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When were you last April Fooled? Did you get caught by the fake announcement of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's wedding last year (don't worry, it's becoming true next month)? Or ten years ago when the BBC ran an item on the newly discovered flying penguin colony? Can you even remember back to the 1950s and the famous Panorama programme still cited as the best April Fool of all time when they ran a segment on the gathering of the harvest from spaghetti trees. I still remember watching the fight that broke out behind Des Lynam on Grandstand back in 1989 and half-believing it for a moment or two.

This year Easter Day falls on April 1. Plenty of people believe Easter and the news of Jesus' resurrection to be the historical equivalent of the penguin colony – some great deception practiced by his followers, though the reasons they might have done this remain unclear. What is clear though is that it definitely wasn't a hoax or an April Fool. The disciples believed it so thoroughly that they were prepared to go to prison or even be killed rather than deny it. No one else had any reason to manufacture the story, so what remains as a possibility?

The legal journalist, Lee Strobel, once decided to dedicate his time to proving it was 'fake news'. Having painstakingly looked into all the possibilities, he unwillingly had to come to the conclusion instead that it was true. His story can be read in his book 'The Case for Christ' or seen in a film of the same name released last year.

The events of Easter do seem a rather far-fetched, even foolish, story, in some ways – Paul, writing just a few years later said himself that 'the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are lost and dying'. But he goes on to say 'God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.' It's no deception, instead through the news of Easter we discover the most important truth of all.

Richard Trethewey

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

VILLAGE DIARY

April

13th	Village Ramblers
14th	Village Safari Supper
24th	Gardening Club
30th	Parish Council Meeting

May

10/12th	Bradgate Drama Society
15th	Boules

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	see pg 23

Brownies

On Saturday 3rd March the Brownies had the Annual Rummage Sale. It was very different to other rummage sales because of the weather conditions, we were rather nervous that nobody would turn up and we could be left with all the rummage. But then lots of helpers came to clear the snow from the path so people could enter

At 1.30pm the doors opened and a lot of people arrived to buy donated rummage there were lots of stalls that brownies managed. Selling, teddies, jewellery, clothes Bric-a-Brac, shoes and there was even a tombola!

We had some fabulous cakes donated to our Coffee and Cake section which was much needed with the chilling temperatures outside and the frantic shopping.

The Brownies would like to thank the whole community for their fantastic support and look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Alice Skinner
Age 8 Years old

Coffee & Cake @ Newtown Linford Village Hall

Thursday Morning 11.15am - Free

All Welcome - All Ages



Coffee and Cake Duty Rota

April

5th	Jo & Claire Costello	249613
12th	Carolyn Turner & Charlotte Jackson	249173
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		

Tissington Well Dressing Trip - Tuesday 15th May

There are still some places left on the bus for this trip leaving the Village Hall at 9.30am returning for 5.30pm. £10 per head

A great day out. Contact Carol Ann Sugden on 01530 243433 if you are interested. Anyone welcome

The Beast from the East

Coffee and Cake Thursday 8th March news

A Thank you to Rhian Guppy, Claire Altridge & Natasha Hindocha for running the School duty even though school was closed due to the forecasted bad weather. It was lovely to get a message from them that the cakes had been made and they were happy to run the morning anyway. I asked Rhian to let parents know that they were welcome to come and join us with their children which they did and we had a lovely full hall of chatter and noise! We even had some Dads join us too.

All the children learnt social, catering, baking and good behavioural skills that morning!!!

Newtown Linford Gardening Club

Our February meeting did not happen, in the end. The heavy snow disrupted many things and it was clear that our speaker would have had difficulties travelling home to Warwick late at night and many of our members would not have chosen to travel on our country roads in the dark. Cancellation was the only sensible decision and we hope to reschedule Amanda Fields from the charity 'Thrive' to a future date.

Our celebrity evening in April welcomes Bob Flowerdew to our village. He still has his trademark pigtail and his clever turn of phrase and is very interesting to listen to. He is one of the nation's experts on Organic Gardening and, in these days, when many of our regular pesticides are no longer available, he should be able to give us plenty of tips to help us cope. Tickets for this visit have proved popular so the hall will be full for this special event.

