbury Church at Frisby on the Wreake.

All of the Churches that we visit have a special attraction. They may be architecturally interesting, contain artistic carvings, monuments, windows, pews or be historically important. St Thomas's Church is quite beautiful and well worth a visit.



Our visit will start by sharing lunch at The Bell Inn, a traditional English Pub, 2 Main Street, Frisby on the Wreake, LE14 2NJ4 where we will meet at 12noon for lunch at 12.30. After lunch we will visit St Thomas's Church at 1.30 pm to be followed by a short walk lasting about 1½ hours around local footpaths.

This is a pick-and-mix event, you will be welcome to join us for one, two or all three parts of the day, you choose what you would like to do. If you book in for lunch, we will send a menu to you to pre-select your meal choice.

If you would like to join the Cathedral Walking group on this visit please book in with Mick McQuade email: mickmcquade@ntlworld.com or text to 07879 67 57 67. If you would like to join the group but do not have transport, please contact Mick as car sharing may be possible.

If you would like more information or car-share from Newtown Linford contact :

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These services include helping older people who have been discharged from hospital to rebuild their confidence and remain independent once they return home, providing transport to help with shopping, attending hospital appointments or support with social opportunities. In addition our volunteers provide valuable company and friendship as well as making sure that the older person is safe and well.

Teresa Gibbs – Commissioned Services Operations Manager for Royal Voluntary Service: “The demand for our services is always increasing and as a result of this we are looking to recruit more volunteers to allow us to continue to offer the support to local older people. Our volunteers make a significant and positive difference to older people’s lives and without their incredible contribution we would certainly not be able to provide the current level and range of services.”

Chris Cordle, a retired NHS medical psychologist from Leicester, is a Royal Voluntary Service volunteer. She delivers the charity’s Home from Hospital service which helps settle older people back into home after a hospital stay. She says: “I missed the satisfaction of working with people - I loved that part of my job. Volunteering has filled that gap. I enjoy working with older people, hearing their stories and helping them to achieve their aims. Much of my career was about motivating and helping people, and that’s what I’m still doing now. I really enjoy encouraging people to achieve their personal targets. It’s very satisfying.”

We would really like to hear from local people who may be interested in this very worthwhile volunteering opportunity, a couple of hours per week really can make a real difference to the quality of older people’s lives.

To find out more please

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Newtown Linford Gardening Club

It was a bit of a shock to wake up to snow one morning but it emphasises that the British weather is highly unpredictable and a spring-like February does not always suggest that summer is just around the corner!!!!

We again had a full Village Hall to welcome the first of our celebrity speakers of the year. Matthew Biggs is a Leicestershire man so he knew all about our Village before he arrived. He showed us some interesting back gardens which he had visited in his travels as a television presenter. Some of these were decidedly unusual as were the gardeners who had created them but it showed only too well that someone's garden is a very personal thing and there are hundreds of ways of doing it right. It was a lovely evening and much appreciated by our members.

Our April speaker is another gardening expert who has presented on television talking about the garden for which he is responsible. Alan Power is head gardener at Stourhead, a National Trust property near



Swindon. The house and garden is very substantial with a lovely lake and many trees providing a beautiful setting in the countryside.

This is also the evening of our A.G.M. so we will be starting at 7.15pm to hold the meeting before the evening's talk

Anyone interested in our activities can contact the Secretary (tel. 242452) or e-mail us at 32couling@gmail.com , or else come along to one of our meetings as a visitor (£3). If you would like a copy of our programme for the coming year, we will be pleased to send one to you.

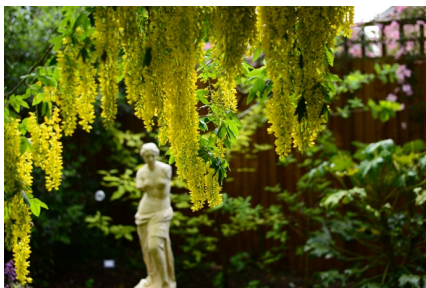
Anne and David Couling

The National Garden Scheme in Leicestershire April Gardens



The National Garden scheme is a charity which last year raised £3.1m donated to Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and The Queen's Nursing Institute. The

Leicestershire branch raised £60,606, and we are hoping to raise more money this year for these important charities.



In April we have two gardens open with a great display of spring flowers. Tresillian House, at 67 Dalby Road, Melton Mowbray LE13 0BQ which is over 2/3rd of an acre supporting two ponds and a bog garden, which are sure to be full of activity with frog spawn and perhaps an appearance by the local ducks. There will be a host of spring flowers blooming, Daffodils, Tulips, Hellebores, Primroses, and late flowering Camellia. Tresillian House has many trees which will be turning green and Laburnums, making for a lovely spring display.

44 Fairfield Road, in the heart of Market Harborough, (LE16 9QJ) is a wildlife friendly garden of 1/3 acre packed with interest including a small copse, a pond which supports various amphibians, and an abundance of spring flowers including Narcissus, Violets, Bluebells and the unusual Snake's Head Fritillary. Both of these gardens are open on Sunday 28th April.

We have, in addition to those gardens above, another four gardens open by arrangement for group visits. This is an ideal day out for a society or group to enjoy a spring garden and all gardens have excellent refreshments on offer including Tea and Homemade cakes. Open by arrangement is Goadby Hall at Goadby Marwood Leicestershire LE14 4LN an impressively large garden, over 10 acres including 5 lakes, a woodland walk, and interconnected walled gardens. Westview at 1 St Thomas's Road Great Glen LE8 9EH which is a smaller walled garden with many unusual plants and features including formal herb parterre, an auricula theatre and wildlife pond. Also open by arrangement is Baracca in Earl Shilton, Mary's Garden in Hinckley, and Ravenstone Hall, Coalville all of which have colourful spring flower collections. To make an appointment for a group visit to any of these gardens visit <https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/by-arrangement/> for more information and contact details of the garden owners.

