# Newtown Linford Magazine

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# Bradgate Group Parish



If you ever watch a TV detective series, you'll know that vicars can always be found in their Churches, either playing the organ or tidying away hymn books. I have to confess, not only can I not play the organ but I very rarely help by tidying up the books. Therefore I can't often be found in Church itself.

It has struck me though, recently, that whenever I have been in, and the doors unlocked, almost always someone has turned up. Whether they want to find the war memorial plaque, as this morning, or whether they have come especially to pray quietly – also this morning – or whether the interest is mainly historical.

There is a sense that this building, set aside for use for prayer and worship, is somewhere valuable, somewhere special. And in many ways it is. It's why we try to keep the Church open, so people in the local community, whether they're regular worshippers at the Church or not, can come in, look around and use the building for prayer. All Saints' is open every day and we're enormously grateful to the volunteers who make this possible.

But of course, you don't have to come into a Church building to pray. One of Jesus' great messages was that through him we can come to God anywhere and at any time, rather than only at special times and in special places as had been the case in the past. Church buildings offer their own sense of quietness and connection, but prayer can be tried at home, on the bus, as you walk along, anywhere.

If you want to know more, Google 'trypraying'. We start Lent soon, for many an excuse to give up chocolate. Rather than that, how about trying the odd prayer instead?

# **VILLAGE DIARY**

#### March

9th Brownies Rummage Sale

9th Newtown Ramblers

18th Friends of Charnwood Forest

# April

1st Tennis Club Voga

# Regular events

Monday afternoon Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall

Mondays 8pm at the Church
4th Tuesday of the month
1st and 3rd Wednesdays of month
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

# Tennis Club Village Treasure Hunt - February 4th 2019

Thank you to everyone who supported this event - all 120 of you!! A fabulous sunny day

Loads of families roaming the Village for clues that included a spot of tennis as a challenge from Coaches Paul and Jason, all topped off with homemade soup and sandwiches at the Linford

Thank you to Carolyn T, Charlotte, Vanessa, Paul and Jason for their help and all who donated a raffle prize

## Carol Ann



# Coffee & Cake @ Newtown Linford Village Hall Thursday Morning 11.15am - Free All Welcome - All Ages

# **Coffee and Cake Duty Rota**

#### March

7th Bev Griffiths & Sue Dobby 01509 890264/245366

14th Iris & Peter Sayer, Glenis Meredith 243822

21st School/Judy Rowe/Clare/Rhian/Andrea 243989/243119

28th Carol Ann, June Hallam, Sue Howard 243433/0116 2304808/

245373

#### April

4th Mary, Sarah &Wes Raynor, Jean Deveaux 243042

11th Lesley Cook/Chris A& Gay Restone 242214/242432/

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18th Casey Pearson & Jenny Cole 249259

25th Amanda Sculthorpe & Vicky Lightfoot 242445/07779123952

# 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



## **VILLAGE SAFARI SUPPER**

### 4th May 2019

The Church is organising a Safari Supper in the village again this year, to raise money towards the redecoration fund. It is taking place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, please put the date in your diary.

The evening will start in Church at 7.00pm with drinks and canapés. Then at 8.15pm guests will travel to various houses in the village for a main course, after which they will return to Church for desserts and coffee. The ticket price is £10.00.

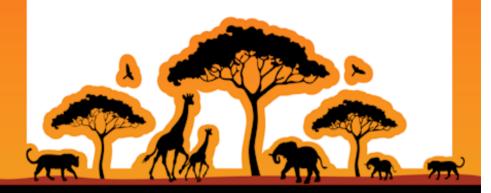




Last year the event was very well supported and all the tickets sold out in advance.

We are again looking for volunteers to help with the evening, particularly if you are willing to host a main course for 6 - 8 people.

For tickets and for offers of help with the evening, please contact Ed Killick 01530 249 589
<a href="mailto:ed-killick@hotmail.co.uk">ed-killick@hotmail.co.uk</a> 07807 328 117





# **RUMMAGE SALE**





# Saturday 9th March 2019

1.30pm in the Village Hall Admission 50p

**Tea and Home Made Cakes** 

# Are you Spring Cleaning?

If so and you are outing unwanted clothes and bric-a-brac - please will you remember we are having a rummage sale and would be very grateful for your surplus articles.