We have some interesting trips lined up for later in the year. Our local trip is to Brooklea Nursery in Rothley. As gardening outlets in our area disappear it is good to have such a well-stocked nursery so close by.

In August we go to Thornbridge Hall, a less well-known stately home with a splendid garden. They are opening especially for us so we have a private viewing arranged.

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.

Anne and David Couling

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Safari Supper

Saturday 14th April

Tickets selling fast - £10

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7pm- Drinks and Canapes in Church

8.15pm - Main Courses in Village Homes

9.30 - Deserts and Coffee back in Church.

Please come and join in

EVERY ONE WELCOME

If you can help in any way (particularly as a main course host)
or to buy tickets,

Please contact Ed Killick 01530 249 589

It's Springtime at Bradgate Drama Society!

Our Spring production comprises two one-act plays, both great comedies which will keep you entertained through the evening.



The first, '**Rude Awakenings**' by Nicolas Ridley, is set in Village Hall (which makes the set quite easy!) at the Little Gissing Art Group's annual exhibition where Astrid, a young artist with a colourful past, ruffles the feathers of the older members.

The second, '**Losing It**' by Derek Webb, features Jack, an actor who's lost for words (an affliction not unknown to Bradgate Drama Society actors!). He then loses his leading lady and he's also probably losing the plot. His attempt to keep the play going soon gets too much for one member of the audience who starts complaining but then gets sucked into appearing in the play herself...

LOSING IT

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Look forward to seeing you there.

A great start to 2018 for Newtown Linford Primary School

We support our children outside of School as well as in it. Lexie (yr 5) played mixed doubles and singles in badminton against Warwickshire in January and won all her games. Zara (yr 2) also played in her first singles tournament under 10s age group and came runner up! Well done girls.

4 of our Yr 3 children went to South Charnwood High School for an Engineering Event in March. 9 other schools took part and they had to design and build a device to carry an uncooked egg which was then dropped out of the upstairs window! The egg survived and we came first! Well done to Noah, Phoenix, Frankie & Isla.



The weather caused us some problems this term but that didn't stop the children from Linford class getting outside and playing in the snow.



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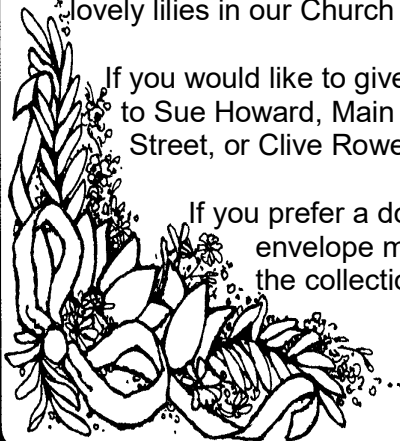
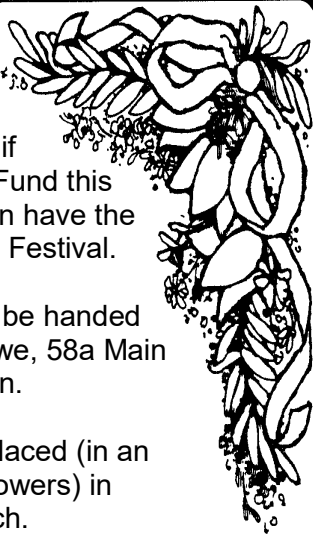
Church Flowers

During the year and on special Church days a willing band of ladies keep the Church bedecked with lovely flowers. We wondered if anyone else would like to give to the Flower Fund this Easter and for the coming year so that we can have the lovely lilies in our Church again during the Festival.

If you would like to give, donations can be handed to Sue Howard, Main Street, Judy Rowe, 58a Main Street, or Clive Rowe, Church Warden.

If you prefer a donation can be placed (in an envelope marked Easter Flowers) in the collection plate at Church.

Thank you.



From the Park

As I am writing this on the day of the Spring (or Vernal) Equinox – much to the Editor's chagrin as she likes copy to be submitted by the 15th of the month, not the 20th – I would ordinarily expect to be waxing Wordsworthian about daffodils and other signs of Spring. This year, however, there is still snow on the ground and the Bradgate Park Trust flag that I can see from my window is threatening to break loose from its pole with each gust of the relentless, biting, easterly wind.



