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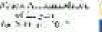
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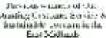
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Follow the star

From time to time I sail a little. I've been taught to navigate so far using charts and bearings and observations of landmarks. The next step up, which I hope to have time to study one day, is to learn to navigate by the stars. To use peculiar looking – and ancient – instruments like sextants and astrolabes to work out where I am and where I'm going. For now, I largely rely on GPS!



Stars have always fascinated the human race.

The oldest maps of the skies at night that we have date from three and a half millennia ago. They've been used not just to help us find our way but to define calendars, the very rhythm of our lives. We've looked to them not just for practical purposes but spiritual: some ancient civilisations worshipped them, some people even still search out their horoscope and believe their life and personality is shaped by them. I can't believe that but even when it comes to modern space travel, we seem to feel that there is something to discover in them. We reach out to grasp it, to learn what wisdom they have, is there any direction they offer?

At the first Christmas, following the stars led wise people to look back at this earth. Not to find some answers out there in the cosmos, but to see here on earth the mysterious and glorious revelation of an extraordinary God born as an ordinary baby.

As we celebrate Christmas, maybe we all need to learn how to follow that star. To navigate our way through a complex and challenging world to find the wonderful gift of God's Saviour born for us. To find our way to the truth that God has found his way to come to us.

Richard

VILLAGE DIARY

December

Bradgate Drama Society 1st

2nd Craft Fair

Choral Society Concert 6th

8th Ramblers 9th Christingle

Parish Council Meeting 10th

Choral Society - Come and Sing Carols 13th

Light a candle to a loved one 15th 16th Lessons by Candlelight

Crib Service 24th

26th Cricket Club Duck Race

January

12th Ramblers

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS

Can we wish all our readers and advertisers a Merry **Christmas and Happy New Year.**

A big thank you to all our volunteers without whom there would be no Village Magazine. Whilst it may be my name you see each month as the editor, there are many more involved in your Village Magazine.



A big thank you to everyone who sends us the articles, arranges advertising, proof reading, picking up the magazines from the printers, distributing them to our distributors, the Committee and especially your distributor who delivers them each month. Many have been doing this for many years, others have joined us more recently

Especially to you we say Thank You!



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

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Coffee and Cake Duty Rota

December

6th Lesley Cook/Chris A & Gay Redstone 242214/242432/Lei2351625 13th Amanda Sculthorpe & Vicky Lightfoot 242445/07779123952

20th Christmas Cheer /Turkey Sandwiches/Mince Pies - Volunteers required

27th No Meeting Christmas Break - Happy Christmas to all

January 2019

3rdCarolyn Turner, Charlotte Jackson & Ruth Goddard249173/24531610thJo & Claire Costello24961318thJanet & David Brunton242662

24th Sue Pritchard & Teresa Calvert 243119/482802

February

 7th
 Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Josie
 01509 890264/245366

 14th
 Sue Birkett & Jan Dempsey
 244317 /0116 2700072

 21st
 Felicity Manning & Sue Brown
 245298/249384

 28th
 Ann Scrine, Steve & Dave Pratt
 242301/589031

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This is brought out hilariously in 'Comfort and Joy', a brilliant comedy written by Mike Harding, the famous comedian and folk singer, which is being performed by Bradgate Drama Society as their 2018 Christmas Production.



Martin and Margaret Duggan have their grumpy uncle Goff staying with them over the Christmas period and are expecting visits from the rest of the family. Things soon spiral out of control as the family arrives and other unexpected visitors call by, resulting in a spectacularly chaotic festive period.

The show will be staged at
Newtown Linford Village Hall
Thursday 29th, Friday 30th November
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As you know in last month's February Village Magazine, villagers were invited to send a group Christmas Greeting instead of Christmas Cards to fellow local villagers and donate to

Charity

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from Pat & David Wood



Janet Green Main Street Wishing all my friends and neighbours a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year

Carol Ann, John and all the Sugden Clan

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Gillian Cooper Happy Christmas & New Year to everyone thank you for your friendship and kindness to me over the year



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Margaret Bloor

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From The Park

It hardly seems five minutes since we were all on fire watch in the middle of a heatwave, and yet I am writing this on a November afternoon as dusk begins to close in at four o'clock knowing that I will be thrown out of the office when the Rangers lock up at five.



