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Confidence. Some of us have it, some of us don't. Or rather, we are all confident in something, just not necessarily ourselves!

I was not a confident teen – bullied at school when I moved up to secondary, I spent most of my teenage years and well into early adulthood with a lack of self-esteem. Even when achieving success I still couldn't believe I was capable of it. I would avoid situations where I felt vulnerable to failure – I didn't audition for the school play, try out for the college cricket team, ask anyone out. In fact one nickname I picked up at college was 'Tre-who-he?'. Gaining self-confidence was a slow process, trying to ground myself in facts that I could remind myself of when I doubted. It's something I still need to do from time to time.

And I don't think I'm alone. My guess is that many people – not everyone, by any means – struggle more with self-confidence and self-image. More than we might imagine from appearances. Studies have shown this too – it's not just my instinct. Many of us project more outward confidence than we think we do.

Interestingly the Bible has a different take on how we might gain confidence and assurance. It's not in our own achievements – the problem being with this, as I've found, is that it only lasts as long as my next failure, and there's normally one of those just around the corner. Instead, we're encouraged to find our sense of confidence, that almost indefinable quality which allows us to step out and try new things, risk new encounters, in what God has done for us in Jesus. This is undeniable, unalterable: a sure thing, based on historical events and his interpretation of reality.

Confidence comes from being sure of something. If we can't be sure of ourselves, it's good to know that we have a source of strength, of surety, in what God has done for us, and continues to do in us, through his unchangeable love for us.

Richard Trethewey
Rector of St Peter's, Glenfield, and All Saints', Newtown Linford
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ADVANCE NOTICE – MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH

CORONATION WEEKEND IN NEWTOWN LINFORD



Saturday 6th May 2023

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

**Come and watch the televised processions
and service together with friends and family in your
Village Church.**

**The service will be shown on the large, dropdown
screen. Coffee and refreshments will be served.**

King Charles Coronation Celebration
Newtown Linford Village Party

Sunday 7th May



Malcolm's field 11am—6pm

Bring your own food and drink

Events—Games, fancy dress, tug of war



This event is being planned for all age groups and everyone in the village

Coronation Edition of the Village Magazine.

Do you have any old family or village photos of the Queen's Coronation or celebrations that happened in May 1953? Would you be willing to share them with the rest of the Village?

Any reminiscences of the day itself, where you were, did you get the chance to see the Coronation on a TV, or was there a party in your street. Please send your contribution to the editor. It will be lovely to look back and hopefully we will make many more memories at this years celebrations.

VILLAGE DIARY

March

- 4th Rummage Sale, Village Hall
- 22nd Friends of Charnwood Forest
- 25th Wildlife Walk (Biodiversity Group)
- 28th Gardening Club
- 29th Easter Wellbeing Event (Rotary)

April

- 5th Parish Council Meeting (moved from March)
- 25th Gardening Club

May

- 6th /7th Coronation Weekend Event in the Village
- 10th Annual Parish Council meeting
- 16th Start of the Boules season

Regular events

Mondays

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

4th Tuesday of the month

Gardening Club

4th Wednesday of the month

- Art Club in Church
- Gentleman's Club Bradgate PH

Wednesdays

- 10.30 and 6.30 Bodyblast Classes The Linford
- Quiz nights at The Linford 8pm start

Thursdays

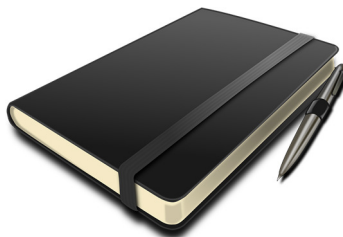
- 11.15 Coffee Mornings Village Hall
- 6.15 Slimming & Fitness, The Linford

Fridays

- 9:30 Jolly Tots, The Church

Saturday

- 2nd Saturday of each month - Village Ramblers



COFFEE & CAKE ROTA March to April 2023

March

- 2nd Janet & David Brunton Angela & Adrian McNamee 242662
9th Sue Morran, Sarah Brown, Teresa Calvert 07810 116641:
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16th Joe & Claire Costello with Bakers help 249613
23rd Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Sue Birkett 07713
457414: 242000: 244317
30th Bev Griffiths, Sue Dobby 01509 890264: 245366



