

# Newtown Linford Magazine

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# The Bradgate

Group Parish



I grew up in North London. Some of you know that, you've worked out my accent isn't local and that my support of Tottenham Hotspur can only be credited to growing up close to their home in London. My earliest memories date from the time my Dad was the Curate in a Church in Tollington Park (which actually is much closer to the old Arsenal ground at Highbury). It was a fabulous Church – much smaller in reality than I remember it as a 4-8 year old, of course. The Vicar and his wife were my Godparents, 'the Vicar' (in my childhood, there was only one) and Roi. You may think that's an unusual name, it is: Roi was Burmese. 'The Vicar' had been a missionary out among the Kachin people in Burma (as it was then, Myanmar now) and had married locally. She and their large brood of children came back with him at the end of his time there to England - for her and the children a completely foreign country.

In the Church I grew up in, Roi was not unusual. I remember there being people from Singapore, from Mauritius, Uganda, from nearly every island of the Caribbean as well as a few proper east-enders. It was a Church of great variety and diversity. And everyone was welcome. Everyone was at home. I would never have dreamed of thinking that the differences meant that anyone was not part of the Church.

There is some diversity locally, not as much as I grew up with. But those memories of a Church of all colours, accents, attitudes to time(!), everything different but the common faith in Jesus remind me of what Church is supposed to be: every age, every colour, every nationality represented and fully part of the family. Here everyone is welcome, even me.

Yours,

**Richard Trethewey, Rector of St Peter's, Glenfield,  
and All Saints', Newtown Linford, 0116 287 1604**

# VILLAGE DIARY

## July

- 8th Village Cricket Returns  
8th & 15th Mountain Ash, NG Scheme  
10th Parish Council Meeting  
10th Boules  
14th Ramblers

## August

- 11th Ramblers  
13th Parish Council Meeting  
25th Church Fete

## Regular events

- |                                 |                                       |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday afternoon                | Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall   |
| Mondays 8pm at the Church       | Bell Ringing                          |
| 4th Tuesday of the month        | Gardening Club                        |
| 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of month | Home Study Group                      |
| 3rd Wednesday of the month      | Ladies Luncheon Club                  |
| Thursdays 9.15                  | Jolly Tots Playgroup, Church          |
| Thursdays 11.15                 | Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall |
| Thursdays 6.30                  | Brownies, Sunday School Rooms         |
| Thursday Eves                   | Bridge Club 9 Main Street             |
| 3rd Thursday                    | Gentlemen's Lunch Club                |



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#### July

5th	Margaret Bloor & Sue Clarke	245078/242000
12th	Mary & Wes Raynor	243042
19th	Lesley Cook/Chris A & Gay Redstone	242214/242432/ Lei2351625
26th	Casey Pearson & Jenny Cole	249259



#### August

2nd	Amanda Sculthorpe & Vicky Lightfoot	242445/07779123952
9th	Jo & Claire Costello	249613
16th	Carolyn Turner & Charlotte Jackson	249173
23rd	Janet & David Brunton	242662
30th	Sue Pritchard & Teresa Calvert	243119/482802

#### September

6th	Margaret Bloor & Sue Clarke	245078/242000
13th	Iris & Peter Sayer	243822
20th	Bev Griffiths & Sue Dobby	01509 890264/245366
27th	Sue Birkett & Jan Dempsey	Lei2700073/244317

### **An opportunity for everyone to catch up on Village news and activities and to meet your fellow neighbours**

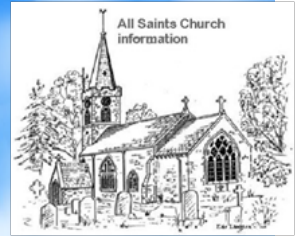
Rota Volunteers - If you are struggling with putting the Tables and Chairs out for your duty the following have offered to help if around just give them a call

Roger Leech	0116 3480192	Wes Raynor	243042
Joe Costello	249613	Arthur Harrison	0116 2213845
Alan Birkett	244317		



# All Saints Church Summer Garden Party

in aid of the Church interior decoration.



## 25th August 2018

### 2 - 5pm

**Venue:** The home of Pam and McMorran  
76 Main Street Newtown Linford.

Everyone welcome

Please come along and support your village community.

