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Bradgate Group Parish



March 2017

Imagine: walking down the Ivanhoe Way, you find a young child, maybe 6 or 7 years old. Looking bruised, dirty, abandoned and lost. Hungry, malnourished even. With a shock you realise that they are one of your neighbours. What would you do? Walk on by? Surely you'd help. Help them find their way home. Give them food. Maybe at some point become curious and even outraged at what had left them in this state.

There are tens of thousands of children in that position right now. Children who have no home to be helped back to, because a bomb has destroyed it. No family to be returned to, because they've been killed. And yet recently the Government has taken the shameful decision – in our name! – to walk by. Having spoken of taking up to 3000 children under what was called the 'Dubs Amendment', the programme is being closed down after receiving only 350.

Jesus spoke of a 'Good Samaritan'. Someone who, despite a history of suspicion and hatred based on differences of nationality and race, helped someone else in obvious need. He taught us that our neighbours, to be looked out for, are not just the people who live in our street, not just those people who are 'like us', but people in need, whatever our suspicion and fear of them might be. He himself gave an example of caring for, praying for, even those who killed him.

Can I encourage you to be outraged at this decision of our Government? To think about the children who we are abandoning and to let both the Government, and our local MP, know of our outrage. One of the core values of the Christian faith, one which this country has long held dear, is to help those in need, to 'support the underdog'. Not just in our imagination, but in the reality of children left homeless and suffering, who we can help.



Newtown Linford Village Hall Friday 3 March 2017
7 for 7.30pm start.

£10 Ticket price includes Ploughman' supper.

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There will be a licensed bar.

Tickets from Vicki Lightfoot on

01530 242445

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VILLAGE DIARY

March

3rd Quiz Evening

4th Brownies Rummage Sale

11th Ramblers

20th Friends of Charnwood Forest
24th Cricket Club Annual Dinner
27th Parish Council Meeting

28th Gardening Club

Regular events

Monday afternoon Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall

Mondays 8pm at the Church
4th Tuesday of the month
3rd Wednesday of the month
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3rd Wednesday of the month
4th Tuesday of the month
5th Tuesday of the month
6th Tuesday of the month Tuesday of th

Thursdays 11.15

Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall
Thursdays 6.30

Brownies, Sunday School Rooms

Contlements Lymph Club

3rd Thursday Gentlemen's Lunch Club

Boules Phone 01530 245373 for more info

Church Flowers

During the year and on special Church days a willing band of ladies keep the Church bedecked with lovely flowers. We wondered if anyone else would like to give to the flower fund this Easter so that we can have the lovely lilies in our Church again during the festival.

If you would like to give, donations can be handed to Sue Howard, Main Street, Judy Rowe, 58a Main Street, or Clive Rowe, Church Warden. If you prefer a donation can be placed (in an envelope marked Easter Flowers) in the collection plate at Church.

Thank you.

Coffee & Cake @ Newtown Linford Village Hall

Thursday Morning 11.15am - Free All Welcome - All Ages



Coffee and Cake Duty Rota

March

2nd Amanda Sculthorpe & Vicky Lightfoot 242445/07779123952 Betty McChrystal, Sue Howard & Gill Bates 244363/245373/224491 9th 16th Judy Rowe, Janet Brunton & School 243989/242662

30th Joe & Claire Costello` 249259

April

Katie Cook & Haley 6th 0116 2362521

13th Volunteers regd TBC

20th Carolyn Turner & Charlotte Turner 249173

27th Ann Scrine, Steve & Dave Pratt 242301/589031

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

HELP

Is there anyone out there who would be prepared to volunteer to join the Coffee and Cake Duty Rota, you will be fully supported and trained and it's a great way to meet old and new friends in the village!



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

Newtown Linford Choral Society Save the Date!

We would like to say thank you to everyone who came to the Winter Concerts in Ratby Church. Our next event for your diary is the ever popular Summer Concert to be held in the Village Hall on 8th/9th/10th June. This year's theme will be "A Night at the Opera", and once again it will be compered by audience favourite Len Matthews.

More details next month.

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LOOKING FOR SCARECROW FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

We hope that 2017 will be another successful year for the Newtown Linford Scarecrow Festival. As indicated last September, the current organisers are stepping down due to other personal commitments. We would love to hand the baton over to a new motivated team who feel they can keep the Scarecrow Festival going and deliver another brilliant weekend full of community spirit.