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# **Newtown Linford Gardening Club**

We are still experiencing very spring-like weather and are able to get out into the garden earlier in the year than normal. However, we know the English weather has a habit of biting back so we must always beware of late frost or snow.

We know that gardeners are keen to get started as we have distributed over 100 bags of fertiliser to our members in the last few days. Hopefully this will produce bumper crops later in the year.

Our speaker in January gave us advice on attracting birds, animals and insects to our gardens to help keep our environment wildlife-friendly. He

was an entertaining speaker and his slides showed a lot of useful tips.



In March we welcome Amanda Fields from the charity Thrive. This charity uses gardening for social and therapeutic purposes. She was coming to us last February, but the weather that week was so bad that the visit was cancelled. We hope the March weather will be more welcoming.

Anyone interested in our activities can contact the Secretary (tel. 242452) or e-mail us at 32couling@gmail.com, or else come along to one of our meetings as a visitor (£3) If you would like a copy of our programme for the coming year, we will be pleased to send one to you.

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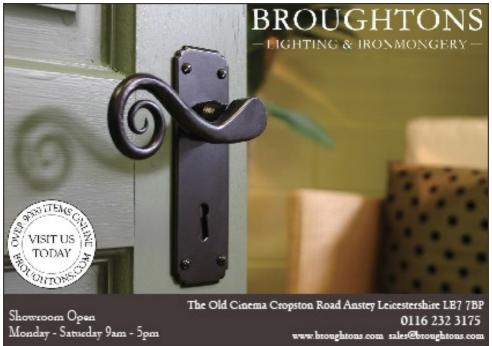
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Tickets £8 or £10 and bring a friend for free



Call Carol Ann 243433 Carolyn 249173 or Charlotte 242959



#### **WANTED**

- People willing top open their garden (new ones not part of NGS most welcome)
- to sell tickets
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#### **Newtown Linford Brownies**

The Brownies had a great time at their Christmas party. We had very nice food brought by everybody, set up down a long table. We also had Christmas crackers, I got a frog!

Our favourite game was a snowball fight with newspaper snowballs, it was fun and very energetic and Brown Owl joined in too. Thank you for our presents Brown Owl, it was very kind of you and for Rhidah's mum who brought a HUGE yummy chocolate cake!

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# SUNDAY 30TH JUNE 2019 NEWTOWN LINFORD CC VS THE LASHINGS WORLD XI

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What better way to kick start the season by booking your table now for Newtown Linford's Centenary showstopper on June 30?

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OLD JOHN PACKAGE	For individuals and groups of less than 10 - individual ticket, three-course lunch, half a bottle of wine and a match day programme	£62 per head

There will be speeches, entertainment, music and an auction in the marquee before the match.



# BUY ADVANCE TICKETS ONLINE VIA WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/NLCC

#### From the Park

## **Bradgate Park Trust Historic Ghost Walks**

25th April at 7.30pm 16th May at 8.00pm

# Join the Haunted Heritage Team on this popular Ghost

Walk. Over 16s only. Wrap up warm and bring a torch. The walk covers a distance of approximately 2 miles with frequent stops. Part of the walk is off-road but an easy access alternative is available if requested when booking.

Times vary slightly with the lighter evenings.

Tickets are £15.00 per person



# Advance booking only.

Tickets available online: <a href="https://www.hauntedheritage.co.uk">www.hauntedheritage.co.uk</a>
All events start in the Conservatory Tearoom in Newtown Linford.

# Deer Barn Talks - The Greys and Ferrers: Groby - The Birth of a Nation with Harry Tomkinson 26th April 11am - 1pm

The talk begins with a short Geology and Pre-history of the Manor of Groby, which of course includes Bradgate Park and Charnwood Forest.

We then move on to the history of the Manor of Groby, post Norman invasion. Introducing People like Hugh de Grandmesnil his family background and where he originated from. The building of Groby Castle and its destruction by Henry II in 1172/1173 Following on we have a short rundown of the Ferrers of Groby, leading up to the Grey Family and Sir Edward Grey 6th Baron Grey of Groby.

