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The announcement of the measures to combat the spread of coronavirus by the Prime Minister has led to guidance from the Church of England that **all public worship is now suspended**. That means that, until further notice, there will be no services held by All Saints' to attend, either on Sunday or midweek. This is true across the entire Church of England. Likewise, I am asking all Church activities to cease meeting in person for the time being – this includes groups like Jolly Tots and the bellringers – as non-essential activities.



So, we will no longer be able to gather to encourage one another in worship, teaching and prayer. This means **we will not be able to celebrate the re-opening of the church building at Easter as planned**. This will be deeply frustrating and sad. The service for Janet Neaverson in Holy Week has also been postponed.

But just as we do not cease to be the Church just because we don't meet in our own building, neither do we cease to be the Church if we cannot meet together at all for a time. As we explored in services before Christmas, we remain the Church wherever we are, scattered as well as gathered. We each have a Frontline on which to serve God, even if that is within the confines of our own house for a time.

The Church of England continues to expand the resources it offers for prayer at home:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches> (look down the page under 'Digital resources' and 'Prayer and liturgy').

We are looking at ways people can participate in this together from home. See the church Facebook page for more information.

May I also continue to encourage you, if you are able, to act to help those around you. We are called to love God and to love our neighbour. This is a time for that love of neighbour to be expressed, through reaching out to communicate, through what practical help we can give, and through praying for them.

**Yours in Christ,
Richard Trethewey
Rector 0116 287 1604**

The Bradgate

Group Parish



The other week I visited a 'farm experience'. Largely aimed at children, there were lots of cute farmyard animals to coo over – and avoid being bitten by! Some big pigs to wrinkle your nose at. A few gangly calves to laugh at. Interestingly, though, there was no 4.30am alarm to get the cows in for milking of the kind my dad – who grew up on a farm – definitely experienced.

The main attractions were the new lambs. Now most of us have mixed feelings about lambs. On one hand they're terribly cute, especially when they're finding their feet and gambolling around the fields (does any other animal gambol?). On the other, they taste really good with mint sauce. We like to melt over their charm, but we also like the cheese to melt over our shepherd's pie. Are lambs for admiring, or eating? Or both? My second cousin, who spent her life on a sheep farm in the midst of Wales, called out at crazy times of the morning in lambing season, feeding some of the weaker lambs by hand to get them through the difficult early days, still loves her Sunday roast.



One of the names Jesus was known by was 'Lamb of God'. We sometimes have mixed feelings about Jesus – a good teacher, but perhaps a bit off the wall with some of his claims. The people of the time did too, some praised him, even worshipped him, others wanted him killed.

But at Easter that title, 'Lamb of God', is one we refer to regularly because at that time there was a third use for lambs: sacrifice. Lambs were killed so that people could be put right with God. Neither 'aah'ed over nor simply eaten, their purpose was a deeper one. Jesus replaced lambs for all time on the cross. And he did so in a way which gives us the chance to experience the full reality of life with God, not just a 'God experience'. Why not look this Easter into what calling Jesus 'Lamb of God' really means?

Richard Trethewey

Rector of All Saints' Newtown Linford and St Peters, Glenfield

VILLAGE DIARY

April

All meetings cancelled due to Coronavirus-covid-19

8th Resuscitation Classes - cancelled until further notice

Regular events NOT RUNNING AT PRESENT

Mondays 9.30	Legs, bums & Tums, The Linford
Mondays 10.15	Pilates for Beginners, The Linford
Monday afternoon	Mature Movers fitness class Village Hall
Mondays 6.30	Brownies, School
Mondays 6.30	Yoga, Village Hall (also Wednesdays)
Mondays 8pm at the Church	Bell Ringing
4th Tuesday of the month	Gardening Club
Wednesdays	Trim N Tone fitness class The Linford
3rd Wednesday of the month	Ladies Luncheon Club
Thursdays 9.15	Jolly Tots Playgroup,
Thursdays 11.00	Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall
Thurs 12.15	Senior Well Being Programme
Thursday Eves	Bridge Club 9 Main Street
Thursday 6.30	Aerobics, Kettlebells/Pilates, The Linford
3rd Thursday	Gentlemen's Lunch Club

Coffee & Cake @ Newtown Linford Village Hall



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Newtown Linford Gardening Club



We took delivery of 85 bags of Vitax fertiliser a few days ago and distributed them to our members. This terribly wet winter weather will have washed away nutrients from the soil and they need to be replenished.

