

# Newtown Linford Magazine

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# The Bradgate

Group Parish



June starts with Volunteers' Week (1-7 June). Though this is an annual event, this year it seems particularly worth marking. We have seen huge amounts of unpaid help being offered within the community over the last year. Whether that's the organised voluntary hours given by vaccination centre helpers, or the unofficial shopping done on behalf of a house-bound neighbour, and everything in between, it has been one of the few positives in a hugely difficult time.

I want to celebrate and thank all those who have given to their communities and neighbours. All of you deserve our gratitude, all have been part of a wave of great benefit across our nation. Thank you!

It's one of my jobs year by year within our Church Community to publicly thank a few people at our Annual Meeting. If I thanked everyone individually for all they'd done, I wouldn't be thanked by those present as they'd have missed their bedtime. By the time you read this I will have made the difficult choice of who to single out for attention this year. Partly the problem is weighing contributions. How do you compare someone who has counted collections week by week with someone who has cleared an overgrown area of the churchyard? That's a problem we have as a society, something else we've realised, I think, over the past year. How do we properly appreciate and value the contributions made by people who easily get overlooked? We clapped – rightly so – for carers and NHS staff. I also wanted to give a little clap for the delivery drivers who meant I didn't starve or get bored.

The apostle Paul didn't bother trying to work out a pecking order of contributions. In one of his letters to Corinth he pointed out that all roles involved using the gifts which God had given to each person. There were no unimportant jobs, or voluntary efforts, because there are no bigger or smaller gifts. All are given, all are needed, because everyone has a unique contribution to make. That's what God asks of us, no more, no less, to make the most of the gifts he gives us for the benefit of others.

Thank you, again.

**Richard Trethewey**  
**Rector of St Peter's Glenfield and All Saints' Newtown Linford**  
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## Coffee & Cake News June 2021

**We have a Plan** - Fingers crossed, we will be out of lock down on 21<sup>st</sup> June. We hope to hold the first meeting outdoors on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 11am at Gable Cottage, 32 Main Street. All you need to do is bring a picnic chair and wish for good weather! Please however check at our zoom meetings

Anyone who is prepared to help with baking etc please let me know. Thank you to those who have already offered help. If you have never come to Coffee & Cake before please join us, it is a great opportunity to see other villagers for the first time in a year

I will be in touch with the Village Hall Committee up to then as to when we can be back indoors for our meetings, but of course they will be guided by the latest COVID Rules.

If anyone would like to help by going on the duty rota we would be thrilled to have you on board. You can go on with 2 other friends or join another group and get to know other villagers. Duties come around every 18 weeks and you can swap weeks if you are away. Please call Carol Ann on 01530 243433

Until then, we continue with the **regular weekly Coffee & Cake Zoom meeting taking place every Thursday at 11am**. It is worth coming on board for if you have the right equipment. If you are interested contact Joe Costello on 01530 249613. He is brilliant at calmly talking you through how to set yourself up

**The Fish & Chip Van** will be here again on the second Saturday of the month. Ring Matt on 0745 6877011 to place your order prior to the van coming to the village. Please call Carolyn Turner on 01530 249173 if you need any further info and if you need your order delivering, as we can deliver to the elderly. Matt and his mobile fish and chip van was named one of the best in the country. It was judged on 40 different factors but the main focus of course is on the food! It was named as one of the top 10 in the Fry Awards 2021. Judging looked at the flakiness of the fish, crispness of the chips, crunch of the batter but also Covid safe practices and customer service. **Carol Ann Sugden & Carolyn Turner**

# SAVE THE DATE

**JUNE 2022**

**A major village event over 2 days to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee**



**Village Ball - 4th June 2022  
Celebrity Evening**

**Outdoor Cinema planned for October 2021**

**More details to follow**

**Information from David Snartt.**

**Mayor of Charnwood.**

My year as Mayor of Charnwood finished on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. This has been a most challenging year to be Mayor, not being able to complete the normal number of engagements as in previous years due to the pandemic. That said, I have been able to see the excellent work volunteers have carried out within communities, especially helping the most vulnerable. Charnwood Borough Council, along with partners at John Storer House, has handed out thousands of food parcels to the most needy across the Borough. I visited to mark the occasion when the 10,000th parcel was being delivered. Currently, I understand, they have now doubled that amount of parcels delivered.

The biggest change was chairing all the Full Council Meetings virtually by Zoom. They seemed to go all right, but for me, I did miss the face to face contact when all Councillors meet at the Council Chamber.

