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Such messengers, what a message!

In a moment I'll send this latest article to the editor by email. Alternatively, my phone offers me at least six alternative ways of sending a message and of course I could still pop it in the post or even fax it, if they still had the equipment! We have more methods of communication, more ways of sending messages, than ever before in history. And yet while the form of the message changes, it's still the content which is the most important thing.

Whether you hear good news from an email or a newspaper headline, we rejoice the same way. Whether sad news comes in a text or is given by a familiar friend in person, it remains sad.

At Christmas, angels pop up everywhere in the familiar nativity events – appearing to Mary, Joseph and of course the shepherds. Each time they fulfil their basic role: God's equivalent of the old telegram boys, or the modern beep and red dot on the phone which indicates a new message. The word 'angel' means 'messenger'. So while they were obviously an awesome sight – as we sing in a familiar carol, the shepherds were seized with 'mighty dread' – what is most notable about them is the news they carried.

The 'glad news' they carried, the same news given to the wise men by interpreting the appearance of a star, was news which is normally joyful: the birth of a child, Jesus. We sometimes think of Jesus himself as a kind of messenger, passing on wisdom from God in his teaching. But the Bible talks about him not as yet another form of messenger but actually as the message himself. It's not what he said, but who he was which is the true good news of Christmas.

So whether you're bracing yourself to send hundreds of cards or hoping for a message from a loved one, I hope this Christmas you take the chance to be reminded – at a carol service, at a Messy Nativity, on the radio or in person – of the true Word from God, who took human form to be good news for each of us.

Richard

VILLAGE DIARY

December 2017

- 5th Gardening Club Christmas Party
8th & 9th Village Pantomime - The Dragon of Wantley
11th Parish Council Meeting
14th Come and Sing Carols
19th Christmas Mediation

January 2018

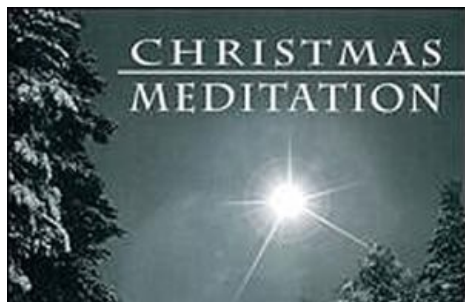
- 22nd Parish Council Meeting
26th Bradgate Drama Society 70th Birthday party
29th Village Hall AGM 19.30hrs

February

- 2nd & 3rd Choral Society

Regular events

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday afternoon | Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall |
| Mondays 8pm at the Church | Bell Ringing |
| 4th Tuesday of the month | Gardening Club |
| 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of month | Home Study Group |
| 3rd Wednesday of the month | Ladies Luncheon Club |
| Thursdays 11.15 | Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall |
| Thursdays 6.30 | Brownies, Sunday School Rooms |
| 3rd Thursday | Gentlemen's Lunch Club |
| Boules | Phone 01530 245373 for more info |



Christmas Meditation
with poems, readings,
music, mince pies and
punch.

On Tuesday 19th December, 7.30

**at Fig Tree Cottage, Roecliffe Road, LE7 7HQ (Next door to Seven
Trent lay by)**

Coffee & Cake @ Newtown Linford Village Hall

Thursday Morning 11.15am - Free

All Welcome - All Ages



Coffee and Cake Duty Rota

December 2017

7th Margaret Bloor & Sue Clarke

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Hall N/A at No 34 Main Street today

14th Sue Pritchard & Teresa Calvert

243119 / 482802

NL School Children singing Christmas Songs & Turkey Sandwiches

21st Carolyn Turner & Charlotte Jackson

249173

28th No Meeting Xmas Break Happy Christmas and thank you to you all

January 2018

4th Felicity Manning/Glennis Saunders/Sue Brown 245298/249384

11th Betty McChrystal/Sue Howard/Gill Bates 244363/245373/

224491

18th Ann Scrine/Steve & Dave Pratt

242301 / 589031

25th Iris & Peter Sayer

243822

February

1st Zoe Renolds/Sue Birkett 07803292704/ 244317

8th Bev Griffiths & Sue Dobby 01509 890264/245366

15th Judy Rowe/Clare Attridge/Rhian Guppy/Natsha 243989 / 243119

22nd Ruth Goddard & Ann Smith 245316/2426339

Please swap with someone else if you are unable to do your duty. Pass on the hall key to the next people on duty.

