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Apparently our ability to hear our own name being spoken in a crowded and noisy room is called the 'cocktail party effect'. I have to confess to not going to many cocktail parties, but I have noticed many times how my ears prick up if I hear my name mentioned.

It's fascinating how our brain detects and processes this information – it all happens in a quite intricate and entirely unconscious way and shows quite how much is going on inside our heads that we're completely unaware of. When we hear our name – whether it's in a direct conversation or across a crowded room – it activates in a unique way. It's one of the first sounds we learn to recognise and is intimately connected to our sense of identity. Hearing it sets off a (usually) positive reaction – it's why salespeople always try to ask your name and use it as often as possible: hearing it makes you favourably disposed to them!

My daughter has an interesting reaction whenever I try to call her by a nickname or a contraction: 'No!', she replies, 'That isn't my name, my name is ..'. She knows who she is!

One of my favourite verses in the Bible is one which we read recently in Church and features in the first episode of 'The Chosen' – a dramatization of the life of Jesus freely available online at thechosen.tv: 'I have called you by name – you are mine' (from Isaiah 43).

It's a reminder of two things: one, that God knows each one of us personally, knows each of our unique identities and personalities – sometimes even better than we know and understand ourselves! And secondly, that he calls each one of us to him, by name, because he loves us.

At a time when our ability to mix in crowded rooms is limited, but in the midst of busy and 'noisy' lives, if we listen, you can hear him call you, by name.

Richard Trethewey, Rector of All Saints' Newtown Linford

VILLAGE DIARY

It feels like a small step to the new normal having the Village Diary back - let the Editor know of any regular events now back up and running.

February

- 7th Jolly Tots CANC currently due to COVID
- 9th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall @ 1915hrs
- 10th Tennis Club AGM
- 12th Ramblers
- 23rd Friends of Charnwood Forest
- 26th Biodiversity Walk

March

- 12th Choral Society Emmanuel Church Loughborough

Regular events

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mondays 9.30 | Slimming & Fitness, The Linford |
| Mondays 1.30 at the Linford | Dance Fitness for 50+ |
| Mondays 5.30 | Brownies at "The Linford" |
| Mondays 8pm at the Church | Bell Ringing |
| 4th Tuesday of the month | Gardening Club |
| 4th Wednesday of the month | Gentleman's Club Bradgate PH |
| Thursdays 11.15 | Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall |
| Thursdays 6.15 | Slimming & Fitness, The Linford |

Village Hall Hire

After many years of looking after the Village Hall bookings, Pam Wood is retiring from this role. I am sure that everyone in the Village would like to thank her for the excellent job she has done.

We are very lucky to have such an asset in our Village which is looked after by all the Village Hall Committee, who do a sterling job supporting the community.

For future bookings—please contact Margaret Bloor on 07713 457414 or email her on newtownonlinfordvillagehallbooking@yahoo.com

Tennis Club AGM



The AGM for the Tennis Club will be held on

**Thursday 10th
February,
at 7.15pm**

in the top room at The Bradgate, Newtown Linford. Everyone is welcome to attend please join us

The Committee

Coffee & Cake Rota Dec 2021/Jan 2022

February

3rd School - Bradgate Class
10th Sue Moran, Sarah Brown, Teresa Calvert
07810 116641- 07811 166161- 07469 719018
17th Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Sue Birkett
07713 457414-242000-244317
24th Felicity Manning, Judy Rowe, Marion Upstone
245298- 243989- 242715

Coffee Morning



March

3rd Ann Scrine, Steve & Dave Pratt 242301-589031
10th Bev Griffiths & Sue Dobby 01509 890264-245366
17th Glennis Meredith, John & Mary Clarke 242897-0116 3190211
24th Maria Simms, Vicki Kerr, Janice Cook
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An opportunity for everyone to catch up on Village news and activities
and to meet your fellow neighbours

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Joe Costello	249613	Arthur Harrison	0116 2213845
Alan Birkett	244317		

Coffee & Cake outing to Shuttleworth Clarke -

Wednesday 16th February 2022

**20 people are going to spend the day here with coffee lunch and
afternoon tea all included for £7.50!**

**It is mainly run by Volunteers providing a day out for many who
don't see anyone day by day or are isolated.**

We are very lucky to live so close and be allowed to go. We
hope to do another visit in the summer.

Carol Ann

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Newtown Linford Choral Society Concert

As a result of the Covid situation during January, the Choral Society's concert that was due to be held at the end of the month was postponed. The new date for the concert is Saturday 12th March at 7.30 pm in Emmanuel Church, Forest Road, Loughborough. The Church is spacious, warm and comfortable, with good car parking facilities, and we hope that our concert of stirring and inspiring pieces of music will encourage you to buy tickets. The Choir will be accompanied by a Chamber Orchestra, and also featured will be the highly accomplished 4tissimo Orchestral Quartet, and talented soprano soloist, Ella McNamee.

Two of the pieces to be sung by the Choir, Vivaldi's Gloria, and the Pergolesi Magnificat, were composed in the Eighteenth Century, and much performed over the years since then. The Choir will also sing two recent songs by the living Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo, which were included in his Winter Songs collection. In addition the 4tissimo Quartet will be playing the Bach Double Violin Concerto.