Then, the rise to power in England of the Grey Family, the upgrading of Groby Manor House and the building of the new House at Bradgate Park. Finally "The Forgotten Queen" Queen Jane Grey.

Pre-booking is essential for this event as places are limited. Tickets are £5 per place and can also be booked from the Visitor Centre or by calling 0116 236 2713 extension 25 between 11am and 3.30pm

# Newtown Linford Ex-Service Social Club Telephone 01530 244012

# Pool Tournament 2019 – Saturday 12th January 2019

Another excellent and exciting tournament of the highest playing standards and played in the traditional sporting and good-humoured manner. There were the usual early surprise results, but the favourites made their way to the semi-finals, resulting in the "best of three" final between the dazzling Elvis Drummond and the consistently highly skilled Paul McMorran.

The final games were of the highest standards resulting in Elvis Drummond winning 2 - 0.

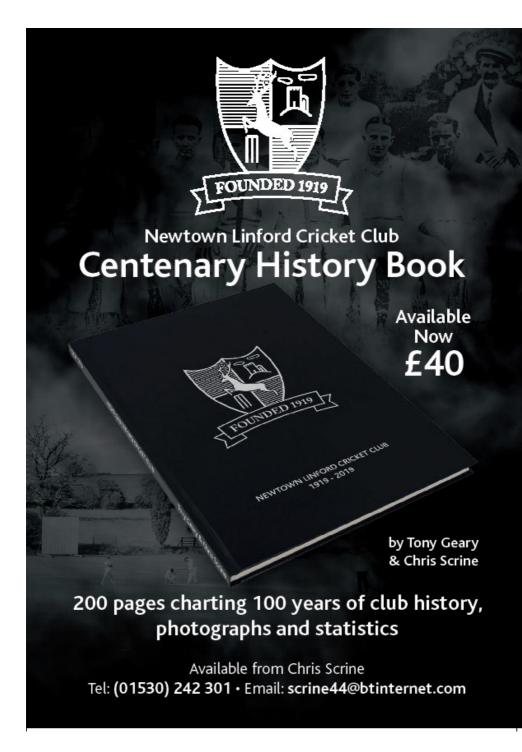
Congratulations to both the finalists and semi-finalists. Special mention must be given to outstanding performances by Adam Bolstridge and the unconsidered outsider Cavan Green.

The sponsors wish to thank all the staff for their hard work to make sure no one was thirsty!! Thanks also to the brilliant Master of Ceremonies, Gary Barsby, and his assistant Dave Seddons who controlled the order of play as well as all the volunteers who refereed all matches.

A special thanks to Maria for organising the superb buffet and to all who gave raffle prizes particularly George and Rana Singh. Also, Thanks to Ben Hawkins and his muscular team for transferring the tables into the function room and back again on the evening and to Beth Marshall for her brilliant efforts in selling the raffle tickets.

Finally, to the incredible generosity of the players who donated their winning prize monies "into the pot" which helped raise £1,350.00 towards further improvements at the Linford. Thanks to you all.

#### The Linford

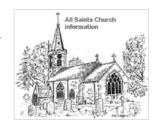


# **BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES**March 2019

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD	
3rd March	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)		
Sunday before Lent	10.15am Worship as One (GS/RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)	
Bololo Lone	6.30pm Evensong (RT)		
6th March	10.45am Holy Communion		
Ash Wednesday	7.30p Joint Holy Communion	on Service at Glenfield	
10th March		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)	
1st Sunday	10.15am Holy Communion (RT/BH)	10.30am Morning Prayer (SA)	
of Lent	6.30pm Compline (RT)		
17th March	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)		
2nd Sunday	10.15am Service of the World (GS)	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
of Lent	4.00pm Messy Church		
24th March		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)	
3rd Sunday	10.15am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am Morning Prayer (RT)	
of Lent	6.30pm  Joint Wholeness & Healing Holy Communion at Glenfield (RT)		
31st March	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)		
Mothering	10.15am Service of the World (RT)	10.30am All Age Service (SA)	
Sunday	6.30pm Evening Prayer (BH)		