April

- 6th Judy Rowe, Felicity Manning, Marilyn Upstone 243989: 245298:
242715
13th Glennis Meredith, Mary C, John Castle Carolyn T 242897:
0116 3190211: 249173
20th Maria Simms, Vicki Kerr & Friend 07974085434: 07904123603
27th Lesley Cook/Chris A/Ann Scrine 245208: 242432: 481928

Note The new Rota for Coffee & Cake Duty (once every 3 months) will start from June, if you would like to help and possibly get a few friends together to do a duty we would love to have you on board please contact me on 01530 243433. A lovely rewarding way to give back to your community without committing weekly. Flexible with swaps happening regularly.

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**

Rummage Sale plea for cakes! Saturday 4th March Village Hall

There are a few village organisation's helping with the annual Rummage Sale this year. Coffee & Cake are one of them and are in charge of doing the refreshments. If anyone is able to help either by making a cake or helping on the day please contact me on 01530 243433. Help is required between 1pm and 4pm. Thank you.



Brownies

This year for the first time, we are joining forces with four other village organisations to run a Rummage Sale (I am getting too old for this event!!).

We hope villagers will join us for tea and a cake, and browse round our many stalls, you may even be able to pick up a bargain!!!

Its good fun, so do come along.

We would much appreciate donations of clothes, books, shoes, bric-a-brac, toys etc that you no longer require to make the rummage sale a success. We would be delighted with any home made cakes!!!

Left over items either go to charity shops or are shipped out to the third world from a distribution centre

Hilary Brown Owl



For those of us not lucky enough to be able to make it to Coffee and Cake, on a Thursday morning - here is a selection that were produced by Maria Simms, at one of the last coffee and cake mornings - so tempting I am wondering if I can book a morning off work to attend! (Editor) Photo sent in by Carol Ann



NEWTOWN LINFORD VILLAGE RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday 4th March 2023

1.30pm in the Village Hall

Admission 50p

Tea and Home Made Cakes



Are you Spring Cleaning?

If so and you are outting unwanted clothes and bric-a-brac - please will you remember we are having a rummage sale and would be very grateful for any donations.



The Village Hall will be open to drop off any of your rummage on Friday 3rd March and again on Saturday morning the day of the sale from 9am!

If anyone is able to make a cake for the event or have any unwanted Xmas tombola or raffle prizes also pickles, chutneys or conserves they would be received with thanks

The event is being organised and run by the following village organisations

Brownies 

Coffee & Cake

Jolly tots

Village Hall Committee

Pre school

**For further information please contact Hannah Shaw
01530 249945 E mail: clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk**

Brownies

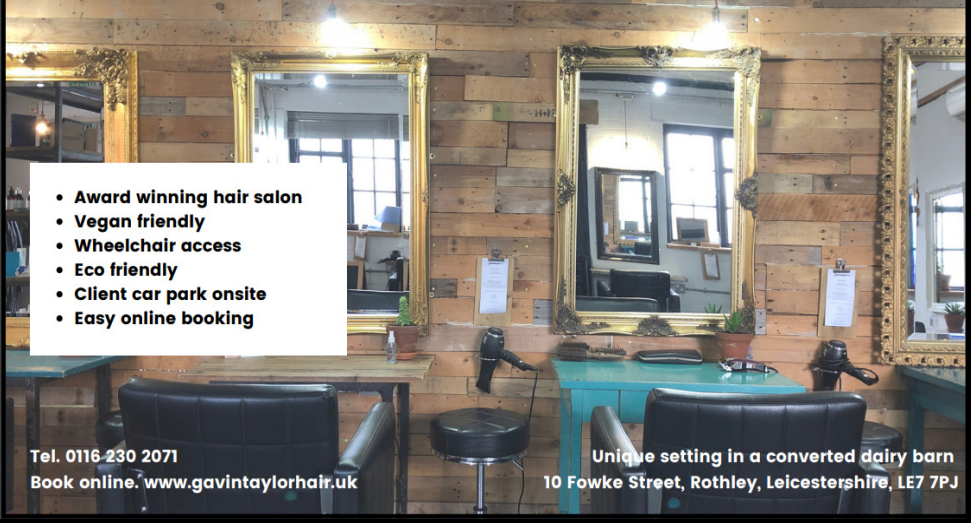
On Sunday 5th February the Brownies took part in Newtown Linford's 'Thinking Day' Church Service. Each Brownie represented a different country from around the world. We all said thank you in the native language and wished everyone a happy thinking day. I represented Saudi Arabia. The Brownies performed three songs in front of everyone which I was quite nervous doing. I mostly enjoyed the biscuit at the end.



