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Last month I celebrated my 49th birthday. That's getting dangerous close to one of the big ones, I realise.

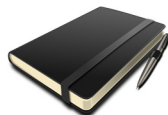
Looking back it's remarkable how few of the many that preceded it have been particularly memorable: on my 40th I forgot to serve the birthday cake my then girlfriend had made for the occasion; on my 41st I proposed to her to make up for it (OK, that was fairly memorable!). On my 22nd I was in the middle of finals; on my 21st a (sober!) friend fell out of the boat we were rowing down the river and had to go home soaking wet. On my 30th I went out for a curry; on my 19th I was working in a hotel kitchen and helped cook a curry. And that's about it – I don't really remember very much about most of the others. Even my 18th I vaguely remember involved the obligatory trip to a pub but I can't remember whether we then went bowling or not. Was that the night I made my top score (169, I think I've beaten it since and was disappointed that I'd superseded my birthday effort)? Is the pub trip to blame for my dodgy memory?

Anyway, it did get me thinking about the next one. A bit of a landmark I guess, if 40 marks the 'half-way point' (hopefully), 50 feels like it's the one where you really need to begin to think about the second half seriously. To genuinely answer the question, if you've managed to avoid it up till now, what is life really all about? And what do I want to have achieved/how do I want to be remembered when I'm gone?

Which is all quite serious stuff, when you've still got cards on the mantelpiece and wrapping paper in the recycle bin. But you've got to answer those questions at some point. I find the answer in Jesus – his example, his teaching, his help, his promise. Whatever your age, perhaps now is a good time to think about your answers? Try Alpha: <https://alpha.org.uk/try-alpha>

Richard Trethewey
Rector of St Peter's, Glenfield and All Saints' Newtown Linford
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VILLAGE DIARY



June

9th/10th A Night at the Oscars
11th Tennis Charity Day
13th Boules
14th Parish Council Meeting
27th Gardening Club visit to Cossington
28th Wildlife Walk

July

2nd Village Cricket Competition
18th Boules
19th Parish Council Meeting
25th Gardening Club Summer Party

Regular events

Mondays

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

4th Tuesday of the month

Gardening Club

4th Wednesday of the month

Gentleman's Club Bradgate PH

Wednesdays

10.30 and 6.30 Bodyblast Classes The Linford
10am Art Club in Church
Quiz nights at The Linford 8pm start

Thursdays

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

Fridays

9:30 Jolly Tots, The Church
AM: Fruit and Veg stall at Cooks Farm Shop

Saturday

2nd Saturday of each month - Village Ramblers

Booking of Village Hall

To book the Village Hall

Contact

Hannah Shaw, Parish Council Clerk

COFFEE & CAKE ROTA May to June 2023

June

- 1st Joe & Claire Costello with Bakers help 249613
8th Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Sue Birkett 07713 457414: 242000:
244317
15th Bev Griffiths, Sue Dobby, Jennette, Lalita 01509
890264: 245366: 07930 955990: 07718 701614
22nd Judy Rowe, Felicity Manning, Marilyn Upstone
243989: 245298: 242715



On the Lawn – Marilyn and Michael Upstones

- 29th Glennis M, Mary Clarke, John Castle, Carolyn T 242897: 0116
3190211: 249173

July

- 6th Maria Simms, Vicki Kerr & Friend 07974 085434: 07904 123603
13th Lesley Cook, Chris A, Ann Scrine 245208: 242432: 481928
20th Carol Ann, Jackie Brewin 243433: 243439

On the Lawn – Carol Ann's 32 Main Street

- 27th Bev Griffiths, Sue Dobby, Jennette, Lalita 01509 890264: 245366:
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ON THE LAWN

We are back outside over the summer for 4 visits, one a month, by kind invitation of some of our villagers. A nice change of scene. If the weather is poor the gathering will be in the Village Hall.

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

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

Rota Volunteers - If you are struggling with putting the tables and chairs out for your duty Joe Costello 249613 has offered to help if around and will ask someone else to help him as well.. **Carol Ann**

Tennis Club

The New Season is here at last! Why not come and join our friendly, inclusive, sociable Club.