When the rain finally stops and the gardens dry out, we will have plenty to do.

Our talk from Linda Smith about ponds last month was very much appreciated. Although not all our members have ponds, we learnt a great deal about newts and frogs and how to plant up to attract wild life including dragonflies and other winged insects. We did not realise that newts, frogs and toads all require different habitats to breed and thrive even in a normal sized garden pond.

Sadly, the coronavirus epidemic has affected the Gardening Club. Even though, at the time of writing, the disease is not prevalent in Leicestershire, we have come to the conclusion that a Village Hall full of people is not a good thing at this time. We have, therefore, cancelled the celebrity evening with Helen Yemm on 24th March for health reasons. We are very sorry to have had to do this, especially as Helen's last proposed visit did not take place because she was ill. We shall invite her again at some time in the near future and hope for third time lucky.

Future events have also been affected including the visit in April of Jack Willgoss from the famous Wildgoose Nurseries, who are the proud holders of Chelsea Gold Medals for their viola collection, which is now cancelled. We will have to see how things progress and hope that the interruption to our activities does not go on for too long.

Anyone interested in our activities can contact the Secretary (tel.01530 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

Newtown Linford National Garden Scheme Open 25th May 2020

Come along and enjoy the six village gardens opening in historic Newtown Linford on Bank Holiday Monday, 25th May 2020, from 11am till 5pm. Stroll through the gardens (garden owners on hand for questions) and sit and relax with cake and tea at The Linford Club function room. Five are cottage gardens and one is a woodland walk. Several of the gardens have the River Lin running through the gardens or along their border. The entrance fee is £5 per person (children free) – that gets you into the six gardens. All proceeds, including teas, are for charity. Unfortunately the gardens are not accessible for some people with restricted mobility. There are steep slopes, stone steps, gravel drives and narrow paths.

The gardens are open under the National Garden Scheme. It was established in 1927 to fund District Nursing. It now donates to Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and the Queen's Nursing Institute. There are about 3,700 gardens nationally which open, raising about £3 million each year. This is the fourth time Newtown Linford has opened, we raise from £4,000-£7,000 each time.

The gardens open this year on 25th May are: 107 Main St; Appletree Cottage (114 Main St); Pilgrim Cottage (97 Main St); Dingle House (94A Main St), Bank Cottage (90 Main St), Woodlands (86 Main St). All gardens are very close together at the Woodhouse Eaves end of the village. Gardens open will have a sunflower outside their front garden or for 117, at the bottom of their drive and further up. There is yellow National Garden Scheme signage off the main roads and for the parking, and maps will be provided to garden visitors. Parking is at The Linford Club which is nearest to 86 Main St, and weather permitting, in the field nearest to 97 Main Street, junction of Main Street and Ulverscroft Lane.

Visitors are also able to enter the NGS photographic competition. There will be a garden quiz. Homemade cake and teas will be available at the Linford Club, 66 Main St LE6 0AD, in their function room. There will be some plants, good second-hand books and old garden tools for sale. All proceeds are for charity. Our sincere thanks go to all those donating and to Claire at the Linford and Malcolm from Lenthill Farm for providing function room and parking.

Please come along and enjoy our gardens. If you want more information about accessibility or if you would like to help on the day, we would be pleased to hear from you. Contact Denis Anthony on 01530 245310, 07538 643039 or d.anthony@derby.ac.uk.

Report from David Snartt Lady Jane Mobile Home Park.

The planning application for the erection of 5 two bed bungalows, 2 three bed bungalows and a replacement dwelling at 532 Bradgate Road has now been granted planning permission. I was pleased to see that the mix of bungalows was changed to 5 two bed from the previously submitted plans, which had included a small single bedroom which would not meet the size standard for a single bedroom. Therefore, this was amended to reflect the more appropriate use of the room as a study.