Please get in touch with beatehelmke@web.de or chris@wroe.co.uk and we are happy to pass on our knowledge and contacts. We also have last year's moneys that we can pass on to support financing the 2017 Scarecrow Festival. We will keep it until April at which point we will donate the moneys to LOROS. We look forward to hearing from all of you who are interested.

Beate and Chris



NEWTOWN LINFORD BROWNIES

Saturday 4th March 2017

1.30pm in the Village Hall

Admission 50p

Tea and Home made cakes



The Brownies would very much appreciate any unwanted items for their annual rummage sale this month

E.g. Clothes, Bric a Brac, Shoes, Toys and Books

Village Hall doors will be open for dropping off rummage from 9.15am on date of sale or collection can be arranged.

Hilary - Brown Owl 07432 302983

From the Park

Seeing the Wood for the Trees

As winter changes into spring, the daffodils are pushing up towards the increasingly powerful sunlight, the air is filled with birdsong and we have an exciting new arrival to announce: we finally have the ability to take card payments at the Deer Barn!

Having been "cash-only" since it first opened, the tearoom has finally joined the 21st century: a combination of faster, more reliable broadband, more extensive wi-fi coverage and the opening of the "Deer Hut" kiosk that has helped reduce queues at peak times has enabled us to finally take this long overdue step.

The Park's Gift Shop, located in what is still known to many villagers as "Marion's Cottage" to the rear of the Conservatory Tearoom has recently reopened following a complete refit. The shop is what an estate agent might describe as "compact" and the old counter and display units really did not make the most of the limited space available. To take advantage of the more attractive and efficient layout, we have developed some new ranges of merchandise including licensing Paul Delaroche's iconic 19th

century work "The Execution of Lady Jane Grey" to appear on a range of items from keyrings to shopping bags. We have also been fortunate enough to have a new "stag" design that was produced by a 16-year old art student who has since been snapped up by a design company in the States, so buy a fridge magnet now before they become collectors' items!

As well as being able to buy tickets for all our events and productions at both the shop and the Visitor Centre, it will soon also be possible to buy or renew car park season tickets.

Forestry work has been ongoing throughout the winter and the main focus of work this year has been Hallgates Wood, which has been

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8 Witherdell, Anstey Heights Leicester LE4 OPR receiving grant aid from the National Forest Company under their Planted Ancient Woodland Sites (PAWS) programme. As the name suggests, PAWS are sites that used to be ancient woodland that have since been felled and replanted. In our case, Hallgates Wood, in common with many of the Bradgate woodlands, is a 19th century plantation that is now in need of thinning and having new trees planted in the gaps created in order to convert it from an even-aged plantation to a mixed-age woodland. Sometimes known as "continuous cover forestry" this approach allows woodland ecosystems to be created and sustained far better than the traditional "clear fell and replant" plantation approach.

Woodland management is sometimes controversial as people, understandably, get upset when they see trees being cut down. However, in well-managed woodlands, a proportion of mature trees need to be removed in order to give room for others to grow and to allow new ones to be planted to ensure that the woodland continues as a healthy, dynamic system into the future. If this is not done, trees that were all planted at the same time will grow old and die together and the fact that there are no holes in the tree canopy to allow sunlight to reach the woodland floor means that the understory becomes impoverished and the biodiversity value of the wood diminishes. In nature, this process of renewal occurs through gaps being created in the canopy when trees die and fall. With high levels of public access, we cannot allow trees to just fall of their own accord so we have to replicate the natural process in a controlled fashion. Removing trees when they are in their prime has another benefit: the timber is in peak condition to be used in our work on the Park making signs, posts, gates and fences so that we do not have to buy this material in from elsewhere. If our work produces more timber than we need then we will sell the surplus to prevent it going to waste and raise funds that help pay for our woodland work but the aim is to match the volume of timber felled with our own demand for it.

Our Rangers and Volunteers have also been cutting and replanting two further coppice areas in Swithland Wood. Coppicing looks brutal when it is first done but within two years the benefits can be clearly seen as the cut stumps begin to visibly regrow and the increased sunlight leads to an explosion of bluebells and wood anemones. We have also felled a small number of mature oak trees where this was required to give enough room for other, better, specimens to grow and to allow naturally regenerated saplings to flourish, thus ensuring that the cycle continues. As the trees come back into leaf and spring flowers push though the

earth, I look forward to seeing you in the woods.



