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Preparing for Christmas

What do Lego and Lynx, pork scratchings and Playmobil, Bic biros and beer, Harry Potter and Haribo all have in common? Yep, this year you can get a suitably themed Advent Calendar for each of them.

I'm afraid I still haven't entirely caught up with the current explosion of possibilities in the Advent Calendar market. When I grew up, we had a family one, handmade in card from a craft book, which re-appeared each year, gradually disintegrating as I got older. The idea that you could get ones containing chocolate – so old-hat now – struck me as outlandish when I first saw them. Now, it seems you can get anything and everything.

We're trying out a new Advent Calendar at Church this December. Every day throughout the run-up to Christmas, a new panel will be added to the windows facing the road, each one decorated by the Jolly Tots Group or the Brownies, each one with a new theme, helping us trace and follow the path to prepare for Christmas. Come and spot the new one each day!

Because whatever your Advent Calendar contains this year, whether it be coffee, condiments or chocolate, the point of it will be the same: to help you count down to Christmas. Wonderful (and sometimes weird!) as they are in themselves, they are primarily a pointer, a preparation.

There are lots of things to prepare over the next few weeks. Lots of ways to get in the mood for Christmas – food to eat, songs to listen to (or avoid). I guess the question I'd invite you to consider is this: what is best going to help you grasp the full and amazing truth at the heart of Christmas? Lego and Lynx, pork scratchings and Playmobil. (Some of!) these are great, but if you want to know why we still have this great explosion of joy and generosity at the heart.

Richard Trethewey

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

VILLAGE DIARY

December

- 5th Christmas Concert with Village Choir in Church (SOLD OUT)
8th Christingle
9th Parish Council Meeting
13th Reindeer Drive (SOLD OUT)
17th Ramblers
19th Come & Sing Carols with Choir and Brownies
22nd Lessons & Carols by Candlelight
24th Crib Service

January

- 11th Ramblers
21st Village Hall AGM

Regular events

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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.

MANY THANKS 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 to you each month. Many have been doing this for many years, others have joined us more recently. Thanks also to the Church and Parish Council who along with the advertisers ensure we can have a free Village Magazine





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



Coffee and Cake Duty Rota

December

- 5th Volunteers required to cover today please call Carol Ann 243433
- 12th Carolyn Turner, Charlotte Jackson, Ruth Goddard 249173/245316
- 19th Christmas Turkey Sandwiches & Mince Pies - Volunteers please call Carol Ann 243433
- 26th No Gathering Happy Christmas

January

- 2nd Jo & Claire Costello 249613
- 9th Janet & David Brunton 249662
- 16th Sarah Brown, Teresa Calvert, Sue Morran 0781116616/ 482802/
07810116641
- 23rd Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Josie 245078/242000
- 30th Sue Birkett & Jan Dempsey 244317/Lei 2700072

February

- 6th Jacqui Marsh, Maria Simms 07904123603
- 13th Felicity Manning, Sue Brown, Amanda Sculthorpe 245298/249384/242445
- 20th Ann Scrine, Steve & Dave Pratt 242301/589031
- 27th Bev Griffiths & Sue Dobby 01509 890264/245366

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

New at Coffee & Cake - Baby and Toddler Area. Please join us, Coffee & Cake is for everyone.

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.

Christingle Service All Saints Church Sunday 8th December at 10.30am

Everyone is welcome (children especially) to come and make their own Christingle at the Christingle Service on 8th December.

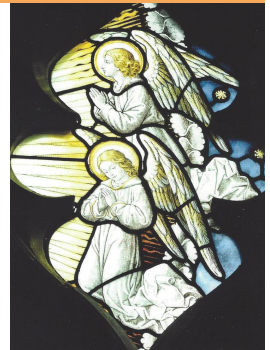
Come and get your own orange and start Christmas properly. Last year thousands of people attended 112 Christingle Services across Leicestershire. These events help to raise money for The Children's Society who support vulnerable children and young people who may be experiencing abuse, neglect, living in poverty.



Christingle is a longstanding tradition with a rich set of symbolism and meaning for Christmastime.

The service will include carols, prayers and a collection in aid of The Children's Society. **You also have the chance to join in the decoration of the Church Christmas Tree, erected this weekend.**

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Newtown Linford Tennis Club News

New Club House is under way!!!

Yes at last the new building is well on its way. A very exciting time for the Club and all its members. No more sheltering in the 6 x 8 hut (not easy with 12 match players or Coach plus 12 juniors from the After school club)

Thank you to everyone who have lent a hand digging trenches or carrying wood for our local builder Phil Stevenson



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The Brownie Halloween Evening

On Monday 4th November, the Brownies held their Halloween Evening. We played lots of games such as 'Fe Fi Fo Fum the witch is going to have some fun'; Ladders with Halloween names; witches glue pot which is a game where, when you get caught you stick to the witch until she puts you in the stew pot and even sucked ghost ping pong balls out of a bowl of water with a straw! We made ghosts out of lollipops and serviettes. It was lots of fun.