It has been suggested to the applicant that a gated access to the development would resolve the potential issue of visitors to Bradgate Park parking their vehicles on the site. There is also a condition placed that details are needed, as to how surface water will be directed away from the public highway and disposed of within the site.

I am pleased to see that the developer has proposed bungalows on this site, this was something I suggested during the early stages of the planning process to meet local housing needs. Full details can be found on Charnwood Borough Council's website under planning application P/19/2119/2.

Coronavirus Information.

Charnwood Borough Council has created a webpage to help keep residents updated on the latest news in regard to the coronavirus outbreak. This gives useful links to news updates from the Government, NHS advice on prevention and symptoms and the latest figures and updates from Public Health England.

To access this information go to Charnwood Borough Council website and search coronavirus, this will signpost you to the information from the relevant agencies

If you need more information or help, please contact me at **cllr.david.snartt@charnwood.gov.uk or telephone 01530 244804.**

Member Grant Scheme.

Each Borough Councillor has been allocated an annual budget of £1,000 which can be used to support projects that bring benefits to their Council Ward. Last year I was able to support two groups within my Forest Bradgate Ward, The Woodhouse Good Neighbours Scheme and the Newtown Linford Brownies. Please be in touch with me if you think I may help your group or organisation by providing funding towards community events, activities or equipment.

**David Snartt.
Borough Councillor.**

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You do not need to be a member of the Church or have any special skills. However some help would be available if you needed it. If you would like to offer to help please contact Jane Woolmer
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LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE
Scarecrow Festival 19th/20th September 2020

Hello All.....I'm happy to announce that plans for a weekend FULL of festivities are coming together for the Newtown Linford Scarecrow Festival. We have Scarecrows, Annual School Fete, Entertainment, Fun and Games throughout the village, and much more. Please find below ENTRY FORMS – One to enter a Scarecrow and One to Enter the Bake Off Competition. Of course, you are welcome to enter both! If you have any further questions regarding the festival, please feel free to email Jacqui at NLScarecrow2020@gmail.com x



Please complete the details below to enter a Movie Themed Scarecrow in the 2020 festival:

Your Name and Name of Scarecrow:

Location of Scarecrow: (either home address or Scarecrow Patch / public location – we can help with this)

Telephone number:

Email address:

Which Category: (please tick)

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Please complete the details below to enter the Movie Themed Great Scarecrow Bake Off 2020:

Your Name and Name of Cake:

Telephone number:

Email Address:

Which Category: (please tick)

Young Ones (4-7) ____

Jnrs (8-11) ____

Teens (12-16) ____

Adults (17+) ____

If you would like to enter one or both competitions, please either email your entry form to NLScarecrow2020@gmail.com OR mail to Linford Farm, 36 Main Street, Newtown Linford.

Newtown Linford Brownies

Brownies Rummage Sale

The Brownies, Snowy Owl and myself would like to say a big “thank you” to the Village for their support at our rummage sale.

All our adverts had been down around five weeks prior to the sale, so it was quite nerve racking to see if we were going to be able to run the rummage sale under the present situation.

The Brownies as usual were so excited about serving on the stalls. To our great delight a large amount of people turned up and thanks to everyone it was a great success.

Hilary - Brown Owl

Brownies

Every year Brownies celebrate Thinking Day to remember Lord Baden Powell who started the Scouts Movement, including us Brownies.

We went to the Village Hall, because the Church is getting a new roof.

All the Brownies dressed up in costumes from different countries.

I was England and wore a dress like my mum had when she was a Brownie, years ago!

We also sang some songs.

It was funny when Brown Owl had to tell Reverend Sharon we had finished our song!

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Brownies Rummage Sale above and below is Thinking Day at the Church Service in the Village Hall





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Chez Grey?

On Monday February 17th, Peter Liddle, the former County Archaeologist, gave a talk to the Friends of the Charnwood Forest about Bradgate Park, and in particular Bradgate House. Using old documents and numerous photographic illustrations he was able to reconstruct at least some of the history of that estate, starting with mesolithic occupants some 14,000 to 12,000 years ago, up to the present day. His main subject, however, was centred around the house itself in which digs have taken place over the last 5 years.