Newtown Linford Brownies

Thursday night was newspaper night. First, we played stepping stones which was fun. You have to put some newspaper in front of you then step on it and keep going.

We did this in teams and it was a race.

Secondly, we made a tent out of chairs, sellotape and newspaper. My cousin Beth was helping my team. My mummy was also there.

Finally each team made 35 snowballs out of newspaper. We then put a rope across

the room and had a newspaper snowball fight.



I couldn't believe how much fun we had

Francesca Harrison age 7

with newspaper.



Bradgate Drama Society – see Two for the Price of One!

Having had to cancel our Christmas production at short notice when our leading actor became seriously ill, the Society is back in action again for its Spring production.

The production comprises two one-act plays, both hilarious comedies which will keep you entertained through the evening. The first, **Sharks in the Custard**, is set in a museum where a group of cleaners face redundancy or outsourcing of





their jobs – can't say that we don't combine current affairs with drama in our productions!

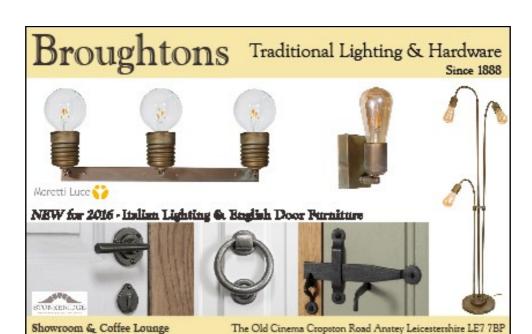
The second, **Two Sisters**, is a bit darker, which you might expect from it being set in 19th century Russia and having a coffin as the centrepiece of the set! Any resemblance to Chekov stops there, however, as the play rattles along at a joke a minute to its final twist at the end.

All this is yours for an extremely reasonable **£7** per ticket (better than your average Tesco buy-one-get-one-free offer). Plus there's a bar available which you definitely don't get in Tesco!

The production will be staged on Thursday 4th, Friday 5th, and Saturday 6th May in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30p.m.

Tickets are available by e-mail at bradgatedrama@gmail.com or from Toby Manning on 01530 245298

Look forward to seeing you there.





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Meet outside the Village Hall at 6.20pm (September 6.00pm). All matches to be played at The Blue Bell Inn, Hoby, phone number 01664 434247.

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Newtown Linford Parish Road Signs

I have proposed to Newtown Linford Parish Council that we replace the bland road signs at the entrance to the Village with signs that create a sense of arriving somewhere special. The Parish Council are prepared to consider new signs and therefore I would like set out what we might achieve.

- 1. The new road signs should create a visual impact, should be welcoming, and make you feel that you are arriving somewhere special.
- 2. Should reflect the local environment, geology, history (the Grey Family), and that this was a farming community.
- 3. The design should incorporate local materials, granite, slate, oak or a combination.
- 4. The sign must contain the words Newtown Linford and Welcome. No reference to twinning.
- 5. Since the village was owned by the Grey Estate until 1925 it may be appropriate to include the Grey Family Coat of Arms.
- 6. Cost is important, so over elaborate designs may not be viable. The. Parish Council have no spare money in the kitty.

The object of the new road signs would be to make you feel proud when you enter the village. So if you have any ideas, or would like to

support the concept, just draw a sketch, or just let me know. The Art Group with John Nixon are giving this idea some thought so hopefully we can jointly come up with a design/designs suitable for presentation at a later date.

If you are looking for inspiration just look at Individual signs in Groby and Anstey.

Dick Howard 01530 245373



Newtown Linford Gardening Club

We began our new year with an excellent talk from Alan Tyler, who is an approved speaker from the National Trust. He explained to us how the National Trust takes over responsibility for important houses and gardens and how they manage them to remain faithful to their history and their heritage. They maintain gardens in a way that is compatible with their history - e.g. a feature which dates back to the fifteenth century and several which remain true to the sixteenth and seventeenth century. Wherever possible they use plants or garden layouts which were part of the property in earlier times and this can involve substantial renovation if the garden has fallen into disrepair. It was a most interesting evening.