Despite the absence of much in the way of green shoots on the Park, within the Trust we are seeing a number of new beginnings. Having been with us as a volunteer, subsequently as part-time Development Officer and then as project manager for 12 months of our Heritage Lottery Fund Transition project, Carolyn Holmes was appointed as Engagement Manager with effect from 1st April. Followers of our Facebook page will be aware of Carolyn's work as she has overseen its growth from 2,000 to 11,000 followers over the past two years and turned it into one of our most important tools for engagement with our visitors, friends and supporters. Carolyn also leads our fundraising work and has been

behind a number of our successful new initiatives in this area. Carolyn will be taking over this column from time to time to keep you informed of our engagement, volunteering and community activities.

An important part of our engagement agenda is the work we do around education and lifelong learning. The opening of the Visitor Centre in 2016 marked a step-change in our delivery of informal education and the Visitor Experience team has grown to take on guided tours of the ruins and regular viewing days at Old John. This year, after 18 months of development involving writing modules and running them by our Teachers' Panel to check the curriculum linkages and "school appeal" followed by a period of testing delivery with our volunteer "guinea pig" schools, we are pleased to announce the launch of the "Explore Bradgate" schools programme. The programme has an initial offer aimed at pupils in Key Stages 1 & 2 (Primary School Years 1-6) with modules covering Stone Age, Woodland Habitats, Minibeasts, River Live. "A Taste of Bradgate" (Tudors) and Map & Compass Skills.

The Trust now has a new website – still at the previous www.bradgatepark.org address – that has been developed with the help of a grant from the Transform Foundation, a charity that exists to help charities achieve transformative change through better use of digital technology. The new site contains the usual visitor information along with integrated fundraising and online ticket sales as well as information on the wide range of volunteering opportunities that are available. The great advantage of integrating ticket sales into our own website rather than relying on third party providers is that there is no booking fee added to the ticket prices, so tickets purchased online will cost the same as tickets bought in person at the Park.

We have been taking a few, but important, steps to reduce the environmental impact of our activities. As a charity that exists in part "to advance the education of the public in the appreciation and care of the environment" it is extremely important that we practice what we preach. The problem of takeaway coffee cups and the lack of recycling facilities for them has attracted a lot of publicity in recent months. With the Government rejecting calls for a "latte levy", it seems that only consumer pressure will force a change of practice on the big high street chains. In the meantime, we have sourced a takeaway cup that is fully biodegradable and which can be composted where facilities exist. These cups cost an extra 2p per unit and this is a cost that we will be absorbing rather than passing onto customers. We are also re-launching the scheme where purchasers of a Bradgate Park thermal mug will receive a 60p discount on each drink that is served in it. Regrettably, as our drinks machines

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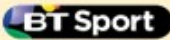
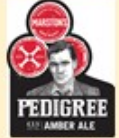
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Our oldest Land Rover is due for replacement and we have opted for another ‘Polaris’ all-terrain vehicle which offers better fuel consumption and lower emissions as well as having less impact on the ground. I would love to see us introduce electric vehicles but we are worried about the interaction between a silent vehicle and pedestrians, especially on the main carriageway.

On a slightly different environmental note, this summer we will be introducing produce grown in the garden at Newtown Linford onto the menu at the Conservatory Tearoom which will offer the incomparable flavour of home grown vegetables together with very few “food yards” let alone “food miles”.

I know I have said this before this year but, as spring finally makes its presence known, I look forward to seeing you on the Park.

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Summer Concert

The Choral Society's Summer Concert will be held in Newtown Linford Village Hall on

Thursday 7th, Friday 8th and Saturday 9th June.

Our theme this year is "Songs from The Musicals". You can therefore expect to hear music from Evita, Les Misérables, Guys and Dolls and Miss Saigon. The concert will be compered by the ever-amusing Len Matthews.

An excellent two course supper will be served at 7.15pm on Friday and Saturday nights, On Thursday there will 'nibbles', and a starting time of 8 pm. On all three nights there will be a licensed bar. In previous years there have been capacity audiences for the June concerts, so please make a note to buy your tickets early.

Full details next time.

Iris Sayer 01530 243822

WANTED!