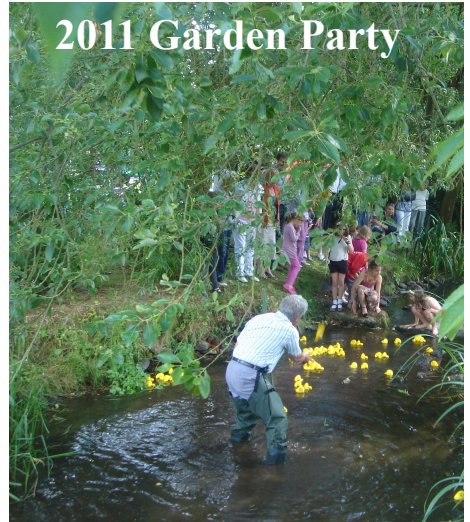
£3 Adult and 75p per child Admittance fee.

This will include cake and a drink

Please see Parish Council website and NHW Facebook and Gmail for full information.



SUMMER FETE!!!



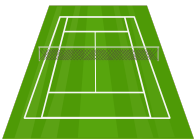
## **Newtown Linford Tennis Club are**

### **INTRODUCING NEW COACH - PAUL NICHOLLS**

Welcome to Paul who is new to the world of coaching but has played at a high level as a junior player so has thousands of hours on court! He played with Andy Murray and others to win the European Cup and many more Trophies.

He has come to the club very enthusiastically and has already started a varied coaching programme covering Juniors of all ages including tots, adults and teams on a Saturday and Thursday.

Paul would like to let all parents know that he will be running some Tennis Summer Camps for all ages of kids as follows



**Monday 16th July - Wednesday 18th July**

**Monday 23rd July - Wednesday 25th July**

**Monday 30th July - Wednesday 1st August**

If you are interested or required further information please contact him direct on **07824 664935** or email [8paul-nicholls@gmail.com](mailto:8paul-nicholls@gmail.com) to book a place

All members can see his full programme on the club web site





## Scarecrow Festival Weekend 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September

**SAVE THE DATE**



Please make a note in your diaries. The Village Scarecrow Festival Weekend is on 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

We would love for you to get involved.

Please start to get your ideas at the ready. It would be great to have a record number of entries. There will not be a theme to give you all as much chance as possible to participate and extra points for originality. We would greatly appreciate your support to make this event a success.

This year the overall scarecrow winner, as voted by our judges, will have the chance to win £100 to give to a charity of their choice. There will also be prizes for category winners.

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## From the Park

Having checked last year's article for this month, I was writing it on the Saturday evening of the Wildlife Weekend. This year I am writing it on the Friday before the event, so I am actually 24 hours ahead of myself – not that the Editor will believe me!



Wildlife Weekend is one of my personal favourites out of all the events that we hold. The Trust's second charitable purpose is "to advance the education of the public in the appreciation and care of the environment" and this event hits that particular nail squarely on the head.

As it is July, you would expect me to say something about bracken. This year, we started control measures early by cutting some areas in June, having carefully surveyed them to ensure there was no wildlife – in particular ground-nesting birds – that might be harmed. The reason for this early start is twofold: firstly, research shows that cutting or rolling bracken in June and then repeating treatment in July and August has the maximum effect in terms of control and secondly, we hope that staggering the times at which different areas are cut, rolled or chemically treated will maximise the opportunities for plants to flower and so ensure that a steady food supply is available for insects and birds throughout the summer.

On Friday/Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> July we are staging our first outdoor cinema events as part of the Summer Nights Film Festival. Tickets sold out weeks ago so we are hoping for some seasonal weather. Parking for this event will be on the Deer Meadow and cars will enter via Hallgates so the impact on the village should be minimal.

These arrangements also apply for the Bradgate Proms on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August, which is a good job considering the size of the picnics that some people bring, not to mention the multiple umbrellas, coats and jumpers worn and carried by experienced Proms-goers. Tickets for the Proms are still available and can be purchased at the Visitor Centre or shop or via our website which, now that we can handle our own tickets sales with our new site, no longer involves paying a booking fee.