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

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Newtown Linford Choral Society

Brass Quintet



The Brownies



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Thursday 14th December

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Date for your Diary

Ladies Evening - 14th March

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The Dragon of Wantley

By Norman Robbins

'The Dragon of where?' I hear you ask. Well OK it's not as well known as Aladdin or Cinderella but it's a great story with all the traditional pantomime elements of fun, laughter and music, men dressed as women, women dressed as men, dastardly villains, super shiny heroes and a really messy slapstick scene. The story has been updated in this modern version by Norman Robbins and offers a great night out for grown-ups and children alike.



Performances are on **Tuesday 5, Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 December** at Anstey United Reform Church and

**Friday 8th and Saturday 9th December
(matinee and evening)
at Newtown Linford Village Hall.**

Evening performances begin at 7.30pm
and the matinee at 2.30pm.

Tickets are £6, children £2, and can be obtained from Toby Manning (01530 245298 / bradgatedrama@gmail.com) or Sarah (01162 886846)

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**Christmas Card 'Greetings for Charity'
from Villagers**



As you know in last month's village Magazine, villagers were invited to send a group Christmas Greeting instead of Christmas Cards to fellow local villagers and donate £20 for Charity

The following Villagers have donated in total £200 which will be split between

The Homeless in Leicester over the Christmas Period
The planned carving of the Tree Trunk on Bradgate Road to make a new welcome to the village which needs funding



Mary & Wes Raynor

What Mary is actually saying is
'MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL'

These are their greetings:

Sue & John Pritchard

'With all best wishes for Christmas and New Year'



Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2018 to our neighbours and friends in Newtown Linford from
Sue & Gary at 49 Markfield Lane



Best Wishes for Christmas & The New Year
From Pat & David Wood – Groby Lane



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



Season's Greetings and a huge thank you to all the village for your kindness and friendship to me though out this year' –
**Gillian Cooper -
The Cottage 32 Main Street**



Wishing you all Christmas Cheer, good health and happiness for the festive season and 2018, hope Santa comes to you all' with love and best wishes - **John, Carol Ann, James, Chelsey, Jennifer, Jessica and Rosie – 32 Main Street**

We'd like to wish all our friends in Newtown Linford a wonderful Christmas and a joyous and peaceful New Year.

Andy, Beverly, Elizabeth & Katie Griffiths



Love to all my friends and neighbours in the village, Happy Christmas' from –
**Margaret Bloor
34 Main Street**



Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year' from -
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Village Hall News

The AGM of Newtown Linford Village Hall Charitable Trust will take place on

Monday 29 January, 2018 in the Small Hall at 19:30

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

THE Agenda will be as follows:-

Apologies for Absence

Minutes of 2017 AGM, and matters arising

Reports from:-

Chairman,

Treasurer (including accounts)

Social Secretary

Booking Secretary

Bar Manager

Notification of Appointed members*

Election of 8 committee members

* All Village organisations are entitled to nominate a representative. Nominations are currently made by Bradgate Drama, the Choir, the Gardening Club, the Parish Council and the Playgroup.

Janet Brunton, Secretary.

The Committee effectively has two roles. Its major one is to ensure that the Hall is kept in good condition, and I would like to believe that we do this effectively. The second role of the Village Hall Committee is to bring the Village together through various events. This can only happen when there is a large enough group of interested, engaged and supportive people who want to get involved and help. This is not the case today, and therefore this year there will be no Village Christmas meal. Going forward

"your village needs you"

and to ensure that we have a vibrant 2018 please contact the Village Hall Committee to register your interest and availability to support events and also to suggest any events you would wish to see. "

If you are interested in serving on the Committee, or otherwise help in any way, please discuss it with me on 245298 or come to the meeting.