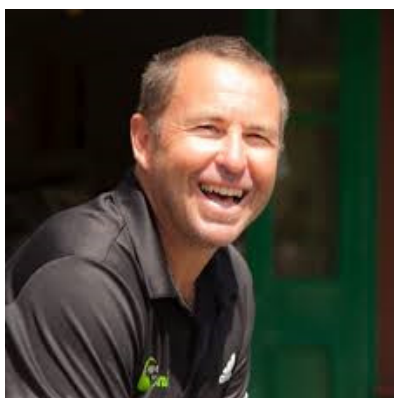
For information about joining go online to 'Newtown Linford Tennis Club Clubspark' or call 01530 243433.

Lessons for all abilities.

Newtown Linford Tennis Club Tennis Charity Day with Danny Sapford - Sunday 11th June

The Club are excited to announce a Charity Day run by Danny Sapford, an Ex GB Davis Cup Tennis player who played with Tim Henman and Gregg Rudeski as Britain's No 3

Since finishing his professional tennis career, Danny has set up the charity disability programme 'Bright Ideas for Tennis' introducing free sessions into clubs of all sizes. Newtown Linford Tennis Club has been lucky enough to have been involved in starting sessions for local Anstey School Wolfdale after half term.



Sunday 11th - Danny and an ex top player will be coming to Newtown Linford Tennis Club for the whole day, running coaching sessions for all ages. If there are any spaces and you are not a member but would like to take part please **call 01530 243433 to book**. It is a fantastic opportunity to have a group lesson with a top player. All the proceeds will go to the Disability group to help fund the school disability sessions going forward.

The day will finish with an exhibition match between Danny and friend v 2 players from the club.

There will be refreshments available including a pay bar, homemade cake and pizza to purchase.

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Newtown Linford Village Cricket Competition 2023

On Sunday 2nd July from 11.30 through to 6pm come along to the cricket ground to see the 7th annual Village Cricket Competition featuring a host of neighbours and friends from Newtown. Always a popular event with both players and spectators, we are set for another treat this year with thanks to our main sponsors The Access Group. As well as a carnival of barely talented cricketers doing their very best to entertain us, the bar will be open and serving ale from Anstey Brewery. Food will be available and there will be children's play activities thanks to Jelson Homes.

If you'd like to join the current champs the Bradgate Braves, or the Newtown Knights, Linford Lions or Grey Grizzlies then give Scott or Paddy a call on the numbers below. Or if you'd just like to watch then do make a date in your diary.

See you there!

Paddy Mulvihill (07850 327654) & Scott Raynor (07535 365887)

Bank Cottage, 90 Main St, Newtown Linford, LE6 0AF

This garden will be open as part of the National Garden Charity Scheme. Last year many people 'hired' the garden for £3 per head (which overlooks a farmer's field and has the River Lin running through it) for eg birthday celebrations and garden parties.

Jan provides and sets up table, chairs, crockery, cutlery etc and you just bring your own food and drink and stay as long as

you wish or just bring a sandwich and relax by the river.

Come and have fun at Jan's open garden by arrangement ALL SEASON. Sit by the river, play cards, board games , play boules, order refreshments or arrange a private garden party etc

Contact Jan
01530 244865

Email: gardening91@icloud.com

07429159910



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

The RHS have introduced a new award designed to be presented to people in the local community whose contributions to horticulture are particularly outstanding and we were delighted to present one to our long-term member Brian Anderson.

Brian was a founder-member of Newtown Linford Gardening Club back in 2002 and has served on the Committee all that time, including a spell as its Chairman. His horticultural knowledge has benefitted Newtown Linford for over 60 years, and he has helped many villagers with their gardens during that time. He is currently tree warden for the village.

He is one of the most well-known people in our village and it is most fitting that his service to our community has been recognised. In the picture he is receiving his certificate from our chairman Mike Newcombe.

The visit from Jim Buttress, formerly Superintendent of many of the Royal Parks and Gardens, attracted a large audience, including several visitors from other local gardening clubs. He spoke without notes or pictures on the screen for an hour, entralling us with stories of his time in gardening, starting with his earliest inspirations and through his time training at Wisley. There he was involved in creating a garden at Chelsea and was thrilled to spend time talking to Princess Alexandra, who, clearly, preferred to talk to the people who did the work rather than the bosses lined up in their suits.

He did not gossip about the Royal Family but said how friendly they were when he met them walking around the gardens and how interested the Queen was in the plants. There were also interesting moments involving corgis!