The day after the Proms is the Folk Picnic, which this year features a number of nationally-known names from the folk scene. We are again providing additional parking for this event on the field between Hallgates car park and the reservoir and from next year, following a change of tenancy arrangements, we will be able to provide this extra overflow parking on a regular basis. (cont on pg 13).



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On the subject of parking (possibly even more of a regular subject than bracken), we have stepped up enforcement of Pay & Display charges in our car parks, including using contractor Spring Parking on a 3-month trial basis. We are also upgrading our Pay & Display machines to require partial registration number entry, which will help us to clamp down on the problem of ticket-passing.

The Trust is aware that a view is forming locally that the issue of on-street parking is a consequence of the Trust's move to a single 'All Day' parking tariff in 2015. This view concludes that, if a cheaper short-stay tariff were introduced, those visitors who currently park on the roadside would instead park in the car parks, thus alleviating the problem. The Trust refutes this view, which it feels does not reflect the complex nature of a problem that has developed over many years as the local population has expanded and Bradgate Park has become more popular with both local people and visitors from further afield. In simple terms, people park on the street rather than in the car parks because they can: the problem will only be solved by the introduction of appropriate parking restrictions in the areas where on-street parking is a problem, together with their subsequent enforcement. Furthermore, the introduction of a cheaper parking tariff will lead to additional demand for parking, thus exacerbating the problems experienced by local residents.

What is also required is better promotion of the low-cost short-stay alternatives that are available in the local area, such as Beacon Hill Country Park (Leicestershire County Council) and The Outwoods (Charnwood Borough Council) and the Trust is ready to work with those bodies to promote their sites as part of the wider visitor offer.

We have secured some funding to carry out a range of exciting work in Swithland Wood – more details in a future column.

Our Explore Bradgate schools' sessions, which we developed with the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and launched earlier this year, are proving to be extremely popular. The HLF have also funded the continuation of our Education & Lifelong Learning Officer post for a further two years, after which time we hope it will have become self-funding. Thanks to this Lottery funding, our volunteers now have their own all-terrain vehicle to enable them to get around and transport tools and materials to tasks across the Estate.

One last date for your diaries: our Living History Weekend will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> September. The theme this year is "Meet the Ancestors" and, in addition to the Sealed Knot soldiers of Lord Grey's Regiment, there will

be re-enactors and activities from various different periods of the Park's history.

In the meantime, in the hope that the good weather will continue for the summer holidays, I look forward to seeing you on the Park.

**Peter Tyldesley**



### **Village Ramblers**

Nine of us walked from Copt Oak past the Church, stopping briefly to read some interesting gravestones. We crossed Whitcroft's Lane towards Ulverscroft Nature Reserve and Poultney Woods. We were surprised that there were still a lot of orchids on show in the fields and on the paths. On the way back we stood for a while admiring the view towards the west.

The next walk is on Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> and will be led by Glenis Meredith. Meet as usual opposite the Village Hall at 2pm.

11th August Peter and Iris Sayer

Unless otherwise notified, all walks depart from opposite the Village Hall at 2.00pm. New members are always welcome. All you need is a pair of walking boots and the ability to walk 4/5 miles. Well behaved dogs are also welcome but must be under the supervision of the owner and be on



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## Newtown Linford Brownies

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They took us around the Fire Station, telling us what every room was used for. Then came the best bit, we got to use the fire hose!! It was so powerful I nearly fell backwards!! We had great fun.

Ruby Hawkins  
aged 9







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Ash into the garden finder**

## **David Snartt Reports. Good Neighbour Scheme.**

I attended a meeting in the Newtown Linford Village Hall, organised by the Rector of All Saints, Richard Trethewey about introducing a Good Neighbour Scheme within the Parish. Locally there are successful schemes operating in nearby Thurcaston Cropston

Parish and Woodhouse Parish. Richard had asked Keith Pyne to talk at the meeting about how the scheme operates in Thurcaston and Cropston. Keith was able to give an enthusiastic demonstration about the benefits of having such a scheme, outlining the way it operates within the Parish and how it is making a difference to many people in need of help.



A Good Neighbour Scheme is based on a coordinated network of local volunteers who provide an informal help and support service to those in need within the community. This may include the elderly, disabled, single parents, or those temporarily in need through illness, injury or bereavement. The aim is to give volunteers a chance to help their neighbours enjoy a better quality of life by making sure that essential help and support is easily accessible to the whole community.