Details of how to purchase tickets can be found on the poster printed on page 6 in this Magazine.

Peter Sayer

Newtown Linford Monthly Gentlemen's Lunch.

I have just reached an agreement with The Bradgate to host the event.

We will be meeting there every **fourth Wednesday** of the month starting on **Wednesday January 26th; 12.30 for 1pm.**

The lunch is open to anyone who lives in the village or has close association with it. It has been going for a very long time now and has proved to be a popular way to keep in touch with friends and for those new to the village to get to know people.

If anyone is interested in joining us and would like to know a little more information could they please contact me and I will be happy to answer any questions.

Clive Rowe

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From the Records (Continued from previous Magazine)

David Snartt recently found a stapled A4 Document that had been produced by **A.J. Harrison FRICS in October 1994**. At the time he was 92 years old and typed up notes **Life in Rural England before and during the War (1914– 1918)**. We cannot reproduce everything in one Magazine so here is the second edition. (Editors note).

Some girls on leaving school went into domestic service in larger houses, living in working seven days per week with the odd hour off, earning perhaps two or three shillings per week and their keep, rising to perhaps five shillings. After the War some were given the odd half day to visit their families but they had to be back by six o'clock to serve dinner and were sacked if late.

Many farmers' wives and daughters worked in the dairy - food and milk were placed in a semi underground cool cellar (no refrigerators) milk was skimmed to make butter (by hand turned churn) and cheeses. All grew their own fresh food, there were rabbits, hares, wood pigeon etc . Most kept poultry and a pig (for bacon), poultry for chicken and eggs. It was a matter of survival, particularly in the very hard winters, when snow in deep drifts lay for weeks and there was no traffic on the roads to clear the snow.

Very little money changed hands, poverty was very severe. Miners did get perhaps one or two coal tickets per years for cheap coal. Farm labourers were paid perhaps eighteen shillings to twenty-two shillings per week and a farm cottage rent free, and free milk. There were a number of pawn shops in the poorer districts, Mr Case had one in The Nook in Anstey. The Sunday suit was deposited on Monday morning for a loan of perhaps five shillings and redeemed on Saturday on repayment of the loan with perhaps a fee of six pence. Watches and pocket chains and everything else was pawned. The pawn shops had plenty of cheap clothes and everything else (unredeemed

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pledges). If you were not particular as to size, colour, shape or fit. The women made very large quantities of preserves, for the winter, root crops were kept in earth clamps.

In our Village water was from pumps from Springs, ours was in the field about 500 yards from the House and shared by several neighbours - Main pipe water came in the early 20's. Dr Williams was at Anstey and there was one at Markfield - both pulled out teeth. In emergency they were summoned by cycle and came by pony and trap. My Aunt Mance was village midwife. There were very few major accidents as there was little or no machinery.

There were twelve pence per shilling, twenty shillings per pound, five shillings per crown and twenty one shillings per guinea (a free half-crown was wealth). Our Vicar was The Revd. Brady Johnson DD. (Doctor of Divinity).

My father told me he had his first cycle (a penny-farthing) with solid tyres when he visited my mother (Lydia Ann Crooks) who was house-keeper to the three Powers brothers (all bachelors) at Barwell, or he rode horse-back, in the mid 1890's - they were married in 1901. I had my first cycle, a boy's Rudge Whitworth, when I was 11 - I understood it had belonged to the Vicar's son Victor and my father accepted it in settlement of a debt of ten shillings. My brother John had a similar Rudge Whitworth two years later, which had belonged to Norman Johnson and acquired similarly. During our Summer holidays at Newtown School my father took us both by pony and trap occasionally to Leicester Cattle market on a Wednesday and to watch Leicestershire playing cricket at the county ground then opposite the cattle market gates, admission six pence standing, children half price (very boring). My father sometimes got a cheap miner's ticket for cheap coal (to settle a debt) and would take us by pony and trap to the pit to collect a load of coal with our pony (Flower) and cart. We rode there with sandwiches and a bottle of cold tea, and walked

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back helping to push the loaded cart up the hills.

I well remember works outings before the War, perhaps Corah, British United, Stead & Simpson, etc. They came by waggonette from Illstons (Hackmasters) perhaps ten to a dozen, each drawn by two horses, with open wood slatted seats carrying 8 to 12 passengers each. The men got off at the Bradgate Arms and would put a barrel on board one vehicle, which would proceed with the ladies to the top of Sharpley Hill, near 'Old John'. Some of the ladies would walk up the hill, the men would eventually walk up the village street to the top of Sharpley and the younger men would walk up most hills. The party would return to the Bradgate Arms about 8 o'clock to water the horses and leave at closing time to return to Leicester.

There was no National Insurance, but most families tried to pay a copper or two a week to Friendly Societies to cover funeral expenses. The man from the 'Pru' was a regular visitor for a few coppers for Life Assurance.

No girl dare think of sex before marriage - we knew nothing of contraception.

The only break on the waggonette downhill was a pole between the spokes of a wheel, to make it slide.

More next month.

Newtown Linford Village named as one of "poshest"

If you have just read the article above—you will see how the village has changed over the years, with the article below!