The first site was what was probably an old lodge or keeper's house. Here he expressed surprise at how near the surface the actual archaeology lay. As much of his work previously had been concentrated on sites in the city, where the interesting levels could be several feet below the present-day surface, it is not surprising that he was a little astonished.

The next year's dig was in the courtyard of the old house, where foundations were found of an older building. As the oldest document had termed the 'house' as a 'lodge', it could be that the present ruin was of a later date. Did Lady Jane Grey live in that 'lodge' or was the brick construction we know her home? Evidence is at present a little ambiguous. The 'new' house was abandoned in the mid nineteenth century, and the gable wall of the Great Hall collapsed in a gale in 1895. In the 1930s, when the park passed into public ownership, the council had the ruin 'improved', including the ruin of a tower which had not been there before.

The digging then moved to the stables, where various interesting finds on its layout were made, including a dump of old horse leg bones – these may be the left-overs from dogs' dinners. The building itself was still in use after the house was left to decay; its materials may have been taken finally to be used in other building works.

They went back to the house for the final year of the dig. Here there were restrictions as to how far down they could dig, for they were not able to move any floors they came across because the building is a

Scheduled Ancient Monument. In one place they did find a pit which was full of old pottery shards. In another they followed the foundations of an older building up to a modern wall. They also found numerous drains, one of which contained a plastic glove, and gave a clue to the work of the restorers in the 1920s.

One thing that was evident in the old documents which may have deserved a mention – in the first document it was titled Brodgate park; in the second Broadgate park, and as we call it, Bradgate park. It does now look, however, both from the archaeology and from recently discovered documents, as if Lady Jane probably inhabited the stone house found in the excavations and that brick house mostly predates her short life.

The next meeting of the Friends is cancelled due to the coronavirus



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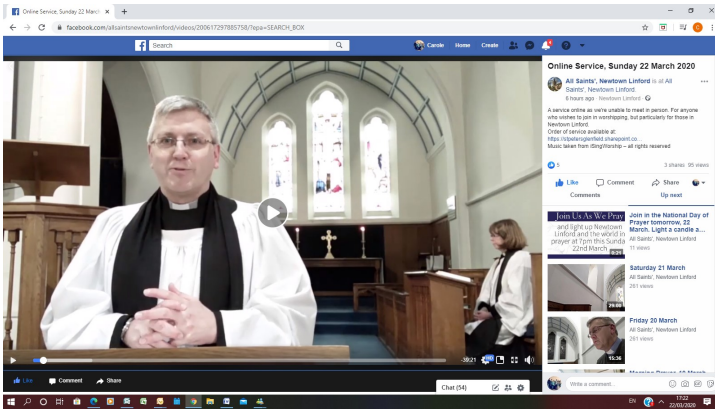
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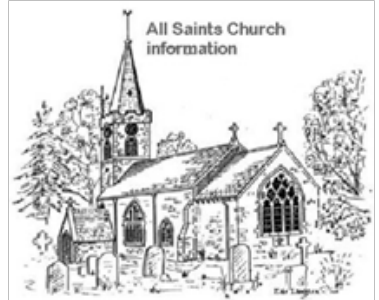
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Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The guidance from the Church of England is that no public services take place until further notice. Sadly this means that we will not be re-opening the Church building on schedule and everything is postponed until the current government advice is changed. So neither the wedding on 4th April nor the service remembering Janet Neaverson are going ahead for the time being.



The work in Church is continuing for the moment, though it may need to slow down or even pause depending on events.

As ever, I encourage you to remain faithful in prayer, in loving service of others as you are able – even if that's just making a few calls to check in with people – and in witnessing to the hope we have in Jesus.