The Brownies celebrated with some Halloween drinks, making punch out of the following spooky ingredients; Blood of the witch (Cherryade); Blood of the ghost (Lemonade); Liver of the witch (green Jelly); snakes and teeth and mice!

Natasha Dovey, Age 8 years.





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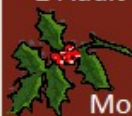
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Meetings to Catch-ups

Bookings now been taken for Festive Fayre for Christmas and New Year

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Gary and the team at The Bradgate would like to wish all residents of Newtown Linford a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy & Prosperous New Year



THE FRIENDS OF CHARNWOOD FOREST



Friends of Charnwood Forest.

The next two meetings are as follows:

Monday, 20th, January, 2020.

Neil Pilcher, Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust: "Charnwood Forest: A Living Landscape".

Monday, 17th, February

Peter Liddle: "Lady Jane Grey's House? – The Archaeology of Bradgate House". This is an illustrated talk from the former county archaeologist on the five-year dig which has been taking place in Bradgate Park and revealed new information about the house in which Lady Jane probably lived – not the one we see now!

Meetings are held in Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors welcome - £3 admission fee.

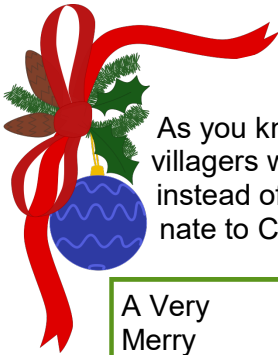
Marilyn Palmer

Appeal to Villagers!

On page 27 of this Magazine, it mentions the installation of the church clock following money raised by the villagers from the Lady Jane Grey Pageant in 1951 and 1952. Does anyone have photos from this time that we can insert in the February or March Issue of the Magazine?

Carole Editor

Christmas Card 'Greetings for Charity' from Villagers



As you know in last month's November Village Magazine, villagers were invited to send a group Christmas Greeting instead of Christmas Cards to fellow local villagers, and donate to Charity

A Very Merry Christmas and New Year to all the village, thank you for all your friendship and kindness over the year
Gillian Cooper, Main Street



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



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



Wishing all our friends and neighbours a very Happy Christmas and New Year from
Gary, Caz, John, Issy, Charlotte, Nathan and Alfie



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our friends and neighbours from Sue & Gary at 49 Markfield Lane



Wishing all the village a Very Happy Festive Season, hoping you have been good and Santa brings you all you need? Best Wishes

John, Carol Ann Sugden and all the family



All the best for Christmas and the New Year to our friends and neighbours from Sue and John Pritchard - Main Street



Village Ramblers

Fourteen walkers and one dog met at the Village Hall on Saturday, 8th November. We took a route down through the main entrance to the park and along the main path as far as the bridge before turning right. We crossed several boggy fields, eventually coming out opposite the reservoir, where a brief stop was made for a team photograph.

We then took the path down to the end of Causeway Lane and walked along the road and over the reservoir. Although the weather had been frosty in the morning, it began to deteriorate soon after the start of the walk. On reaching the Hallgates entrance, the original plan had been to go over Old John and down the track which ends opposite Ulverscroft Lane. However, as a drizzly rain and unpleasant wind had set in, most of us opted to return along the main path and up the main street for tea and scones at Ed's.

The next walk will be on Saturday, 14th December and will be led by Ed Killick. This will be a morning walk, followed by lunch at a local pub. Full details to be advised.

The first walk of 2020 will be led by Lesley Baker and will be on Saturday, 11th January. Meet at Lesley's - 44a Roecliffe Road at 2pm. Return to Lesley's house after the walk to plan the programme for the rest of the year, over a cup of tea.



The Cricket Club

2019 has been an unbelievable year for Newtown Linford Cricket Club. Not only was it our Centenary Year but our 1st X1, after seasons of coming agonisingly close, finally reached the 'Holy Grail', gaining promotion to the Premier Division of the Leicestershire and Rutland Cricket League. Together with this, our 2nd X1 won promotion to Division 3 and our recently formed 3rd X1 have risen in a short space of time from Division 10 to Division 7.

During the season various events took place to celebrate our Centenary culminating in a wonderful day when we entertained a Lashings ex-International World X1 which included many household names from the world of cricket. The 'icing on the cake' was the match commentator, the doyen of cricket commentators, Henry Blofeld.

To commemorate a hundred years of cricket in our village the Club produced a hard-back book recalling the years from 1919 to the present day. This book is not just a history of the Club but a history of the village itself. Locals who have purchased a copy found it both interesting and informative and have complimented the Club on producing such a fine publication. An excellent Xmas present perhaps!