There was a surprising article in the Leicester Mercury on Friday 21st January which announced that according to research by The Daily Telegraph and Savills, Estate Agents we were one of the 54 villages on their list of superior villages. The lists criteria included highest house prices, best lifestyle amenities, schools and "chocolate box appeal".

It mentioned that as well as quaint chocolate box cottages and our own surviving police box we also had our own private members club with The Linford. There was a good section mentioning its use in the war as a temporary factory to assemble aircraft parts.

We are very lucky having the Park so close with amenities such as the coffee mornings, Church, choir, cricket club, tennis club, school, Brownies, village hall, The Bradgate and Grey Lady to eat in and The Linford to drink and socialize in. Note for new villagers the Linford welcomes all to drink and socialize without being members.

The best thing about our village though is the people who live here and how friendly they are and the various clubs that volunteers organise.

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Newtown Linford Gardening Club

A new year brings a new beginning and we hope that our activities will be able to take place without interruption for the first time since 2019. In April 2022 we will be celebrating our twentieth anniversary, so following our suc-



cessful restart at the end of last year, we have a varied and exciting programme planned for the year ahead, which brings to Newtown Linford some of the most prestigious gardening names in the country.

Our two celebrity evenings will be held in March and October. In March we welcome Matthew Wilson who is a regular panelist on Gardeners' Question Time and in October we are very pleased to invite James Alexander-Sinclair to our village. Regular viewers of Gardeners' World will recognise him immediately by his trademark trilby hat, working alongside Monty Don at Chelsea or elsewhere. We will be selling tickets for these meetings so that non-members will be able to hear them speak.

In April we have a return visit from Jack Willgoss whose speciality is violas. His Wildgoose Nursery has won gold medals for these at Chelsea. He is a fine speaker and most entertaining and we will be going on a trip to see his Nursery in August.

We open our season with a visit from local garden expert Mick Eaton, formerly of Leicester Parks, talking about vegetables and in February our speaker will be Jim Buttress, the author, broadcaster and TV presenter, who is also a judge for Britain in Bloom, talking about the Royal Parks and Gardens in London.

We will again hold our Summer Garden Party in July and our Christmas Party in December and we have a trip to a local attraction pencilled in. This should make our anniversary year one to remember.

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month in Newtown Linford Village Hall and anyone interested in our activities can contact the Secretary (tel.01530 242452) or e-mail us at 32couling@gmail.com . Visitors to a particular meeting are also welcome for only £3.

Anne and David Couling

Village Ramblers walk Saturday 8th January 2022

Continuing our recent resumption of the monthly (2nd Saturday at 2pm usually) Village Ramblers walks, we were undeterred by Lesley testing positive for Covid, and wet weather. Instead, Felicity and Toby led the walk to start from opposite the Village Hall. The rain stopped as we started out with just 5 people. Mud everywhere meant our ambitions were to avoid it. Bradgate Park carriageway wasn't too crowded and we had a lovely walk with the familiar views and wildlife. Glenis and Sausage (dog) left us before we reached the ruins. As a Bradgate Park gardening group volunteer, Felicity was able to let us few in to see the walled garden attached to the ruins. Though not at its best in winter, this has been restored to good order in recent years, so that plants and nature can flourish. Public open days are planned for the summer. With no appetite for muddy hills, we returned along the carriageway.

Next walk will be on Saturday 12th February at 2pm, meet at Village Hall. Led by Lesley Baker, 01509 890771. All welcome.

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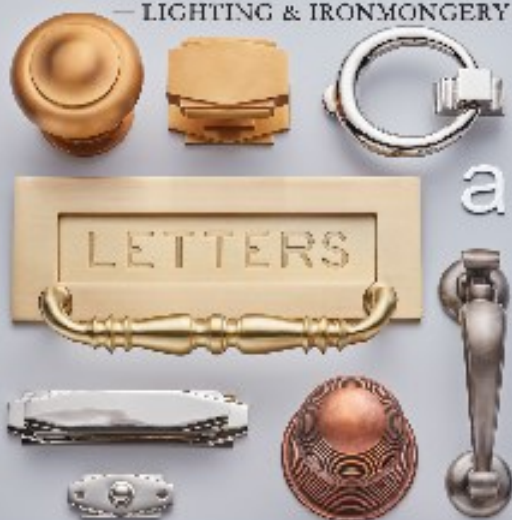
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Birds of Prey in Newtown Linford



Although around 14 Birds of Prey (raptors) can be seen in Leicestershire most years, there are 6 which are regularly seen in the Parish.

Most raptors will be seen when flying, and can be difficult to see at close quarters; however, they are generally easily recognised by their characteristic flight pattern.

The commonest raptor in the parish is the buzzard. This has broad wings and tends to circle lazily high in the sky. Virtually absent from Leicestershire from Victorian times until about 1990, it has seen a dramatic increase over the last 30 years, thought to be due to a mixture of a lack of persecution and the phasing out of organochlorine insecticide; it is now regularly seen in the Parish. It has a distinctive “mewing” call.



Probably next most likely to be seen is the kestrel. Slightly smaller than the buzzard, this is most easily identified from its habit of hovering over its territory; the only other bird you are likely to see hovering is the skylark, but this is half the size.