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

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Newtown Linford Biodiversity Group

Wildlife Walk Lea Meadows Wednesday 28th June 4.30pm

Meet at Lea Meadows Nature Reserve, off Ulverscroft Lane. If you'd like a lift to the Reserve, please contact our walk leader, Toby Manning: Tel. 01530 245298 or email: ptm@tobymanning.co.uk

Himalayan Balsam-pulling

This summer, we'll again be pulling up Himalayan Balsam in and around the village, and we welcome people of all ages to join us. Himalayan Balsam is an invasive non-native plant which is extremely fast-growing. It thrives in damp habitats, such as river banks and ditches, and spreads rapidly, at the expense of other, native, flowers. It's very easy to identify, and also



to pull up. Last summer we noticed that in areas we'd worked on the year before, there were far fewer plants, showing that pulling them up can be effective. It makes for a fun family activity too!

Watch out for the dates of HB-pulling sessions in next month's Magazine.

For more information, contact Sue Dobby on tel. 01530 245 366.

Claire Costello

Email: nlbiodiversity@gmail.com

How to contact the Police

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

They will then assess the situation and deal with the situation as they see fit. This may involve a vehicle from another area. If you wish, also advise our NHW coordinator who will circulate if appropriate.

An alternative way is to go online to report an incident

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

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



THE FRIENDS OF CHARNWOOD FOREST



Tuesday 8th August. Marilyn Upstone is leading a walk through the National Forest and part of the Ashby Canal at Moira, near Ashby-de-La-Zouch at 2pm. This will begin at Moira Furnace (parking available) with a description of this early nineteenth century iron furnace, now a Scheduled Ancient Monument, which was worked for a short time by Francis Rawdon-Hastings, Earl of Moira, to augment his depleted income. This was also where the mineral spring was discovered which became the basis for the spa at Ashby-de-La-Zouch. There will be an opportunity for anyone not doing the walk to visit the Furnace Museum (admission £3). There is a cafe and toilets nearby.

The Festival of Archaeology is running for the whole of July in Leicestershire, with some very interesting walks and talks. Information can be found on the website of the Leicestershire Fieldworkers, <http://leicsfieldworkers.org>. Some of these have to be booked in advance, so have a look soon!

Marilyn Upstone

Gill Bates

Our family would like to thank the Village for their turnout at Gillians' funeral recently. It was truly amazing the amount of people who were there. I was told that there were over 200 people in attendance. We would like to thank all the people who made a donation either online or in the collection box in the Church and this money (over £1,700 including gift aid) will be sent to LOROS shortly by the Funeral Director.

We would also like to thank Rev. Richard Trethewey for allowing us to use All Saints Church for the Service. We may have left Newtown Linford now, but our 40 years spent there (1971-2011) were amongst the happiest times of our lives.

Many Thanks again

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Village Archive: The childhood of Lady Jane Grey

We have all just enjoyed the extraordinary spectacle of a modern day Coronation. How different it was in 1550, as related by Mr Waldron in his 1919 lecture on the childhood of Lady Jane Grey:

“Bradgate is particularly celebrated as being the birthplace and residence of this talented and virtuous lady. That her parents were severe even beyond the custom of the times seems clear. Roger Ascham thus speaks of her: On arriving at Bradgate (1550) he found Lady Jane alone, the rest of the party being engaged in hunting. She was reading Greek, a child of 13, which she explained by stating that “whatsoever I do else but learning is full of grief, trouble, fear and whole misliking unto me. When I am in the presence, either of father or mother, whether I speak, keep silence, sit, stand, or go, eat, drink, be merry or sad, be sewing, playing, dancing, or doing anything else, I must do it, as it were, in such weight, measure and number, even so perfectly, as God made the world, or else I am so sharply taunted, so cruelly threatened, yea, presently, sometimes, with pinches, nips, and bobs, and other ways (which I will not name for the honour I bear them), so without measure, misordered, that I think myself in hell”.

Allowing for the compassion that most felt for one so young and unfortunate, we may gather from contemporary accounts, that she was sweet in mind and body, and for the age and the time in which she lived, a paragon of learning. She had the innocence of childhood, the beauty of youth, the solidity of the middle, the gravity of old age, the birth of a princess, the learning of a clerk, the life of a saint, and the death of a malefactor for her parents offences.