# CHURCH REGISTER, NEWTOWN LINFORD



Weddings none

Baptisms none

Funerals none

# **MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—March 2019**

**GLENFIELD** Wed 10.45am 6th 13th 20th 27th

**NEWTOWN LINFORD** Thur 10.30am 7th

#### **Church Contact Details**

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Rector of St Peter's, Glenfield, and All Saints, Newtown Linford 0116 287 1604 Email: richard@stpetersandallsaints.org.uk

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# **Lunching Ladies**

The Newtown Linford Ladies' Lunch Club meets once a month on a Wednesday at Forest Hill Golf Club, Botcheston. We enjoy a chatty three course meal and then sit back to listen to our speaker.

Over the past months we have been entertained by a wide variety of excellent speakers with, amongst others, talks entitled 'To Bead or not to Bead' by the actress Eliza McClelland; 'Haunted Leicester' by Caroline Roberts; 'Masters of Mirth' by Mike Storr and Bits and Bobs from a Bygone Era by Bob Neill. On this occasion we had fun trying, more or less successfully, to identify the bits and bobs. We have also enjoyed the music of Edith Piaf and pop songs we could sing along to.

We are now looking forward to talks on A Day in the Life of a thoroughly Modern Milliner; Doodle Do (doodles and their meaning); the Great British Sewing Bee; Those Radio Days (theme tunes); Alice in her shoes (our local suffragette); Confessions of a Country Vicar and more. In August we have an outing. Last year we went to Brodsworth Hall, a fascinating house with a beautiful garden. This year we will visit the National Arboretum with its beautiful and moving memorials to our nation's heroes

We are a friendly group and welcome visitors . We meet on the third Wednesday of the month. The three course meal with coffee or tea is £16 and if you decide to join our club the annual subscription, which pays for the speakers is, £20. If you would like to come along and try us out please contact our membership secretary on 0116 4291458.

#### **Friends of Charnwood Forest**

#### The Martins of Leicestershire

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February, a packed meeting of the Friends of the Charnwood Forest were given a talk which would make any family genealogist turn green with envy, for Col. Robert Martin gave us a potted history of his family. The talk began with a picture of "The Ship" at Anstey where his family had lived during the 19<sup>th</sup> century – to get away from it all – but then wound the clock back to 13<sup>th</sup> century, or possibly 12<sup>th</sup>.

Col. Martin had been able, through records of the Merchants' Guild (later the Guild of Freemen), to trace his family back to that date. Succeeding members of his family had also been members of that Guild, so dates, names, places and titles flowed forth in the story. One particular ancestor had been the Mayor of Leicester in 1334, then again in 1338 before becoming an M.P.

The family owned 'Anstey Pastures' an area of land which lay between the City and Anstey long ago. It is now 'developed'. The family moved to the Brand in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century when there was a need to retreat before the advance of the City. It seems that, before they arrived, a ghostly sighting of a lady in black had caused the then owners to demolish the original building and then rebuild it. Whilst this did not deter the ghost, it seemed to have given up after appearing once more, and there have been no recent sightings.

Col. Martin lost his grandfather in World War 1, killed in action whilst covering a retreat. His great uncle and a cousin survived and took over the family business, which included, by that time, the Mountsorrel granite quarry. His great uncle was also instrumental in promoting Loughborough College to University status.

Knowing the tendency of Victorian families to have large numbers of surviving off-spring, I was tempted to think that my (late) neighbour, who was a Martin, and my lady-friend's daughter's ex, who was also named Martin (son of an American airman), may just be connected. And then I thought....no way.

The Friends meet in the Village Hall at Woodhouse Eaves, once a month, on a Monday evening. The e-mail address of the Secretary is secretary@focf.org.uk for anyone interested in its programme.