Let's face it, this village now possesses a Club competing at the highest level of cricket in Leicestershire so if you don't already do so, why not pay us a visit and enjoy the ambiance of one of the prettiest grounds, not only in Leicestershire but in the whole of the country.

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14th MARCH 2020



**If anyone is having a clean out
and would like to donate things to us,
we would appreciate it very much.**

Brown Owl

A poster for a 'REINDEER DRIVE' event, framed by a decorative border of holly leaves and red berries. At the top, the title 'REINDEER DRIVE' is written in large, red, stylized letters. Below the title is a cartoon illustration of a reindeer with a green Christmas tree on its back. The text on the poster provides details about the event: 'Friday, 13th December', 'Linford Club, Newtown Linford', '7pm (doors open 6.30pm)', 'Tickets : £7.50 (£5 Children)', 'inc Mulled wine, mince pies + Stollen', and 'Ring: 01530 245373'. At the bottom, there is an illustration of Santa Claus in a sleigh pulled by reindeer. A large, diagonal 'SOLD OUT' watermark is overlaid across the center of the poster. At the very bottom, it says 'Proceeds to All Saints Church re-decoration fund + Charity'.

**Newtown Linford
Choral Society**

“O Holy Night ”

**Christmas Concert on 5th
December at All Saints
Church**

SOLD OUT!

All tickets for the Concert
have now been sold. Please
ring Iris on 01530 243822 if
you are interested in any
ticket returns.

NOTICE OF NEWTOWN LINFORD VILLAGE HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

TUESDAY 21st JANUARY 2020 @ 7.30pm. in small hall.

All residents within the Parish are welcome to attend, although only those over 18 may vote.

AGENDA.

Present.

Apologies.

Minutes of last A.G.M.

Matters arising.

Chairman's report.

Treasurer's report.

Social Secretary's report.

Booking Secretary's report.

Bar Manager's Report

Notification of Appointed Members.*

Election of 8 Committee Members.

A.O.B.

Date of next meeting

* All Village organisations are entitled to nominate a representative. Nominations are currently made by Bradgate Drama, the Choral Society, the Gardening Club, the Parish Council and the Pre-School.

The Committee is always looking for new members. If you are interested in serving on the Committee, or help in any other way please discuss it with Toby Manning, Chairman on 245298 or come to the meeting.

Even if you are not wishing to join the committee - the committee really appreciate the support of villagers who attend.

All Saints Bell Ringers

All Saints Church bell ringers were very pleased to again be able to join the “Light up in Red Campaign”. This is a simple but powerful expression on behalf of the Poppy Appeal which is organised by the Office of the Lord Lieutenant. Over 30 buildings in the County joined the appeal and we hope to continue to do so in future.



CHURCH ON THE MOVE?

All Saints' Church, January-March 2020

As you'll have read in last month's edition, plans are proceeding for the redecoration, and rewiring, of All Saints' to take place January to March 2020. Great thanks again to all those whose generosity – either recent or historic – has made this first phase of our development plans possible.

But one effect is that the Church itself will have to be closed for use for up to three months, from the beginning of January until 31st March. The contractors are under strict instruction that the work has to be completed by the end of March, not least because we have our first wedding of the year booked on 4th April! I'm thinking of having it written into the contract that they have to be the person to tell the bride and groom if there are any delays... We should be fine though because there is some slack built into those timescales.

During the closure, normal Sunday worship will continue to take place in Newtown Linford, at the Village Hall. So every Sunday at 10.30am and on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 8am, there will be a chance to gather for prayer, singing, Bible reading and teaching, and at most services, sharing Communion. So the Church building may be out of action, but the Church itself is continuing without interruption. Everyone, as when we meet in the Church, is thoroughly welcome to any service and for refreshments afterwards. We expect our first Sunday back in the Church building to be Palm Sunday, 5th April.

The only exception to that pattern is on Sunday 9th February when the 10.30am service will take place in Glenfield as a joint service with our partner Church, St Peter's.

By default, any funerals will also be held at St Peter's during this period.

As before, please contact me if you have any questions.

Richard Trethewey, Rector
0116 287 1604, richard@allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk



Advent Calendar, 1-24 December

As Richard mentions in his Rector's letter, the road facing windows of All Saints' are being transformed into a giant Advent Calendar this December. Starting on Sunday 1 December, every day a new panel will be unveiled, each revealing a new theme to help us prepare for Christmas. The panes have been made and decorated at Jolly Tots Stay and Play Group for toddlers and their parents/carers and by the Newtown Linford Brownies. Come by every day to spot the latest entry.

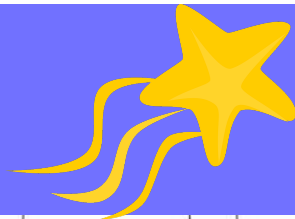


Light a Candle, Saturday 21 December, 9am - 6pm

While the Church is open every day for villagers and visitors to come in, look around and have quiet space for prayer, on Saturday 21st 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.