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Village Pageant

As a village in lockdown in these unusual times (sick of the word unprecedented) we are having to live separate lives and give up our clubs and societies for a while. Its refreshing to look forward to September when we as a village can come together with the Scarecrow Festival. Looking back, the village as a whole came together for the Village Pageants of 1951, 52 and for the last time in the 60s. Last month we started looking at the programme from 1952 loaned by Pam McMorrان, we have now also got a Programme from 1951 donated by Alan Illiffe which, after I have used it for the Village Magazine, will be joining the Village Record Archives. Alan ran the Scout Group and his scouts were selling the programmes for one shilling (5p in todays money!).

The Festival Services in the Church were on Sunday 14th June 1951
11am Preacher Lt Col Sir Robert Martin CMG TD
6.30pm Preacher The Rt Rev The Lord Bishop of Leicester

Arrangements were made to relay both services for the benefit of those who are not able to find room in the Church.

Performances of "The Lady Jane Returns" were in the ruins of Bradgate House on Thursday 28th , Friday 29th and Saturday 30th June at 8pm and a Saturday afternoon performance on the 30th June at 3pm

The photos in this months Magazine, come from a selection that Iris Sayer put together for the Women's Institute 75th Party in 2000. Below is a transcript of the first page



NEWTOWN LINFORD CELEBRATES
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The Pageant of Bradgate

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Mrs Cecily Grey

FOREWORD

By Lt. Col. Sir Robert Martin

The county of Leicestershire has had its place in not a few of the notable events in the history of England, and in this year of the Festival of Britain, when we are encouraged by no less an authority than His Majesty the King to remind ourselves of what our people have achieved in many spheres of human endeavour, it is surely right that we should think of those who have graced the past of Leicestershire.

The city would doubtless claim its connection with Simon de Montfort and his parliament, Thurstaston with Hugh Latimer the Martyr, and Fenny Drayton with George Fox the preacher.

For us in Newtown it is Lady Jane Grey to whom our thoughts instinctively turn, when we have in mind the years behind us. The greater part of her short life was spent here, at the old house in Bradgate Park, until the ill-conceived ambitions of her family brought her to her death. It is fitting that we should thus commemorate her learning and her character by a pageant to the devising and carrying out of which the people of Newtown have contributed the work of their brains and of their hands these many months past, and for which the Park affords so unexampled a setting. I wish the Pageant the best of summer weather and a resounding success.

R. E. Martin.



There was a full page advert enticing people to **enjoy a meal in the village** before and after the Pageant - (not something anyone can do anywhere at the moment)

7 venues in the village advertised

Johnscliffe Guest House , Luncheons, Teas and Suppers

Old John Café Afternoon teas 3pm - 6pm

Blakeshay Farm Luncheons, Teas and Suppers

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The Village ladies sewing costumes for the 1960's pageant
 Margaret List, Mary Buthaway, Edna Holder, Chris Anderson, Betty Patrick, Jill Abel, Viv Brown, Janet Neaverson

I realise the photos on the previous page are not of the greatest quality after all this time but if anyone recognises villagers in them - let us know!
Carole Heubeck

Janet Neaverson

A Service of Thanksgiving for Janet's life was to have been held at All Saints Church, Newtown Linford on Wednesday, 8th April at 2pm conducted by the Venerable Richard Worsfold. Due to the current circumstances the Service will have to be postponed until later in the year

Janet was born in Leicester on 26th January 1933 and was the only child of hard-working parents who ran the Westcotes Post Office. She had a happy childhood and attended Dovelands School followed by Wyggeston Grammar for Girls and then on to London University. There she obtained a Nutrition Degree and a Diploma in Dietetics at Queen Elizabeth College (now part of Kings).

She then worked for Leicestershire Health Authority as a Dietician at the LRI, Towers Hospital and general dietetics in the Community with GP referrals in Melton Mowbray, Uppingham and Oakham. She married Peter Neaverson in 1958 and they lived in Birstall for the first few years of their married life before moving to Newtown Linford in December 1967. They were among the first residents in the newly built Grey Crescent and she described that first winter as living on a building site in a sea of mud! They soon settled into their lovely home and it wasn't long before Janet became a much-valued member of the local community.

She was twice President of the WI and served on the Leicestershire Federation Committee for many years. She was a Parish Councillor for 40 years and was Vice Chair at the time of her retirement. She was also a Village Hall Committee member at various times and a Patron of the Choral Society. She was involved in the 1976 pageant and helped to make some of the costumes where



Janet's skills as a needlewoman were very welcome.