The red kite is another bird which has shown a significant increase. Common until the early 19th Century, it was then virtually exterminated over the next century until by 1989 this species fell to a total of 3 (!) birds in central Wales.



A successful reintroduction project ensued: young birds, translocated from Spain, were released in the Chilterns. The success of this project led to further reintroductions, including one at Fineshade in Northamptonshire starting in 1995. If you drive to Peterborough along the A47 your passengers will almost certainly see red kites after

you pass Uppingham. Birds have slowly spread westwards from Fineshade, and have now reached Charnwood Forest; they are occasionally seen in the Parish although if present trends continue they will be common within the decade.

Red kites have a characteristic forked tail (the buzzard's is rounded) which they use to steer their flight as they search for carrion and small prey. Their flight is much more wayward than the buzzard as they swerve left then right.

The fourth raptor you are likely to see is the sparrowhawk. While the preceding three species mentioned fly slowly over the ground looking for prey on the ground, the sparrowhawk catches birds and you are most likely to see a sudden flash as a sparrowhawk dashes across your garden in search of prey.



The other raptors that you may come across are owls. You are more likely to hear the tawny owl than to see it; it is a nocturnal bird that gives the characteristic “too-whit too-who”. It breeds in Bradgate Park, and possibly elsewhere in the Parish.

The little owl was introduced into the UK, from southern Europe, in the late 19th Century, and has since spread throughout England. It is also found in Bradgate Park, and as it flies by daytime you are more likely to see it. Not much bigger than a blackbird and half the size of the tawny owl, it tends to sit motionless on tree branches awaiting some prey. The barn owl is occasionally seen gliding over the countryside, normally around dusk.



Of course it is possible that you will see other raptors such as peregrine falcon, hobby, and marsh harrier within the Parish; a total of 14 raptors occur regularly, but rarely, across Leicestershire, but the birds described above are most likely to be seen.

I am indebted to “The Birds of Leicestershire and Rutland” and annual reports from Leicestershire and Rutland Ornithological Society for some of the information provided here. **Toby Manning**



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(Brown Owl and Snowy Owl)



Newtown Linford Biodiversity Group

Wildlife Walk

The Biodiversity Group plans to run monthly “wildlife walks”. They will be led by members of the group, and will concentrate on different aspects of the local wildlife.

The February Walk will look at winter wildfowl – ducks etc. – and will be on Saturday 26th February. Our plan is to go to Cos-sington Meadows, but if it is very wet underfoot then we will go to Thornton Reservoir or Watermead. We depart from the Village Hall at 13:30.

So that we can co-ordinate transport (and to confirm location), please let Toby Manning know by 24th February if you want to come,

ptm@tobymanning.co.uk or 01530 245298.



Village Hall News

The annual meeting of the Village Hall Committee was held on 17th January.

After remembering John Nixon, who died at the end of last year after serving on the Committee for more years than anyone could remember, it was down to business. After welcoming the Biodiversity Group as another Village Organisation qualified to appoint a member, we elected as members Toby Manning, Peter Rose, Janet Brunton, Carolyn Lowe, Elaine Mulvihill, Margaret Bloor and Scott Raynor, and recognising appointed members Sue Pritchard (Gardening and Parish Council), Pat Wood (Choir), Peter Upton (Drama), Caroline Brewster (Pre-school) and Ann Scrine (Biodiversity).

We welcome Margaret, Ann and Scott as new members of the Committee. Toby, Peter and Janet were re-appointed as Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Pat stood down as Bookings Secretary, while remaining on the Committee, and was replaced by Margaret.

Peter reported that, in this second strange year, the Hall had made a financial loss of £7,399; the accounts had been audited with a clean bill of health. Most of the loss can be ascribed to a loss of income due to the Covid restrictions; bookings have now picked up and we hope that next year we can revert to break-even. We have plenty of reserves (around £32,000) so we are nowhere near going bankrupt.

Toby Manning

Christmas Cards in the Village Magazine in December

Thank you to all those who decided to be Greener, support the homeless at Christmas or just save some time, for their kind donations towards the Christmas Card Greetings in the Dec/Jan Issue of the magazine. £140 was raised in total for the local Homeless.

There was a late donation from Diane Regan of Main Street, who dropped her money into Coffee & Cake after the date for the Magazine being published. She sends her best wishes to all in the village.

The reasons for villagers supporting this are varied please continue to support - Many Thanks

Carol Ann

SUNDAY SERVICES February 2021



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
6th February Fourth Sunday before Lent	8.30am Holy Communion	
	10.00am Morning Worship	10.00am Holy Communion
13th February Third Sunday before Lent		
	10.00am Holy Communion	10.00am Morning Prayer
	4.30pm Any questions?	
20th February Second Sunday before Lent		
	10.00am Morning Worship	10.00am Holy Communion
27th February Sunday Before Lent		
	10.00am Holy Communion	10.00am Morning Prayer
	3.00pm All Age Worship	

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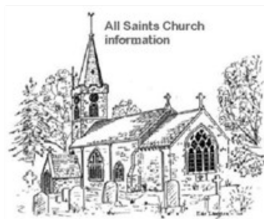
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Regular Events - Bell ringer's practice: Monday 8pm

Village Carol Singers

A large group met in the lych gate of All Saints Church on the evening of Wednesday 22nd December to sing carols round the village. Sadly, it was the first time it had rained for over a week! Nevertheless, we persevered and managed to collect £110 for LOROS. The survivors met at 98 Main Street to dry hats and gloves on the AGA and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies.