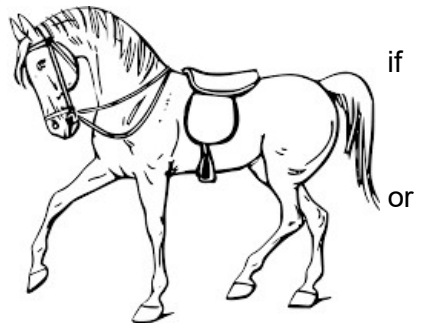
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Will consider quiet, small livery yard with one space.

Experienced lady, can supply references required (Former long term resident of Newtown Linford)

Please TEXT me on 07870260769 or email bing_1031@msn.com if you have, know of, anything that may be suitable.

Thank you. Elaine



From the Records

Last month, we saw new Brownies who had just sworn their promise. 22nd February this year was Brownies Thinking Day when they think about Brownies all over the world. Each year the Brownies come into Church, for Brownies Thinking Day and the following month for Mothering Sunday. Below is a picture published in the Leicester Mercury on the 24th February 1987 where the Brownies new flag was dedicated at a service with the Rev Harry Fletcher.

Can anyone spot any other familiar faces? Happy to follow this up next month with names to the Brownies pictured here.



Ladies Evening - Wednesday 14th March

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this evening. An opportunity to meet friends do some serious shopping at the craft stalls and learn something new about Chocolate Craftwork, How and what Hat to wear from a milliner and some catering tips from Suzanne Way and Nicola Brown past residents of the village.



All this topped off with a glass of wine and plenty of cheese!

Carol Ann

BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES APRIL 18

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
1st April Easter Day	8.30am Holy Communion (PH)	8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.15am Worship as One HC (RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (RT)	
8th April 2nd Sunday of Easter		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.15am Holy Communion (RT)	10.30am Morning Prayer (GS)
	6.30pm Compline (RT)	
15th April 3rd Sunday of Easter	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
	10.15am Service of the World (BH)	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)
	4.00pm Messy Church	
22nd April 4th Sunday of Easter		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.15am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am Morning Prayer (RT) followed by APCM
	6.30pm Holy Communion (RT)	
29th April 5th Sunday of Easter		
	10.15am APCM (RT)	10.30am Morning Worship (JW)

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—April 2018

GLENFIELD	Wed	10.45am	4th	11th	18th	25th
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NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10.30am	5th			
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CHURCH REGISTER **NEWTOWN LINFORD**



Weddings
None

Baptisms
None



Funerals

23rd March ~ Linda Browne, formerly of Glenfield Frith Drive, Glenfield
24th March ~ Betty Blythe, formerly of Groby Lane, Newtown Linford

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



Website: ww.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk

Church Contact Details

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TUESDAY 10th JULY

TUESDAY 7th AUGUST

TUESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

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In the event of rain the skittle alley has been booked for us.

CONTACT. DICK HOWARD 01530 245373

Please confirm on the previous day (Monday) if you are attending so that I can book your meal.

All welcome, no previous experience necessary.

Friends of Charnwood Forest

Monday 23rd April 2018. “A Soldier’s Journey; from Headley Court to Stanford Hall” will be a talk by Luke Wigman of his own experiences of success over adversity.

Luke is an ex paratrooper and an ambassador for the Defence National Rehabilitation Centre (DNRC) which is due to open at Stanford Hall this April. Luke, who is a truly inspirational speaker, has been in great demand all over the UK and overseas and we are fortunate that he can come and talk to us on the eve of the opening of Stanford Hall.

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Garden favourites such as robins, sparrows and blackbirds are in decline and need all the help they can get, especially after a harsh winter, and they also help us by controlling aphids, caterpillars, snails, slugs and bugs.

Neil Pilcher of the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust said "We ask everyone to be careful and to quickly check for nests just before starting work. Dense hedges such as Leylandii are popular nesting sites, but any hedge, tree, shrub and even ivy could be home to a growing family. If not doing the work themselves, householders should ask their contractor to check for nests too. If in doubt, the work should be postponed until the end of August when the breeding season is over".

All birds are legally protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act whilst nesting, and protection starts the moment they begin building the nest until their young have fully fledged.

Give our birds a boost this spring – a little extra care could make all the difference to our feathered friends.

The Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust works to protect and enhance Leicestershire and Rutland's wildlife and wild places. The Trust is the largest non-governmental organisation dedicated to the conservation of wildlife in the two counties.

Photo is of a linnet's nest with eggs. Linnets were common hedgerow nesting birds but are now on the RSPB Red List of endangered species.



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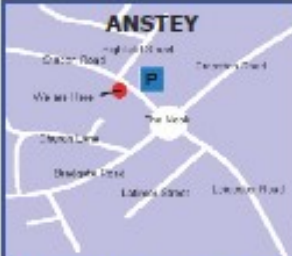
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Keith Smith

Keith, Keith Smith, Dad, Granddad, Rifter Smith, Groupie Smith are some of the names Keith is known by. His life touched many people who tell me that he was private, honourable, humorous and mischievous, that he was intelligent and self-reliant, that he loved Marion May Beaglehole, that he was inventive, that he was a great mentor and a remarkable story teller.



He was a local lad born in Anstey to Percy and Christine and was the younger brother to Terry. His natural aptitude gained him entry to Wyggeston School where he enjoyed a great education, marvellous sporting opportunities involving a ball of the "right" shape and lifelong friends. An aircraft apprenticeship at RAF Halton followed, leading to a commission to the RAF Cranwell College in Lincolnshire where he graduated as a Flight Lieutenant. His passion for flying and his interest in anything that could be wiped with an oily rag became life definers. It was here that he met and fell in love with Marion the person who inspired him and kept him on his toes for the rest of his life.

Leaving the RAF and returning to his roots Keith and Marion settled in Anstey where, using his engineering skills learnt in the RAF, and taking advantage of the new technology of the time known as "The Television"... he founded his electronics business. His self-reliance, technical ability, intuition and force of personality built his business into a significant part of the local economy. As well as the obvious service the shop provided, it seemed to me there was also the less obvious but as significant side to it. I am referring to the social side. Keith was a very good conversationalist and story teller. Men would pop into the shop to buy a light bulb and would leave a couple of hours later. Wives would feed their husbands up to sustain them if they knew they were going to Keith Smiths. Keith's

shop was one of his natural environments. I remember thinking as a youngster that my dad had the best job in the world, because he just seemed to chat all day about motorbikes, rugby and the iniquities of government. He eventually retired at the age of 75.

As the family and business grew, Marion and Keith built and moved into a new house in Newtown Linford which Marion still lives in. The marvelous thing about this was that Keith now had 'A GARAGE'. He could now indulge one of his great passions - that of collecting assorted performance cars and motorcycles. Keith would spend hours here, meticulously renovating and rebuilding his vehicles. Sometimes, oblivious to the order of domesticity an engine casing might make its way into the kitchen oven; phrases like 'long-suffering' come to mind but in fact the opposite was true; Marion was very tolerant and supportive of all Keith's endeavours and was always aware that her man was special. It was in the garage also that he provided some of his best mentoring to his sons on practical matters - A true gift and legacy.

Throughout his life, Keith's constant themes were Marion, his dogs and the outdoors. He looked most contented when he was in the mountains with Marion or interacting with his Labradors in Bradgate Park. This is where we will best remember him, and we are all grateful for his drive to take us and show us what he loved there.

There was another less well-known side to Keith; he loved poetry. Often an anecdote would be illustrated by a line from some appropriate literature. He had a marvelous memory. The last poem he quoted to me just before Christmas was the Welsh National Anthem - in Welsh and from beginning to end.

So that was Keith's life in a few short sentences. He will be missed, but we can also celebrate a full and fulfilling life, think of Keith's humour and character, and be pleased for his life and what it brought to us.