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



Lessons and Carols by Candlelight,

Sunday 22nd 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!

Mass Dials on All Saints Church

Did you know that we have two ancient 'clocks' scratched into the outside walls of All Saints Church?

I hosted a visit by the Diocesan Archaeological Advisor, Michael Hawkes, as part of the preparations for the redecoration of the interior of the Church. Michael, a member of staff of the University of Leicester Ar-



chaeological Services, has done a lot of work on so-called 'graffiti' on churches, which include things like ritual protection marks, heraldic devices, ships in coastal settlements, even self-portraits. Many people regard these as the lost voices of past church congregations: they are very different from the marks often scratched by bored choirboys on church pews!

Among the most common devices were Mass dials, usually found on the south walls of churches, as at All Saints where there is one on the south-west corner of the tower and another further along the wall beyond the porch, to the left of the Theodora Salusbury window. These are about four feet from the ground, roughly marked out with radiating lines and dots, and with a hole in the centre which originally housed a gnomon or pointer, which was set horizontally to the wall. This meant that they did not record the same hours at all times of the year but were the means by

which church goers could find out the time and so be able to attend Mass. They pre-dated the use of clocks and many churches did not have bells either.

All Saints dates from the 14th or early 15th century and was described by the historian John Nichols in 1811 as 'a mean, rude structure, composed chiefly of forest stone and is not at all ornamented'. Although many changes have taken place in the Church fabric since then, we are fortunate that the south wall has not experienced major alterations. The Mass dials were replaced by the sundial on the tower which dates from 1706

and we also had Church bells by then, but these worn circles on the Church are a reminder of how our ancestors found out about the times of their Church services before clocks and watches, as well as the written word, became common.



Marilyn Palmer, PCC member

From the Records

The earliest book we have in the village records is for 1953 - 1956. The hand written note in at the beginning of the book states 1953..

“The most outstanding local event was the installation of the Church Clock. (*Editors note - rather appropriate when you look at the preceding article!*).

The tablet in the parish was unveiled by Mr J Ayling, who had directed the Pageant. The inscription read “The clock in the tower was given by the village from the proceeds of the Pageant of Bradgate - Lady Jane Grey, which was performed by the people of the village in the ruins of Bradgate in 1951 and 1952. The hours are stuck on the tenor bell. The sound of a clock striking being new to the inhabitants there was some complaints at first, especially from those living near the Church. However by this year of 1955 the general opinion is favourable in regard to the striking and tolerant of its sometimes erratic timekeeping.

BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES

December 2019

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
1st December Advent	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
	9.00am Breakfast Church (SA)	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)
	6.30pm Evensong (RT)	
8th December 2nd Sunday of Advent		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.15am Holy Communion (RT)	10.30am Christingle (SA)
	6.30pm Compline (BH)	
15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
	10.15am Service of the Word (GS)	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)
	4.00pm Messy Church	
22nd December 4th Sunday of Advent	10.15am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am Holy Communion (SA)
	5.00pm Carols by Candlelight (RT)	7.30pm Carols by Candlelight (RT/SA)
24th December Christmas Eve		4.00pm Crib Service (RT)
	11.15pm Midnight Communion (RT)	11.30pm Midnight Communion (SA)
25th December Christmas Day		9.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
29th December 1st Sunday of Christmas		
	10.15am Holy Communion (RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (SA)

January 2020

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
5th January Epiphany	8.30am Holy Communion (SA)	
	9.00am Breakfast Church (RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)
12th January 1st Sunday Of Epiphany		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.15am Holy Communion (RT)	10.30am Morning Prayer (JW)
	6.30pm Compline (GS)	
19th January 2nd Sunday Of Epiphany	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
	10.15am United Service at SPG (RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (SB)
	4.00pm Messy Church	
26th January 3rd Sunday Of Epiphany		8.00am Holy Communion (SA)
	10.15am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am All Age Service (RT)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (RT)	

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—DECEMBER 2019

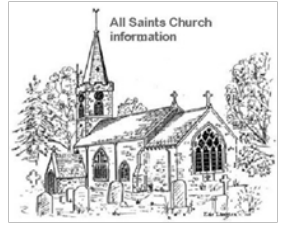
GLENFIELD	Wed 10.45am	4th 11th 18th
NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur 10.30am	5th

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—JANUARY 2020

GLENFIELD	Wed 10.45am	8th 15th 22nd 29th
NEWTOWN LINFORD	No midweek services during redecoration	



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WEDDINGS
None

BAPTISMS

27 October ~ Winston Alfred Lewis Woolass

We welcome him into the church family

FUNERALS

14 November ~ Cedric Brian Livingston Murray



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.

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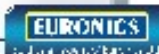
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Newtown Linford Primary School

Well what an amazing Autumn Term we are having at school this year!