I was going to use this month's column to promote our seasonal events but Christmas Wreath Making, Festive Glass Fusion and the Torchlit Advent Procession have all sold out and tickets for Brunch with Santa are selling fast. Following the success of our Afternoon Teas in the Conservatory Tearoom, we have launched a Festive Afternoon Tea, which would make an ideal gift for that special person who has everything and is a pain to buy presents for.

On the subject of gifts, we are hoping to have tickets for the 2019 Bradgate Proms on sale (at the Early Bird price) in time for Christmas. On the Park, things are really getting into winter mode. We have been feeding the deer since early November and all the grass and hedge cutting machinery has been serviced, lubricated, and in some cases painted, before being 'put to bed' until next year. Tree work is continuing on the Park and, in Swithland Wood, the volunteers are getting stuck into the Swithland Guardians project. Don't forget, we are always looking for new volunteers and, if you think you will be looking to shed a few pounds after Christmas, volunteering with us is cheaper than a gym membership and is good for the soul as well as the body.

Email volunteers@bradgatepark.org for more information.

We have been offering a series of historical talks this autumn on topics ranging from the Leicestershire Yeomanry War Memorial to medieval torture and these have gone down well with the public. The 2019 Bradgate Lecture will take place in the Village Hall on Wednesday 27^{th} February and will be given by Cllr Adam Clarke FRSA, Deputy City Mayor and Chairman of the Bradgate Park Trust. The full 2019 Events and Guided Walks Programmes will be published at the beginning of February. As always, we will probably 'slip in' a few additional events during the year and these will be publicised on our website and through social media. The Pay & Display machines in Swithland Wood are now operational, so be sure to take a pound coin with you when walking the dog. Alternatively, season tickets for Swithland Wood only are available at a cost of £25 per year. Alternatively, if you are a holder of a Bradgate Park sea-

son ticket (£90 per year/£50 concessions) these also include the Swithland Wood car parks. After much delay, not of our making, the Pay & Display machine nearest the Conservatory Tearoom is due to go live with card payments before the beginning of December. The reason why we will only have one machine with this facility is the well-known lack of mobile reception in the area: the machine referred to has been hard-wired into the Conservatory Tearoom's broadband connection.

It is now pitch dark outside but it is a cheering thought that when you next hear from me the days will be lengthening.

I wish you all the best for the festive season and I look forward to seeing you on the Park (Christmas jumpers optional).

Peter Tyldesley





Pre-school children and their parents or carers are welcome to **Jolly**

Tots, All Saints' Weekly Playgroup. It runs on a Thursday morning at the Church from 9.15am to about 11am

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Services for all ages over Christmas

Christingle Service, Sunday 9th December at 10.30am

Everyone is welcome to come and make their own Christingle at the service on 9 December. Christingle is a long-standing tradition with a rich set of symbolism and meaning for Christmastime. The service will include carols, prayers a collection in aid of The Children's Society, helping them to continue their work with disadvantaged children,



and this year a performance by a special set of handbells rung by a group visiting from Melton Mowbray.



Crib Service, Christmas Eve at 4pm

An opportunity to put the story of the birth of Jesus at the heart of your family



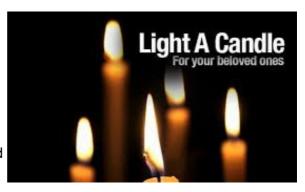
Christmas celebrations. For all ages, but particularly appropriate for children, come dressed as your favourite characters from the Na-



tivity story to take part in our re-telling of the events over 2000 years ago as we celebrate with songs and carols.

Christmas Events and Services

Light a Candle, Saturday
15 December, 9am - 6pm
While the church is open
every day for villagers and
visitors to come in, look
around and have quiet
space for prayer, on Saturday 15th December we
would particularly invite you
to come to light a candle and
remember a loved one who
will not be with you this
Christmas.



Lessons and Carols by Candlelight, Sunday 16 December at 7.30pm followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

A traditional celebration of Christmas through readings, carols and choir pieces. All welcome to come and join in favourite carols and appreciate the atmosphere of a darkened Church lit by candles and festive lights as we follow through the story of God's saving work which found its fulfilment in Jesus. Stay on afterwards to enjoy the seasonal treats of mince pies and mulled wine provided.