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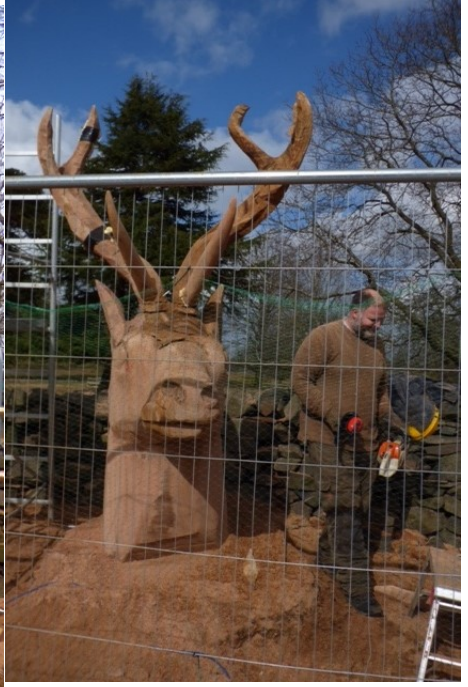
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Development of the sculpture - Photos courtesy of Jan - see next page for more information from Dick

Stags Head Appeal

A lot has been achieved over the last three months since starting the Stag's Head Appeal in mid December. The money has been raised and the sculpture started on 6th March. At the time of writing this, Peter Leadbeater, sculptor, has finished apart from applying the initial preservative on Tuesday 20th March. The safety barriers will be removed and the site tidied up. We will then be able to see his impressive and imposing carving in all its glory.



Peter has received much interest whilst working on the project, from walkers, joggers, mums with youngsters, passing motorists, photographers and members of the Village. We should have a good record of the daily progress of the carving from the number of photographs taken, although not by myself as we were away during the second week.

Over the next few months several coats of preservative will be required as the tree dries out. Thereafter the preservative will need to be applied every 4 months. It is anticipated that the carving will last 30 to 50 years.

The balance of the fundraising appeal will be spent within the Village. On a positive note a replacement copper beech tree has been purchased and will be planted in All Saints churchyard in week commencing 19th March in the vicinity of the one that was felled in January.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this project.

Dick



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Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



We received a warning that our red telephone box might be targeted but were not sure how we could protect it. We guessed that those being targeted were those bought and dumped in people's front gardens and that ours will be safe.

Despite many warnings, several cars were spotted unattended with the engines running during the recent bad weather. Fortunately it was too cold for the criminals to come out.

Charnwood Borough Council is circulating the following which I in turn placed on Facebook and the Gmail system.

I wanted to update you all that Leicestershire Police is currently dealing with a significant number of serious and major incidents that have been reported widely in the media.

To ensure that the investigations and incidents are dealt with correctly with scenes secured, house to house enquiries are completed, recovery of evidence progressed, while maintaining staff to respond to normal 24 hours demand the Force has to use resources across the whole of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The force is also seeking support across the region to manage the demands.

This means that our Neighbourhood Teams will be utilised or deployed away from their normal duties while these complex and tragic demands are dealt with. These are decisions made every day but the number and complexity of the demands currently being dealt with mean that it may be more obvious than normal.

I know you will support this decision and the Neighbourhood Teams may well have to realign or reorganise some engagements that are not critical. The community may well ask about visibility in some areas where staff presence is reduced during this period and I hope you can assist by providing the context. As soon as the demand is met teams will be returned to front line duties in their beats.



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If you have any concerns please let your NPA Commanders know and thank you all for the supportive comments already provided.

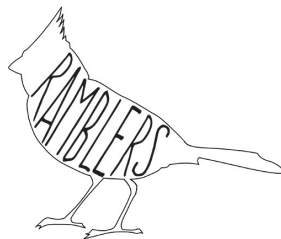
Many Thanks Shane O'Neill, Superintendent. Local Policing

The closed Facebook Group continues to work well and is very useful to me as Clerk. If you are not yet a member, please ask to join. If you are not you will be part of the Gmail system. Again let me have your email if you are not on the list.

Pam McMorran.....NHW Co-ordinator
pamriverlyn@msn.com tel: 01530 242201

VILLAGE RAMBLERS

Our March ramble made use of surfaced paths in Glenfield, to avoid too much mud following repeated heavy rainfall. Seven of us met opposite the Village Hall in Newtown Linford and drove to the public car park on Stamford St., in front of Glenfield Primary School. We walked via Blacksmith's Bank to Church Lane and entered the Churchyard, where we saw the existing St Peter's Church, consecrated in 1877, and the 800 year old ruins of the original Church. Then we took the path through to the Elm Tree Estate and out to Kirby Road, where new development has included the construction of new paths. Turning off right just before Boden's new warehouse the 3 dogs being walked could be let off their leads on the new path snaking around and over a new footbridge to the Glenfield railway path/cycle way. The path out to Ratby goes under the A46 and then M1, but today the passage under the A46 was flooded by the Rothley Brook. In the other direction we followed the path running pleasantly by the brook up to Station Rd. There we crossed to look at the entrance to the old railway tunnel and Glenfield Station site, hearing stories from those who had played there as children. Then uphill through Station Park and via estate roads back to Stamford St. Cups of tea in the Forge Inn, in the historic centre of Glenfield, rounded off the walk.