We do hope to do this again later this year and trust we have better weather!

Marilyn Upstone





THE FRIENDS OF **CHARNWOOD FOREST**



Next meeting on

Wednesday 23rd February 2022, 7.30 pm
Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall.

Dr Jack Matthews is the Geoheritage Conservation and Interpretation Officer at the Charnwood Forest Geopark, being developed as part of the Landscape Partnership Scheme. He has a background in Precambrian geology & palaeontology, and research to inform the conservation of geological heritage. His previous work has informed the protection of the Mistaken Point UNESCO World Heritage Site, and he was Geoscience Advisor to the Discovery UNESCO Global Geopark application.

Charnwood Forest is host to some of the oldest animal fossils in the world, many of which have been key to developing our understanding of the rise of animals during the Ediacaran period. In addition to its internationally significant palaeontology, our area is also host to a number of working and historic quarries whose rocks have shaped the built environment of the United Kingdom for more than 2000 years. Charnwood Forest occupies just 10% of the area of Leicestershire, and yet contains more than 50% of the natural protect sites within the county: underlying both the broad geodiversity within the Geopark, and the way this geodiversity has underpinned the extensive biodiversity found here. As such the region provides a natural laboratory for highlighting the often-overlooked

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pivotal role of geodiversity in nature.

Following a successful funding application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund, 18 partner organisations have joined to form the Charnwood Forest Landscape Partnership, and are now implementing programmes to celebrate the areas geoh heritage, connect people with their history, and secure a sustainable future. The Charnwood Forest Regional Park, which oversees the project, has decided to develop the programmes within the framework of establishing a UNESCO Global Geopark.

This talk will outline the geoh heritage of Charnwood Forest – including some famous sites of international prominence, and others whose stories have so far gone untold. I will outline the principles of a UNESCO Global Geopark, and explain how and why the region might benefit from such a designation. The talk will give examples of Geopark development projects already undertaken and also planned, including our interpretation, conservation, education, and arts programme

Marilyn Upstone, Chairman of the Friends of Charnwood Forest



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Brownie Report Christmas In January



Tinsel in January??? The Brownies Christmas party was cancelled twice due to the big C (I mean Covid) but Brownies had finally had their Christmas party...IN JANU-ARY!!!

We had lots of fun games like: pass the parcel, musical chairs and all sorts. After the games we had some delicious food, there was all sorts of food like cupcakes, chocolate fingers (everyone loved those) and sandwiches. There is a movie called Harry Potter and at the start of the year they have a big feast and it was just like that.



All the Brownies dressed up in party/Christmas clothes. It made cheery vibes in the middle of January, especially when all the music was Christmas music (it may have brought us bad luck though)

By Isla Barton-Knott age 7

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In loving memory of my father John Nixon

As many of you already know, my father passed away on 21st November 2021 of Pulmonary Fibrosis after a short stay in hospital. This was a shock to many of us, as he had remained living independently right up to being taken into hospital on the Wednesday before his death. He was an active member of the Newtown Linford community and was involved in many aspects of village life from when he, my mother Marie and I moved to Newtown in 1963.

As an Architect, he will be remembered for designing the houses on Grey Crescent and helping

many village residents with alterations and extensions to their homes. He was also very involved with the work carried out to renovate the Village Hall and the Cemetery.

He was a keen member of Bradgate Drama Society for many years, variously as actor, director and



set designer/painter. The Drama Society archives show that he first appeared on stage in 1964 in "See how they Run" by Philip King. My mother also appeared in that production. His directing debut came three years later with a one-act play, "Still Waters" by Delsie Darke. Over the next 30 years he and Mum were regular contributors to many stage performances; and his last appearance on stage was in 1995 in "Cat's Cradle" by Leslie Sands. Even after his retirement from acting and directing he was well known for designing many sets and supervising their painting, as well as producing artwork for the Society's publicity material.

When my father reached the age of 60, he decided to retire from his Architectural practice Allen & Nixon, but he certainly didn't slow down! Instead, one of the things he did was to turn his mind to his passion for art and started an Art Group in the Village. This was held on Friday mornings in a studio over the stables at 72 Main Street. He and Mum also organised annual Art Group painting holidays to many different parts of the country, and having been on one a few years ago I can understand just how good he was at encouraging and inspiring group members to try different painting materials and techniques. I have received so many lovely letters and cards from past and present Art Group members telling me how much he helped and inspired them, and I know this was one of the main features of his week from when it first started until the week before his death. I also know he was very proud that one of his paintings adorns the front cover of the Parish Magazine, and that a collage of paintings from the art group is displayed in the Church.

More recently, another highlight of each week for him was attending Coffee and Cake in the Village Hall, which he even did via zoom during lockdown on a laptop I lent him. He was always ready to try something new, and he mastered this technology very well! I would just like to say how much I appreciate all the support and friendship he received from so many of you who saw him each week and 'looked out for him', making sure he was OK and knocking on his door if he didn't arrive at 11am! I spoke to him every day, and he always told me who he had seen and what cakes he had enjoyed!