Thank you to everyone for being so accommodating whilst our building work took place and as you can see from the attached photos it has made a huge difference to the School. School hasn't any more classrooms but has two new much larger classrooms for our KS2 children. We also now have our own hall, which has made an enormous difference at lunch-times, assemblies and also for occasions such as when the school photographer comes as we don't all have to trail across to the Village Hall. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Village Hall Committee for enabling the School to use their facilities for so long and for being so supportive of School.



One of the biggest differences now is our outdoor space. Due to the redesign of the whole area, we now have more useable space even though we have built upon some of it. Our Astroturf pitch is also incredibly popular with children and my Sports Coach. We are all so proud of the design of the building which looks as though it has always been here.



Sport and PE is a strong driver within our school and we are very proud of our achievements currently.

On the evening of 18th November Mr Barley (our Sports Coach) was awarded runner up in the Hinckley and Bosworth Area Sporting Awards Coach of the Year competition. All parents, carers and staff have taken great delight in congratulating him on this accolade which is well deserved.



Mr Barley works with real dedication and care, developing the sporting opportunities for all children within our School. He is very modest and will always turn any sporting successes back to the skills of the children. He has coached every year group in our School since they were four and the relationships he has developed are clear for all to see.

On the afternoon of 19th November seven children went to collect our 3rd consecu-



tive Gold Sports Mark at Hinckley Rugby Club. Clare Cashmore a Paralympic gold and silver medal winner, gave an inspirational talk to all the schools attending and the children also enjoyed meeting her and touching her medals. What an opportunity!

Throughout the end of November and beginning of December our Football team, our Y3/4 and Y5/6 Quick Sticks teams will be attending County Finals Competitions representing our local area.

To have three teams already in County Finals is good for any school but for one as small as ours is truly outstanding! I know it is a reflection of the quality of coaching of Mr Barley throughout the years but also our new developed playground.

We will keep you updated with how our teams do in the County Finals. We can only hope they go forward to National Finals!!

We haven't had an official opening of the School yet as we are waiting to finish our final space, the BBR! This is the Betty Blythe Room, in honour of our previous Chair of Governors. Betty, a figure so many of you will remember, was an integral part of the School and I know



she would be delighted to see how the School has been transformed with the building work. This room is an additional space for group work within the School but will also have a bank of microwaves, with grills and conventional ovens to enable us to offer a wider range of cooking opportunities for children within the School. Once we have dates, we will let you know as I know many of you will be keen to see how different it is inside.

Whilst we may not have had an official opening of the School we did have a very important visitor in September. The Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson visited us. We were very proud to have been chosen to represent our Multi-Academy Trust, Bradgate Education Partnership, in this way.



He was very impressed by what he saw and certainly had to answer some tricky questions from our children about climate change.

The video from his visit can be viewed on his twitter account. <https://twitter.com/educationgovuk/status/1176097841418252294>

With our new hall, we are also proud to be able to offer the Brownies a space to meet each week. We aren't looking to earn additional revenue through lettings with our building changes, but were keen to support a Group so integral to the life of the Village free of charge. So many of our girls attend, have attended or will do so when they are older and how can anyone refuse Brown Owl?

Our Christmas Church Service will be held on Friday 13th December at 1.30pm. We would like to invite anyone who is able to join us and then back at the School for Mince Pies, refreshments and a few stalls.

Kind regards

Chris Chorlton

Mrs Chris Chorlton, Headteacher

School PTA



Hello and Season's Greetings from the School PTA. I was asked if I would like to write something for this month's Magazine and given that one of our members has volunteered to take on the role of leading the plans for next year's Scarecrow Festival, I thought it would be a good time to introduce ourselves and talk a little bit about what we do.

It's a simple ethos really, we are a small team comprising 10 parents along with the school's headteacher; Mrs Chorlton and our aim is to raise money with the sole purpose of benefiting each and every pupil who attends the Primary School.

Our recent School Fete which ran during the weekend of this year's Scarecrow Festival, raised over £1200 which was a considerable amount given the inclement weather. I'd like to thank Pristine Events for providing the external stalls for the fete and all of you who came along and supported us.

Each year we discuss various projects on which our funds can be spent. Last year, with the School extension in progress, we held off spending until the main building works were complete.

We have allocated a budget from last year's fundraising, towards Race Track markings for the school playground (somewhat delayed given the wet weather) and are also looking into providing facilities to enable the children to get involved with gardening. We are now planning to utilise the funds raised from our fete in September to purchase combination microwave ovens to enable the children to have on-site cooking facilities. Beyond this, another project we have in mind is increasing provision within the school library.