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Services for all ages over Christmas

**Christingle Service, (see page 23)
Sunday 10 December at 10.30am**

Everyone is welcome to come and make their own Christingle at the service on 10 December. Christingle is a longstanding tradition with a rich set of symbolism and meaning for Christmas. The service will include carols, prayers and a collection in aid of The Children's Society, helping them to continue their work with disadvantaged children.



Crib Service, Christmas Eve at 4pm

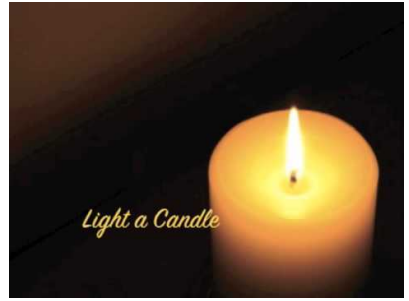


An opportunity to put the story of the birth of Jesus at the heart of your family Christmas celebrations. For all ages, but particularly appropriate for children, **come dressed as your favourite characters from the Nativity story** to take part in our re-telling of the events over 2000 years ago as we celebrate with songs and carols.

Christmas Events and Services

Light a candle, Saturday 16 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 16 December we would particularly invite you to come to light a candle and remember a loved one that will not be with you this Christmas.



Lessons and Carols by Candlelight, Sunday 17 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.



Midnight Communion, Christmas Eve at 11.15pm

For many the only way to see in Christmas Day is with a communion service finishing shortly after midnight. Come and experience the joy of the true Light dawning upon the world.



Christmas Communion, Christmas Day at 9am

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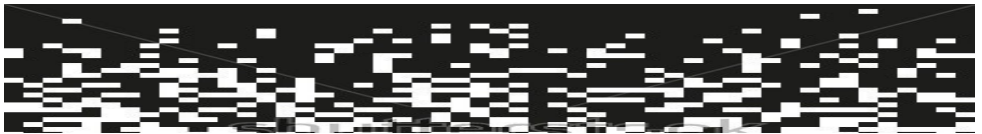
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Mosaic Concert

Some of you may have enjoyed a fantastic concert at All Saints Church on Friday 10th November. The programme was varied from sacred to modern music, with some arrangements written for the choir. A different member of the choir explained each group of songs. There were 8 brilliant voices able to take either a solo or a background part. You could see the audience relax as the evening progressed with good interaction with the choir. In the interval we enjoyed canapés and wine or home made apple juice.

The concert raised £500 for the Church redecoration fund and £53 for LOROS. A big thank you to Mosaic, all those who helped and all those who came.



CHURCH REGISTER **NEWTOWN LINFORD**



Weddings
None



Baptisms

29th October ~ Luke William George Thompson
We welcome them in to the church family

Funerals

None



Website:

www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk



Church Contact Details

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Church Wardens:

Clive Rowe & Jane Woolmer

Parish Office: Bekki Williamson (9am - 11am weekdays)
0116 239 3768 Email: ; office@bradgatechurches.org.uk

Please note new email address for the office

Regular Events - Bell ringer's practice: Monday 8pm

NEWTOWN LINFORD SERVICES

December 2017

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
3rd December Advent	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
	10.15am Worship as One (RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Evensong (RT)	
10th December 2nd Sunday of Advent		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.15am Holy Communion (CH)	10.30am Christingle (RT)
	4.00pm Messy Church (team)	
17th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
	10.15am Service of the World (BH)	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)
	5.00pm Carols by Candlelight (PH/RT)	7.30pm Carols by Candlelight (RT)
24th December Christmas Eve		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.15am Holy Communion (RT)	4.00pm Crib Service (RT)
	11.15pm Midnight Communion (RT)	11.30pm Midnight Communion (JW)
Christmas Day	10.30am Holy Communion (FT/RT)	9.00am Holy Communion (RT)
1st Sunday of Christmas	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	10.30am Morning Prayer (JW)
	10.15am Service of the World (RT/GS)	

**MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICE AT NEWTOWN LINFORD -
Thursday 7th December at 10.30**

NEWTOWN LINFORD SERVICES

January 2018

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
7th January Epiphany	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
	10.15am Worship as One (RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Evensong (GS)	
14th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.15am Holy Communion (RT)	10.30am Morning Prayer (JW)
	6.30pm Compline (BH)	
21st January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
	10.15am United Service (BH/GMC)	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)
	4.00pm Messy Church (team)	
28th January 4th Sunday of Epiphany		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.15am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am All Age Service (RT)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (RT)	

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—January 2018

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Christingle Service - Sunday 10th December

What is a better way to start Christmas with the children than coming along on Sunday 10th December for the Christingle Service and singing Carols with your children and grandchildren. The service is different to normal as the collection goes to The Children's Society, a registered charity that works with disadvantaged children..

Christingle celebrations are named after the Christingles that are lit during the service. Christingles are made from an orange decorated with red tape, sweets and a candle. Find out more about the meaning of each element of the Christingle below.

The symbolism of Christingle

Each piece of the Christingle holds special symbolism to help children understand the importance of Jesus and the Gospel, and its relevance at Christmas time.

- **The orange represents the world**
- **The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ**
- **The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations**
- **The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness**

Christingle has been bringing hope to thousands of children and young people for the past 48 years, providing vital financial support for the Society's work. By taking part in Christingle this year, you can help us change the lives of even more children in need of our help.

Right now, more than 118,000 children and young people are facing issues of hardship, abuse and neglect which are ruining their childhoods and future prospects. Issues like; poverty and neglect, sexual exploitation, substance misuse and mental health. The funds raised at Christingle events are vital in helping us to continue tackling these issues, raising over £1 million each year.

By providing direct support we have been able to help thousands of children and young people move on from the effects of suffering harm and abuse, to taking positive steps in their lives. As well as our one-to-one support services, our research, policy and campaigns work focuses on lobbying government and influencing decision makers to ensure that all children are kept safe from harm and provided with the support they need to build their futures.

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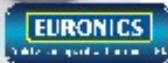
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Newtown Linford Primary School is having a very busy Autumn term

There have been lots of fund-raising activities including the School Fete linked with the Scarecrow Festival, Harvest Festival at Church and Children in Need. We are also looking forward to the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day in December.

We have been very lucky this term to be able to participate in two sporting events.

Outdoor Basketball

We won!!!! Against 6 other local schools at Millfield Academy on Wednesday 27th September.

On Friday 6th October we took part in the Sports hall Athletics held at Green Towers. We came 6th out of 13 schools.

On 24th October, Nicola Love visited the school. Nicola, the running expert was trying to beat the record of running 63 marathons in 63 days and she did it. We were delighted to meet her and even had the chance to run with her. All the children and staff at school had a fantastic experience. Nicola's story can be found on <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leicestershire-41776849>





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Newtown Linford Gardening Club

We were delighted that Anne Swithinbank was able to be our celebrity speaker this October. After the late withdrawal of Helen Yemm for medical reasons, it was marvellous that such a well-known horticulturalist came instead. A packed room heard her tell us ways in which we could become 'laid-back gardeners'. She gave us tips about how to have a lovely garden which could be maintained without spending hours doing mundane jobs, but instead have time to admire the results of our labours and enjoy its surroundings. She showed us ways of tackling routine jobs in a less strenuous way and pictures of plants which are splendid to look at without needing hours of care and attention. Altogether it was another very successful celebrity evening.