It has been such a difficult year for Charities, with all the Covid-19 restrictions, making it impossible to have fund raising events for the Mayor's two Charities, LOROS and Admiral Nurses. I am pleased I have been able to raise some much needed funds through kind donations throughout the Mayoral year. May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed, for their generous support to these two great local Charities.

**Charnwood Businesses Restart Grants.**

Restart grants are now available for businesses. Around £4.5 million has

been paid to nearly 600 businesses in Charnwood by the Borough Council under the Covid-19 Restart Grant Scheme, but more companies are being urged to come forward.

The Restart Grant Scheme supports businesses that offer in-person services, have a business rates account and have been forced to close under Covid-19 restrictions. Examples of these types of businesses include pubs, cafes and restaurants, hair salons and venues.

Unlike some other grants where the Council has been able to make automatic payments to local companies, the Restart Grant requires all companies to fill in an application form. Restart Grants range from £2,667 to £18,000 depending on several factors. More information is available on the Council website, visit [www.charnwood.gov.uk/restart\\_grants](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/restart_grants).

### **Indoor Group Exercise to Return.**

Residents in Charnwood have been able to get back to indoor group exercise since Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Charnwood Borough Council and its leisure partner Fusion Lifestyle are pleased that in line with the Government roadmap, indoor group exercise has returned to all three of the Council's leisure centres. The restarting of indoor group exercise at South Charnwood, Soar Valley and Loughborough leisure centres means that residents in Charnwood can enjoy Zumba, Yoga, Pilates, Body pump, Indoor cycle and all the other favourite fitness fixes. Outdoor group exercise classes at Soar Valley will continue too, for those who have been enjoying exercising in the fresh air.

All Centres will be open daily, but please refer to individual Centre's websites for opening hours. Booking can be made up to 7 days in advance, via download of the Fusion Lifestyle App, or visit [www.fusion-lifestyle.com](http://www.fusion-lifestyle.com) to register and use the online booking facility.

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## **A New Parish Wildlife Website**

Newtown Linford Parish now has its own feature pages on the Leicestershire and Rutland NatureSpot website. If you haven't visited the NatureSpot website yet, you are missing out on what has rapidly become the most popular resource for identifying local wildlife. NatureSpot provides a photographic guide to over 7,000 species – all found in Leicestershire and Rutland. In addition, the website invites the public to submit sightings of all wildlife seen – helping to build a picture of what lives where in the two counties.

The website is feature-packed, including pages that highlight the wildlife of parishes. Newtown Linford Parish is one of these featured parishes. Here you can see a list of all the recent wildlife sightings plus images submitted with these records.

NatureSpot was set up in 2011 and is run by volunteers. All the images have been taken in Leicestershire and Rutland by the public and it is a great example of citizen science in action. Every species has its own page, with photos, descriptions, ID tips and where and when to see it. It also describes how common or rare it is, both in Leicestershire and in the UK as a whole, with live maps showing every sighting. As you add a sighting, a new dot appears on the map. It also keeps track of all your submitted records, allowing you to sort, filter and download any aspect of your list.

Thousands of local people have contributed, with numbers growing every month, and even more visit the website to view what's been seen and to use the wildlife galleries help identify species they've seen. Monthly visits exceed 100,000 per month. The data collected is put to good use and is shared with local and national recording schemes, as well as managers of nature reserves and other sites of wildlife importance. The data helps to inform decision-making about how best to manage land for conservation.

Anyone can submit a wildlife record and the website makes this really easy. Common species are just as important to record as rare species in order to monitor changes in population and distribution over time. Gardens are one of the best places to start your wildlife recording, as well as local parks and open spaces. What visits your bird feeders? Do you see butterflies in the garden? Do you have a pond with frogs? Register with the website and start to record straight away. The form even has a map that you simply click to fill in the grid reference. You can attach a photo to your record if you have one, but this isn't a requirement. Photos are,

however, a great way to provide evidence of your sightings and can also be emailed to NatureSpot for identification help if you are not sure.

Occasionally species turn up that have not been recorded on NatureSpot before and these are then added to the library and given a new species page. Indeed there have been a significant number of new species seen that are completely new to Leicestershire. So how many more species are there to be found? The truth is that no-one knows and in any case the picture changes all the time with some species expanding their range and others declining. Some of the most commonly recorded species are Little Egrets, Red Kites and Harlequin Ladybirds that would have been very rare sightings just 10 years ago.

The website also has pages highlighting many of the county's nature reserves, country parks and other significant 'wild places'. There is a NatureChat forum to exchange views with other visitors, and a new 'Explore' feature – an interactive map where you can see a map of your own records or those for a species or a locality that you choose. If you have an interest in wildlife you will enjoy NatureSpot – and why not make your own contribution to science and conservation by submitting records of your own wildlife sightings?