Had the Duke of Northumberland, whose son was Lady Jane's husband, not been so greatly disliked throughout the country, possibly her fate would have not have been so cruel.

She even refused to accept the Crown and decided to remain as she had hitherto lived. Overcome at last by the persuasions, rather than the reasonings of her relatives, she submitted, and was then proclaimed Queen, contrary to the general voice of the nation, who perceived that she would become nothing more than a tool in the hands of her father-in-law, who would in reality be the reigning king, and who was by no means a favourite with the people. She wore the Crown for a brief space of 10 days, when finding the nation against her, she willingly returned to a private life with far greater pleasure than she accepted the Crown.

Mary was then immediately proclaimed Queen. Northumberland was put under arrest and executed. Lady Jane Grey, with her husband, and several of their supporters, were at the same time thrown into the Tower.

The first commands of Queen Mary showed that she had no disposition to deal harshly with either Lady Jane or her father. Her imprisonment was made less vigorous and she was allowed to walk in the garden on Tower Hill. When the Spanish Ambassador urged that both Lady Jane and her husband must not be spared, Mary replied, that justice forbade that an innocent girl should suffer for the crimes of others.

Eventually, of course, Mary was persuaded otherwise.

The Streatham portrait, discovered at the beginning of the 21st century is believed to be based on a lost contemporaneous portrait.

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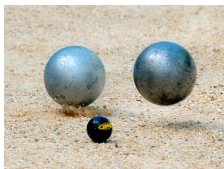
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Tuesday 18th July

Tuesday 15th August

Tuesday 12th September

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**Ann 07925 919 618 or
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ANNOUNCING NEWTOWN LINFORD SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2023

Date: September 23/24th Weekend Theme: Music

We are looking to put together a small village team to assist with aspects of organising this event. Last year was such a great success and everyone had a great time. This year, we can be even better!



We would like to host a Newtown Linford Raffle to benefit any participating Village organisation or charity. If your Club wishes to benefit from this, you must have a representative come to a meeting (date TBD) and take the lead for your Club.

At this initial stage we are also looking for SPONSORS to print raffle tickets & also for Scarecrow prizes.

Entry forms for Scarecrow will be in future editions of the Magazine and we do ask that all entries are submitted by 18th September to allow time for programme printing.

For any information, please do not hesitate to contact me, Jacqui Marsh on 07876 897256 or email Forestfitstudio@gmail.com and put SCARECROW 2023 in the subject line.

Newtown Linford Ramblers

May's short walk in Swithland Woods was a combination of mud and beautiful blue-bells.

Nine of us plus Archie the dog had a very enjoyable time followed by tea and cakes at Lesley's.



SUNDAY SERVICES June2023



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
4 June Trinity Sunday	8.30am Holy Communion	
	9.30am Breakfast Church	10am Holy Communion <i>John Woolmer</i>
11 June First Sunday after Trinity	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>John Woolmer</i>
	6pm Evening Prayer	
18 June Second Sunday after Trinity	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion <i>Matthew Gough</i>
25 June Third Sunday after Trinity	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>Luke Dobson</i>
	4pm Crumpet Church	

Most 10am services at Newtown Linford are live-streamed on our Facebook page for all those who are unable to be present physically.

You can find these at:

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

Midweek Holy Communion

Newtown Linford These services have been cancelled for the time being

Glenfield 10.30am, Wednesdays 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th June

CHURCH REGISTERS

WEDDINGS

None



BAPTISMS

23 April - Jack Greasley



We welcome them in to the Church Family

FUNERALS

24 April - Margaret Elias

27 April - Benjamin Taylor



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends, and pray that they may find peace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Online Services

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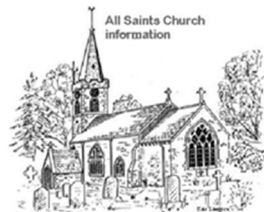
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Information from David Snartt

Charnwood Borough Election.

I thought there may be interest in the result for the Forest Bradgate Ward in the Borough Election on 4th May 2023. This Ward covers the villages of Woodhouse, Woodhouse Eaves, Ulverscroft and Newtown Linford. Sue Monroe 203 votes, Josephine Razzell 126 votes, David Snartt 695 votes. The turnout was 41.31%.