On Monday 6th February at Brownies we had Caribbean punch with chopped banana, orange and pineapple juice, it was delicious. We played quizzes and games, including a word search and a game called Port, Starboard. I really enjoyed this and I look forward to Brownies every week.

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9:30am - 11am

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We have lots of fun with toys, crafts, stories and Singalong.

There will be hot drinks for Adults and Cold drinks and snacks for Children.

All Welcome.

For more information or if you would like to help in any way -

**please contact Ann 07925 919 618 or
Carolyn 07896 960 676**



A Night at the Oscars - in Newtown Linford



The Choral Society was delighted with the enthusiastic audience response that it received at its concert on 28th January - thank you to everybody who came. The music performed at that concert was classical or sacred - but now we've now started rehearsals for something completely different, when the Oscars come to Newtown Linford!

On Friday 9th and Saturday 10th June in the Village Hall the Choral Society will present a concert of songs from Oscar winning or nominated films. We're confident that you will know all of the songs well, including 'Cheek To Cheek', 'When You Wish Upon a Star', and selections from 'Mary Poppins', 'Beauty and the Beast', 'La La Land', There will be a licensed bar. Tickets will become available at the beginning of May, and so please put the dates in your diary.



NEWTOWN LINFORD BOULES

Welcome to our 21st year

2023 SEASON

TUESDAY 16th MAY TUESDAY 13th JUNE

TUESDAY 18th JULY TUESDAY 15th AUGUST

TUESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

Meet outside the Village Hall at 6.20pm
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Newtown Linford Gardening Club
www.newtownlinford.org.uk/gardening-club.html

We began our year with a speaker who has attracted a lot of attention in her short career as a garden designer. Four years ago, Nicola Oakey was the only female finalist in the RHS Young Gardener of the Year competition. She completed her diploma in garden design nine years ago and yet, two years later, won her first gold medal at Gardeners' World Live. In 2018 she won the Pro Landscapers '30 under 30' award recognising her as one of the UK's up and coming garden designers. After working with Adam Frost for three years she has now set up her own garden design studio in Rutland. She described how she designed, developed, and constructed her award-winning garden at Tatton Park.

She showed us her initial designs for her ten metres square plot and how she chose the materials for her hard landscaping. Of particular interest was her innovative design for the pathway using oak blocks interspersed with concrete blocks each of which was marked with a design of leaves, seed-heads and similar garden features. She put in over 1200 plants as she needed to show intensity of planting with around 30 plants per square metre in the borders which surrounded a pond, decking and some larger trees. It took two weeks to construct the garden from an empty hole and her labours earned her a silver-gilt medal. Three days after the show it had been dismantled and all that remained was the empty hole.

She is clearly a young lady with a very bright future, and we were fortunate to be able to welcome her before she becomes really famous.

Robert Barlow is our speaker on 28th February and he will talk about hostas. They are, at the moment, nowhere to be seen but will begin to appear in a few weeks' time. They have such a wide variety of leaf colour and our members will be keen to discover and purchase some new ones



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

Hedgehogs

Probably all of us have memories of seeing hedgehogs in our gardens, but how many of us have seen a hedgehog recently? Their numbers appear to be in decline, both in urban and rural areas. What do we know about them, and what can we do about their decline?