Our year concludes with the traditional Christmas Party which will again be held at the Linford on 5th December. 2017 has been a successful year for the Club with an increased membership, large attendances at our events and enjoyable visits. 2018 promises to bring more of the same. We have an exciting and varied programme arranged for 2018 with two celebrity evenings planned as well as visits from gold medal-winning plantsmen and women and skilled practitioners in garden maintenance.

Our full programme is:-

23rd Jan	Echium World	<i>Linda and Ray Heywood</i>
27th Feb	Social & Therapeutic Horticulture	<i>Amanda Fields (Birmingham Thrive)</i>
27th Mar	Pruning	<i>Lucy Turner (Greenspace)</i>
24th April	Open Evening with BOB FLOWERDEW	
22nd May	Calke Abbey Gardens	<i>Celia Sanger</i>
26th June	Visit to Brooklea Nursery, Rothley	
24th July	Summer Garden Party	
21st Aug	Visit to a Garden of Interest	
25th Sept	A late summer love affair	<i>Jack Willgoss (Wildgoose Nurseries)</i>
23rd Oct	Open Evening with BUNNY GUINNESS	
4th Dec	Christmas Party	

We have welcomed a large number of new members this year and will be pleased if others want to join us. If you are interested in our activities just contact the Secretary (tel. 242452 or e-mail (32couling@gmail.com), or come to one of our meetings to see how you like it before making a commitment (£2 for visitors). Alternatively give us a ring and ask for a copy of our programme for the coming year and we will be pleased to send one to you.

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Letters Page



I have lived in Newtown Linford for over forty years having the privilege of being beside Bradgate Park which could be a truly wildlife haven if it wasn't for a few irresponsible dog owners.

Its about time that the Bradgate Park Trust woke up to the fact that you cannot have dogs running free in the park amongst deer, swans, ducks etc. If dogs are

taken over farmers land with livestock the owners put their dogs on leads? So please have dogs on leads at all times in the Park and enforce penalty notices, then it really would be a wildlife haven to be enjoyed by the majority .

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Brownies

On the 2nd November the Brownies met at Mim's Farm for bonfire night with jacket potatoes and hot dogs. We had glow sticks and the Brownies had great fun running around in the dark. There were a couple of games of hide and seek around the barns and although it was dark and scary we all managed not to get lost. We sang a few songs very enthusiastically (apologies to the neighbours) then it was time to go home.

Thank as always to Brown Owl for organising such a fun night!

By Chloe Allcock

ADVANCE NOTICE BROWNIE RUMMAGE SALE

**Saturday 3rd March
2018**

If you are having a sort out in the New Year - please would you be kind enough to keep any unwanted items for the Brownie Rummage Sale

Hilary - Brown Owl



VILLAGE RAMBLERS

Thirteen members set out on Saturday, 11th November, to walk around the perimeter of Bradgate Park, before joining the main path at Hallgates for a stroll back to the main car park. The weather was kind - fairly bright and cool. We enjoyed the spectacular autumn colours and encountered a gentlemen with three very large black Newfoundland dogs - lovely as they were, I wouldn't like to pay their food-bill!! A short stop was made on the return leg to inspect the new Memorial Wood and those of us who love our tea and cakes even managed to get into one of the cafes before closing time!



The December walk will be at 11am leaving the Village Hall on Saturday, 9th December and Ed will be leading a morning walk followed by lunch at a local pub. Further details to be circulated shortly.

Sarah Fane-Forester

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NEWTOWN LINFORD LUNCHING LADIES

In the past year we have again enjoyed a wonderful variety of talks. Amongst others we have heard about Laura Ashley; Christmas round the Wireless; Working with Mother of Pearl; Mount St Bernard's Reformatory and Touring South Africa in a camper van. More recently Joy and David of the Bark Foundation came to tell us about the wonderful work they do for an orphanage in Cameroon. One of the ways they raise money for the charity is by recycling old jewellery. Joy and her helpers brought some along so we were able to treat ourselves without guilt!

Our summer outing this year was to Waddesdon Manor, the glorious French chateau Ferdinand de Rothschild built to entertain his friends in at weekends. It was a beautiful day, the house is full of treasures and the garden looked glorious.