Charnwood Borough Council has 52 Councillors across 24 Wards, all seats were up for election. Following the count, the political make-up of the Council is as follows: Conservative 23, Labour 20, Greens 8, Independent 1.

All the results from the local election can be found on the Charnwood Borough Council's website at www.charnwood.gov.uk/elections23

I am grateful to all the Forest Bradgate residents who went to vote, the turnout was one of the highest for this election. I am also delighted to be elected again to represent the residents of this Council Ward. I will continue to do all I can to protect the unique identity of our villages and help residents with individual issues.

Coronation of King Charles III.

It was so good to see the village come together to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on Sunday 7th May. As a member of the Committee, ably led by Dick Howard, I must thank Malcolm Brewin for the loan of his field. Without this generous offer this event would not have happened. My thanks also to all Committee Members for their hard



work in making this event a great success.

The highlight for me was seeing the children and young people enjoying the day, especially the games. These were organised by Charlotte and Carolyn, supported by the ladies of the Committee, Ann, Fiona and Lesley. I am sure the children and young people will remember the day for years to come.

This was followed by the usual very competitive street tug of war, which has also been a tradition for many years. Congratulations to Main Street for their fine win. I believe it was all down to their secret weapon, Chloe! I have only one regret. I apologise to the people with dogs I turned away. This was agreed by the Committee, but in hindsight not communicated very well.

Charnwood Lifeline.

Charnwood Lifeline enables people to summon help at the press of a pendant, twenty-four hours a day 365 days per year. Pressing a pendant

connects the person through to a Lifeline operator and over the phone they can assess whether to call a family member or friend to help the customer or, if it's serious, the emergency services.

It is ideal for anyone, possibly elderly, frail or disabled who needs extra support to maintain independence at home. Lifeline is for anyone who wants to feel safe and secure knowing that help can be raised immediately. When Charnwood Lifeline gets a call from a new customer, they discuss the available options, send out an information pack which includes the sign-up paperwork for completion.

Currently a basic Lifeline package costs £56.16p per quarter, and there is a one-time installation cost of £15. All the equipment is hired, and the basic package includes the supply and fitting of Lifeline, a key safe for emergency access and the services of an on-call warden who can be called upon to check the customers welfare if the next of kin or emergency contacts are not available.

More information about Lifeline can be found by visiting the website at www.charnwood.gov.uk/lifeline.

Hanging Basket Competition.

People living in Charnwood Borough are invited to take part in a competition to find the best hanging basket to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. Residents across the Borough are invited to get creative and plant-up a hanging basket to celebrate the Coronation.

The prizes up for grabs are: first prize, an annual family membership for the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS): Second and third prizes - £50 National Garden Gift Voucher.

People can be creative and may choose to plant their hanging basket with flowers, try specific colour schemes relating to the Coronation or consider planting up with vegetables.

The closing date for entries is Thursday 31st August 2023. To enter: e-mail two photos of your hanging basket to charnwood@idverde.co.uk, include your name, contact number, and address in the body of the e-mail. Mark your e-mail subject as Hanging Basket Competition. People can also send entries by post to: idverde Hanging Basket Competition, Derby Road Playing Fields, Cotton Way, Loughborough. LE11 5FJ. More information is available on Charnwood Borough Council's website.

Queen's Park Concerts.

Queen's Park in Loughborough will host a variety of exciting concerts for residents and visitors to attend this summer. The Bandstand location in Queen's Park made a triumphant return in 2022, following the coronavirus pandemic, where the concerts were well attended. Residents of all

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ages are invited to come down to the Bandstand and enjoy an afternoon of music on the following Sunday afternoons: 11th June, Loughborough Salvation Army Band: 25th June, Loughborough Concert Band: 2nd July, Melbourne Town Band: 16th July, Loughborough Male Voice Choir: 23rd July, Charnwood Concert Band: 6th August, The New Orleans Hot-shots Jazz Band.

All concerts commence at 2pm and are free to attend.



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News from the Park



A short article from the Park this month as we're catching our breath after the Platinum Jubilee event before we head into our summer season of Ranger led walks and talks and outdoor theatre!



A huge thanks to everyone who came to or helped at the Platinum Jubilee event at the park on 2nd June; it was a roaring success with huge numbers and a lovely, friendly feel across the Park. Feedback was excellent and people enjoyed both the range of activities and the spread-out nature of the event along the carriage way. We hope to repeat more events like this in the future, so watch this space!



