

Newtown Linford Magazine



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December 2022: The great invitation

I still remember it arriving: the quality vellum paper of the envelope, let alone the contents. The stiff and formal printing, the embossed seal. An invitation to a garden party at Buckingham Palace. Unfortunately, it bore the names of my mother and father, rather than my 17-year-old self, so there was never any question I would be going. But nonetheless, the arrival of the invitation itself was an occasion, let alone the event itself. I must ask my parents if they still have it.

Invitations to royal events are in the news as I write, or at least one now ex-Cabinet minister's reaction to not receiving one. Being invited, the chance to be part of something significant, is valuable – it affirms our own sense of worth to the extent we value the source of the invitation.

When you look again at the events of the first Christmas, one of the things which strikes me is the wonder of the invitations: the angel to Mary and Joseph, the host of angels appearing to the shepherds, the star drawing strangers from the East. And if the invitations are great, how much more the event to which they drew people: to meet Jesus, God's Son and Saviour.

This year I am grateful to again be the conduit of the same great invitation. I'm no star, certainly no angel, but I have the privilege of being able to say to you, as was said over 2000




Follow The Star
THE GREAT
INVITATION

years ago: You are invited; come and meet Jesus, God's Son and Saviour. Come and find out how his birth transformed reality and still brings hope and joy today.

Richard Trethewey, Rector of All Saints' Newtown Linford

VILLAGE DIARY



December

- 1st Christmas Advent Fayre
- 1st Start of Advent Windows
- 10th Ramblers
- 15th Come and Sing Carols in the Village Hall
- 18th Christingle Service 3pm
- 18th Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
- 24th Crib Service 3pm

January

- 11th Parish Council Meeting
- 16th Annual General Meeting Village Hall
- 24th Gardening
- 25th Friends of Charnwood Forest
- 28th Dawn to Dusk Newtown Linford Choral Society

February

- 10th Wine Tasting Village Hall

Regular events

Mondays

- 9.30 Slimming & Fitness, The Linford
- 1.30 Dance Fitness for 50+ Linford
- 5.30 Brownies at "The Linford"
- Bell Ringing 8pm at the Church

4th Tuesday of the month

- Gardening Club

4th Wednesday of the month

- Gentleman's Club Bradgate PH

Wednesdays

- 10.30 and 6.30 Bodyblast Classes The Linford
- Quiz nights at The Linford 8pm start

Thursdays

- 11.15 Coffee Mornings Village Hall
- 6.15 Slimming & Fitness, The Linford

Fridays

- 9:30 Jolly Tots, The Church



200 Editions and counting!

In the Spring of 2000, after the excitement of the new millennium, the Parish Council held a meeting in the Village Hall to discuss holding a review of the village, and to arrange for a survey and a report to be prepared. A Village Appraisal report followed in 2001 which gave a detailed picture of the community, its needs, problems and opportunities.

Part of the survey was designed to discover how residents found out about people and events in the village. Many wished to see a village diary of events and a new monthly village magazine. At that time, the only local publication available was the Parish Magazine produced by All Saints Church which was delivered to members of the Church congregation at a cost of £5 per year. This was edited by Jackie Parish.

The Parish Council and the Church Council agreed that the wishes of the village could be met by replacing the existing Parish Magazine with a new Village publication which should go to all households and should be free. This has been achieved by a donation each year from the Parish Council and from the Church Council together with income produced from advertising.

Producing the new magazine was a major challenge, and we have been so fortunate that Carole and Julian Heubeck accepted this challenge and agreed to take it on.

For the past twenty years and 200 editions, Carole has produced an interesting and attractive magazine each month and has encouraged regular contributors to provide local stories and events. Julian has developed a reliable network of local advertisers which is a vital part of funding. Our grateful thanks are due to Carole and Julian for their hard work and dedication. Few people could have shown such commitment, and Carole gives so much of her time and energy every month to ensure that the copy goes to the printer on time.

Thanks are also due to many other people who have contributed to the success of the magazine including Alan Iliffe, and later Peter Sayers, who collect the magazines from the printer and take them to the small army of people who distribute to houses in the village and also to David Couling who has acted as Treasurer for the Magazine Committee.

Thanks are due to all who have helped in any way towards the ongoing success of the magazine.