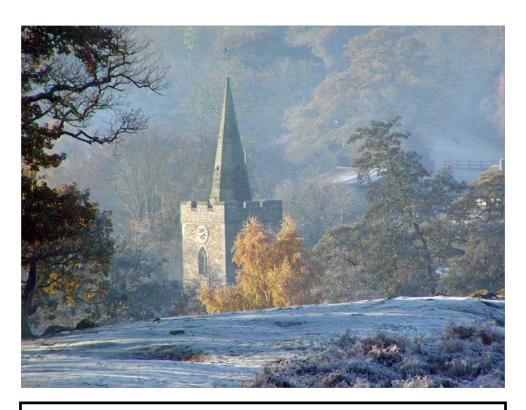
Many thanks to all the cooks out there who have baked the mince pies - home made mince pies are a lovely finish to the evening!

Midnight Communion, Christmas Eve at 11.30pm

For many the only way to see in Christmas Day is with a Communion service finishing shortly after midnight. Follow the star to discover truth and joy.

Christmas Communion, Christmas Day at 9am

Start the day with a celebration of Jesus' birth. All welcome as we celebrate the feast with a traditional Communion with carols together.

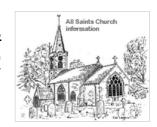


Special limited edition packs of Christmas cards featuring the superb photo of All Saints' in the snow taken by Iris Sayer are on sale in the Church, £2.50 for a set of ten.

All profits to the church redecoration fund. A limited run have been printed, so do grab them quickly.



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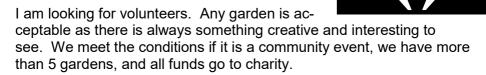
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Baptisms

21st October ~ George David Jelley 28th October ~ Freddie James Hall We welcome them in to the Church family Funerals none

Village Open Gardens July 2019

All Saints Church would like to run a village open gardens in July 2019 to raise funds for the decoration fund (no NGS next year).



Please contact Jane Woolmer (0116 2355237, ejwoolmer@gmail.com) if you can offer a garden or help organise the village event.

Date to be decided.

Jane Woolmer

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BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES December 2018

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
2nd	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
December	10.15am Worship as One (RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
Advent	6.30pm Evensong (GS)	
9th		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
December	10.15am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am Christingle (RT)
2nd Sunday of Advent	4.00pm Messy Church	
16th	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
December	10.15am Service of the World (BH)	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)
3rd Sunday of Advent 5.00pm Carols by Candlelight (Pi		7.30pm Carols by Candlelight (RT)
23rd December		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
4th Sunday of Advent	10.15am Holy Communion (RT)	10.30am Morning Prayer (SA)
24th December		4.00pm Crib Service (RT/SA)
Christmas Eve	11.15pm Midnight Communion (PH)	11.30pm Midnight Communion (RT)
25th December		9.00am Holy Communion (RT)
Christmas Day	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
30th December	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
1st Sunday of Christmas	10.15am Service of the World (GS)	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—December 2018						
GLENFIELD	Wed	10.45am	5th	12th	19th	26th
NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10.30am	6th			

BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES January 2018

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD			
6th January		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)			
Epiphany	10.30am Joint Worship as One (RT/HC) at Glenfield				
	6.30pm Holy Communion (RT)				
13th January		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)			
2nd Sunday	10.15am Holy Communion (RT)	10.30am Morning Prayer (JW)			
of Epiphany	6.30pm Compline (SA)				
20th January	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)				
3rd Sunday	10.15am United Service at GMC	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)			
of Epiphany	4.00pm Messy Church				
27th January		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)			
4th Sunday	10.15am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am All Age Service (RT)			
of Epiphany	6.30pm Holy Communion (RT)				

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—January 2019								
GLENFIELD	Wed	10.45a	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th	
		m						
NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10.30a m	3rd					

Christ brings a light into this dark world
Just like Christmas brings a light into this dark season.
May your Christmas be as bright as ever.

In The Beans?

Long ago there was on the radio a series called 'Dick Barton, Special Agent'. He was never associated, as far as I know, with a bean. Yet again, Hill Hill on the Hill does sound a rather improbable name. Yet such places exist in our countryside. Have you ever wondered about a 'thorpe', a 'by', or a 'ton'? And where on earth would someone concoct a name like Loughborough?

These are some of the questions that confronted Julie Attard, late of the Charnwood Roots Project and now the Charnwood Forest Development Manager, when she spoke at the **Friends of the Charnwood Forest** meeting on Monday (Charnwood – from the Celtic 'carn' – a pile of stones and 'wudu' – a wood). She started her talk by stating that she was not a specialist in interpreting names, but while working on the Roots Project she had encountered a lady who was. Also there were a couple of books which she recommended which listed the meanings of place names in Leicestershire.