I know my father felt loved and respected by so many people, and this has been endorsed by all the wonderful letters and cards my mother and I have received. We feel truly honoured to have been his wife and daughter.

Celia Dyson

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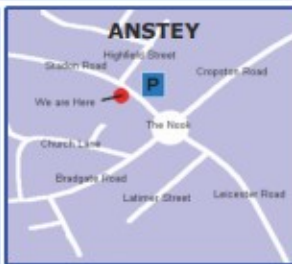
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Leicestershire National Garden Scheme celebrates the Snowdrop Festival in 2022

Shake off the winter and celebrate the National Garden Scheme's 2022 Snowdrop Festival.

Leicestershire National Garden scheme has a several gardens with fabulous snowdrops on display. Starting on the weekend of 19th and 20th of February opening from 11-4pm is Hedgehog Hall at Tilton on the Hill LE7 9DE which has ½ an acre of beautifully managed garden with many Snowdrops and early flowers displayed on terraces.

On the same weekend, less than 10 miles away in Great Glen the garden at Westview 1 St Thomas's Road LE8 9EH opens. There is so much to see including over 300 varieties of snowdrops and many winter treasures including cyclamen,
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hellebores, winter aconites, ranunculus ficaria, iris reticulata and early narcissus complimented by evergreen ferns, box and yew hedging. Hot soup and homemade bread rolls will be on sale to keep out any winter chill.

Another Galanthophile opens his garden also on the 20th from 10-4pm at The Acers at 10 The Rills Hinckley LE10 1NA. In this garden there are about 300 different types of snowdrops including some rare and unusual varieties. In addition, there will be early spring colour from Erythronium, Hamamelis Cyclamen and a Japanese themed area which includes a walled area with tea house, koi pond, and many Acers.

Our last garden to open on 27th February is Tresillian House, from 11-4pm, at 67 Dalby Road Melton Mowbray LE13 0BQ. Although not opening as part of the snowdrop festival, this is a lovely winter garden to walk around with $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre displaying a great variety of early spring bulbs on display.

Visit our lovely gardens and at the same time raise money for charity, a winning combination. The National Garden Scheme has been a long standing charity supporter making donations to many caring, nursing and cancer charities. Thanks to the generosity of garden owners, volunteers and visitors we have donated over £63 million to nursing and health charities.

For further details of our open gardens and to pre book tickets, if preferred, visit www.ngs.org.uk

Congratulations to Villager Tony Bradley (95) who received an MBE in the New Years Honours list.

Tony who has been mentioned before in the magazine after winning the Unpaid Volunteer of the Year at the Great British Care Awards for his work at Beaumont Hall has now been honoured by the Queen with a MBE.



I found out at the beginning of December and it's been quite a strain keeping it all quiet!
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Tony, a former lecturer at Charles Keene College, Leicester, has been volunteering for over 50 years.

"I still volunteer at Beaumont Hall in Beaumont Leys Lane, Leicester where my wife, Renelle, was, doing cake and tea and bingo, which I really enjoy. I also take my dog, Molly, along to see the residents."

When Covid-19 struck, Tony found himself a temporary resident of the home - Beaumont Hall in Beaumont Leys Lane, Leicester - because he wasn't prepared to miss his regular visits to see Renelle.

He said: "I went to visit one day when the lockdown started and they told me I wouldn't be allowed back in after I left that day - so I stayed.

"At first I just had a chair and then they found me a bed - I was there for seven months while Leicester was still in lockdown."

Tony, who used to work as a lecturer, began volunteering about 50 years ago when he and Renelle supported an elderly couple who lived near them in Birstall.

Tony has been a volunteer at Loros, driving patients to hospital appointments between 1990 and 2000. He also fundraised for the Air Ambulance Charity

Then after he retired he went to work as a volunteer at Loros and after that as a busy fundraiser for the Air Ambulance charity where he visited schools and community groups informing them about the work for the Air Ambulance charity. He has also been a president of the Soar Valley Rotary Club whose fundraising there has supported the education of many children in Kenya. This earned Tony a Paul Harris Fellowship Award as well.



Information from David Snartt.

Charnwood Local Plan.

Charnwood Borough Council has submitted its Local Plan and vision for the area to Government. The Charnwood Local Plan 2021-37 is a key document for supporting future growth. The Local Plan has been developed following four public consultations, including the latest one in the summer when there were over 700 representations.

The submission to the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities marks the start of the formal examination of the Local Plan which will be carried out by an independent Inspector nominated by the

Planning Inspectorate.

At the end of the examination the Inspector will send a report to the Council recommending whether or not they can adopt the plan. In most cases the report will recommend some changes that are necessary to allow the plan to be adopted. These are known as 'main modifications'. In carrying out the examination, the Inspector will be conscious of the benefits of having a robust and up to date plan adopted as quickly as possible and will apply the principles of openness, fairness and impartiality.

How long will this take: The aim is to adopt the local plan towards the end of 2022. The Council are awaiting details of when the examination hearings will be. More details about the timetable will be published on the examination website. www.charnwood.gov.uk/examination.

During the last consultation I responded with my concerns about proposals within the Draft Local Plan. I highlighted four areas that I believe would have an impact on residents living in my Forest Bradgate Ward.