Michael Upstone

COFFEE & CAKE ROTA - DECEMBER 2022 - FEBRUARY 2023

December

1st Jenny C, Sue Howard, Charlotte T, Gilly 245373: 07896 349977: 242959

8th Janet & David Brunton 242662

15th Sue Morran, Sarah Brown, Teresa Calvert 07810 116641: 07811 166161: 07469 719018

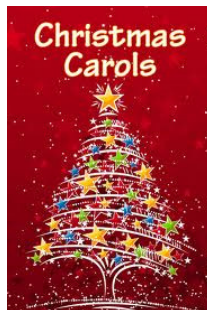
School Choir singing

22nd Joe & Claire Costello with Bakers help 249613

Xmas celebration with Turkey Sandwiches

29th Christmas Week no gathering

Happy Christmas & Thank you all helpers



January

5th Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Sue Birkett 07713 457414: 242000: 244317

12th Bev Griffiths, Sue Dobby 01509 890264: 245366

19th Judy Rowe, Felicity Manning, Marilyn Upstone 243989: 245298: 242715

26th Glennis M, Mary Clarke, John Castle, Carolyn T 242897: 0116 3190211: 249173

February

2nd Maria Simms, Vicki Kerr & Friend 07974 085434: 07904 123603

9th Lesley Cook, Chris A, Ann Scrine 245208: 242432: 481928

16th Carol Ann, June Hallam, Fiona Bradley, Elspeth 243433: Lei 2304808

23rd Jenny C, Sue Howard, Charlotte T, Gilly 245373/ 07896349977 ,242959

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 Joe Costello 249613 has offered to help if around and will ask someone else to help him as well.. **Carol Ann**



20 years and counting! Carole Heubeck Editor

21 years ago, I can remember being invited to a village meeting by our Vicar Richard Worsfold and tentatively offering to help produce a Village Magazine and join a Committee.

One of the things I have been most proud of is how we all managed to continue through the pandemic - the magazine did not miss a month! Volunteer distributors waited 3 days from receiving the magazine before distributing it and some distributors changed due to villagers having to isolate but we did not stop. There are now other free magazines delivered in the village but ours is a village effort and concentrates on our village life.

Our Magazine also holds a dubious honour! In 2007 our Magazine won the BBC Radio Leicester Parish Magazine Competition.

Copied from the June 2007 Magazine

The competition received a large number of entries and the judges said they were gratified at the quality of them all. Their commendation of our magazine read as follows:

“The Newtown Linford Magazine, which covers the Bradgate Team Parish, contained all sorts of readable material and its news content meant that it fulfils the function of a village newspaper. It was well written throughout. Clearly, a great deal of thought is given to design and layout. All in all, the issue the judges say was a pleasure to read and look at. It is a worthy winner and congratulations are due to everyone involved in its production”

Pictured here is Carole Heubeck, our Magazine Editor, receiving the award from the Bishop of Leicester, on behalf of the Magazine Committee and volunteer distributors. In a live interview on BBC Radio Leicester, Carole paid tribute to the whole team effort, to the quality of the contributors and to the support of the Parish and Church Councils as well as advertisers. Well done everyone!

Richard Worsfold (on behalf of the magazine committee).



I found out a couple of years later that there had been some controversy and that a couple of other Church Magazines had complained that ours was not a Parish Magazine but a Village Magazine and it was decided not to run the competition again.



So, 15 years later I still have the cup in my cabinet.



Christmas Greeting from us all at the Magazine to the Village.

Can I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and peace to you all from the Village Magazine Committee.

Can I say a big thank you to all the volunteers who deliver the Magazine come rain and shine in all weathers - This is much appreciated by us all.



Best wishes and I hope a promising 2023. **Carole and the Magazine Committee**

Dear all

Please remember that this Magazine is yours and is produced and distributed by fellow villagers just for you.

Over the years both as a Church Magazine and in its present form, we have shared villagers news, weddings, christenings, Funerals, exam results, graduations, reaching those birthday milestones. Please share your good news - we need it in especially in the current climate.

A suggestion was made recently that it would also be a good place to share recipes, film reviews and book reviews. It may be that you might like to regularly have a spot in the Magazine to give book or film reviews. We would gladly welcome this. If you would like to send anything to share. Details inside the back cover.