I realise that when people think of the PTA, they often think of a Group of mum's with a little bit too much time on their hands, but in actual fact all of our Committee Members either work or study. Some of us will be known to you, others may not but here's a who's who of the Committee:

Carol Lindsay – Chairperson (I've been a committee member since 2017 and Chairperson since May 2018. Prior to my involvement with the school, I was also involved with Bradgate Drama Society so whilst my name will undoubtedly be unfamiliar to most, you may in fact have seen me around).

Mrs C Chorlton – Headteacher

Hannah Shaw – Treasurer (yes, your very own Parish Clerk and School's

Chair of Governors)
Natasha Hindocha – Secretary
Jacqueline Smith – In charge of Scarecrow 2020
Sophie Dovey
Andrea Sil
Louise Gibson
Sarah Blatchford
Carl Steane
Kate Harrison

As previously mentioned, Jacqui has volunteered to take the lead in organising Scarecrow 2020. Jacqui headed up the team responsible for the Scarecrow Festival back in 2018 whilst I retained the School Fete and I believe Jacqui along with her team did an exceptional job in following on from what was achieved in 2017. I have every confidence in Jacqui's ability to co-ordinate a fantastic Festival again for 2020, however she cannot do it alone. The Scarecrow Festival is a fantastic way for local groups and businesses to have further involvement in the community whilst raising their profiles and increasing their own memberships and funds.

If you would like to be involved but haven't yet been in touch, then please contact either Jacqui or myself as we'd love to hear from you.

The PTA are also always in need of volunteer cake bakers, raffle prizes and event contacts, so if you feel you could help us out with any of these, please get in touch; we'd be very grateful for the support.

In the meantime, Merry Christmas!

Carol Lindsay
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LEICESTER CARE HOME VOLUNTEER SCOOPS AWARD

A Leicester Care Home is celebrating after it's dedicated volunteer took home a prestigious Care Award this weekend.

93-year-old Tony Bradley, from Newtown Linford, whose wife Renelle has been a resident at Beaumont Hall for almost two years, was recently shortlisted in the Unpaid Carer Category at the East Midlands Great British Care Awards, after being nominated by staff from the Home.



L to R: Kerri Simpson, Home Manager, volunteer Tony Bradley and Fiona Bradley-Barlow, Tony's Daughter

Tony, a former lecturer at Charles Keene College, Leicester, has served his community for almost 50 years, supporting his neighbours when in need and volunteering with local organisations including the LOROS Hospice and The Air Ambulance Service.

Since his wife moved into Beaumont Hall, Tony has been keen to find a way to support the Home and has become a very valued volunteer, by

running the Friday Coffee Morning. The Home has also supported him to complete his moving and handling training so that he can safely assist his wife when moving around.

Tony said: “I visit Renelle every day and spend a lot of time at Beaumont Hall so I really wanted to do something to give back and I knew there must be a way I could help the team. It started with making tea and coffee for the residents and now I’m running the weekly Coffee Morning. I’ve also been able to do training to move Renelle around safely which is brilliant. Not only am I able to support the staff and other residents, I’m also able to play an active part in caring for my wife, which is so important to me. It’s great to be part of the wider team and I’m over the moon to have won an award for my work.”

Kerri Simpson, Registered Manager at Beaumont Hall, said: “Tony is a true gent and we feel extremely lucky to have such a wonderful volunteer helping us out. Nothing is too much trouble for Tony, from serving refreshments at our Coffee Morning to just having a good old chat with the residents. He really is part of the team – so much so that we’ve even given him his own Ideal Care Homes name badge, which he’s so proud of.

“When the Great British Care Awards nominations opened, we knew straight away that Tony should be entered, not only to recognise his commitment to Beaumont Hall, but in respect of all the other support he’s provided our local community with over the years. He is such a deserving winner and it was an honour to celebrate with him at the event.”

The Great British Care Awards celebrate excellence across the care sector, paying tribute to those individuals who have demonstrated outstanding excellence within their field of work. 25 Ideal Care Homes staff are regional finalists this year, including Beaumont Hall Care Assistant, Sarah Clarke.

Beaumont Hall, which is rated ‘good’ by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) is operated by Ideal Care Homes and offers 24-hour residential and dementia care with an inclusive fee offer. The modern and luxurious home boasts ensuite bedrooms, a hair salon, spacious lounges and landscaped gardens and the caring and highly trained staff team promote independence and choice through the personalised care they deliver.

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NEWTOWN LINFORD SCARECROW FEST 2020!

The Newtown Linford Scarecrow Festival 2020 will be happening in September next year – dates tbc!

The theme will be 'Movies' giving you all plenty of scope for your ideas and to get your thinking caps on.



We are currently looking to local businesses, groups and societies who want to join our Committee and come up with ideas to boost fundraising efforts for all concerned. This really is a fantastic way to get people into the Village and supporting your causes and businesses. And in the meantime, we would love all you residents to get thinking about your amazing Scarecrow creations.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email Jacqui on
NLScarecrow2020@gmail.com

Readers Letter Page

May I bring to the attention of your readers that we have yoga every Monday evening at the Village Hall. Claire runs the classes & if you want to have a go, the first lessons is free as a taster You don't need a mat just leggings or tracksuit.