Although there was general agreement at the meeting that a scheme within the Newtown Linford Parish would be beneficial to residents in need, the meeting was unable to take it forward on the night because there needs to be a commitment from a small group of people to form a committee to progress this further.

If anyone would like to get involved and is passionate about helping people in need or would like more information about the scheme, I am sure Richard Trethewey would be pleased to hear from you. I believe some residents already volunteer to help residents we know are in need but, in my view, this scheme would make sure all residents would know that help was available by local volunteers.



## **Bob Bown Playing Field**

This improved facility was opened in 2008 following sterling work by the Parish Council in obtaining grants and planning and supervising the work. Previous to this the Village had had few facilities for young children, a fact highlighted by consultations for the Village Design Statement produced in 2003. Since it opened it has been enjoyed by the children of residents and visitors alike. The Parish Council has maintained its operation, both financially and ensuring its safe operation and replacement of ageing equipment. Currently the playground is inspected by experts quarterly (with a very detailed inspection of the equipment annually) and two qualified Parish Councillors inspect the field on a weekly basis. Any interim problems are brought to our attention by the users. This arrangement has generally worked well for a number of years.

However during the past year we have been experiencing problems (and complaints) with unwanted items either being left within the playing facilities (lumps of wood, smashed drainpipes etc) or actually attached to the equipment, including a metal frame (provenance unknown), a section of fencing (complete with protruding rusty nails) and sections of nylon rope. Despite previous pleas on our village facebook page, and in the Magazine, these problems still continue.

Obviously these items can present a danger, particularly to young children, and we cannot let this situation continue. We simply do not have the volunteer resources to perform daily inspections (and dispose of such rubbish) and paid daily inspections would be very expensive.

As the problem has been particularly acute with one item of play equipment (the 'overhead rotator' designed for older children) we have taken the decision to dismantle this for the time being. As, and when, we receive assurances and evidence that this abuse of the equipment will not reoccur we will reinstate it. If, however, after reinstatement the problems arise again then this structure will then be permanently removed. It is indeed a shame that the actions of a few may have restricted the use of the playground for others but, as the legally responsible agency, the Parish Council has had to take this action.

We are sure Parishioners appreciate our concern for the wellbeing of those using the playground and look forward to it being left in the safe state of use which does not compromise the safety of the children using it.

**Sue Pritchard (Chairman -Newtown Linford Parish Council)**

# BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES July 2018

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
1st July		
5th Sunday after Trinity	10.15am Worship as One (PH)	10.30am Holy Communion
	6.30pm Holy Communion (RT)	
8th July		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
6th Sunday after Trinity	10.15am Holy Communion (RT)	10.30am Morning Prayer (JW)
	6.30pm Compline (RT)	
15th July	8.30am Holy Communion (PH)	
7th Sunday after Trinity	10.15am Service of the World (BH)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	4.00pm Messy Church	
22nd July		8.00am Holy Communion (FT)
8th Sunday after Trinity	10.15am Holy Communion (FT)	10.30am All Age Service (GS)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (FT)	
29th July	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
9th Sunday after Trinity	10.15am Service of the World (GS)	10.30am Morning Prayer (RT)
		5.00pm Group Evening Prayer (RT/SA)

## MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—July 2018

<b>GLENFIELD</b>	Wed	10.45am	4th	11th	18th	25th
<b>NEWTOWN LINFORD</b>	Thur	10.30am	5th			

# BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES August 2018

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
5th August	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
10th Sunday after Trinity	10.15am Worship as One (RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Evensong (GS)	
12th August		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
11th Sunday after Trinity	10.15am Holy Communion (RT/SA)	10.30am Morning Prayer (JW)
	6.30pm Compline (RT)	
19th August	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
12th Sunday after Trinity	10.15am Service of the World (BH)	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)
	4.00pm Messy Church	
26th August		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
13th Sunday after Trinity	10.15am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am All Age Service (RT)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (RT)	

## MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—August 2018

<b>GLENFIELD</b>	Wed	10.45a m	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
<b>NEWTOWN LINFORD</b>	Thur	10.30a m	2nd				