Carole Editor



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The Brownies

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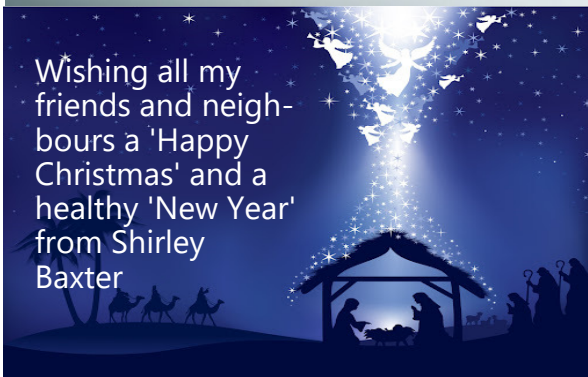
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Xmas and a Happy and
healthy New Year.
Sue and John Pritchard**



**Best wishes for 'Christmas & the New Year'
Pat & David Wood**



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Advent Windows

Day	
1 st	Newtown Linford Primary Sch
2 nd	Post Office Café. Bradgate Rd
3 rd	100 Main Street
4 th	109 Main Street
5 th	45 Main Street
6 th	Watkinghams Bradgate Road
7 th	520 Bradgate Road
8 th	7 Main Street
9 th	70 Main Street
10 th	4 Grey Crescent
11 th	51 Main Street
12 th	Pre-School, Village Hall
13 th	24 Grey Crescent
14 th	89 Main Street
15 th	The Park Deli, Bradgate Rd
16 th	8 Grey Crescent
17 th	66a Main Street
18 th	28 Main Street
19 th	30 Grey Crescent
20 th	34 Main Street
21 st	45 Markfield Lane
22 nd	1 Bracken Hill
23 rd	59 Main Street
24 th	All Saints Church



Each night - one extra window will light up until by Christmas Eve all the windows will be lit up.

Enjoy going round the village checking each one out!



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<https://www.police.uk/pu/contact-the-police/report-a-crime-incident/>

This may be easier if the phone call is not urgent. 101 calls are not free.

Charnwood Borough Council Photographic Competition.

Charnwood Borough Council launched the 'Love the outdoors in Charnwood' photo competition in the summer and asked people to submit their snaps of the borough's beautiful country parks, nature reserves and ancient woodlands. There were three categories - Young Photographer, Wonderful Wildlife and the Open Category.

A photo of a blue tit at Richardson's Meadow caught the judges' eyes and was chosen as the winner of the Wonderful Wildlife Category. Iris Sayer, from Newtown Linford who took the photo, said: "I was thrilled to find out I had won! I took the photo this summer. We are incredibly lucky to have outdoor spaces like the meadow and Bradgate Park on our doorstep."

Cllr Jenny Bokor was part of the judging panel and had the task of helping to choose the winning pictures. She said: "It was brilliant to receive so many entries. There was a fantastic variety and the judges really enjoyed looking through them. "It was very difficult choosing the winning entries and we have some very talented amateur photographers!

"A photo album of all the winning photos can be found at: www.charnwood.gov.uk/photo





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Brownies

Hello, my name is Ava and I have been a Brownie of the Newtown Linford Group for a little over a year. It has been a really exciting time and I feel quite proud to be able to share my thoughts with you all!

When Brownies do special things and learn new skills we earn badges to place on our sash. I have just earned my Gardening Badge by planting potatoes, growing cress and sowing grass in a sawdust head. Make sure you ask us about our badges when you see us in uniform.



We wear our uniform to all weekly meetings apart from when we had our Halloween party when things got a little ghoulish. Brown Owl asked us to make scary sandwiches from fillings which we had with a brew of the Witches blood and that of a Ghost (with a wiggly wormy jelly sweet surprise).

prise).

After Halloween we celebrated Remembrance Sunday at the Church. We made our own paper poppies with messages of what we are most grateful for. Carried on our own cross and laid at the altar. We



often take part in Church and have our Brownies flag held high in procession.

At our last meeting we played indoor archery and had great fun with real targets. It was really hard to shoot straight and made a lovely popping sound



when they landed!

Thank you for reading and I wish you all a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Ava Kooner
(age 8)



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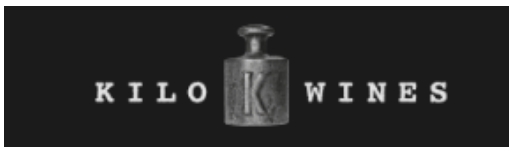
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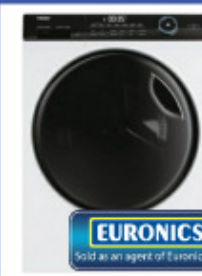


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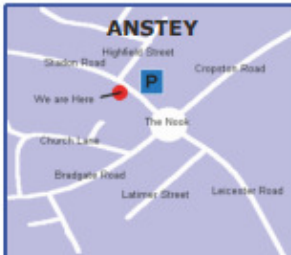
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Christingle Service, Sunday 18th December at 10am



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Crib Service, Christmas Eve at 3pm

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 17th December, 12 noon - 4pm

On the afternoon of Saturday 17th December we 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 18th December at 7.30pm



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.