Our speaker on 28th March is Andrew Mikolajski who is going to give us guidance on plants which thrive well in shade. He is a new speaker to us but has a good reputation for his knowledge and presentation. In Villages such as ours, many of our gardens have mature trees and, therefore, shady areas, which can be difficult to manage. Whether he has plants which love not only shade but also clay soils which are wet in winter and very dry in Summer remains to be seen, but we can live in hope!!!!!

We have welcomed a large number of new members this year and will be pleased if others want to join us. If you are interested in our activities just contact the Secretary (tel. 242452 or e-mail 01530242452@talktalk.net), or come to one of our meetings to see

how you like it before making a commitment (£2 for visitors). Alternatively give us a ring and ask for a copy of our programme for the coming year and we will be pleased to send one to you.

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NEWTOWN LINFORD SERVICES March 2017

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD				
5th March	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)					
1st Sunday of Lent	10.15am Worship as One (RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)				
	6.30pm Evensong (BH)					
12th March		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)				
2nd Sunday of Lent	10.15am Holy Communion (RT)	10.30am Morning Prayer (GS)				
	6.30pm Healing Service at Glenfield, with Dr David Pearson, Diocesan Healing Advisor in Portsmouth Diocese					
19th March	10.15am APCM (RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)				
3rd Sunday of Lent	4.00pm Messy Church					
26th March		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)				
Mothering Sunday	10.15am Holy Communion (PH/BH)	10.30am All Age Service (RT)				
	6.30pm Compline (GS)					

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—March 2017									
GLENFIELD	Wed	10.45am	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th		
NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10.00am	2nd						

CHURCH REGISTER NEWTOWN LINFORD



Weddings None

Baptisms None

Funerals

20th January ~ Pat Parkinson, formerly of Groby Lane, Newtown Linford 27th January ~ Debbie Reynolds, formerly of Main Street, Newtown Linford



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.

Newtown Linford Church now has its own Website - why not check it out.

www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk

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

Mothering Sunday 26th March 10.30am - All Age Service

Why not come to Church on Mothering Sunday – all ages welcome to celebrate God's love for his family our own family life

Mothering Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent, although many call it Mothers Day, it has no connection with the American festival which is held in May.

Today it is often a day when mothers receive presents,

flowers and cards from their children (old and young). Traditionally it was a day when youngsters who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family.



Traditionally it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' Church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'Mother' Church - the main Church or Cathedral of the area.

Inevitably the return to the 'Mother' Church became an occasion for family reunions

when children who worked away from home

returned home. It was quite common for children to leave home for work once they were ten years old. On the way home they would pick wild flowers in the country lanes to take to Church or give their mothers as a small gift - hence the tradition for flowers.





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Newtown Linford Ramblers Our February walk was to Castle Hill Country Park, on the edge of Leicester, and close to Anstey. Castle Hill



Country Park is an attractive green area well loved by some local people, but unknown to others, perhaps because there is no adjoining car park. The name is misleading since there is no evidence of a castle. Earthworks believed to be the site of a medieval monastic grange or sheep farm started to be excavated last year.

It was a dull damp afternoon when 13 people and some dogs set out from Anstey Nook car park. We went via a jitty to cross the pack horse bridge, then entered the park from Gorse Hill. Squelchy bits down by the Rothley Brook were soon over, then we reached King William's Bridge. After the photo stop, we completed a circuit of a few miles of much of historical, archaeological and natural environment interest, on either side of the A46. We visited medieval earthworks and fishpond, community orchard, woods, meadows and historic sheep wash site. More information on signboards in the Park and here: https://www.leicester.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/parks-and-open-spaces/our-parks/castle-hill-country-park/. We returned to Anstey by crossing King William's Bridge to reach Cropston Rd. Thanks to Anstey resident Penny for the tea and biscuits before most of us returned to our cars.

Felicity and Toby Manning

Next walks are:

11thMarch Pat Woodward

8th April Claire and Joe Costello

Unless otherwise notified, all walks depart from opposite the Village Hall at 2.pm. New members are always welcome. All you need is a pair of walking boots and the ability to walk 4/5 miles. Well behaved dogs are also welcome but must be under the supervision of the owner and be on the lead wherever there is livestock or nesting birds.



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President: Mrs Janie Martin

English and Welsh Wine: the local connection

Talk by Liz Robson of Kingfisher's Pool Vineyard, Rothley

Annual General Meeting

Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall Monday 20th March at 7.30 p.m.