1. Not compliant with Leicester and Leicestershire 2050 Our Vision for Growth, Strategic Growth Plan.
2. Protecting the Borough's soil resources.
3. The use of greenfield sites.
4. Impact on transport and highways.

These four areas were in response to the large development that encroaches into the Woodhouse Parish and the large number of dwellings allocated to the village of Anstey. Hopefully I will be able to expand on my concerns when the hearing sessions take place. My main concern with the large amount of development in Anstey is the extra traffic through the village of Newtown Linford and the impact on the services in Anstey which are used by many village people.

Planning Application.

I attended a Planning Committee meeting at Charnwood Borough Council to register my concerns about a planning application for a residential development of up to 93 dwellings on land adjacent to Ashby Road, Markfield. Although this land is close to Markfield village, the site is situated within Newtown Linford Parish. Only the access arrangements are to be agreed by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council. This part of the planning application is still to be determined by Hinckley and Bosworth BC.

I registered my dismay about the number of dwellings being approved in locations that do not fit with the Local Plan, remembering the 36 dwell-

ings recently approved on appeal at Woodhouse Eaves. I am a big supporter of Neighbourhood Plans. My main concern was that it seems very little weight, if any, had been given to the Markfield Neighbourhood Plan in the Committee Report. I also stated, in my view, the current planning legislation is letting communities like the ones in my Council Ward and beyond down, impacting on the lives of residents for generations to come. The application was granted planning permission subject to conditions. It seems that because Charnwood Borough Council cannot demonstrate a five year housing land supply the majority of planning applications are being granted with less weight given to the Local Plan. Remembering, both Newtown Linford Parish and Woodhouse Eaves Parish are in the Local Plan hierarchy as 'Other Settlements' stating: *These villages may be suitable for some small scale infill development to meet local need. Any development that increases the need to travel by car will not be considered to be acceptable small-scale development.*

New Armed Forces Bill.

New legislation which ensure Armed Forces personnel, veterans and their families are better supported when accessing key public services has been passed in Parliament. The Armed Forces Bill places the Armed Forces Covenant in law for the first time to help prevent service personnel and veterans being disadvantaged when accessing essential services like healthcare, education and housing. It will ensure councils pay regard to the sacrifice made by our Armed Forces community. Charnwood Borough Council signed the Armed Forces Covenant in 2013 and employs an Armed Forces Community Covenant Development Officer, in partnership with Melton and Rushcliffe Borough Councils to help develop and support the Armed Forces community. One way the Council demonstrates its commitment to supporting the Armed Forces community, is with a guaranteed interview scheme for veterans who apply for jobs with the Council. Those who meet the essential criteria are guaranteed an interview.

More information about support available to Armed Forces personnel can be found on the Council's website.

Bradgate Branch Quiz.

Following our successful quiz in The Linford last October, we have arranged the next one on the **18th March 2022, 7.00pm** at the same venue.

For more information contact either myself or Paul Taylor on 0116 2350126.

David Snartt



Keyless Vehicle Theft

Leicestershire Police have seen an increase in the theft/attempted theft of vehicles with keyless entry/ignition over the last few months. Criminals use signal relay devices to 'trick' the car into thinking the correct key is present, when it may in fact actually be inside your house, by amplifying its signal.

Here are some tips to help prevent falling victim to this type of vehicle theft:

1. Items such as steering wheel locks, gear stick locks or pedal box offer a physical protection due to the time required by the thief to remove them.
2. Have a think where you keep your keys when at home. Keeping your keys in a more central location in the house means the signal will be weaker near the boundaries where thieves can be with scanners. Try not to leave your keys close to the front door!
3. Think about installing CCTV at your property. It can be a brilliant deterrent as well as offering reassurance (apart from this, it can also help Police investigations should you fall victim). As well as actual cameras, many manufacturers produce doorbell cameras that provide fantastic footage.
4. Using physical barriers such as bollards, locked gates or even other vehicles that are non-keyless vehicles. These can be parked in front of keyless vehicles to deter thieves from attempting to take the vehicle.

Wishing you all a safe and crime free month ahead.

Keep 'em peeled.

Best wishes,

Hannah Shaw, Parish Council Clerk

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

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

Greetings!

Firstly, I'd like to wish you all a very happy belated New Year. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a healthy start to 2022.

A Traffic Regulation Order (Amendment) for Main Street, Newtown Linford was brought into force on 20/12/21, resulting in revocation of double yellow lines in three areas. We hope this has helped alleviate the issues for residents with limited off road parking.

Upper Markfield Lane residents may have noticed a number of street lights are unlit during dark hours as you exit the A50 roundabout heading towards the village.

LCC are aware of the outages at the roundabout. There is an underground cable fault that is complex and requires approval from Traffic Management to resolve. Unfortunately, at present, there are no dates for the works to take place but it is hoped to be resolved as soon as possible.

Advance Notice of a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order

A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) is to be made for the following location: Main Street, Bradgate Road, Groby Lane, Newtown Linford (see web link below).

The purpose of the TTRO is to allow Leicestershire County Council safely undertake carriageway patching works.