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. Rejoice in the deep joy and mystery at the heart of Christmas

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.



SUNDAY SERVICES December 2022



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
4th December Second Sunday of Advent	8.30am Holy Communion	
	9.30am Breakfast Church	10am Holy Communion <i>John Woolmer</i>
11th December Third Sunday of Advent	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>John Woolmer</i>
	3pm Family Carols	
18th December Fourth Sunday of Advent	10am Morning Worship	10am Christingle <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
	5pm Carols by Candlelight	7.30pm Carols by Candlelight <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
24th December Christmas Eve		3pm Crib Service <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
	11.15pm Midnight Communion	11.30pm Midnight Communion <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
25th December Christmas Day	10.30am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion <i>Richard Trethewey</i>

Midweek Holy Communion

Newtown Linford

10.15am, Thursday 1st December

Glenfield

10.30am, Wednesday 7th & 21st December

SUNDAY SERVICES January 2023



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
1st January Second Sunday of Christmas	10am Joint Holy Communion held at All Saints', Newtown Linford <i>Richard Trethewey</i>	
8th January Epiphany	8.30am Holy Communion	
	9.30am Breakfast Church	10am Holy Communion <i>John Woolmer</i>
15th January Second Sunday of Epiphany	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>John Woolmer</i>
	4.30pm Compline	
22nd January Third Sunday of Epiphany	10am United Service at Glenfield Methodist Church	10am Holy Communion <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
	3pm Worship for All Ages	
29th January Fourth Sunday of Epiphany	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>Richard Trethewey</i>

Midweek Holy Communion

Newtown Linford	10.15am, Thursday 5th January
Glenfield	10.30am, Wednesday 11th & 25th January

CHURCH REGISTERS



WEDDINGS

None

BAPTISMS

None



FUNERALS

19th October - John Richardson

7th November - Joseph Salmon

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.

Online Services

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Newtown Linford Ramblers

It was a beautiful mild and sunny autumn afternoon when eight people and a small dog set off on the November walk, starting from the car park in Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves. A bit of a climb to the top of Broombriggs was rewarded with superb distant views.



From there we made our way to Beacon Hill Country Park, where we had a short (level) walk through the woods, before returning to Woodhouse Eaves via Windmill Hill.

"The next walk will be on **Saturday 10th December.** Meet at the Village Hall at 11am. The walk will be led by Sarah Fane-Forester, and followed by lunch in a local pub.."





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VILLAGE HALL NEWS November 2022

**Toby Manning,
Village Hall Committee Chairman**

Asset of Community Value

I am pleased to announce that Charnwood Borough Council has agreed that the Village Hall is an “Asset of Community Value”.

This means that, in the event that the building is put up for sale, an eligible community organisation can trigger a six-month moratorium period if they want to purchase the asset. During this six-month period the asset cannot be sold on the open market, only to qualifying community interest groups. This allows qualifying community interest groups six months to raise capital and bid for the asset at market value.

While we do not currently expect this process to be triggered, we need to be aware that our current lease expires in 2029 – and the future is always uncertain.

Wine Tasting

Elsewhere in the Magazine is an advert for the Wine Tasting evening that we are holding on 10th February. Tickets (price £22.50 before 15th January, thence £25) from Toby Manning at 245298 or wine@tobymanning.co.uk.

Administration

We welcome Nancy Avery to the Committee: replacing Pat Wood as the member nominated by the Choral Society.

The Annual Meeting of the Village Hall Committee will be held in the Village Hall on **Monday 16th January** at 19:30. All parishioners are invited.

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Beverley Brutnell (née Gibbins)

"It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Beverley Brutnell née Gibbins, daughter of Malcolm and Eunice Gibbins on 7th November 2022.

Beverley was born 26/11/51 at the Six Cottages in the Parish of Charley, moving to Newtown Linford at the age of 4 once her dad had completed building their bungalow at 86 Main Street.

Unable to attend mainstream school, Beverley went to Craven Lodge Boarding school in Melton until returning at 11 years old to go to Anstey Martin School.

She was involved in the village community with Brownies and Sunday School until going to work at the Box Factories in Anstey. From there Beverley was able to fulfil her dream of working with children by being Nanny to village resident Bernard Morrit. Once the children had grown, Beverley then joined Bernard's family business at Swiss Cottage Restaurants until her retirement.