## CHURCH REGISTER, NEWTOWN LINFORD



Weddings  
*None*

Baptisms  
*None*

Funerals  
*none*



**HELP** Hello to all residents - Sometime ago I offered to host a fete, the last one we had being in 2011. It is my contribution to raising money for the very badly needed decoration in the Church. As I often say, not many people attend Church except for a Wedding or more likely funeral. On those occasions the people attending notice the poor state of the Church! I am hoping you can assist or attend the event. This would assist me in planning. Can you do anything to help, especially on the day :- making cake; serving teas; manning a stall such as plants, book; face painting or manning some games I am borrowing from another village. As before I shall borrow the Anstey ducks to race on the river which runs through the garden.

The loan of gazebos would be appreciated.

Other ideas are welcome.

**Many thanks Pam**

### **Church Contact Details**

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

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#### **Church Wardens:**

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Calke Abbey is not that far away but I wonder how many people have seen the gardens. Celia Sanger, a volunteer speaker, showed us how the gardens have developed over the years and how much work has gone into restoring them to their former glory. It seems that nothing was ever thrown away over the years and so they now have a collection of artefacts which were used in the past but are no longer in service. We had a most entertaining evening.



July is the month of our Summer Garden Party, when Mike Newcombe, our Chairman, welcomes us to his lovely two-acre garden and we enjoy a two course buffet supper with a copious amount of Pimms to accompany it. The raffle is a sight to behold with some 70 prizes won in around ten minutes.

Our celebrity evening is again in October and our special guest is the writer and broadcaster Bunny Guinness. Although best known now for her broadcasts on the radio, and especially Gardeners' Question Time, she first made her reputation as a garden designer and has won six gold medals at Chelsea for her gardens. The date is 23<sup>rd</sup> October and tickets are £12, obtainable from the Secretary. More than 100 have already been issued and we will be delighted to welcome any non-members who would like to join us on that occasion.

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](mailto: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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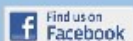
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## Margaret Clifford 1924 - 2018

Margaret and Les Clifford moved to Grey Crescent, Newtown Linford in 1975. They always wanted to live in this part of Leicestershire and they managed this when Les moved with the Gas Board from Northampton. Both Margaret and Les were members of Lingdale Golf Club where they made lots of friends. They enjoyed watching Cricket in the Village, attending the Social Club and walking in the Park with children,



then grandchildren. Margaret joined Glenfield Bowls Club with Maud Burnham who also lived on Grey Crescent. She enjoyed taking part in the Pageant held on Bradgate Park many years ago.

After Les died in 2002 Margaret relied more on family and friends. She always loved Newtown and managed to stay living on Grey

Crescent until near her death at the age of 93. Her daughters would like to thank all the neighbours who have helped her over many years.

## Marilyn and Elaine

Editors note - one of my families' favourite memories of Margaret involved us both being 2/3rd's of our cat's 3 households! At Christmas one year - we presented Digger the cat with a collar to find the next day it was missing. What was even stranger was the following day it had appeared on our front door step when we arrived home. Waiting on the answer phone however was the answer - Margaret had rang up - Digger had removed his collar within the day and it was in Margaret's garden. She got one of her daughters to drop it off and as we weren't in - it was left on the door step. Her message explained this but ended with a throaty chuckle and the words "Naughty Boy". After that whenever the cat did something - it became our catchword "Naughty Boy"

## **From the Records**

Back in January 1986, there was an article in the Leicester Mercury where the Head Ranger at Bradgate Park near Anstey had issued a safety plea to visitors after a deer was found savaged to death by a dog. The one year old fallow deer was chased by a dog near the Newtown Linford end of the park. Visitors witnessed the chase and alerted the park keepers but when they found the deer it was dead.

Mr Michael Harrison ranger and land agent for the Bradgate Park Trust said “people should not bring dogs into the park unless they are under strict control or on a lead.

It would be unfortunate if we had to move to a situation in which dogs were on a lead all the time.

Mr Harrison explained that under present by-laws “strict control” meant that a dog should either walk to heel or run just a few yards ahead and should return on command. If a dog was out of control and chasing deer, the park keepers would shoot it.