Their name 'hedgehog' is descriptive as they build nests in hedges, bushes and shrubs and are known as 'hogs' because of the snorting and grunting noises they make. They hibernate in winter, usually in log or leaf piles.

Hedgehogs are one of the oldest mammals on earth with origins estimated to be around 15 million years ago. It is believed they have changed very little over this period.

They are solitary animals, only coming together to mate. Baby hogs may stay with their mother for up to 4 to 7 weeks. They commonly live from about 3 to 5 years, although some have been known to live up to 9 years.

Their diet is mainly insectivorous, including worms, caterpillars and also some types of berries. They need a large area to gather their food and can travel up to two miles in a single night, although up to four miles has been known.



They are nocturnal. They have poor eyesight and use mainly their hearing and smell. Their porcupine-like quills (numbering 5,000 to 7,000) provide their main defence. They can also produce a foamy saliva which they smear on their quills to repel parasites and to make their quills taste unpleasant to predators. If attacked, they roll into a ball which protects their soft stomach area.

Does it matter that their numbers are in decline? Now, more than ever before, we are becoming aware of the interdependence of nature and its wildlife and our own human life. Putting it bluntly – if it's hedgehogs today – is it us tomorrow?

We need to use practices in our wider countryside that benefit all biodiversity, including hedgehogs, while there is much we can do nearer to

home. The British Hedgehog Preservation Society's website <https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/> provides the following guidance on what we can do in our gardens:

- Avoid using pesticides and slug pellets which can harm hedgehogs and damage their food chain.
- Check areas before strimming or mowing. Check bonfires before lighting, especially before Bonfire Night.
- Dispose of litter in appropriate containers. Hedgehogs can get trapped or injured by discarded rubbish.
- Provide a shallow dish of fresh water (never milk, as hedgehogs are lactose-intolerant). Food, such as meaty cat or dog food, can be put out, especially during long, dry spells.
- Make sure ponds have gently sloping edges so hedgehogs can easily get out.
- Provide a hedgehog home which can also be used as a nesting box for a mother and her young.
- Create access to your garden by leaving a gap in fences and walls, large enough for a hedgehog to pass through. If neighbours can get together and do this, a 'highway' from garden to garden can be created.



Finally, hedgehogs are part of the chain of biodiversity that makes up the complex natural world. They are a boon to our gardens and a delight to our imagination. Let's do what we can to keep them going!

Carole Longe

Wildlife Walk

Saturday 25th March

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Newtown Linford Ramblers

As the weather in February is unpredictable and having not seen many of the Newtown Linford ramblers for some time due to various 'ailments' it was decided at the annual meeting to arrange an amble to include them. So on 11th February 18 of us ambled the very short woodland walk at Bowden

Lodge farm joined by 4 others later for homemade, delicious refreshments at the cafe.

Some purchased goods from the stalls inside and at the farm shop opposite. The weather was kind to us and there was lots of chatter and laughter.

Jan Croft



SUNDAY SERVICES March 2023



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
5 March Second Sunday of Lent	8.30am Holy Communion	
	9.30am Breakfast Church	10am Holy Communion <i>John Woolmer</i>
12 March Third Sunday of Lent	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>John Woolmer</i>
	4.30pm Evening Prayer	
19 March Mothering Sunday	10am Morning Worship	10am Mothering Sunday <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
	3pm Worship for All Ages	
26 March Fifth Sunday of Lent	10am Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion <i>Richard Trethewey</i>

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, Wednesday 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd March

CHURCH REGISTERS

WEDDINGS

- None



BAPTISMS

29th January - Lucy Nethercot
We welcome her in to the Church Family



FUNERALS

19 January - Marion Smith
31 January - Peter Watson
9 February - Michael Browne



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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Jane Woolmer, ejwoolmer@gmail.com.