Beverley married her husband Gary on 4th August 1990 at Loughborough registry offices then had a wonderful reception at the Chell's home on Main Street in Newtown before partying in the evening at Copt Oak Village Hall, which her dad also built.

Living in Mountsorrel for the last 20 years with Gary, he reflects; she was a Great Gal, always content and loved by all who knew her.

**The funeral will be on
2/12/22 at 2.45pm,
at Loughborough Crematorium
and thereafter at The Park Deli Newtown Linford
for light refreshments.**

At the request of Beverley's husband Gary, Family flowers only please. Casual attire. Donations to Loros and Cancer Research."



**THE FRIENDS OF
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There will be no December meeting, but we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Wednesday 25th January 2023

Louise Richmond from the Trent Rivers Trust will talk on 'Environmental Issues in the Swithland and Cropston Reservoir catchments'. She will be looking at such things as the problems of agricultural run-off etc on water quality in our local reservoirs.

7.30 pm,

Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall.

All welcome, members free, visitors £3.

Marilyn Upstone

Information from David Snartt.

Planning Update.

I have been able to request information from a previous pre-application for the proposed site south of Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford, planning application number P/22/1031/2.

In my opinion, although planning policy may have changed since this pre-application, it does refer to the areas that I have raised in my submissions to the Charnwood Borough Council consultation. These include ecology, highways and sustainability. I note in the pre-application response from the Council it is stated: ' From a highway point of view, they do not consider that the location of the site is sustainable, as it is some way from the nearby village centre of Markfield and is separated from the village by the very busy A50'. I suggest if the A50 was very busy 10 years ago, it has certainly increased in the number of vehicles travelling along the road today.

I understand the Council are aware of the important ecological features onsite and the adjacent ancient woodland.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the residents who have sent their submissions to Charnwood Borough Council. I will keep you informed whilst this latest application goes through the planning process.

On 15th November I attended the Appeal Hearing at Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) offices along with Newtown Linford Parish Council Chair, Sue Pritchard. This Hearing was because HBBC refused the application for up to 93 dwelling on land adjacent to Ashby Road, Markfield. The site is mostly within Newtown Linford Parish. You may recall Charnwood Borough Council permitted this development at a previous Plans meeting. We were able to take part in the Hearing process, I was keen to point out about the Markfield Neighbourhood Plan which, in my view, should be given full weight when decision are made, especially as the Markfield services and facilities will be used by the people living in the proposed houses. We now have to wait for the decision of the Inspector, possibly in the New Year.

Charnwood Community Action.

Charnwood Borough Council have relaunched the Charnwood Community Action Campaign to support people and Communities in the Borough who are struggling with the cost of living. The campaign will raise awareness of the support that is available to people, to help with the rising cost of living.

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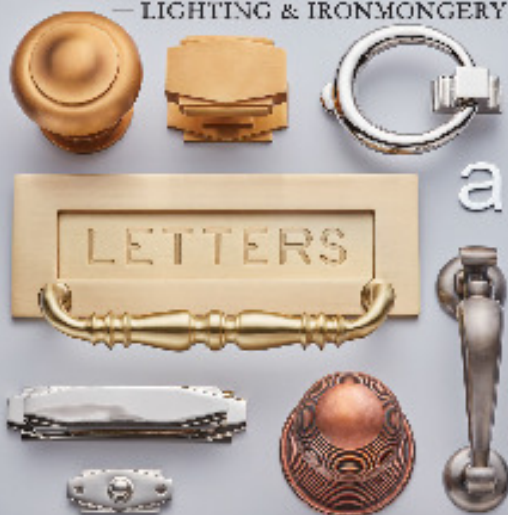
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The campaign is also calling on local organisations and people who may be co-ordinating support to get in touch so all the information and help available in Charnwood can be brought together into one place. May I encourage any organisation, community group, business or individual that is offering support to those struggling with the cost of living crisis, to let the Council know by contacting Charnwood Borough Council website 'Tell us about your event or support'. The support can be anything that is helping the residents in Charnwood, from a one-off event to an ongoing activity, specialist support to advice service.

The Council will add the information to the Charnwood Community Action Campaign webpage to help promote and sign-post to the support being offered. The Council will also share this information on the Council's social media channels, e-mail alerts and printed materials where possible.

The campaign web page is www.charnwood.gov.uk/cca.

New Parliamentary Constituencies.