### **Increase**

Incidents involving deer being savaged to death by dogs were rare, but there was also a danger to pregnant deer being chased, he said. He could not put a figure on the number of such incidents but said there had been a slight increase because more people were using the park. Last year there were more than one million visitors

Mr Harrison added that the death of the fallow deer was being investigated by himself and the police.

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Life has not changed much - now the Park have areas where dogs must be kept on a lead and problems continue because of dogs chasing deer. Bradgate Park want to make it a rule that pet owners can be fined if their dogs are not on leads all year round. Dog owners visiting now between 1st April, or Good Friday and April 31 April must keep their pets on leads in the lower portion of the Park. The move was introduced in 2016 to try to stop dogs chasing the herd of deer who live in the Park following a series of attacks. The existing Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) authorises rangers to issue £100 fines to the owners of dogs running loose, but in the winter months Park staff simply ask owners to keep their animals on a lead rather than fining them. The Bradgate Park Trust says most owners have been complying with the rule but say having the order in place all year would avoid confusion.





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## Boules

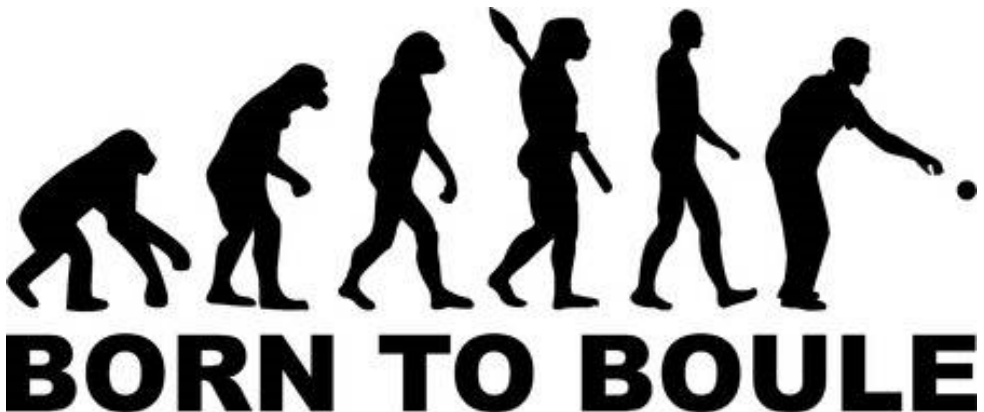
Our boules evenings have been in existence for around 30 years. It may seem odd that I call it our Sixteenth Season and even I was at a loss to understand it. At our last match on 12th June my mind was put at rest. Apparently the Village boules had lapsed for many years but when on holiday in 2002 Barry Cook, Brian Anderson, Des Bates and David Snartt decided to resurrect the Club with such enthusiasm that it is still going strong 16 years later.



What a summer. Another lovely warm evening as a happy group of 12 players pitted their skill against one another. The highlight of the evening, apart from the food, is playing for the Chell Cup. In spite of saying "I've been playing rubbish" Colin Bushell came good beating Michael Upstone in the final end. So congratulations to Colin and as you can see he was also delighted.

Our next boules evening is on Tuesday 10th July, meet at the Village Hall at 6.20pm. New members welcome.

Dick Howard





## Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



### Here is the latest Police report:-

There has been an increase this month in burglaries across the beat:

Two were in Quorn where outbuildings have been forced. One seemed to have been forced using some kind of cutting machine; there was an arrest made for both these but unfortunately there was insufficient evidence to charge.



There have been four Burglaries to dwellings:

- 1 in Rothley – smashed rear patio and vehicle stolen.
- 1 Quorn – front door left unlocked, vehicle stolen along with electrical items.
- 1 Cropston – forced lock to integral garage
- 1 in Quorn - A distraction burglary where the suspect had posed as someone wanting to check the victim's water meter and subsequently stole a handbag.

**PLEASE** can I ask you to remind residents to be vigilant regarding Bogus Callers. **DO NOT** let anyone in the house unless a prior appointment has been made or security details are checked. **IF UNSURE, DO NOT ALLOW IN.** Also use door chains and or spy holes to ascertain who is calling.

Last month our Village had no incidents save for a couple to cars in the Bradgate car park.

I was pleased to be able to deliver two new village Welcome Packs this month. One again, please remember to let me know if you have a new neighbour or are delivering the Magazine to a new resident.