Next walk Saturday 13th April - Pat Woodward. Meet opposite the Village Hall at 2pm as usual. All are welcome.

Felicity Manning



Newtown Linford Parish Council

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The Chairman would like to thank the Clerk, most of the Parish Councillors, Higher Councillors, Peter Tyldesley and one resident for attending the February Council meeting in the terrible weather that night.

Village working Group: -

The residents who have offered their services are arranging a brief meeting by kind invitation of Casey Pearson. They will be appointing their own Chairman. This working group will have no powers as such but will report to the Parish Council with their recommendations. Briefly so far, Speed Assessment equipment is out there at the time of writing. Once this information has been reviewed Leics CC will tweak the recent Consultation and put out for reconsultation. The cost of this is already included in that paid by the Bradgate Park Trust for the original application. It is understood that the consultation may be shorter than the previous 28 days. Once the results of that have been analysed and implemented if appropriate then Fiona Blockley from Leics C.C. will meet with the working group and give them their remit.

Bob Bown Playing Fields: -

Repair work to the equipment will begin as soon as the weather is suitable. The moles have been treated. Our lead Councillor Sue Colebeck and Councillor Stuart Eyre are still concerned about rope and a metal frame being tied to equipment. It would appear from comments on our Facebook page that some parents think this is acceptable and safe but as the Parish Council we are bound by stringent safety inspections and this would not be acceptable as safe use of the equipment. Some parents say that young children will always have an adult with them and see they are not injured but again as the Parish Council we cannot make that assumption. Please help us to comply with our obligations to the community. Further investment in maintenance of the equipment and the playing field is planned by the Parish Council and a budget is to be set aside to cover the costs of repair and eventual replacement of the equipment in the future.

Cemetery Groby Lane: -

The hedge along the roadside has been trimmed to comply with the bird nesting season. The fencing between the two sections has been taken out and the small parking area and new paths will be going in soon. Additional planting will be carried out to separate the new area for immedi-

ate use from the meadow area set aside for the future. All the signs have been made for some time but due to inclement weather it has not been possible to erect them. The existing large wooden cemetery sign will be relocated at the new entrance and once these are all in the one-way system will be fully operational.

Churchyard: -

The moles and the badgers have struck again. The mole company has been instructed to deal with them. Unfortunately, we cannot legally touch the Badgers. The maintenance men have been working on clearing the brambles and ivy which have not been touched for some time. They have also dug out the Fig tree that has been growing out of a grave for quite a while. They will soon be commencing the first cut of the grass at all three sites.

Tree carving: - Peter Leadbetter is carving the Stags Head at the time of writing. He says it will be slightly smaller than he originally thought due to some damage in the wood. Enormous thanks goes to the Friends of Charnwood Forest who have made a donation of £1,000 and their members Dick Howard and Paul Day, former local Councillor and Mayor of Charnwood who have raised a further substantial amount from residents in and around our village. This has paid for the tree carving, the provision of a replacement copper beech in the Churchyard and several assorted coloured trees for the boundaries of the cemetery extension. Dick and Paul will personally be planting the tree in the Churchyard as soon as the weather is suitable.

Replacement trees on Bradgate Road :-

Leicestershire County Council recently planted saplings to replace the trees that had died over recent years. Unfortunately, they were not all in the correct place and once again thanks goes to Dick Howard and Paul Day who went along and moved them.

Holster Planters on the lampposts: -

Once again it is time to pay the County Council to safety check the lampposts to ensure that they are safe. One of the planters hangs over a Bradgate Trust Brown sign and because they grow so vigorously they cover the sign up by the end of the season. The Trust has asked the Council if they would consider moving it. Many of the lampposts have signs under or on them so it has been decided the best clear one is the one by the telephone box which should be a much clearer option and show off the planter well.

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

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