The Boundary Commission for England is redrawing boundaries for Parliamentary constituencies in order to rebalance the number of electors represented by each MP, and the final consultation is now open. Constituency sizes currently vary widely, due to population changes since

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the last boundary review. The new map proposed by the Commission will make sure each constituency has between 69,724 and 77,062 electors, so that each MP represents roughly the same number of electors. The Boundary Review also requires that the number of constituencies in England increases from 533 to 543.

The Commission has listened to the feedback sent in from the public and has changed nearly half of the initial proposals published last year. The new revised proposals are now available to view via an interactive map on the consultation website. A final consultation is now open until 5th December 2022 and is the last chance to provide your views on the constituency boundaries. The Boundary Commission for England has invited the public to visit their website bcereviews.org.uk and comment on the proposals.

Looking at the proposals it seems Newtown Linford Parish is proposed to be in a new constituency called Mid Leicestershire. This proposal changes from the current Charnwood boundaries. Looking at the map provided Mid Leicestershire includes Markfield, and Ratby but not Syston and East Goscote which will become part of another new constituency, Melton and Syston.

Remembrance Service.

On Sunday 13th November I represented the Leicestershire County Council Chairman at the Remembrance Service and Parade at the Arch of Remembrance, Victoria Park, Leicester. This Service of Remembrance continues to remember those men and women of Leicester and Leicestershire who have given their lives in the service of their country, in the cause of freedom, justice and peace.



The Service was led by the Bishop of Leicester. The Right Reverend Martyn Snow and Dave Andrews DL. During the formal wreath laying part of the service I laid a wreath on behalf of the people of Leicestershire. It was so good to see so many people attending this service.

We will remember them.

As we approach Christmas and the beginning of the New Year. May I take this opportunity to thank all the people involved with producing the Newtown Linford Parish Magazine, for the brilliant contribution they make throughout the year, communicating local news and interesting articles for the local community. May I also wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Newtown Linford Gardening Club
(www.newtownlinford.org.uk/gardening-club.html)

The evening with James Alexander-Sinclair was a great success. The village hall was full of members and visitors who had come to hear from one of the best-known horticultural experts in the country. He did not disappoint. He was a most witty speaker who kept us enthralled for well over an hour.



He told us how he fell into gardening by chance after being at a loose

end on leaving university and how he learnt his trade before turning his hand to garden design.

He used pictures of the gardens he designed, showing them turning from a building site to a place of beauty. He has designed gardens, both large and small, all over the country and, unlike many garden designers, he keeps going back to make alterations as necessary and ensuring the garden retains its beauty. He has also designed several Horatio's Gardens which are used by patients at spinal injury units in different parts of the country. These are wheelchair friendly oases, providing spaces for patients to get outside away from the four walls of a hospital.

Our programme for 2023 is now complete and it offers a balance between nationally known speakers and local experts. There are several highlights. In January, we welcome Nicola Oakey, a young garden designer who was a final-

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ist in the National Young Garden Designer of the Year competition. In April, our guest is Jim Buttress who was in charge of the Royal Gardens, including Buckingham Palace, Kensington Palace and St. James Park. Our celebrity speaker in October is Troy-Scott-Smith, who is the head hardener at Sissinghurst, one of Britain's most famous gardens.

Our full programme is:-

24 th January	Nicola Oakey – designing a Chelsea Garden
28 th February	Robert Barlow – growing hostas
28 th March	Don Witton from Sheffield – spring flowering plants
25 th April	Jim Buttress – the royal gardens and parks
23 rd May	Justin Harrison – summer bursts of colour
27 th June	Visit to Steve Budding's garden in Cossington
25 th July	Summer Garden Party in Newtown Linford
22 nd August	Visit to Trentham Gardens
26 th September	Bridget Blair – garden media
24 th October	Celebrity Evening Troy-Scott-Smith from Sissinghurst
5 th December	Christmas Party

More details of our Club can be found on the internet or by contacting us on 01530 242452.

Anne and David Couling

Wanted Display Boards

Newtown Linford Biodiversity are on the lookout for a set of display boards (table top or free-standing) for use at community events. The Gardening Club has been kind enough to lend us theirs in the past, but ideally we would like to have our own. If anyone knows of any spare ones, or where we could obtain a set at a reasonable price, please let me know. Thank you. Claire Costello (cecostello25@gmail.com)

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Local Artists One of the ways we wanted to celebrate the 200th Edition of the Magazine, was to share some other paintings by John Nixon who had painted the front cover of the magazine. The original painting had been presented to Peter Sheridan, Hon Team Vicar on his retirement. The following pages show some of John's work. My sincere thanks go to the villagers who shared their paintings, which include Pam and Maurice McMorrان, Liz and Mike Newcombe and Jan Croft. I was also contacted and reminded there were other talented artists in or had been in the village and have include a couple of their works as well.