To visit the Newtown Linford Parish page, look for the parish menu links on the home page ([www.naturespot.org.uk](http://www.naturespot.org.uk)).

### **Mayor of Charnwood praises Rotary initiative.**

I was pleased to invite the Mayor of Charnwood, David Snartt, accompanied by the Mayoress, Joan, to meet the members of the Home Starter Box team and take an active part in helping us pack some boxes. This was one of the few opportunities that David had to make a personal visit during his year as Mayor, before finishing a few days later on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Starter Boxes are a joint initiative between the Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs of Loughborough to provide a range of household necessities for homeless individuals, or families, who are provided with accommodation by such agencies as Charnwood Borough Council's Housing team, Living Without Abuse, Exaireo, Falcon Centre, The Bridge and Women's Aid. These people have nothing with which to start their new lives so a box containing, crockery, cutlery, pots and pans, mugs, kettle, tools, towels etc is very welcome.

David said "I am most grateful for the opportunity to see the contribution the boxes provide at the time when the items they contain are most

needed. It must come as a welcome relief to the recipients to receive these everyday items at the most stressful time of their life. It will help to establish them in their new surroundings and I am pleased to hear of the success of the project over the past three years. I wish to congratulate the dedicated band of volunteers, this project is a great asset to local people in need.”

Each box costs about £100 to fill with all new items purchased locally. Such is the demand within the Borough of Charnwood that 175 have been distributed over the last three years at a rate of just over one per week. There is no sign of the demand decreasing. The team also operates Starter Box extras distributing second hand bedding, curtains, toys and small electrical items. Last week we packed 10 boxes and within 24 hours 5 had been distributed to a new home.

If you would like to know more, to be involved, or donate, contact me or one of your local Loughborough Rotary or Inner Wheel Clubs.

**Dick Howard 1530 245373**



## Village Archive:

### The Mystery of Polly Bott's Lane (off Ulverscroft Lane)

*In the Archive can be found alternative theories about the origin of this lane's name – I wonder which one is correct?*

*Theory number one was published in the Leicester Advertiser in July 1956, based on information supplied at the time by a Mr Tom Crooks who lived on the lane, and is as follows:*



At around the time of the Crimean war 1853-1856 the only inhabitants on the Lane were a family by the name of Bott and they lived in what was then a small cottage. They were employed as keepers on the Bradgate Estate. The lane itself was just a grass track and only after it was improved was it called Bott's Lane. Eventually the Crooks family moved into the cottage with their disabled daughter. Polly loved to sit at the gate and she became well known to passers by. Over time the name Polly was coupled with the other name of the lane and it became Polly Bott's Lane.

*Theory number 2 was based on information supplied by the late Sir Robert Martin, and was published in the Leicester Mercury in January 1963. This is as follows:*

It was named after a Polly Bott who moved into the cottage in 1838, renting it from a Rev Emerson, and later it became part of the Estate. The little cottage then became a shooting lodge, often used by Victorian nobility. King Edward V11 was among the sportsmen who stayed there. Later on the cottage became part of a farm called Polly Bott's Farm which is still there today. The official name was Lea Lane but was referred to by locals as Polly Bott's Lane.

*If you have another theory then I'd be very interested to hear about it!*

**Missing Workbook:** I have been asked by a family in the village to try and track down an historic workbook dating back to 1838 which belonged to William Rudkin (builder). The book was borrowed from Dairy Farm on Main St. If anyone knows its whereabouts please give me a ring, 01530 243822 or email me at [sayeriris@gmail.com](mailto:sayeriris@gmail.com).

**Iris Sayer**

## **Village Archive (continued from the May Edition) with apologies from the Editor who missed a page!**

### **Ecclesiastical Court of the Peculiar of Groby.**

The Court was attended by the clergy and churchwardens from all the parishes included in the Peculiar and when the proceedings in the Church were over the approbator, who was the legal officer of the Court, went to the Church door and made proclamation as follows: -'Oyez, Oyez. This is to give notice that this Court is adjourned to the Horns Tavern in this place and so stands adjourned'. A procession was then formed and went up the street of Newtown to the Horns Tavern at the top end where they had dinner. Lord Stamford always sent them a pike out of the pool and a fat buck from the Park so they must have had a very good meal.

I am very glad that you take an interest in these things for I think it is a great pity for local history to be forgotten”

The letter is signed by M A Martin, The Brand at Woodhouse Eaves

#### *Footnote:*

These Courts were held until 1858 and after research I found that occasionally some clergy held their own courts, usually as residual heir of a pre-reformation abbey that had reserved the rights to deal with the local community in matters spiritual. However these rights came about, these local exceptions, usually independent of the local court of the Archdeacon, were known as Peculiar Courts.