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

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Stations of the Cross
Following the success of 2021's 'Stations of the Cross' meditation walk around the churchyard, we are planning to repeat it this year.

We need volunteers (individuals, families, or groups) who are willing to create 1 or more of the 10 stations to be up during Holy Week. QR codes linking to suitable audio meditations by John Woolmer will be on each station; we hope anyone passing will feel free to participate as they wish. Please contact Richard Trethewey (richard@allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk) if you would like to be involved.

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Disability Training At Newtown Linford Tennis Club - Lessons starting after Easter

The Club was very lucky to have Danny Sappford (A past Davis Cup Player and British No 3 who played in Tim Henman's era) on Tuesday 14th February. Danny was running a training session at the courts in readiness for the Club to work with a local school with children with learning difficulties. It was a very rewarding session with Club Members learning what it was like to be visually impaired, deaf and how to help coach children with varied conditions.

The Club is excited at being involved. If anyone would like to join the volunteer group please call 01530 243433



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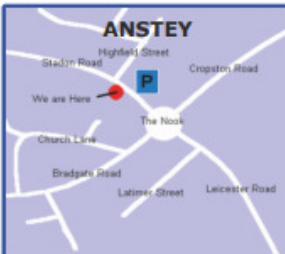
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Village Archive. Life in 1965 continued.

Last month I wrote about life in 1965. There is so much more in the Scrapbook and I thought I would share a little more of it with you.

It was the National Women's Institute Golden Jubilee year and 40th birthday of the Newtown Linford Branch. The motto for 1965 was "If you cannot be a star, you need not be a cloud". There were 150 members and as always it was extremely well organised. There were several Committees including those for Entertainment and the Flower and Produce Show. President that year was Mrs C Gibson. It was commented by one Speaker that seldom had she been to a happier or livelier Institute, which it was a tribute to all of the members who contributed to the numerous activities.

Country dancing was held, and a competition at Thrussington Village Hall in October, under the leadership of Mrs Marion Smith, who has sadly passed away recently.

A Neighbourhood Scheme was introduced into the village in the late summer with the village being divided into 10 sections. Helpers were appointed in each so that they could provide any assistance that was required.

The Parish Party was held in the Social Club and attended by 160 "Thoroughly happy people having fun in the best sense of the word". The village shop had recently been modernised, and become a self-service store open all day six days a week. At the time it was located opposite the Church. Another shop was described as being in a cottage where "One steps into the parlour to buy cigarettes, sweets and ices". The village suddenly found itself without a Post Office after 40 years when Miss Kitty Brown finally gave up the position of Postmistress in February. A year or so previously, she had routed an armed intruder. The Post Office was then temporarily transferred to a converted old stable in Main Street, nearly opposite the church. However, this regime did not last for very long, and

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it closed on 5th June as the duties were found to be too arduous. The closure of the Post Office was described as a great loss.

The 111th Leicester, Newtown Linford Scout Group was active. It opened in 1950 and had 10 members and 11 recruits. Meetings were held in the Sunday School Rooms on Wednesday evenings, when a programme of instruction, games and competitions was organised.

The Tennis Club was very active and was described as “occupying a corner of the cricket field. The only way to get into the ground was to burrow under the wire netting. The door was padlocked for safety and the key left at the shop across the road, but somewhere along the line, the key got lost. And now the door was the only place where you couldn’t get in. There were two grass courts and a kind of bus shelter effort that kept of the worst of the rain in an emergency. The grass was mown once a week through the summer, weather permitting. After a period of wet weather,

not only was the grass long enough to provide various cattle grazing, but the white lines were completely obliterated. Sometimes it happened that a ball went over or through the netting and into the river.

The cost of tennis balls

being what it was there was only one thing to do -“Paddle after it.” The writer went on to say that “No amount of practice on the Newtown Linford tennis courts is likely to do much to improve one's tennis but it is a very good way to develop the personality”.

The tennis courts in 2023, have a very different and professional look which altogether shows the enthusiasm and dedication of the current membership.