The National Garden Scheme is currently looking for new gardens to open in 2019. You can join the NGS gardening community, make new friends and help to raise money for charity. If you are interested in opening your garden, please contact Leicestershire County Organiser Pam Shave at pamelashave@btconnect.com or call 01858 575481.

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Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



The March Beat Team report said that we had 2 burglaries and 3 shed break ins although I had not personally heard of anything. That seems quite high and I hope it was incorrect. There was a posting on Facebook from a resident on the lower end of Markfield Lane who had their car tampered with but nothing was taken. That was close by to where the two cars were taken a few months back.

An extract from Wikipedia says The Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the United Kingdom is a partnership intended to bring people together to make their communities safer. It involves the police, Community Safety departments of local authorities, other voluntary organisations and individuals and families who ostensibly want to make their neighbourhoods better places to live. It aims to help people protect themselves and their properties and to reduce the fear of crime by means of improved home security, greater vigilance, accurate reporting of suspicious incidents to the police and by fostering a community spirit. I think this works well here in our Village especially with the Facebook closed Group. Don't forget to tell all friends about the Group if they are not already a member. If they are not on Facebook they can be added to the Gmail system to receive messages. Some of the information is also put in the news section of the Parish Council website.

Finally, please remember to let us know if you have a new neighbour so that a Village Welcome Pack can be sent.

I
Pam McMorran, NHW Co-ordinator

pamriverlyn@msn.com tel: 01530 242201

How to contact the Police

All incidents are to be reported to the Police and **by calling 101**

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Safety Issues on Bob Bown Playing Field

You may remember that last year we were forced to remove an item of equipment from the play area due to inappropriate and dangerous use, with rope and other such items being tied to it. Since its removal the situation had improved sufficiently that we were considering its reinstatement. However, it is with regret that this month our Councillors found yet more blue nylon rope tied to equipment on the field - presumably from the same source as before. This has now been removed as it is an entanglement hazard.



It is totally unacceptable that the safety of our equipment is compromised in this manner. The equipment is inspected weekly which, when used normally, is sufficient. However, we do not have the resources to keep checking that no-one has been irresponsible enough to endanger others by attaching these ropes etc. Please, if anyone sees such occurrences, let our Parish Clerk know as soon as possible so that the danger can be addressed. If you know who may be responsible for this rope, we should also like to know so that measures can be taken to stop this happening.

Everyone's children should have the right to play on this facility in a safe environment, no-one should have the right to compromise their safety.
Written by the Chair on behalf of the Parish Council

Dr. Sue Pritchard



Newtown Linford Parish Council

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The May meeting on Tuesday 14th May will be our Annual Meeting of the Parish and Annual Parish Council Meeting. At the first meeting reports are usually given by the Chair of the Parish Council, the Clerk, the Chair of the Village Hall Committee, a member of the Police Beat Team and the Head of the Village School. At the latter meeting the Chair and Vice will be elected for the coming year. Councillor Holly Cross from Roecliffe Road will not be standing for election and therefore her last attendance will be the meeting on Tuesday 2nd April. On behalf of all residents we express our thanks to her for her service over the last few years. Councillors are elected for four years and this year all Councillors must be re-elected. At the time of writing Tim Porte also from Roecliffe Road has indicated his intention of standing for election.

Bob Bown Playing Fields:- The junior double swing has been waiting to be repaired for several weeks and when they went to carry out the work it was found to require more attention than expected. Under the circumstances the Councillors have elected to replace it with a whole new swing which will be carried out in the next few weeks. Our Chair has written a separate article on behalf of the Councillors elsewhere in the magazine regarding safety issues.

LCC energy bill for the street lamps owned by the Parish Council:-

This has increased by £127.58 for the coming year.

Solar VAS signs:-

These are now installed and working on Sharpley Hill and Roecliffe Road. Some very useful statistics are now being downloaded and will be available for viewing soon.



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The third sign will soon be erected to cover the hill on Bradgate Road.

Roecliffe Road Traffic:- In view of the increase in obstructive parking along Roecliffe Road and down by Hallgates and taking into account the speed of the traffic, the Councillors have elected to explore the possibility to changing the speed limit from 50 to 40 mph. They have written to Anstey and Thurstaston and Cropston Parish Councils asking for their support. The faded yellow lines in this area have been reported to LCC and they are currently considering whether they are sufficiently faded for them to be repainted.

Planters on Lampposts:- As it is now difficult to find lampposts that pass the safety test to hang the planters on the Councillors are considering placing a two tier round planter outside the Village Hall on the spot where the Christmas tree is placed. Everards have provisionally given their permission for this but we await confirmation.

Parking on Grey Crescent:- Following the parking consultation some time ago LCC has now written to the residents in Grey Crescent who fit the criteria offering them elongated H's. At the time of writing they are half way through the allotted four weeks allowed to reply. When these are in place and it can be seen what the situation is like, then the Village Working Party are expected to resume their meetings and be able to work out what the next stage should be. It may be that another consultation will be called for.

Pam McMorran – Parish Clerk, R.F.O. and Registrar for Burials.

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Brownies

The Brownies and I would like to say a big thank you to the village for supporting our Rummage Sale.

Your help made it a great success, the best we have ever done.

The Brownies joined in serving on the stalls with great enthusiasm and had a happy day.

Hilary - Brown Owl



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