Lenthill Farm on Main St previously The Horns Tavern

**Iris Sayer**

# Newtown Linford Village Cricket Competition,

sponsored by The Access Group.

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Back for its 5<sup>th</sup> year, the ever-popular cricket competition for residents of Newtown will take place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August at the ground on Main Street.



The bar will be open all day, food will be available and there will be a carnival of entertainingly sub-standard cricket to enjoy (with a few honourable exceptions).

The four teams taking part are the

- Linford Lions,**
- Bradgate Braves,**
- Newtown Knights**
- Grey Grizzlies.**

Having failed miserably in previous years, last year's winners were the Grey Grizzlies, led by novice captain Jay Hall. The fact that previous captain Jonathan Alcock was unavailable was, we're sure, coincidental to their improvement in form.

If you are interested in joining a team everyone is welcome (unless you are really good!). We'd love to have more female players this year too. Just text Scott or me on the numbers below for details. Spectators will be very welcome and you can be assured that the bar will follow all Covid guidelines which will be in place at that time. We hope to have some fun activities for younger children



. Last years winning captain Jason Hall

too.

All funds raised on the day will help with new facilities at the Club so we are very grateful to the overall sponsor The Access Group for their continued support as well as all of the team sponsors who will be announced shortly.

**Paddy Mulvihill (07850 327654) and Scott Raynor (07535 365887)**







## Newtown Linford Brownies

On Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> May the brownies went to the Church to make a bug hotel.

Though before we did the bug hotel, we did a quiz where we had to go all over the Church to find different things. We had to find things like the cockerel on the tower or the fingerdials in different places. After we had at least done a few questions we started to do the bug hotel.

First 3 sixes Gnomes, Elves and Imps collected materials to make our hotel whilst the Sprites my six made bamboo bunches. After everyone had done what they were meant to we started putting twigs and logs in order of length and thickness and made bundles. Next, we started layering our bundles and soon after we had finished them. Now all that we had to do was finish off our roof. All of a sudden, it was done. We had finished our bug hotel was done. (In my opinion because it was so colossal I think it was a bug mansion.)

Every week we have fun at brownies but for now, Goodbye.

**Stephanie V.D.K J**

We would like to say a big thank you to Brownie parents Ian & Bonnie Graham and Adam Cato, for their knowledge and help in making the bug hotels in the church yard such good fun.

**Brown Owl and Snowy Owl.**



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	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
	4.30pm Evening Prayer	
13th June  <b>Second Sunday of Trinity</b>		9.00am Morning Prayer
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
	4.30pm Holy Communion	
20th June  <b>Third Sunday of Trinity</b>		9.00am Holy Communion
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
	4.30pm Evening Prayer	
27th June  <b>Fourth Sunday of Trinity</b>		9.00am Morning Prayer
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
	4.30pm Holy Communion	

**Please check the church website for confirmation of times of services and any other changes that may happen. At time of going to press, changes may be made.**



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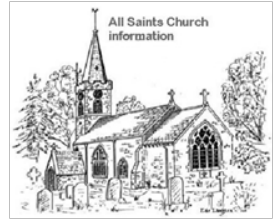
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**Regular Events** - Bell ringer's practice: Monday 8pm (cancelled)

**Website:** [www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk)



## **Online Services**

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsnewtownlinford/live>

<https://www.facebook.com/stpetersglenfield/live>

## **Support groups**

We have just started one of these for new and expectant mums. This is fortnightly at 10.30am on Friday mornings in the Church Centre in Glenfield, but mums are welcome from both parishes, and those from Newtown Linford have been attending. Facilitated by Jane Quarmby and Ruth Trethewey.



## **Recipes from Jean Robertson's cookery book.**

As we have a few spare pages this month and no recipe from the coffee and cake group - I am going to share recipes given to me by my neighbour in Scotland over 30 years ago. Jean was a great cook and her daughter persuaded her to write down all the recipes she used in her own handwriting and all her family (and us her adopted English one) were given a red folder with photocopied recipes written in Jean's own handwriting which I still use to this day. Many are a product of Jean's time 1910 - 1995 but hope you enjoy them.

### **Lentil Soup**

3/4 lb boiling beef and bone  
2 sliced carrots  
8oz sliced turnip  
1 large chopped onion  
1 cup chopped leeks  
1 1/2 cups lentils  
4-5 pints of water  
Salt and pepper to taste

Wash the large bits of vegetables  
Boil everything together steadily 1 1/2 to 2 hrs. Add extra water if it gets too thick.