#### Dr D McNeil



# THE FRIENDS OF CHARNWOOD FOREST



# Monday 18th March. 7:30pm.

# "Colourful Characters of Bradgate Park"

The talk following a very brief AGM will be given by **Peter Tyldesley** on '**Colourful characters of Bradgate Park**'. Peter was born in Leicester in 1967. After University he qualified as a Chartered Surveyor in 1993 whilst working for the Ministry of Defence. Following a varied career including roles as an independent School Bursar and Director of Countryside & Land Management at the Brecon Beacons National Park, Peter took over the reins at the Bradgate Park Trust in 2012. Do come along to hear this very entertaining talk.

A light-hearted resume of the last 15,000 years of Bradgate's history through the lives of some of the larger than life characters who have had their home here. From two Queens of England to the Earl who spent all the money and from the Countess who set fire to the house to her successor who performed in a circus act, this is history that you could not make up because, if you did, nobody would believe you.

Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall 7.30 pm. Members free, visitors £3. **Monday 15th April. 7:30pm.** 

Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall Talk by Roy Mitchell,

# "The History of the Stoneywell Gardens."

Everyone is very welcome to join us. A nominal charge of £3, payable on the door for non-members.

#### **Our Mission Statement.**

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# **Music and Puddings Evening**

Even before I had advertised the Music and Puddings evening, let alone printed the tickets, half the tickets had been reserved before Christmas such was the sense of anticipation and support.

So before a very full house the N'Ukes were again welcomed at the Village Hall on Friday evening 8th February. We knew we were in for a memorable night when their gig opened to the strains of Dr Jazz, first made famous by Jelly Roll Morton in the Roaring 20's (I doubt if any of you will remember it from then!). We had a full and lively programme of hits and misses, and tunes to sing along with such as the Oasis hit Supersonic, and Lady Madonna by the Beatles. With their red hats, some excellent vocalists and Angela with her unusual assortment of percussion instruments we had a wonderful evening.

How could you not look forward to the interval, not to get to the bar, but to taste some of the 24 home made Puddings all generously donated. It

was heaven for those with a sweet tooth and they were enthusiastically consumed. Just time to draw the raffle prizes before we were back to the music and entertainment.

The finale of the event was a surprise presentation of an oil portrait of John Williams painted by John Nixon to John Williams, see photo by Jan Croft.

I wish to thank the whole team, the cooks for their wonderful selection of desserts, to all the helpers, washers up, table and chair movers, to



those who donated raffle prizes, and to you all for your support.

A total of £977 was raised towards All Saints Church Internal Restoration Fund.

We had a delightful evening with a real sense of village community spirit, endorsed by comments such as "when are they coming again?".

#### **Dick Howard**

#### **Newtown Ramblers**

8 of us and one lovely, well behaved Cocker Spaniel dog (Ruby), ventured on a fairly brisk walk around Thornton reservoir. The weather was kind to us being mild, sunny and dry. Only Ruby got wet due to a swim in the reservoir - we all declined to follow. What a lovely, happy dog. Due to other commitments only a couple were able to stop for tea at Thornton Nursery.

The next ramble will be lead by Glenis Meredith and John Castle on 9th March 2019. Meet opposite the Village Hall @2pm.

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#### Jan Croft







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# **NEW MENU - MARCH 2019**

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



I am pleased to say I have delivered another Welcome Pack this month. Don't forget to let me know if you have a new Neighbour.

We have had a break-in at the back of a house on Main Street this month. Entry was gained by smashing the patio door. Fortunately a Neighbour shouted and disturbed a male who escaped by climbing the fence at the bottom of the garden. I also spotted a Police car and the Forensics van on Main Street on another occasion but have not officially heard anything.

Don't forget if you have spotted anything and do not want to contact the Police you can contact Crimestoppers. The Crimestoppers Trust is a registered Charity and you can go to their website and give information anonymously. Their telephone number is 0800 555111 It is always wise to contact the Police though if an incident is still taking place. You can also report non urgent crime online including theft, criminal damage, burglaries and business crime.

Did you know if you lose your car keys and don't have a copy you can search for <u>auto locksmith</u> approved by the MLA and fill in your details. They can replace any type of key for all vehicle models.

Pam McMorran, NHW Co-ordinator pamriverlyn@msn.com tel: 01530 242201

#### 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.





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# **Vacancy for Parish Councillor**



Newtown Linford Parish Council consists of 7 Councillors who meet 10 or 11 times per annum. There will be a vacancy in May this year preferably someone living on Roecliffe Road.