Upcoming talks include Chris Knight on Pantomime; Felicity Austin on Weddings and Sally Henshaw on Nell Gwyn.

Do come along and see what else is on our programme. We meet at the Forest Hill Golf Club Botcheston once a month on a Wednesday for a three course meal after which we are entertained by a speaker.

There is a friendly atmosphere, the venue is pleasant. Why not give us a try? The three course meal with coffee is £16. If you decide you would like to join our club membership is £20 per year; this pays for the speakers. For more details or to book a meal phone 0116 429 1458.

Our club is called The Newtown Linford Lunch Club but you don't have to live here to join.



Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



I am informed that rubber lines will be installed across the road at Roecliffe soon in order to check the speed of traffic. The high speeds still prevail. The Parish Council is actively planning the installation of a speed sign in the spring.

Winter is on it's way and the air is getting cooler. Please remember not to leave your car running and unattended. There may not appear to be anyone around but there is.

I have not received any reports of crime save for the cemetery. I received a report that someone had set fire to the open part of the shed by the seat. He said he had called the Fire Brigade and he was waiting for them to arrive. I attended two hours later and it had obviously burnt itself out before the Brigade arrived. It was only a small area of burning. The Fire Brigade had put a notice about Arson on the gate. I was not able to contact the person who called me and it all seemed a little strange. You do hear of arsonists reporting a fire and waiting about. We do need to be vigilant though.

After I began writing this report a resident on Bradgate Road had his van broken into and all his tools taken. It was noon on a Saturday and he was only out for an hour. The back door of the van was wide open. I repeat they are out there all the time.



How to contact the Police

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Bracken Hill – Councillor Deborah Taylor reports that the refreshing of the yellow lines will soon be carried out as the team are working in the Charnwood area at the moment. Hopefully this should stop visitors to the Bradgate Park parking illegally.

Bollards outside the village school – Following a resident's suggestion of erecting what is known as Billy and Belinda figures of children crossing the road, further investigations are under way for discussion at the December Parish Council meeting.

Phone mast by the cemetery – Councillor Snartt reports that the mast for 02 and Telefonica should be operational by the end of November.

Copper Beech Tree in the Churchyard – The Archdeacon has now given her approval to the felling of the unsafe tree which work will be carried out on 11th and 12th January. This approval was necessary from the point of view of All Saints Terrier Records. Discussions will now take place in order to find a suitable replacement which unfortunately will take a long time to grow unless it is possible to purchase a fairly large tree in the first place. All avenues will be explored.

Parish Council website – The Clerk was pleased to note that Jon Appleton who organized this years Scarecrows on behalf of the School had been prepared to upload all the photographs very soon after the event.

Markfield Lane hedges - The Council is in negotiation with the owners of the hedges and trees and hopes that these will be cut back soon. Then Highways will be able to deal with the two trees that are their responsibility.

Planning – Several of our Councillors were recently able to attend a very informative training session arranged especially for them by Charnwood Borough Council facilitated by Councillor Snartt at their request.

Oak Tree on Bradgate Road – Plans for the carving are well in hand. We still await the official approval from LCC.

Bob Bown Playing Field - Councillor Sue Colebeck reports that someone is placing bags of their own rubbish into the bins and filling them up. No doubt this is a resident so please keep your eyes open for someone

coming with a car and bags of rubbish. She has also seen dogs on the playing field when they should be kept to the side path.

Road and Street name signs – The former being maintained by LCC and the latter by Charnwood BC. We are once again trying to get some action in this respect as some of them are quite green.

Pam McMorran – Parish Clerk, R.F.O. and Registrar for Burials.
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Dates of next Parish Council Meetings: Mondays 11th December & 22nd January all commencing 7.15 p.m.

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Tennis Club

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We were very interested in noting something unusual in Cook's Farm Shop car park when up there last week. For

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Carole - Editor

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