Janet had a deep faith and was a regular at the 8am Service at All Saints. She loved flowers and was the organiser of the Church Flower Rota encouraging others with help and guidance to enlist.

Her other interests included playing Bridge and she was also very talented lace maker. She loved the Village and Park, enjoyed walk-



ing with friends and was part of the Rambling Group. For many years Janet was the archivist of the Village Record and diligently recorded local happenings and events. Sadly, her ill-health meant a gradual withdrawal from village life although she remained greatly interested in local affairs. She spent the last two years in the Cedar Mews Care Home We will miss her.

Iris and Peter Sayer

We are sorry to hear that Gilbert Dakin, a regular at our 8am Sunday Services at Newtown passed away on Friday 28th February 2020 aged 87 years.

A much loved husband of Verna, father to Paul, John, Dawn and Kay, also much-loved Grandpa and Great-Grandpa, he will be sadly missed, by his family and friends. Gilbert's funeral service took place at The Parish Church of All Saints Thurstaston on Thursday 19th March 2020 at 11:45am followed by a private Cremation

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Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



This month's article comes from Inspector Mark Botte, Commander of the Charnwood Neighbourhood Policing Area.

"Good morning,

I just wanted to pass an update for what has been going on locally over the past few weeks. I hope most of you are signed up to Twitter and have been following Charnwood Police progress.

It's been a really busy time for the station. On Wednesday this week, Leicestershire Police started a new operating model which is far more locally focused and has officers based at Loughborough Police Station able to respond to local incidents around Charnwood Borough. The teams have all settled in well, I'm really pleased with the officers we have working from Loughborough Police Station and I'm confident that you will all see more visibility around Charnwood.

Of note, overall crime is down now by 8% which is fantastic news, however, as always I don't want to stop here and I want this figure to go down even further. I understand that there will be local variations around Charnwood and we are working hard to understand why this is. Of note burglary, theft of and theft from vehicles is significantly down across the Borough, overall that's nearly 1000 less victims of crime.

I now have 10 Neighbourhood Patrol Sgts and 5 Neighbourhood Sgts working from Charnwood, all focusing on local issues as opposed to the wider Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Of course there will be times that we may have to support neighbouring police areas in the county, however, so far we have all managed to deal with our own demand.

Please can I encourage you all to speak to friends and neighbours and see if we can increase our Neighbourhood Link footprint. Charnwood Watch has been a real success with requests from all over the Borough for watch schemes to start up.

Finally some really exciting news for Charnwood, we are having the front office back at Loughborough Police Station which I hope will open early

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next year. This will allow me to provide a more holistic policing function from the Station and hopefully, provide better access to the Police for local residents.

Thank you all for the continued support.”

Insp Mark Botte, Charnwood NPA Commander



I am currently liaising with the Charnwood Watch organiser myself and will be receiving new signs for residents to display, should you wish to.

In other NHW news, I am sad to report that there was an attempted break-in on Grey Crescent recently, whereby criminals tried to force entry via the rear door, rear windows and side door and also tried breaking a lock barrel. Fortunately, they were unsuccessful but this has obviously left residents feeling quite unnerved.

I have been in touch with our local NPT who have contacted the victims to offer support and have increased patrols of the area.

Keep ‘em peeled.

Best wishes, Hannah

Hannah Shaw, Parish Council Clerk

Tel: 01530 249945 Email: clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk

How to contact the Police

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

They will then assess the situation and deal with the situation as they see fit. This may involve a vehicle from another area. If you wish, also advise our NHW coordinator who will circulate if appropriate.



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Well, Spring is in the air, the daffodils are dancing, the blossom was blooming until the wind blew it all away and the lighter nights are now upon us. Hoorah!

At the time of writing this, our delivery of saplings has arrived from the Woodland Trust and will be planted at various locations throughout the Parish over the coming weeks, including the Cemetery, by pupils of Newtown Linford Primary School. Thank you to all those residents who offered homes to our saplings. In total, 120 new trees will have been planted.