English place-names often come from ancient sources. In those times England was peopled by various cultures which usually swept in from the east. Each of these cultures had its own language, and over time place names may have been altered or added to by them. First – as far back as it is practical to go, as no doubt there were very ancient names from languages and peoples we know nothing about – are the Celts; with each wave of immigrants these people's culture would have been pushed into the more remote, mountainous areas of these islands. Then there were the Romans, the Anglo-Saxons, the Vikings and the Normans. So - Breedon on the Hill is from three languages, each providing a word meaning 'Hill': thus 'Hill Hill on the Hill'.

Of course there are other complications. Land ownership may be celebrated by places being named after the owner. The syllables 'ough' in Loughborough are pronounced in two different ways, the second of which is derived from 'Burgh'. This leads me to suspect that some names have been altered as time has gone by rather than by a new culture. I knew an old lady several years ago who pronounced 'Woodhouse' as "woodus'. As the spelling of the English language became more organised, think what chaos that could have caused. One of my ancestors had six children, and 'McNeil' was spelt differently in every case on the census return.

If we did not find out about Barton in the Beans, at least she cleared up Woodhouse Eaves. The 'Eaves' part means 'on the edge of'. Would you like to live in a place called 'On The Edge Of Woodhouse'? People do, apparently without realising it.

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There was another packed house in Newtown Linford Village Hall last month to hear Bunny Guinness, the renowned gardening expert speak about ways of enhancing our gardens. Bunny has made her name, firstly as a garden designer with Chelsea Medals and other awards for her work, plus some private commissions for major gardens, and more lately as a broadcaster on BBC Radio's Garden Question Time and as a writer in many different newspapers and magazines.

Although many of her slides were of larger creations it was clear that many of these ideas could be scaled down to suit gardens of domestic size. Her creations with pleached trees, ornamental box designs and paving were particularly striking. Many of our members and visitors told us how much they has enjoyed her visit and were looking forward to the next celebrity evening.

Our next celebrity speaker will be coming to Newtown Linford on Tuesday 26th February. The speaker on that occasion will be Matthew Biggs who is also well-known for his contributions on Gardeners' Question Time. He was one of the guests when we hosted two recordings of that programme last January and he proved to be very popular with the audience on that occasion.

As usual we will be inviting non-members of our Club to come and hear him and there are now tickets available. There will probably be between 30 and 40 tickets available for non-members so a prompt call could well be advisable. Tickets will cost £12 and can be obtained by ringing 01530 242452 or emailing 32couling@gmail.com.

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Village Ramblers

The Ramblers November walk was from Markfield Church, alongside the quarry, returning via Markfield allotments and a residential area that we had not previously walked. Six members turned out expecting November rain, but as we began, the weather turned fine. We later enjoyed a super evening at Ed and Joe's 70th birthday party.

Village Walk. Saturday 8th December

Meet at 11.00, due to the early sunset; meeting as usual opposite the Village Hall.

The walk will be to Woodhouse Eaves, where we shall have lunch at a pub.

Please let Ed Killick know if if you would like to have lunch, so that a table/tables can be booked. Please email ed-killick@hotmail.couk asap, to book in.

Village Walk. Saturday 12th January

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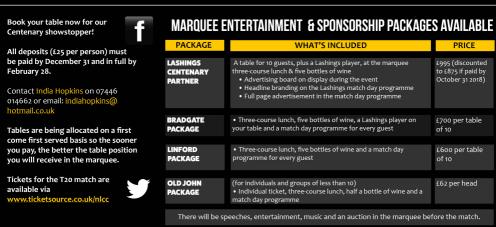


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11th November 2018 - Remembrance Day

Across the country on Sunday 11th November 2018, church bells rang out as part of the Nation's Tribute, 1300 Churches took part at precisely 19.05 hours. We were very pleased at All Saints to be able to take part in this national event at the end of an extraordinary day of remembrance for all those who lost their **Iris Sayer** lives.



Brownies

As it was one hundred years since the First World War ended, the

Brownies decided to march from the Linford to the Church. We all wore our poppies and had a two minute silence to remember the men and women who fought in the War for us. After the Service we marched back to the Linford while singing Brownie songs. At the Linford they unveiled the plaque with all the names of the people who fought in the War from Newtown Linford, I. was very proud to hold the flag as my great granddad and my great



great granddad all fought in the war

By Sophie Colyer age 9 years

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The above picture shows the Brownies marching with their flag on the way to the Remembrance Service 11.11.2019. The one below, after the Second World War when Gwen and Len Wakefield ran the Ex Service and Social Club, taken as they paraded to Church. Makes you wonder what memoires memories they had. The one on the right - Gwen and her father with the Legion Banners .