I have been going since Claire started early this year & I can honestly say that my fitness & body strength has improved beyond my wildest dreams. I have lost two stone in weight, gone from size 14 to size 10 , size 8 in some cases. My core strength has improved that I have noticed the difference when gardening & lawn mowing.

Many of you have noticed Mickley & I walking up Bradgate Road, morning & afternoon, which is something I couldn't do last year. I can fully recommend yoga for bone density, strength & muscle building & no you won't end up like Schwarzenegger even if you say, I'll be back after your first go.

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Rhona Warrillow

PS . I also feel 40 years younger, wish my body would tell my face that.



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Newtown Linford Gardening Club

The village hall was full when Chris Beardshaw returned to our club to speak to us about 'Painting with Plants'. He spoke non-stop, without notes, for a full two hours showing us different garden styles through the ages starting, amazingly, at 2,500BC in Egypt. He opened his talk by telling us that he realised the last time he came that we are expert gardeners and treated us as such with a talk which could well have been given to horticultural students in college. We learnt a lot about the great pioneers of gardening in this country and how to mix the plants in our borders to provide interest and colour in such a way that they attract our attention.

Katharine Wright from the Leicestershire Craft Centre came on two occasions to show some of our members how to weave willow into interesting objects. On these first occasions they all made a dragonfly with wings out-stretched suitable for hanging out in the garden either from a branch or on a pole. The evenings were thoroughly enjoyed and more sessions are planned next year to enable the



bolder members among us to try something more complex. The photo shows everyone holding up their dragonflies in triumph.

The Christmas Party brings our year to the close and so we can look back on some interesting events and look forward to some more exciting speakers and visits in 2020.

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

From The Records - 1954

As the Church prepares to close to enable work to be undertaken - back in 1954 scaffolding was erected around the Church tower.

It was reported in the Mercury..

The Vicar of Newtown Linford the Rev H P Hargreaves had a theory that a stubborn weather-cock was responsible for a crack that had appeared in the stonework.

A piece of stone had fallen from the tower which had given a timely hint for the urgent need for repairs. His theory was that the metal bird atop the tower had suddenly refused to carry on with the dizzy whirl that had been happening with the blustering winds. This had added strain to the stonework.

At that stage the Church were still waiting to find



out the cost of the repairs which was untimely as they had just paid out £150 to make good the depredations of wood worm in the floor of the bell-ringing chamber and on some of the pews. The Village Drama Society had already made a donation towards the cost of the work on the tower and the Church was hoping for more donations to follow!.

Forward 64 years and the Village are again busy fundraising with scarecrow and reindeer drives, Christmas concerts, sale of Christmas Cards to help with the rewiring and decoration on the first stage of the Churches redecoration fund.

Planting in the cemetery

Following on from the work to extend our cemetery a programme of planting is about to ensue.

The 'bund' enclosing the new entrance and parking area will be gradually planted with tough pink and purple perennial geraniums



(donated by Pam McMorrان and myself). Firstly, however we have to deal with the weeds! Following strimming and weed control treatment by our contractors an area has been covered by weed control fabric (see picture) to get on top of the couch grass etc before the geraniums go in. This will be an ongoing process throughout next year.

The area between the 'old' and 'new' graveyard has also been strimmed and there are large numbers of daffodils (and some crocuses) awaiting a break in the weather to be planted alongside the footpath. Should it be too wet then, in order to avoid the risk of rotting off, these will overwinter in pots and be planted before flowering in the spring. We are also planning to landscape and plant some suitable shrubs in this area to further enhance its attractiveness. Suggestions for suitable specimens are welcome (donations even more welcome !)

Many thanks go to Dick Howard and our tree warden Brian Anderson who have established and maintained the existing saplings as well as provided advice on future work. As noted in the Parish Council report we will have numerous indigenous tree saplings to plant in March to further enhance the boundaries of the natural hay field (in addition to imminently planting some memorial trees).

So, if anyone fancies a bit of a green gym workout, get in touch with us, dust off your spade and we can plan a planting party!!

Sue Pritchard



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Loughborough Orchestra's January Concert brings some Favourites!

The Loughborough Orchestra has an attractive programme for its January Concert.

Guest soloist, Emily Wilson, will play Weber's Clarinet Concerto – a regular item of the clarinetist's repertoire and therefore a piece that will be recognised by regular concert-goers. Emily graduated from the Royal Northern College of Music Masters programme in 2016 with distinction! She is currently freelancing and has played with top orchestras, including the CBSO, the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, the Halle and the Royal Philharmonic. Emily enjoys a huge range of music, including contemporary styles.