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Cutlery, crockery, linen, table and chairs can be set up for 'hire' if e.g. you just want to bring your own refreshments and sit by the river for a picnic or e.g. a birthday celebration.

Contact Jan on
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Information from David Snartt.

Local Bus Service.

I note from the Leicestershire County Council's Cabinet Meeting Agenda, of 10th February, that there is reference to the recommencement of the review of all the Council's supported passenger transport services. This recommending a proposed programme of local focussed engagement and consultation to inform affected communities on the review outcomes and intended course of action.

I understand that it is intended to start a rolling programme of local focused engagement and/or consultation (where relevant) with affected communities in spring/summer 2023. The key purpose of this will be to inform communities of the outcome of the service reviews and the County Council's intended course of action. Engagement will not be undertaken where no changes are to be made to the current services.

The reviews are being undertaken in four batches. The first of which is nearing completion and is likely to result in changes to the services, including the likely withdrawal of some of them. I understand batch one includes the 125 service which runs through the Newtown Linford Parish. I am grateful to County Councillor, Deborah Taylor for keeping me informed about the current position with this review. Full details can be found on the County Council's website.

New Election Rules for 2023.

Residents in Charnwood Borough are being urged to check they have an accepted form of photo ID ahead of this year's local elections on Thursday 4th May 2023. The new requirement of showing photo ID at Polling Stations is being introduced by the UK Government and comes into effect for the first time this May. Voters across England will be required to show an accepted form of photo ID when voting at polling stations for local elections. Acceptable forms of photo ID include: Passport issued by the UK: Photographic drivers licence: A blue badge: Older person's bus pass: Disabled person's bus pass. For a full list of acceptable ID's please visit Charnwood Borough Council's website.

Residents without one of the suitable forms of ID will be able to apply for a free ID called a Voter Authority Certificate which can only be used for elections. Applications can be made on-line through the [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) website via this link

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate> or completing a paper form. A paper form is available to download and print from Charnwood Borough Council's website. Alternatively, residents can request the form is sent to them via post by contacting the elections team by visiting electoral.services@charnwood.gov.uk or by telephoning 01509 634546.

Those residents who require a Voter Authority Certificate are being encouraged to apply as soon as possible. The deadline to apply is 5pm on Tuesday April 25th 2023. For more information whether it is for acceptable ID's, new requirements, frequently asked questions or details of how to apply for the free ID, please visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/VoterID.

Climate Change Strategy.

Views are being sought on a Climate Change Strategy 2023-30 for Charnwood which is being delivered by Charnwood Borough Council. The Strategy sets out how the Council will help lead locally and work in partnership with communities, residents, organisations and businesses to reduce emissions and help look after the environment. It also references the Council's existing efforts to reduce its own carbon footprint. The Council has been playing its part in reducing carbon emissions for many years, reducing its own carbon footprint by over a third and has encouraged others to reduce their energy use. The Council has also been at the forefront of an initiative to see more trees planted across the Borough.

The Strategy's seven main themes include: Transport: Planning, land use and biodiversity: Buildings and heating (energy): Resources, including food and waste: Business and economy: Governance and finance: Partnership and communication.

A consultation has been launched on the Strategy and people are being encouraged to have their say by visiting www.charnwood.gov.uk/ClimateStrategy. The closing date for the consultation is Monday 6th March 2023.

HELP REQUIRED



I am looking for some help three hours per week preferably in a morning to look after our bungalow. To include changing the bed and cleaning nine rooms.

Ability to feed the white doves when we are out of the Country would be helpful. Not suitable for someone who is allergic to cats as we have two long haired ragdolls.



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BRADGATE ROTARY CLUB

You may well ask what is Rotary? The organisation's mission statement is to "provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders". Whilst that is still true, it was written in 1905 and times have moved on considerably and while the ethos still stands its interpretation has moved with the times. Originally a male only organisation with its female support Club, Inner Wheel, Rotary is now open to both genders. Some older established Clubs still have the traditional set up but we in Bradgate Rotary think differently. We

- Are a secular mixed gender club with around a 60/40 split in favour of female.
- Are informal and are more like a group of friends than a Club that meet for breakfast weekly
- Have no egos and play to our individual members strengths
- Have a common interest in helping our local community whether by supporting a charity financially, painting a fence or providing advice and help
- Enjoy and have fun in whatever we do
- Put a smile on faces of all ages.