We have been pleased to invite Liz Robson, who will explain how she first became interested in viniculture.

Having taken over a 5 acre property in Rothley, she planted the first 6 rows of vines in 2008. More vines were planted and Liz joined the Mercian Vineyard association. She also became editor of "The Grapevine".

Until then, the cultivation of vines and the production of home-made wine had been a mere hobby. After winning several trophies for her wine, Liz took retirement to concentrate on Rothley Wines Ltd.

2016 was the first year of commercial production of red, white and sparkling wines.

At this meeting members and visitors will be able to taste a selection of the excellent sparkling wine and their best-selling white wine, King Richard.

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From the Records

This month I have the Village Records book from Jan 1953 to December 1965. On opening up the front cover, I really felt our history is all around us - the first page - says "Repaired and Rebound by Mrs Anne Gimson, Stoneywell, Polly Botts Lane June 2004. For some of us newcomers to the Village (I moved here in 1993) Stoneywell is a National Trust Property that is a delight to visit, but for others it is a place that they would have visited to see a friend and fellow villager.

Inside the first few pages is a handwritten note describing the life of the Church that year. It said that the most outstanding local event of 1953 was the installation of the Church clock. It is weight driven, electronically wound and made by John Smith and Sons of Derby at a cost of £550 and was dedicated at Evensong on May 17th.

A Tablet in the Parish was unveiled by Mr J Ayling, who had directed the Pageant. The inscription read "The Clock in the tower was given by the Village from the proceeds of the Pageant of Bradgate - Lady Jane Grey, which was performed by the people of the Village in the ruins of Bradgate in 1951 and 1952.

The hours are struck on the Tenor Bell. Since the sound of a striking clock was new to the inhabitants there were some complaints at first, especially from those living near the Church. However by this year of 1955 the general opinion is favourable in regard to the striking, and tolerant of its sometimes erratic timekeeping.

At the time there were 50 children attending the Sunday School, 17 Scouts, 12 Cubs, 17 Brownies and 43 members of the bible Reading Fel-



lowship. Mr J Gray resigned from the position of Scoutmaster - his place being taken by Mr Alan Iliffe.

The Newtown Linford Choir today plays an important part of Village life and their singing is enjoyed by many in the Village and further afield. However voices must have been just as good in 1953 as there is a photo of Mrs J Taylor of the Glenfield Team congratulating Mr Basil Gimson the Leader of the Newtown Linford Choir on coming first in Class two of the Women's Institute Singing Festival.

Turning over a couple more pages however, I discovered that whilst the most outstanding event had been the Church clock - there had also been a Coronation Committee set up in February 1953. Chaired by Mr H Stopper, the Committee also included the Rev. H P Hargreaves, the Headmistress Miss Lloyd, Messrs Fenton, Jackson, Haselgrave, Mitchell-Innes, Hirst. Mr and Mrs Richardson and Mrs Stopper.

Suggested events were to include Television in Bradgate Hall (Village Hall); childrens' Tea Party; Bonfire and Fireworks; roasting of a Stag; comic cricket match; competition for decorated house, cottage or other building; childrens' fancy dress party; a souvenir for the children; grown up peoples sports; childrens' sports and other things could be added later on. Looking back at proposals, we do pretty much similar things now over 50 + years later.

Reading the description of the actual weeks events in June 1953, it mentions that the competition for the decorated houses was very popular and gave the Village a very gay and festive appearance despite the havoc caused by the wind and rain. It made me think of how lovely and festive

our Village has looked when we have celebrated our Scarecrow Festival alongside our Harvest Festival each year. I hope that a few people can be found to take over the Festival for a few more years before passing on the mantle to someone else. We are very lucky as a community to have so many willing volunteers for the mix of activities we provide, I hope the Scarecrow Festival can find its own band of willing volunteers.









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It is on Monday 27th February in the small room of the Village Hall at 7.15pm, the following one is Monday 27th March

Contact Pam McMorran 01530 242201

Parish Council Website is http://www.newtownlinford.org.uk/



Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



Due to installing Windows 10, I can no longer use contact groups for sending out NHW information. I am not a social media fan but have begun to set up a Newtown Linford NHW Group on Facebook. If you are on Facebook, please link into me if you have not already done so and then I can put you into the Group.

Pam McMorran

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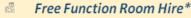
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