I'm sure you will have all heard by now that the planning applications for the Lady Jane Mobile Home Park have been granted conditionally and this decision has been welcomed by Parish Councillors. We look forward to seeing the developments which will address the need for smaller sized dwellings in the Village, as identified in the 2008 Village Design Statement.

Following requests from residents, I am pleased to report that the Parish Council have signed up to the Keep Britain Tidy, Great British Spring Clean. However, Councillors understand that villagers have busy lives and may not be able to commit to an event on a specific date and time. Therefore, we have decided to invite anyone who wishes to be involved, to carry out a litter pick within the Parish at their own convenience **This was to take place in April but has now been postponed until September.**

If you would like to take part, please contact me on the email address below . Further details will follow before the September Autumn Clean!

Did you hear of the Tizer can Bradgate Park Trust found, thought to date back to the 1970s or early 1980s? It was astonishingly in perfect condition!

On with the news...

Bob Bown Memorial Field

Work continues in sourcing a new local supplier of playground equipment. As soon as arrangements have been finalised, the damaged Springer will be replaced. I'm sure you'll remember me quoting a figure for this. Unfortunately, the figure did not include installation charges and

when that was taken into account, a replacement with our previous suppliers was not viable.

I am also currently looking into replacement 5-a-side football goals of a standard size, which will negate the difficulties we have in obtaining correct sized nets.

If anyone has any comments or suggestions they wish to make with regards provisions on the Bob Bown Memorial Field, please do not hesitate in contacting me. I'd be particularly interested to hear the views of older children and teens. We can't promise anything but we will always do our best to accommodate reasonable requests.

Remedial works are also due to be carried out on the large Oak tree.

Churchyard

Following on from a comment received, Parish Councillors agree that regular maintenance is required on the Churchyard Garden of Remembrance.

With immediate effect, this area will be tended to on a weekly to fortnightly basis, whereby wilting flower tributes will be removed and the area kept tidy. Hopefully, this will make a difference to visitors.

Cemetery

As previously mentioned, a number of trees have been planted in the wider areas of the Cemetery, by pupils and Mums of NLPS in a special Mother's Day Tree Planting Event. The trees were awarded to the Parish Council by The Woodland Trust. Our regular grass cutting and maintenance work has also commenced for the 2020 season.

Please watch out for the '**Design Your Own Easter Egg Competition**' entry form which follows this report. The competition is open to children 0-11 years and the closing date is Wednesday 8th April. Please post your entries through the Village Hall letterbox by 5pm that day or scan and email to clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk.

The best design will win a £10 National Book Token and an Easter treat and 3 runners up, one from each category, will also receive a treat in time for Easter. Further copies of the competition entry form can be printed from our Facebook page or Parish Council website and I will also leave a few hardcopies in the noticeboard outside the Village Hall. Good luck!

If there is anything I can assist you with, please do not hesitate in contacting me on the details below.

Best wishes,
Hannah Shaw, Parish Council Clerk
Tel: 01530 249945, Email: clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk

Community Action Response – Covid-19

We are very fortunate in Newtown Linford to have a fantastic resident support network all year round and Parish Councillors are grateful to those who so kindly give their time to helping others.

In response to the current and possible future Covid-19 situation, where people may have to stay at home for a while, the Parish Council wanted to extend this informal provision by implementing a village led Community Action Response, to help those in need should they have to self-isolate.

By now, you should have received information through your door, giving you contact details of local volunteers within your area. Volunteers will be able to assist those in isolation with picking up shopping, posting mail, collecting prescriptions and other urgent supplies or even a friendly phone call for anyone needing a chat.

Please don't feel alone - do call them!

For further information on volunteer support within your area, please contact the Parish Council Clerk, Hannah Shaw on 01530 249945 or clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk

Councillor David Snartt is also available for anyone needing advice or assistance on 01530 244804.

Design Your Own Easter Egg Competition!

This competition is open to children age 0 to 11 years. Please post entries through the Village Hall letterbox by 5pm on Wednesday 8th April. Entries will be judged and prizes distributed to winners in time for Easter.