Bradgate Rotary's catchment area covers Glenfield, Groby, Ratby, Markfield, Newtown Linford and Anstey.

We would welcome you with open arms should you want to be part of Bradgate Rotary. It may well be that you just wish to volunteer with us on an ad hoc basis or join a group of like-minded people who like to

make a difference to others. That choice is yours. I nearly forgot our motto Service above Self

Please contact us if you would like to know more or come along to a meeting and meet us in person. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Wednesday 22nd March

7.30 pm, Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall

Dr Philip Wilby from the British Geological Survey in Keyworth will update us on the fossil record of Charnwood Forest, following on from the talk by Jack Matthews on *Charnia Masoni* a couple of years ago. Dr Wilby was one of the discoverers in 2022 of what is thought to be the earliest known animal predator dating from 560 million years ago. The fossil was named *Auroralumina attenboroughii* after Sir David Attenborough. The first part of the newly discovered fossil's name *Auroralumina* is Latin for dawn lantern, in recognition of its great age and resemblance to a burning torch.

Members free, visitors welcome but asked for a donation of £3.

Walking routes in the local area and around the UK

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks? Walking in Leicestershire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/leics> has loads of walks to download and print, free. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more.

Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place. John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Leicestershire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'. With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy. So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris www.walkinginengland.co.uk
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Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



I was disappointed by a theft and further criminal damage at the Cemetery during February. Two 3ft Christmas trees in pots have been stolen. They had been temporarily stored behind the Cemetery shed and belonged to the Parish Council and School PTA. At the same time, the guttering and down pipe to the water butt on the Cemetery shed was wrenched off.

Fortunately, the cost to repair the pipe and replace the Christmas trees is minimal but if you do see any anti-social behaviour or suspicious activity at the Cemetery, or around the Parish, please report to Leicestershire Police. If a crime is in progress, please call 999 for an urgent response.

Crime Prevention Advice

Key Safes

Key safes are used by many to allow access to their properties for a variety of reasons and we wish to issue the following advice for homeowners and family members to keep their homes as secure as possible.

Consider relocating key safes to somewhere away from the front entrance of a property, to avoid them being spotted by opportunist burglars.

Change the combination code for a key safe regularly and each time a person no longer requires access.

Avoid using easily memorable or guessable combinations such as birth dates or years.

Review and keep to a minimum, the number of people who have access to the key safe code.

Consider taking the key out of the safe when you know it will not be needed for access.

Install security lights, alarms and CCTV to further protect your home against burglary.

Keep burglars out of your property

Burglars will use a variety of ways to avoid being noticed. They don't want to be seen or heard by a neighbour or passer-by because they will feel exposed and identifiable. Distraction burglars will pretend to be

someone they are not, so it's important you are aware of the common methods they will use to get you to let them into your property.

Here's some useful advice, firstly on helping to keep burglars out by giving them no hiding place and, secondly, on how to prevent a distraction burglary.

Keep it visible

You'd think that it would be best to make a property less visible from the street, and to keep it hidden from prying eyes behind overgrown bushes, trees, high fences or walls. In reality, all that this serves to do is make it easier for a burglar to get close to a home unnoticed, and provide somewhere to hide while carrying out a burglary or theft from the property.

Lower fences at the front around one-metre high are preferable to high fences as they allow for a clear view over the top and don't provide cover for anyone wishing to hide.

At the rear and sides, taller fencing is recommended to prevent easy access.

Trellis, thorny plants, or a suitable anti-climb topping such as plastic spikes make it difficult for anyone climbing over a fence or gate.

Planting prickly or barbed shrubbery along boundaries and fence lines acts as an effective natural barrier.