The Priory Ulverscroft



Possibly Botanical Gardens University of Leicester



Margaret Atkinson, the artist of these two paintings, including the one of Glebe Cottage above, used to live at 10 Grey Crescent. These paintings used to belong to Margaret List and were sent in by her son.





*LORD help me to remember
that nothing is going to happen
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Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



The NL56 Police Beat Team reported the following crimes in Newtown Linford during November:

- x1 Theft - Large wooden gates stolen. We have no suspects at this time.
- x1 Vehicle Crime - Registration plates stolen from a vehicle. We have no suspects at this time.

There has been an increase in car key breaks and we are advising residents to:

- * Ensure your house is secure, especially during the night.
- * Hide your car keys - do not keep them in an obvious place e.g. key hooks by the front door or in view from a downstairs window.
- * Always lock your vehicle, even if you're 'popping' back into your house to get something.

Some information from Leicestershire Trading Standards Autumn Newsletter...

Scams in the news

WhatsApp "hi Mum" scam moves to text

The notorious 'Hi Mum and Dad' scam has spread from WhatsApp to text message.

Scammers continue to prey on parents as the heartless "friend in need" scam begins to appear on text messages.

This message is sent by a scammer pretending to be a family member having a financial emergency. The scammer relies on the person receiving it not checking its source.

Don't fall for the scam. Find out more from Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk

Find out how to report a text you think is a scam from the National Cyber Security Centre at www.ncsc.gov.uk

Make sure you're pension Scam-Smart

Pension scams can be hard to spot as scammers can contact you out of the blue. They may use an offer of a free pension review, high pressure tactics such as time-limited deals and high returns to gain access to your pension savings.

Find out more from the Financial Conduct Authority at www.fca.org.uk

Fake emails and texts claim to offer discounts on energy bills

As usual, scammers are quick to capitalise on whatever is in the news, in this instance our concerns about rising energy bills.

Energy scams are on the increase. A fake email or text message may

invite you to click on a link leading to a fake Ofgem website to then provide your personal and financial details. The message is a scam. The government's £400 energy bill discount will be automatic through your energy bills and is not something you have to apply for.

- If you have any doubts about a message, contact the organisation directly
- Don't use the numbers or address in the message, use the details from their official website
- Your bank or any other official source will never ask you to supply personal information via email

Find information on the Energy bills support Scheme here at www.gov.uk/guidance/getting-the-energy-bills-support-scheme-discount

Learn how to avoid and report energy scams at www.ofgem.gov.uk/avoid-and-report-energy-scams

Don't forget, extra payments for those on benefits to help with the cost of living are automatic. You don't need to apply. Find out more at: www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payment

Wishing you all a safe and crime free festive month ahead.
Keep 'em peeled.

Best wishes,

Hannah Shaw, Parish Council Clerk, Tel: 01530 249945

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Beech Farm: Some Rhubarb Ramblings charity book sale and art exhibition at the Church, in aid of LOROS, on 5th Nov was a great success. A big thank you to everyone involved and to the people of Newtown Linford for coming out and supporting us on a rather drizzly day. We raised £239.17 from the sale of the books and the donations bucket for LOROS Hospice.

If you didn't manage to come on the day there are still plenty of copies for sale. Email hazelkeatingtextiles@gmail.com for details..

Note from Editor

I had previously purchased books by Joan Stevenson about Bradgate Park and Newtown Linford, I thought this book might be interesting. It was a delight to read of life at Beech Farm between the mid 60's and late 70's, so much so that I abandoned the latest JK Rowling book The Ink Black Heart - Robert Galbraith until I had finished Joan's book. Delightfully illustrated by her daughter Hazel Keating, it was full of interesting stories about the farm and village in those days. Highly recommended.

News from Newtown Linford Parish Council

Have you looked at the website recently?
www.newtownlinford.org.uk



I am very excited about the Village Advent Fayre planned for **Thursday 1st December between 5pm and 7pm**. Thank you to everyone who has helped co-ordinate the event. The event will launch the annual Village Advent Windows initiative, organised by resident, Ruth Brutnall, which started in 2020 as a response to the pandemic.

The Village Hall Committee will be hosting festive stalls, teas, coffees, mince pies and mulled wine. Santa himself will be setting up his Grotto. The charge for this will be £2.50 per child and each child will receive a small gift.