We would like to hear from anyone interested in learning more about

this very worthwhile voluntary position in the community.

Contact clerk Pam on 01530 242201 or clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk who is happy to have a chat and answer any questions.







# **Newtown Linford Parish Council**

Serving the people of Newtown Linford

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

Last month's Parish Council meeting was reported in the February Magazine and, due to February being a short month, the next meeting is scheduled for the first Monday in March, so I thought I'd take the opportunity to summarise 'what the Parish Council does for you'.

The Parish Council, for a village this size, consists of 7 unpaid volunteers (councillors), one of whom is elected Chairman (currently me), a tree warden and a salaried Parish Clerk (currently Pam McMorran). It is a secular organisation (although people frequently confuse us with the Parochial Council which is All Saints Church)

The terms of the Parish Council operation are set by law and it is designed to represent the views of those within the village on such things as planning applications within the village, parking problems (!), policing/crime etc. We report to the Charnwood Borough Council and the Leicestershire County Council both directly and via their elected representatives - currently David Snartt and Deborah Taylor - who come to our monthly meetings. We have a close relationship with Bradgate Park Trust (their Director Peter Tyldesley also attends most of our meetings). Members of the Police Beat Team also attend if they are on duty.

The Parish Council is also responsible for the provision and maintenance of local facilities and amenities. In Newtown Linford this means: -

- The children's' play park behind Grey Crescent (known as the Bob Bown playing fields named after a former Parish Council Chairman) we are responsible for providing all of the equipment (football nets, fences, swings, roundabouts etc), and for the inspection and safe maintenance, repairs and upgrades.
- The cemetery on Groby Lane purchased in 1955 we have recently finished a large extension to this area (which was also required to have improved vehicle access).
- The Churchyard. When the Churchyard was closed a few years back the Parish Council agreed to accept the option to maintain it, but ownership remains with All Saints and as such they have to obtain all necessary Church permissions for work such as tree work.

<u>All of</u> these areas require hedging/fencing, repair and grass cutting and tree maintenance.

In addition, we are responsible for the grit bins, bus stops, 'Newtown Linford' signs, the plant troughs (and the hanging baskets that appear during the summer) and the Christmas tree and lights outside the Village Hall. Five street lamps also belong to the Parish Council and this year their maintenance and energy will increase to £3,187,43. Recently we have installed vehicle activated speed (VAS) signs and we are responsible for their maintenance.

The Village Hall is rented from Everards expiring in 2029 (with the annual rent of £1,750.00 paid by the Parish Council) and its' refurbishment in 2003 was funded by grants and a 25-year public works loan - which we still pay £2,468.06 half yearly. All the day to day running of the Village Hall and its internal finances, is excellently performed by the Village Hall Committee (again unpaid volunteers). We also pay Everards £30 per annum to erect the bus stop on the tiny piece of land outside the village hall.

All this is currently performed on an annual income of £50,000 per year (our Parish Precept). Our Clerk is responsible for the administration, reporting and documentation of all our contractors' activities. The Clerk liaises with other parishes and is a route for reporting problems to the Borough and County Councils.

The Clerk is also legally responsible for our accounts, maintaining the cemetery records and officially recording burials. In addition, Pam creates and maintains the Village Website and is also a volunteer on Neighbourhood Watch and keeps us informed via emails and Facebook posts on issues of concern (and some lighter hearted moments...) She also prints and delivers a Village Welcome Pack to every new resident (provided she is notified about them) which contains details of local services and facilities and the details and contacts of all the activities that are run within our busy village.

We are indeed lucky to live in our Village and I am very grateful to all those volunteers who give their time and effort to provide us all with the environment and activities that we all enjoy.

Dr. Sue Pritchard
Chair to the Parish Council

Pam McMorran – Parish Clerk, R.F.O. and Registrar for Burials.

Tel: 01530 242201 Email: pamriverlyn@msn.com

#### **Booking of Village Facilities**

To book the Village Hall call Pat Wood on 242251.

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