Very easy tasty soup.

### **Scotch Broth**

3/4 lb boiling beef  
8oz diced carrots  
8oz diced turnip  
2 diced onions  
1 cup chopped leeks  
6 pints of water  
1 teacup broth mix cereal

Boil meat, chopped vegetables and cereal mix in pints of water. Boil steady for 2 hours at least. Add a little chopped parsley before serving.

A very nice tasty winter soup.

*(or 4oz pearl barley and 4 oz dried peas (soaked 4hrs and drained)*

Cup chopped cabbage (editors note can use kale)

Salt and pepper to taste

### **Leek, milk and potato soup**

Boil potatoes in the usual way but add 1 1/2 cups chopped leeks. Strain the potatoes when ready, retaining as much of the leeks as possible. Add about 2oz butter or margarine and mash thoroughly. Add enough milk to make a thickish nourishing soup and so easy to make.

"I used to make this during the war, when meat was so scarce and rationed. Its still a favourite".

## Lettuce soup

1 oz margarine or butter  
2 -3 large onions chopped  
1 lettuce  
3/4 pint chicken stock  
3/4 pint milk  
Salt and pepper

Melt margarine/butter in pan and add onions until soft. Add chicken stock seasoning and shredded lettuce. Simmer for 15 minutes. Cool slightly and blend in a liquidiser until smooth. Return to the pan and add milk and reheat gently!

This is a Shetland recipe and is a nice light soup for a starter

## Tea Fruit Loaf

1 cup cold tea  
4 oz margarine  
1 cup granulated sugar  
1 cup sultanas  
1 cup currants



Bring to the boil in a pan

2 cups Self raising flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
2 eggs

Take the ingredients off the heat that you have bring to the boil and stir in 2 beaten eggs, flour and baking powder. Mix well and bake in a loaf tin well greased and lined.

Bake 1 - 1 1/2 hours at 170° C

This is a super and easy recipe and tastes lovely for afternoon tea, sliced (and buttered) . **Carole Heubeck, Editor**

## NEWTOWN LINFORD BOULES

TUESDAY 22<sup>th</sup> JUNE, TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY  
TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Meet outside the Village Hall at 6.20pm (September 6pm). All matches to be played at The Blue Bell Inn, Hoby, phone number 01664 434247.

In the event of rain the skittle alley (not May) has been booked for us.

**CONTACT. DICK HOWARD 01530 245373**

Please confirm on the previous day (Monday) if you are attending so that I can book your meal.

## Newtown Linford Tennis Club

Congratulations to NLTC deputy Chair, Carol Ann who was awarded the Lawn Tennis Association County Winner in Volunteer of the Year category.

Lovely to see Carol Ann getting some well deserved recognition for all of her incredible work (not just for Tennis but for all she does in the village!



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## Newtown Linford Biodiversity Group

### Kiss-Me-On-The-Mountain - or the Story Of Himalayan Balsam

Kiss-Me-On-The-Mountain, Jumping Jack, Policeman's Helmet, Bobby Tops and Gnome's Hatstand are all common names for Himalayan Balsam. (*Impatiens glandulifera* to give it its Latin name). And as you may guess from that Latin name, it is a relative of that much loved bedding plant, the Busy Lizzie.

It was introduced to Britain from the Himalayas in 1839 and was much

admired as an annual garden plant for display in the greenhouse. However, it soon escaped from gardens and is now widely naturalised along river banks and ditches, to the extent that it is recognised as a major invasive species. You may have noticed it growing by the bridge at the bottom of Markfield Lane or alongside the footpath that runs from Main Street to Ulverscroft Lane. Under Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act it is an offence to plant or otherwise cause to grow Himalayan Balsam in the wild.



### **How to Recognise Himalayan Balsam**

Himalayan Balsam is our largest annual plant, rapidly growing from seed each year and can reach 2.5 metres tall. It has sweet smelling purply pink flowers from July through to October and explosive seed pods which can project seed a distance of up to 4 metres. The seeds can also drop into running water and be carried downstream, enabling it to spread quickly, smothering other native vegetation and altering the ecological balance of wetland habitats.

Although the flowers produce a lot of pollen over a prolonged period and are attractive to pollinating insects, its presence may result in decreased pollination of other native plants.

### **What we can do to prevent its spread?**

Himalayan Balsam is shallow rooted so can easily be pulled out. It can be eradicated in 2 to 3 years if it is dealt with before it sets seed and preferably before it flowers. The plants should then be carefully composted or burnt if there is any danger of seeds being present. Alternatively, it can be trimmed off but this has to be repeated often enough to prevent it flowering.