The TTRO will incorporate temporary road closures and temporary parking restrictions. The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 5 days commencing on the 14th March 2022, 09:00 till 15:00 each day.

The works can be viewed via the following web link:

<https://one.network/?tm=GB127010387>

Report from Vice-Chairman, Councillor Tim Porte Newtown Linford's VAS Speed Cameras

Back in 2018, Newtown Linford Parish Council, in response to concerns expressed by some parishioners, decided to take action to try to discourage excessive speeding on the Parish's roads.

Our previous Parish Council Clerk, Pam McMorrان, did a great deal of research into what could be done with regard to warning signs, speed

cameras and other traffic calming measures. Whilst solutions suggested by the County Highways Department were both very expensive and of limited effect, our Clerk eventually sourced some speed camera/ VAS signs from a French manufacturer, which were much less expensive than the alternatives suggested by LCC Highways Dept.

These units provided both deterrence by signaling to approaching motorists their speed and a request to “slow down” if exceeding the prevailing limit or a “Thank You” message for compliance; as well as collecting data about the number of vehicles passing the units, their speed and time of activation for both directions of travel. This data whilst very comprehensive and accurate does not identify individual vehicles and therefore, cannot be used for enforcement purposes. However, the information can and has been passed to the local Police to inform their enforcement activities with mobile camera vans and hand-held radar units, even though the speed information is not officially calibrated.

The three VAS units once sourced, were installed in three locations on the Parish roads which were considered to have maximum impact on potential speeding problems. These were:

- At the foot of Sharpley Hill, visible as vehicles enter the 30mph zone into Main Street Newtown Linford from Sharpley Hill or Ulverscroft Lane.
- On Bradgate Road, visible for vehicles travelling into the village from Anstey in the 30mph zone.
- On Roeclyffe Road visible to vehicles travelling from Roeclyffe Crossroads towards Cropston, in the 40mph zone.

All three of these units collect the following information from every vehicle passing it in either direction:

The number of vehicles passing the unit in both directions.

The time each vehicle passes.

The speed of each vehicle in either direction.

The signs also indicate the vehicle speed to each vehicle as it approaches from the “facing direction” and either displays in red if its speed exceeds the limit and shows a request to “Slow Down” or shows a speed under the limit in green with a “Thank You” message.

The units are powered by solar panels and require minimal maintenance providing they receive enough sunlight to keep their batteries charged. The only other intervention needed is to ensure that any hedges nearby are trimmed back and do not obscure either the unit from approaching motorists or the solar panel from sunlight. Data from the units can be periodically downloaded on to a nearby laptop by Bluetooth connection. Unfortunately, the Bradgate Road unit has not been getting enough sun-

light to keep its battery powered up continuously and has therefore, provided some rather patchy data. Both the other units however, have been performing perfectly for almost two years having gone live in February 2020.

To give a flavour of the data here are some of the figures obtained: -

SHARPLEY HILL

There are an average of 1472 vehicles incoming and 1444 outgoing each day.

On average 68% of incoming vehicles are below 30mph and 88% below 35mph.

On average 45% of outgoing vehicles are below 30mph and 79% below 35mph.

The highest speeds recorded are 81mph outgoing and 69mph incoming.

BRADGATE ROAD

There are an average of 1741 vehicles incoming and 1683 outgoing each day.

On average 60% of incoming vehicles are below 30mph and 89% below 35mph.

On average 47% of outgoing vehicles are below 30mph and 77% below 35mph.

The highest speeds recorded are 106mph outgoing and 69mph incoming.

ROECLIFFE ROAD

There are an average of 1879 vehicles incoming and 1885 outgoing each day.

On average 66% of incoming vehicles are below 40mph and 84% below 45mph.

On average 72% of outgoing vehicles are below 40mph and 89% below 45mph.

The highest speeds recorded are 120mph outgoing and 90mph incoming.

This reveals that Roecliffe Road has almost 3800 vehicles passing each day compared to 2900 into Newtown Linford from Sharpley Hill and 3400 from Anstey into Newtown Linford. According to advice from the local police, compliance rates to speed limits are within acceptable limits, however, it should be noted that the driver doing 120mph on Roecliffe road was travelling at 7.45am!

Councillor Tim Porte.

On with more news....

Bob Bown Memorial Field

An annual inspection has recently been carried out at the Bob Bown Memorial Field. Aside from a few minor issues that need attention, all is well. We hope to look into further funding opportunities to continue making improvements where needed and we are always happy to hear suggestions from residents and park users.

Cemetery and Churchyard

I'm pleased to report we have reached our target for donations towards the eternal flame sculpture at the Cemetery. Thank you to all those residents who have pledged a donation towards the cost. Sculptor, Peter Leadbeater, will be working on the sculpture on 14th, 15th and 16th March and we look forward to seeing the end result.

Stay well, stay safe.
Best wishes,

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Jolly Tots need volunteers Since

Jolly Tots last met in March 2020, three of the key leaders have stepped down from involvement (Sharon finished her curacy). We're hoping to re-start this group soon, though a planned start in January was delayed due to the current Covid surge. We still need several volunteers willing to

help set up, serve refreshments, potentially read a story or lead some songs, and then clear away and clean up. Do contact Richard if you would be interested or know someone who might. **0116 287 1604**



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