11th November 2018 - Remembrance Day



Unveiling of the memorial Stone at the front of the Linford Club, to those who served and those who died, from Newtown Linford in the 1st World War.

This followed the Service of Remembrance in the Church

The stone was dedicated by Richard Trethewey, Rector of All Saints and unveiled by Mrs Betty Patrick.

Betty was one of the villagers who campaigned along with others to keep the Club open when it was struggling.

Tarmac of Mountsorrel Quarry had donated the stone and transported it to our village.











Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council





I am pleased to note that the Police Beat Team from Anstey continue to support Newtown Linford and regularly attend the Parish Council Meetings. We welcomed P.C.S.O. Mitch Jarvis in October. He reported that there had been a burglary at a cottage on Main Street with tools being stolen. A car and a set of num-

ber plates had been stolen from the Bradgate Park car park. Fly tipping had been reported at the Swithland

Woods car park which was believed to be the contents of a cannabis factory including drug equipment. There have been no traffic incidents except for the 30 mile sign post on Groby Lane being knocked over. Finally he reported that they would be having the speed gun in December and would come for a session in Newtown Linford.

The VAS sign on Sharpley Hill continues to be very effective and the unit on Roecliffe Road should be installed and working by the time you read this issue. The position for the one on Bradgate Road is not decided at the time of writing. Peter Tyldesley of the Bradgate Park Trust has offered to have it on their land but the line of sight might not be right. Hopefully we can find private land so that we will not have to pay over £12,000 to LCC.

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

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Next meeting 10th December at 7.15pm Village Hall

PCSO Mitch Jarvis was welcomed to his first Parish Council meeting. He reported that during September, a car had been stolen from the Bradgate Trust car park and a house on Main Street had been burgled having tools stolen. It is believed this was outbuildings and not the actual house. The fly tipping at Swithland Wood looked like the contents from a cannabis factory containing plants and drug equipment. At the end of October there were three reports of burglaries within a couple of days of each other. The nearest to our village being on the lower end of Markfield Lane where the house was entered, keys taken and two cars stolen. Eye witnesses say 5 people were involved. The other two burglaries were higher up backing onto fields – one on the Markfield Lane and one on the service road at Field Head.

The second VAS sign is due to arrive on the 28th October and hopefully will be installed on Roecliffe Road by the time you are reading this issue. The Sharpley Hill sign continues to be slowing down traffic very well. The third sign to be installed on Bradgate Road requires some thought as to where to site it. Peter Tyldesley of the Bradgate Trust has kindly offered to accommodate it if the line of sight is suitable. The Councillors will be discussing this at the December Meeting. We have been requested by LCC to erect signs to the effect that these are the property of the Parish Council and any defects are to be reported to ourselves.

The Clerk signed the condolence book in memory of the late John Sutherington. He had been a Councillor at Anstey and Charnwood BC over many years.

It is noted that the application for the extension at the Village School has been granted.

At the time of writing (29th October) the Councillors regret to note that the results of the Consultation over parking issues for Grey Crescent has still not been announced. The Councillors fully understand the residents' annoyance at this and hope that it will be resolved soon.

Peter Tyldesley from the Bradgate Park Trust informed our meeting that the drainage will be increased in their large extension car park and their parking meter machines now require the input of part of your registration number. Our Chair thanked Peter for installing the fence around the stag free of charge. The acknowledgement for donations sign for this is on order and will be delivered any day now.

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

Tel: 01530 242201 Email: pamriverlyn@msn.com

ADVANCE NOTICE BROWNIES RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday 9th March 2019

If you are having a sort out in the New Year - please keep items for the Brownie Rummage Sale

Information from PCSO Mitch Jarvis

What should I do if I get an unexpected doorstep caller?

You should only let someone in to your home if you're absolutely sure that they're genuine and you want them in your home. You don't need to open the door for them and don't feel embarrassed about turning them away.

Be wary of bogus callers who try and trick their way in to your home by pretending to be a meter reader, police officer, council official, or an ordinary person needing help. You can ask the person to come back another time when someone you trust will be with you.

If you're worried about a doorstep caller, dial 999 and ask for the police.

How to contact the Police

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E-mail heubeck111@btinternet.com

Please could you send any emails to the above email address. If you do not receive an acknowledgement of your email within 3/4 days - please contact Carole, the Editor direct on the above number to check we have received it.

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