Also included in the programme is Rachmaninov's second Symphony, which is one of his most well-known pieces (currently on the Classic FM Playlist). His first Symphony was criticised so harshly that he stopped composing for several years! Eleven years later, he regained his self-esteem as a Symphonist, with the first performance of this 2nd Symphony, for which he was applauded and was later awarded a Glinka Prize.

The popular Overture to Ruslan and Ludmilla (Glinka) starts the programme.

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Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



Back in early November, I received a message from a resident reporting a cold caller, selling dusters door-to-door in aid of deaf children.

It was just before 7pm, dark and there was concern that the identification shown could have been fake.

A quick and easy way of alerting other residents was to post the information on the Parish Council and NHW Facebook page. The comments received were varied and it was unclear whether the caller was genuine or not, so I thought I'd take this opportunity to talk about doorstep scammers.

There are many different types of doorstep scams, some of the most common include:-

Rogue Traders – cold callers offering a service you don't really need but they claim to have noticed improvement works required to your property.

Bogus Officials – are those who claim to be from your utility company as a way of gaining access to your home.

Fake Charity Collections – asking you to donate money, clothes or household goods. Legitimate charities will all have a charity number that can be checked on the Charity Commission website.

Then there are the fictitious consumer surveys, where scammers ask you to complete a survey in order to obtain your personal details and tell hard luck stories to try and gain entry to your home.

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If you did find yourself victim to scammers, don't be embarrassed; report it to the Police and Action Fraud with as much detail as possible.

They may just catch the culprits with the information you provide!

Within the Village, there have been a number of thefts from vehicles, particularly whilst parked in car parks. Please don't leave anything on display in your cars and vans and keep presents out of sight at home. At this time of year, opportunists are hoping to find your Christmas shopping!

Wishing you all a safe and crime-free Christmas!

Keep 'em peeled.

Best wishes, Hannah

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Another month has passed and what a busy Village we are!

Firstly, great news! The Parish Council submitted an application to The Woodland Trust in response to their Community Tree Initiative. We applied for the tree packs for planting at the Groby Lane Cemetery, as part of our continued work in making improvements to the extended area. We have now heard that our application has been successful and 120 mixed saplings will be arriving in March 2020! We are thrilled! Given the number of saplings awarded, not all of these saplings will be used at the Cemetery and the Parish Council hope to carry out some community engagement work, firstly by establishing where else trees would make a difference in our Parish.

If you have any suggestions or would like to be involved in the planting of the trees, whether you are an individual or part of a Village Group, please get in touch.

Our work continues in addressing the floods experienced back at the start of October and I am pleased to report that the drains on Bradgate Road and Main Street have now been serviced and are clear of debris. There is, however, still an issue with the one gully located in the shorter restricted parking bay on Main Street. Unfortunately, the drains on Markfield Lane haven't been as easy to resolve and further investigations are required.

Behind the scenes, I have been liaising with LCC Highways regarding the number of road traffic accidents involving the bollards outside the School.

In response to this, they will shortly be fitted



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with further reflective strips to increase visibility and there is a possibility that additional bollards may also be installed, to heighten safety and hopefully, reduce the number of incidents.

On Tuesday 12th November, the Parish Council Chairman called an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council. The purpose was to discuss the planning applications submitted for the Lady Jane Mobile Home Park on Bradgate Road. In summary, there were no objections to the proposals and the Council's full comments and queries can be viewed via the Planning Explorer on the Charnwood Borough Council's website.

On with the news....

Bob Bown Memorial Field – Our Lead Councillors for the park continue to carry out regular inspections and are working on the reinstallation of the equipment that was removed a while back.

Churchyard – Upon request, our maintenance team have carried out an Autumn trim on the wildflower area.

Cemetery – The area next to the entrance gate, along by the footpath and next to the shelter, have all been tidied up in readiness for the Winter and we look forward to making further improvements next year. Chairman Sue will be planting Spring bulbs soon and an area has been identified for geranium planting in Spring 2020.

Reports

02/10/19 – Concern for bollards, Main Street – In progress

02/10/19 – Blocked drains, Main Street – Completed

02/10/19 – Blocked drains, Markfield Lane – In progress

02/10/19 – Blocked drains, Grey Crescent – In progress

02/10/19 – Damage to tree, Markfield Lane – Completed

02/10/19 – Debris accumulation to footpath, Markfield Lane – Chased

02/10/19 – Overgrown verge, Bracken Hill – Completed

26/10/19 – Fly tipping, Benscliffe Road – Completed

08/11/19 – Damage to footpath and kerb, Bradgate Road – Completed

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all residents who so generously give their time in volunteer roles within the village – your contribution is greatly appreciated and doesn't go unnoticed! Thank you also to each and every one of you for your part in making Newtown Linford a truly wonderful community.

On behalf of the Parish Councillors and from myself, we hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes, **Hannah Shaw, Parish Council Clerk, Tel: 01530 249945**

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