Newtown Linford Primary School will also be serving mulled wine along with luxury hot chocolate and baked goodies. The year 6 Apprentices will have their festive stalls on offer too and there will be chance to get your tickets for the School's Christmas Raffle; top prize is a Fortnum & Mason's festive hamper worth £200!!

All Saints' Church will be hosting a mini Christmas Tree Festival, with trees submitted from at least 12 Village groups and organisations and Newtown Linford Choral Society will be singing Carols around the Christmas Trees at the Village Hall and at the School from 6.30pm.

The Bradgate will be serving hot Turkey and Stuffing cobs (yum!) and the Park Kitchen & Deli will also be holding their annual shopping event on the same night between 6 and 9pm.

We hope it will be a successful evening, raising money for both Newtown Linford Village Hall and Newtown Linford Primary School and for All Saints' Church where a donations box will be located. Most importantly, it is an opportunity for us all to come together as a community. Please come along and support if you can. I hope to see you there!

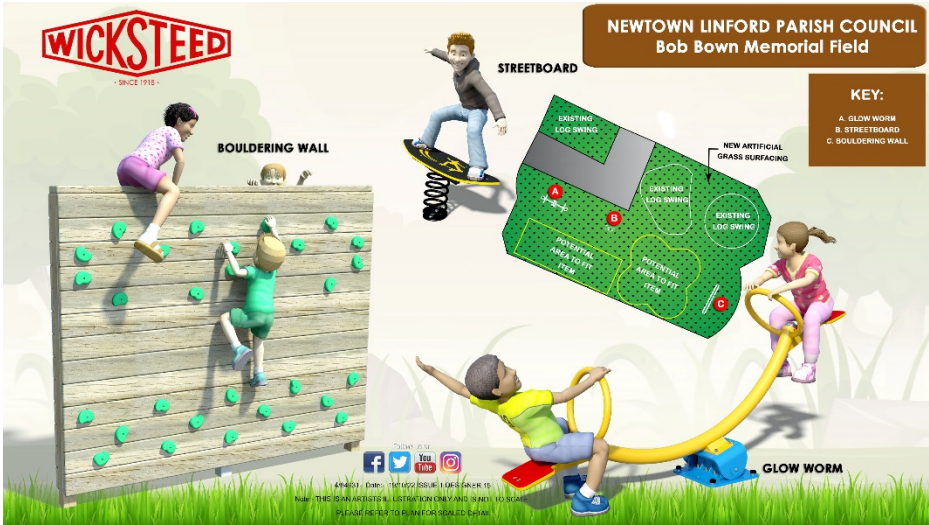
On with more news....

Bob Bown Memorial Field

We still await final costings for the Bob Bown Memorial Field Play Park improvement works but here is a sneaky peek at the plans....

Various new pieces of play equipment including a see-saw, climbing wall and streetboard springie and improved surfacing to replace the existing wetpour, will be installed as soon as practically possible. The timber framed trail will be removed in its entirety to make way for the new

equipment. A staggered approach to the improvement works will mean



gaps in play facilities in the short term. This financial year, the Council has committed up to £15,000 for the initial installations. During the next financial period in 2023/24, further new equipment will be purchased to fill the remaining gaps. It is hoped we might be eligible for some further external funding to help with the cost of replacing the old timber trail which was first installed in 2004! Any new equipment which is not timber, will be painted in the same colours as the infant modular play unit installed in 2021, which will be more in keeping with the surrounding area.

Cemetery and Churchyard

I am looking forward to seeing the trees on display at All Saints' Church from Thursday 1st December as part of the Christmas Tree Festival, which is new for 2022. Please do pop along and have a look at all the festive creations. I will be submitting one on behalf of NLPC...!

The grass mowing season has now come to an end, however, our contractor, Michael, will continue to attend all three Parish Council maintained sites over the winter and is now trimming hedges back and carrying out other tasks. Michael has also taken on responsibility for releveling and returfing graves following interment and is doing a wonderful job. Usually, graves are levelled and turfed 8 months after interment, however, if the 8 months comes during Spring or Summer, plots will be seeded rather than turfed. Alternatively, grave owners can opt to delay the works until Autumn when it is the best time to lay new turf.

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Parish Precept

I am currently working on next year's budget and with inflationary pressures affecting Parish Council business, it is expected there will be an increase to the Parish Precept. The precept will be set at the January Parish Council meeting to be held on Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

From all of us at NLPC, we send our very best wishes to everyone for a very happy Christmas and a bright New Year!

Stay well, stay safe.
Best wishes,



Hannah Shaw

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