There will be one overall winner and three runners up, one from each age category, who will all receive an Easter treat. Best wishes, Hannah – Parish Council Clerk.

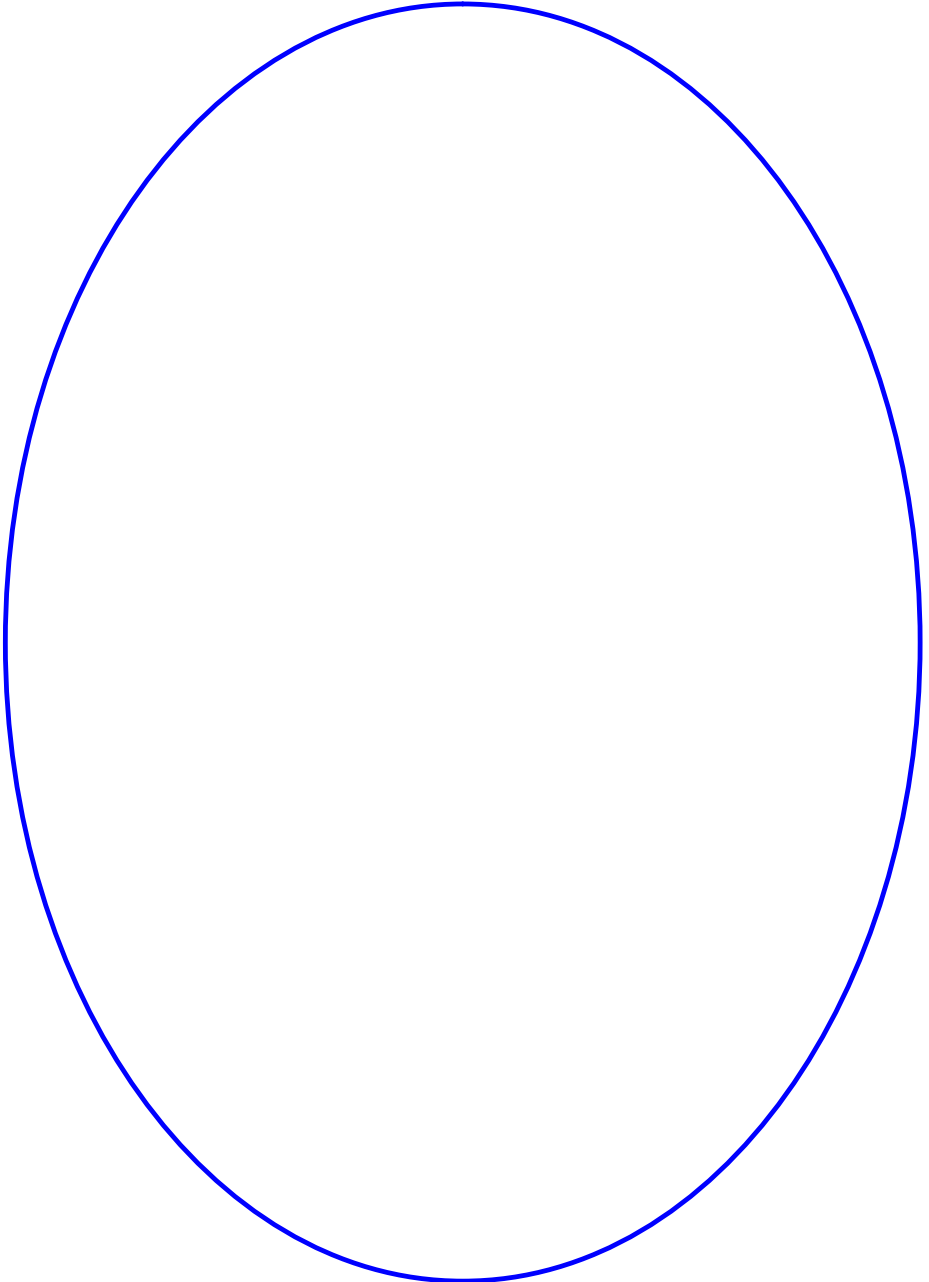
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