The Parish Council continues to find the best way forward with regard to VAS signs. Solar power systems seem to be the favourite at the moment.

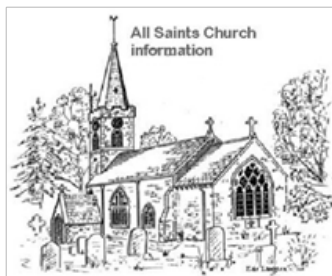
Whilst writing I would like to tell you about the following for your diaries. **Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> August.** Maurice and I are once again going to host a Summer Fete for All Saints Church. It is about eight years since the last







two. They were more for the Community Spirit than fund raising but this time the Church badly needs some money to decorate the inside of the Church. Whilst the vast majority of residents do not regularly visit Church I am sure that they are grateful for it to look good when attending weddings and funerals even the occasional baptism or baby naming. All sorts of help with baking, raffle, chasing the ducks in the river etc. will be much appreciated.



Thanks goes to all residents who actively join in the NHW closed Facebook pages. I am regularly thanked for this facility. If you want to start a new post, please send it to me or the Parish Council Chair Dr. Sue Pritchard for insertion. Do not add to a different topic because when that is deleted your words will go as well. You will have noticed that after a while topics are deleted either because the date mentioned has gone by or I can see all members have read and had a chance to comment.

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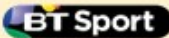
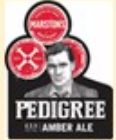
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The Parish Councillors congratulated County Deborah Taylor on her two new appointments. These are Cabinet Lead Member for Communities, Wellbeing and Safety at Charnwood Borough Council and Cabinet Support member for Children and Families Service at Leicestershire County Council. She said she would be standing down from all the Committees she had been on to concentrate on these two important roles.

Leicestershire County Council has removed the recycling operation from Charnwood B.C. and will be using their own contractors. More information regarding educating the residents in how to recycle will be issued soon.

A new campaign has been launched by LCC to tackle fly tipping. Posters are already out in the public domain stressing the level of fines to deter offenders. For further information see [www.lesswaste.org.uk/flytipping](http://www.lesswaste.org.uk/flytipping).

The new parking restrictions for Bradgate Road are now in operation and it is thought that in the absence of complaints from residents that these could be working. The Councillors believe the traffic is running more smoothly. The consultation for Grey Crescent ended on the 15<sup>th</sup> June.

**Village School** – Headteacher Chris Chorlton has shown the Councillors the plans drawn up to construct a small hall for assembly and sport together with much needed additional cloakrooms and first aid room. It will also provide a Fire Escape. Assuming planning permission is granted the work which should take four months will be carried out in October. The plans indicate that there will be very little difference to the face of the building and plans are drawn up to safeguard the children whilst the work is carried out. The Councillors believe these to be well thought out plans and it should improve the facilities at the school immensely. She confirmed that she has already received the grant money and is raring to go. Mrs. Chorlton will be exclusively Head of Newtown Linford next year having ended being Head of Seagrave, her second school. There are no plans to increase the number of children which is currently 105, one third of whom are village residents. Mrs. Chorlton also said she had staggered the school commencing times to alleviate the parking problems.

Whilst the school improvement is good news for them it is slightly less

good news for the Village Hall Committee as the school currently provides 15% of their income. Thus, the Hall will require more support from residents both attending events and being a member of the Committee. The Chair, Toby Manning has pointed out that the average age of the Committee is growing every year.

**Bradgate Park Trust** – The Trust has kindly provided a temporary fence round the carved stag. They will now install a permanent fence to their design at no cost to the Council very soon. The Council much appreciates this offer.

The Chair of the Parish Council has expressed the concerns made by some residents over the large advertising slogans being installed three months before an event on the Main Street and the other two entrances to the park. The Director of the Trust, Peter Tydesley has explained that this event does not sell itself and as a commercial organization they require this amount of time in order to sell the tickets.

Concerns over coaches bringing school children to the Park and not using the car park were voiced. Sometimes these sit for several hours on the roadside.

Next meetings

10th July 7.15 Small Room, Village Hall

13th August 7.15 Small Room, Village Hall

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