The Biodiversity Group is hoping to set up a working party with the aim of removing Himalayan Balsam within the Parish. If you'd like to get involved with pulling up Himalayan Balsam, please contact Sue Dobby on 01530 245366 and leave your name and contact details.

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# Newtown Linford Biodiversity Group

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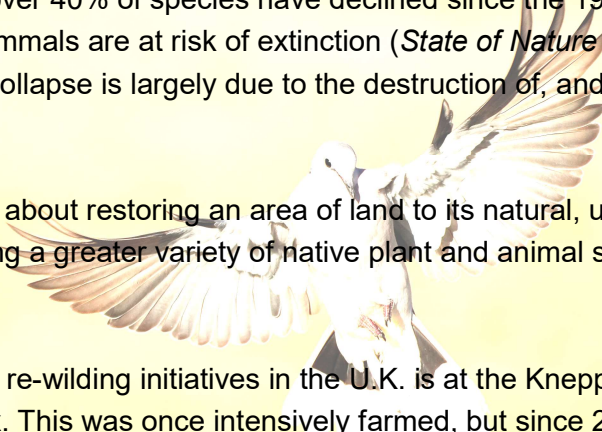


(*Rewilding Britain* <http://www.rewildingbritain.co.uk>)

Nature is in serious trouble.

In the U.K., over 40% of species have declined since the 1970s and 25% of British mammals are at risk of extinction (*State of Nature Report, 2019*). This collapse is largely due to the destruction of, and disturbance to, habitats.

Re-wilding is about restoring an area of land to its natural, uncultivated state, enabling a greater variety of native plant and animal species to thrive.



One of many re-wilding initiatives in the U.K. is at the Knepp estate in West Sussex. This was once intensively farmed, but since 2001 has been devoted to a pioneering re-wilding project. The result is that uncommon, sometimes rare, species, including turtle doves, nightingales, peregrine falcons and purple emperor butterflies, are now breeding there. Populations of more common species are rocketing too.

At a local, community, level re-wilding can involve letting the natural vegetation in selected areas (e.g.. on roadside verges; in parks and gardens) ‘do its own thing’ over the growing season. With some areas not cleared and cut so frequently, native plants and animals are able to flourish.

**Claire Costello, (cecostello25@gmail.com)**



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



PCSO Mitch Jarvis reports there was one vehicle crime recorded in Newtown Linford during April, whereby a van was stolen.

Sergeant Steve Kilsby has written the following update from across the Charnwood area:

### **Your local police team update**

“Just a message to share some of the good work the team have been up to over recent weeks and months and to re-iterate that you have very approachable and dedicated officers in your villages. My contact email is at the end of this message as well – so you can get in touch that way if preferred.

PC 1370 Liam Bourne, PCSO 6051 Tom Vaughan, PCSO 6532 Katrina Hallmark, PCSO Shaheen Abdullah and PCSO Martin Dravien are the dedicated officers for Rothley, Mountsorrel, Woodhouse, Woodhouse Eaves, and Quorn areas (also known as “Charnwood West” beats).

PC Greg Moore and PCSO Mitch Jarvis are the dedicated beat officers for Anstey, Cropston, Thurcaston, Newtown Linford and Bradgate Park areas. The team and I are supported by the 24/7 response officers based at Loughborough.

Our main role is to work with the villages on tackling local issues – whether that be anti-social behaviour, speeding, local crime trends or anything else which affects residents. We work closely with the Parish and Borough Councils to solve problems and try and make life better for people in the area. One of the key things for me, is that we are approachable and **VISIBLE** to the community.

I know sometimes we may not be seen “all the time” but the team are focused and on hand to tackle problems. This will involve local investigations, talking to residents, dealing with people in custody and so on. We have a variety of work, which also includes safeguarding people and making sure we take a joined up approach to problem solving.

The team have held regular beat meetings in public locations across the villages and beyond and have continued to drive down anti-social behaviour and crime. Some of you may have had the chance to speak with us at such events.

In addition, PCSO Vaughan is our dedicated rural crime officer and has

recently undergone a nationally recognised course on Wildlife Crime – with a main focus on:-

- Conduct pro-active, high visibility patrols around the rural areas of Charnwood.
- Utilise response officers to patrol and conduct stop checks on vehicles in and around the rural areas at night and in the early hours of the morning.
- Provide crime prevention advice around rural crime.
- Work with partner agencies to arrange tool/plant marking

There is a dedicated email address:

[Charnwoodruralwatch@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Charnwoodruralwatch@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)

I can also confirm to you all that crime in the villages is very low in comparison to other areas and that regular patrols take place in all locations (even if you may not always see us - the team are out and about!) Crime levels are low across the villages and sometimes, the “fear” of crime is a lot worse than the reality. I think this is likely to do with impact on social media and word of mouth, particularly during the COVID situation but things are looking up.