As part of the event, Trust Chairman Nicholas Rushton unveiled our Platinum Jubilee artwork on the side of the Deer Barns. The metalwork tree, in three panels, was designed and created by artist Sim Mistry following workshops led by poet John Berkavitch and visual artist Emily Hett. It contains lines from poems written by Park visitors about their

memories and the full poem is on display in the Visitor Centre. Please do pop by and have a look. We're very grateful to Arts Council England for funding this project and our ongoing oral history project.

Finally, I'm pleased to say that the Trust has started a project to look at its carbon footprint, and more specifically first of all, energy usage. We're awaiting the final report on the initial audit but were very pleased to have been successful in obtaining a GreenBelle energy grant which has helped fund the changing all of our lighting at the Deer Barns and Newtown Linford to LED. This is a small but important first step for the Trust with bigger "green" projects planned for the future.

I hope you enjoy some sunshine on the park this summer and make it along to one of our events.

James Dymond, Director, Bradgate Park Trust.

Newtown Linford Brownies

Last week Brown Owl organised for the Brownies to visit a farm. First we went into a barn to see the lambs. We were allowed to hold them and take some pictures. However we were chased out by the sheep which was very funny. Next we went to see the baby calf. The calf was only born the day before. It was very cute but very smelly. After the calf we went to the top of the hill to see more lambs.

It was a great afternoon at the farm and we all enjoyed the animals.” By Bea

We would like to thank Malcolm and Samuel for letting us all visit the farm to see and hold the lambs. **Brown Owl & Snowy Owl**



Coronation Village Party

Bob Moore won the Coronation Cake competition and Bella Collyer, aged 10, won the under 12 competition.



Malcolm Brewin received this chocolate cake as a thank you from us all for his enthusiastic support for the Village Party and for the use of his fields.







Mollie enjoyed the village coronation party, but two minutes after being put in the car seat was fast asleep! A child who had a lovely day! Like so many!



Tug of War





What are hate crimes and hate incidents?

A hate crime is any incident, which is a criminal offence, that the victim or anyone else thinks is motivated by someone's hostility or prejudice towards them or another person because of their race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or because they are transgender. Typically, hate crimes are verbal abuse, physical assaults or damage to property, a car or a home. Hate crimes include posting abusive or offensive messages online about a person or group of people.

A hate incident is any incident, which is not a criminal offence, that the victim or anyone else thinks is motivated by someone's hostility or prejudice towards them or another person because of their race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or because they are transgender. Typically, hate incidents include litter in the garden, dirty stares, or noise nuisance.

The victim does not need to perceive that an incident was motivated by hostility or prejudice; if another person, a witness or a police officer, perceives that it is, it will be recorded and investigated as a hate incident.

Anyone can be the victim of a hate crime or incident. For example, people may be targeted because someone thinks that they are gay even if they aren't, or because they have a disabled child. Someone can also be a victim 'by association', for example, if a friend is racially abused in your presence and you feel as if you're a victim of that incident as well.

Other personal characteristics

Some police services record hate incidents based on other characteristics such as age, gender (misogyny) or belonging to an alternative sub-culture. Incidents based on other personal characteristics such as these are not considered hate crimes under the law. These incidents can still be reported to some police forces, but they will not be prosecuted specifically as hate crimes by the police and the Crown Prosecution Service.

Emergency Alerts

The UK government's new Emergency Alerts system is now live. The system will enable people to be contacted via their mobile phone when lives are in danger.

It will be used to warn you in the event of emergencies, such as severe flooding.

Emergency Alerts are sent to all compatible mobile phones within an area of risk. They don't track your location, need your phone number, or collect personal data. Only the government and the emergency services will be able to send them. If you don't have a mobile phone, you'll still be kept informed through other channels.

If you get an Emergency Alert on your phone, you'll hear a loud, siren-like sound. A message on your screen will tell you about the emergency and how best to respond. You'll be able to check an alert is genuine at gov.uk/alerts

If you receive an alert, read the alert carefully and follow the instructions.