Gravel driveways and paths will make sure you hear anyone approach.

Wishing you all a safe and crime free month ahead.

Keep 'em peeled.

Best wishes,
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News from Newtown Linford Parish Council

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Spring is definitely on its way and we've had some glorious but chilly days in February. I am certainly looking forward to the lighter evenings and warmer days.

I am also looking forward to the Club Tropicana 80s night event being held on Friday 17th March in aid of the Village Hall. Many thanks to everyone who has purchased a ticket; we are looking forward to seeing you all on the night.

Letters will be delivered to properties in the near vicinity; as the event ends at midnight there may be a slight disturbance whilst people leave the building, however, we will ask all attendees to please respect our neighbours upon leaving the Village Hall.

Special thanks go to resident, Ian White of Bradgate Events, who is supporting the evening, which will help raise funds towards the Village Hall's increased energy costs.

This event is now sold out but fear not, plans are underway to hold a similar event later in the year. So far, suggestions have been received for a 70s night and also a 90s night. Please let us know what your preference is by emailing me at the address below.

New Mandatory Voter ID requirements

From May 2023, all voters will be required to show an accepted form of photographic identification (photo ID) at a polling station before they are given a ballot paper.

This will affect all voters across Charnwood who vote in person or by proxy, at the next local election on Thursday 4th May, 2023. You are not required to provide photo ID for postal voting.

Photo ID you can use

Voters must bring a suitable form of photographic ID to their polling station. Acceptable forms of photo ID will include:

- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
- Photographic driver's licence issued by the UK, Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (including provisional)
- European Economic Area (EEA) photographic ID Card
- Biometric immigration document

- An identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (PASS card)
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- A Blue Badge
- Older Person's Bus Pass
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- Oyster 60+ Card
- Freedom Pass.

Only original documents are accepted; scanned images or copies will not be accepted. However, if your photo ID has expired it will be accepted as long as the photograph is still a good likeness to you.

No suitable photo ID?

Voters who do not produce a Voter Authority Certificates, or valid photo identification will not be allowed to vote on the day.

CBC will accept scanned copies of applications for Voter Authority Certificates via email to electoral.services@charnwood.gov.uk. Paper applications may also be posted or handed in to the Council Offices.

Alternatively, if you would like a paper copy of the application form sent to you in the post, please contact the elections team on electoral.services@charnwood.gov.uk or by calling 01509 634546.

(See David Snartts Article p30 - Editors Note)

On with more news....

Bob Bown Memorial Field

We await confirmation of a date for the installation works of the new play park surfacing and play equipment.

Various new pieces of play equipment including a see-saw, climbing wall and streetboard springie and improved surfacing to replace the existing wetpour, will be installed and the park will need to be closed to members of the public for a period of 3 weeks. Unfortunately, this means the park may be closed over the Easter holiday.

The timber framed trail will be removed in its entirety to make way for the new equipment and a staggered approach to the improvement works will mean gaps in play facilities in the short term. Any new equipment which is not timber, will be painted in similar colours to the infant modular play unit installed in 2021, which will be more in keeping with the surrounding area.

Cemetery and Churchyard

As reported in my Neighbourhood Watch report, I was disappointed by a theft and further criminal damage at the Cemetery during February. Two 3ft Christmas trees in pots have been stolen. They had been temporarily

stored behind the Cemetery shed and belonged to the Parish Council and School PTA. At the same time, the guttering and down pipe to the water butt on the Cemetery shed, was wrenched off.

If anyone has any knowledge of the damage or the whereabouts of the Christmas Trees, please let me know in confidence or report to the Police on 101. Thank you.

Upcoming Parish Council Meetings

It has been necessary to change the date of the March Parish Council Meeting. The new date is Wednesday 5th April at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th May from 7.15pm in the Village Hall and everyone, as always, is welcome to attend.

Stay well, stay safe.

Best wishes,

**Hannah Shaw,
Parish Council Clerk**

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Can we have your contributions for the **April 2023** issue by **15th March 2023** please.

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