Some of the recent activity includes;

PC Greg Moore, PCSO Mitch Jarvis and PCSO Martin Dravien have worked hard on the issues in and around Bradgate Park and Newtown Linford with the concerns raised on traffic management, COVID (trading re social distancing at local outlets) and ASB reports. I know that there has been some local concern raised by the village in Newtown Linford but the Council and our partners have worked hard on a solution to ease the parking problems there at the weekends. The COVID concerns are also in hand working alongside the Borough Council.

There was a recent spate of burglary offences in Anstey. These were from sheds and garages on the Cropston Road and Pollards Rd area (1am and 4am Tues 30th March) – This was over a short period of time and Charnwood CID have been investigating some of these reports. Please quote reference 21\*175781 if you have any information to share.

For more information on how to protect your home, please visit

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Always call 999 if you witness a crime in progress.

PCSO Katrina Hallmark has been patrolling Quorn, Mountsorrel and Woodhouse Eaves dealing with concerns raised around anti-social behaviour. Trina has also been working closely with the local schools

(Rawlins) and the School Liaison officer to deliver educational talks to children around a variety of issues.

PC Liam Bourne has been instrumental in delivering some of this important crime prevention work to students and has also worked hard on resolving some long standing anti-social behaviour in some areas across the villages. The incremental approach has been used (working alongside the Council ASB and Youth Teams) to prevent and divert young people away from crime and poor lifestyle choices.

PCSO Shaheen Abdullah has also returned to the team after a recovering from COVID. He has worked at Charnwood for many years and has strong links with some of the community and faith groups. Shaheen has been out and about again patrolling, which is a real asset to my team.

I have also been liaising with the Parish Councillors and partners around various issues and concerns as and when they crop up and last month I had additional officers working across the borough on Operation Wildfire – “you say, we do” listening to local concerns and dealing with them. Cllr Leigh Harper-Davies (Mountsorrel) also joined me on patrol recently where we attended a number of incidents and I was able to show a real insight into the variety of work we undertake (even a few emergency response calls on blues and twos!)

In the meantime - please do follow us on social media where you will see updates around our patrols and activity.

Twitter: @Charnwoodpolice

Facebook: Charnwood Police.

If anyone wishes to discuss any issues or concerns with the team, please do not hesitate to contact me and we will do all we can to deal with the matter promptly. I thank you all for your support and the team and I look forward to working with you all to deal with any issues in your villages. When the COVID restrictions come to an end we will be able to do much more with local events and engagement but I welcome any feedback and issues to me directly.

Email: [steven.kilsby@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:steven.kilsby@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)

Best wishes to you all

Steve Kilsby, Police Sergeant 1724

Dedicated Neighbourhood Team Supervisor

Wishing you all a safe and crime free month ahead.

Keep 'em peeled., Best wishes, **Hannah Shaw**

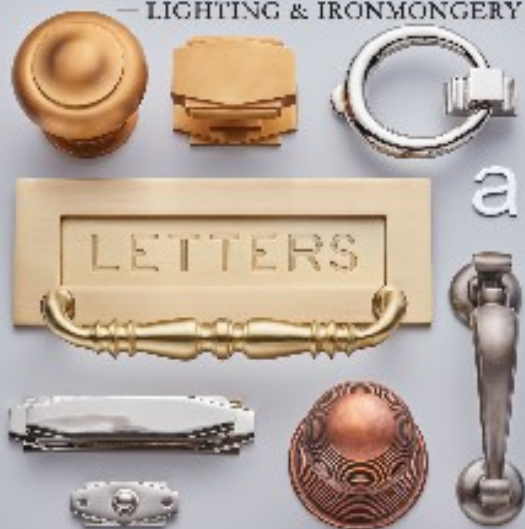
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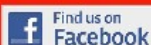


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Greetings,

We are now well into May but temperatures over the last week have remained low and I know many residents have commented they have not yet switched their heating off. Brrrr! Hopefully, by the time this edition of the Village Magazine reaches letterboxes, warmer weather will be with us and Summer not too far away.

May is the month we hold the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Both Meetings were held this year on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021, and as it stands, is the last time the Parish Council can meet virtually, as The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, came to an end on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021. From this date, Parish Councillors will need to return to face-to-face meetings in the Village Hall.