You can opt out of receiving emergency alerts; for more information on how to opt out please go to gov.uk/alerts

To find out more about Emergency Alerts, visit gov.uk/alerts

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

Best wishes,
Hannah Shaw,, Parish Council Clerk,
Tel: 01530 249945 Email: clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk



News from Newtown Linford Parish Council

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



It was lovely to see so many familiar faces at the Polling Station on Thursday 4th May and to meet residents who I'd had contact with over the years but had never met in person. Our congratulations go to Cllr. David Snartt who was re-elected as our Borough Councillor. Newtown Linford had the third highest turnout in Charnwood which was great.

What a fantastic day we all had at the Village Coronation Celebration on Sunday 7th May and weren't we lucky with the weather! Our sincere thanks go to Malcolm Brewin for providing us with a wonderful venue, to the Village Coronation Committee led by Dick Howard (you know who you are), to Ian White of Bradgate Events and Jan Croft for taking some lovely photos for the Village Archive. Thank you also to everyone who attended and made it a really special occasion and congratulations to the Main Street Earls on their victory in the Village Tug-of-War.

On with the news....

Bob Bown Memorial Field

I was extremely disappointed to learn of negative comments and complaints following the recent works at the Bob Bown Play Park.

For many months, I have written articles in this magazine giving residents notice, detailing the works that would be undertaken and inviting comments. I also clearly stated that this would leave a gap in play facilities in the short term, until the Parish Council are able to afford further improvements, or were successful in an application for more grant funding.

I am also aware that there have been some comments relating to the equipment being too infant orientated. Over the last 4 years, I have continuously consulted residents and park users through our Facebook page, Village Magazine articles and in person. I have reminded anyone with an interest in the park, that I would welcome their thoughts and suggestions for improvements.

From these consultations, we received requests for a basket swing, infant modular play unit, a climbing wall, a see-saw and a zip-wire and the general feeling was that there was not enough provision for younger children. All of the items requested, with the exception of the zip-wire, have been installed over a two year period. If you respond to consultations, we listen!

At the same time, our annual inspections of the play park highlighted areas of concern and in need of attention. During the very hot weather last year, the timber trail split causing finger entrapment issues. In addition, wear and tear since the trail was installed in 2004 affecting the climbing section and beams was noted, as was the shrinkage of the wet-pour surfacing which had become very slippery when wet. Wetpour surfaces suffer badly from shrinkage issues and many Councils are now moving to alternatives, as wetpour repairs are only guaranteed for a period of one year and would have cost similar to resurfacing the whole area in our new carpeted style, which came with an 8 year guarantee.

In total, over the last two financial years, NLPC has spent £39,681.98 on improvements and maintenance at the Bob Bown Memorial Field. To put that into perspective, the precept was set at £54,075 in 2021/2022 and £56,779 in 2022/2023 and therefore, this expenditure on the play park calculates to approximately 35 - 36% of our annual budget.

Nearby Anstey Parish Council, having set their precept to £309,361 in 2021/2022 and £320,284, are not comparable to Newtown Linford. They are a much bigger Town Council, with a precept cost shared between many more households and not surprisingly, they do have better parks!

The same applies for Groby and Rothley parishes; we are not comparable.

Newtown Linford Parish Council represents all members of the Parish and also maintains the Cemetery, the Churchyard, own 57 streetlights, VAS signs, defibrillator, planters, bins etc. We helped with a community grant towards the cost of the wonderful Coronation celebration we all enjoyed so much and as custodian trustee of the Village Hall, we pay an annual rent of £3000. Our budget has to stretch a long way and I think over a third of the Council's annual income on one play park, is more than fair.

In summary, I am very pleased with the works that have been carried out to date and the new surfacing and removal of the old timber trail

has opened up the space to plenty of new opportunities for further installations. If you have any requests, comments or suggestions to put forward, please contact me and as always, we will listen. We have no plans to add any further equipment this financial year, but will be looking into possible grant funding opportunities. If anyone is interested in fundraising for more equipment at the park, please get in touch.

Cemetery and Churchyard

All is well at the Cemetery and Churchyard and everywhere is beginning to dry out nicely after a few days of dry – ish weather.

The Newtown Linford Parish Council Annual Report 2022-2023 is now available to view on our website at the following link:

<https://www.newtownlinford.org.uk/news/2023/05/newtown-linford-parish-council-annual-report-2023>

Stay well, stay safe.

Best wishes,

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