As Government restrictions are still in force and further easing is expected from 21<sup>st</sup> June, the Parish Council will rely on a Scheme of Delegation to the Clerk (that's me) in consultation with the Chairman, for any emergency decisions that are required until we are (hopefully) able to meet again on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Further Parish Council meeting dates are Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July and Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, all dates are to be held at the Village Hall and are subject to the Government roadmap.

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting, Councillor Sue Pritchard was re-elected as Chairman and following Councillor Sue Greasley's decision to step down as Vice-Chairman, congratulations go to Councillor Tim Porte who was elected as Sue's replacement for 2021/2022 as Vice-Chairman. Sue G remains a Parish Councillor and we thank her for her commitment to the role of Vice-Chairman over the last five years.

Usually, this time of year, we'd be looking forward to the installation of our Summer floral display of hanging baskets and flower tower at the Village Hall.

Unfortunately, due to new requirements regarding additional structural testing of the lighting columns to which the hanging baskets are attached, the costs this would incur and the necessary licensing, this arrangement has now become unviable for the Parish Council to support.

Obviously, we are very disappointed by this news and are now looking to residents for your help in brightening up the village with your own Summer floral displays.

We would, therefore, like to invite you to get your gardening gloves on and your trowels out and participate in Newtown Linford in Bloom 2021! You don't need to be a gardening expert to take part as small tubs, hanging baskets, window boxes or floral displays in front gardens would be welcomed.

Anyone wishing to add a splash of colour to their gardens/homes for display throughout the Summer, are asked to email an image of your entry to [clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk](mailto:clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk) by 31/08/21. Anonymised entries will be judged by Gardening Club Chairman, Mike Newcombe and the winner will receive a £20 National Garden Gift Voucher.

If this year's Newtown Linford in Bloom Competition is a success and there is enough interest, we will look to extend this idea in future years. There will be no theme other than bright, cheery and colourful! We look forward to seeing your floral displays in bloom and thank you in anticipation of your ongoing community spirit.

Chairman, Sue Pritchard, will continue to plant and care for the Village troughs and this year's colour scheme will be red, white and blue.

In other news, Newtown Linford Parish Council, in liaison with the Village Hall Committee, has applied to Charnwood Borough Council to nominate the Village Hall under the right to bid for Assets of Community Value (ACV).

Parish Councils or local community groups can nominate both privately and publicly owned assets which meet the definition of community value. What does this mean? Well, if an asset is listed and then comes up for sale, the right will give the community six months to fundraise and put together a bid to buy it. It does not give us the right to buy it though

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but should the owner ever decide to sell the Village Hall at some time in the future, six months would allow us time to get our thinking caps on!

Parish Councillors and Village Hall Committee members feel the Village Hall is an integral part of community life, hosting many of our village groups and as a meeting place for residents through events such as Coffee and Cake and should remain in the care of the community should it ever go up for sale.

Further details of The right to bid for ACVs can be viewed at <https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/communityrighttobid>

On with more news....

### **Bob Bown Memorial Field**

In support of Newtown Linford Biodiversity Group, a wildflower area has been sectioned off to the far right corner of the Bob Bown Memorial Field and is marked by a blue heart.

You will see more blue hearts popping up across the Parish and which belong to a larger national campaign called the 'BLUE' Heart Campaign, dedicated to re-wilding areas, including roadside verges, for wildlife. The area at Bob Bown will be left to grow throughout the Spring and Summer and will not be cut until nearer the end of our grass cutting schedule, around late September time. By allowing flora and fauna to flourish, this will provide nectar for pollinators and food and cover for many other species.

The Newtown Linford Biodiversity Group will carry out a survey for wildlife there sometime during the Summer. Watch out for further updates from the NLB Group!

Where else in the Parish have you seen blue hearts displayed?

### **Cemetery and Churchyard**

Works to trees at the Cemetery and Churchyard will take place in the not too distant future following our Duty of Care Tree Inspections. As

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previously reported, some trees will need to be felled due to safety concerns, in particular the three Sycamore trees at the Churchyard which would otherwise impede the rebuilding of the collapsed stone wall. Faculty applications have now been submitted to the Church of England and we await permission for works to commence.

I am currently looking into whether we require a replacement exit gate at the Cemetery. We are aware it is quite difficult to open at the moment and hope to have this resolved as soon as possible, either by having interim works carried out to make opening the gate easier or by replacing the whole gate and one post. We have not budgeted for a new gate this year and as this would come at quite a cost, we are exploring the possibility of a temporary fix that would hopefully extend the current gate's lifespan by another couple of years or so. I'll update you all once I have further news.

Stay well, stay safe. Best wishes,  
**Hannah Shaw,**  
**Parish Council Clerk**  
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