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ay is a wonderful month when the whole of creation seems to burst into new life echoing Christ's glorious resurrection we have just celebrated at Easter. New pristine shoots, and vibrant flowers boldly and defiantly remind us that the darkness and death of winter have been conquered. Ours is a resurrection faith and just as surely as spring follows winter so in Christ we have the promise of new life and hope.

I was enjoying all of this recently walking through some beautiful parkland, watching the waterfowl on an overflowing lake, when I was reminded of an incident many years ago. This time, I was standing by a very muddy river in an industrial setting, watching the cargo boats and barges drift by, when it happened. I don't remember whether the boy had fallen into the river or jumped, but I heard the splash, and the shout. Like the crowd that quickly gathered; I stood and watched, helplessly, almost detached, not quite sure what should happen next. The boy started to struggle to keep his head above the water. Almost in slow motion, a young man in the crowd kicked off his shoes, and dived into the muddy water to rescue him. It was difficult at first because the boy was thrashing about. The man held the boy's head and seemed to speak into his ear. The lad suddenly became surprisingly still, almost peaceful, and was carried out of the water shocked, and very wet, but safe.

Most of us experience times when we find ourselves searching for, struggling with, or deeply challenged by faith. It's usually the case that faith comes, or is restored not in the middle of debate, or fierce argument, nor at the height of trauma, conflict or condemnation, but when all the

struggling stops... *“Be still,”* the psalmists says, *“and know that I am God.”*

The late Henri Nouwen writes of his friendship with a family of trapeze artists called the flying Roudellas and how one of them told him of the special relationship between flyer and catcher on the trapeze. The flyer is the one that lets go, and the catcher is the one that catches. As the flyer swings high above the crowd on the trapeze, the moment comes when he must let go. He arcs out into the air, arms outstretched. His job is to remain still and wait for the strong hands of the catcher to pluck him from the air.

He explained that the flyer must never try to catch the catcher; but wait in absolute trust. The catcher will catch him; but the flyer must wait. Again the psalm reminds us, *“Those who hope in the LORD, will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”*

Jesus said, *“Come, all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will refresh you.”*

As the summer unfolds, may you be uplifted by the beauty of God’s creation whether it’s in your own back garden or distant exotic places. Wherever you are, may you also be blessed by the powerful simplicity of God’s abundant refreshing grace.

Rev’d Fred Brodie

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VILLAGE DIARY

May 2014

3rd Ramblers (Cathedral Group)
7th Bradgate Flower Club
10th Ramblers
16th/17th Bradgate Drama Society
26th National Garden Scheme
31st Village Quiz

June 2014

12th - 14th Newtown Linford Choral Society
22nd Confirmation Service

Regular events

Monday afternoon	Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall
Mondays 8pm at the Church	Bell Ringing
1st Monday of the month	Youth Club
4th Tuesday of the month	Gardening Club
1st Wednesday of the month	Flower Club
3rd Wednesday of the month	Ladies Luncheon Club
3rd Thursday	Gentlemen's Lunch Club



QUIZ



IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 31st May 7.00 for 7.30

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Bradgate Drama Society

The Society's Spring production is
Alan Ayckbourn's
'Snake in the Grass',
a ghostly thriller which will have you on the
edge of your seat.



Performances are on
Friday 16th. and Saturday 17th May
beginning at 7.30p.m.
in Newtown Linford Village Hall.

If you'd like to join us for an extremely spooky night
out tickets, price £7, are available from Lesley Baker
(01509 890771) or Toby Manning (01530 245298) or
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Stonewell Cottage, Ulverscroft.

Stoneywell Cottage and garden are looking beautiful in the spring sunshine and our plans are moving ahead towards welcoming our first visitors in the summer.

Minor repairs to the cottage are complete and work is being carried out on the stables to convert them into an office, welcome area, toilets and a small tea room, and a new car park is under construction a few hundred metres away.

These facilities are for the use of Stoneywell visitors only and are not available for general public use. All visitors to Stoneywell will be required to pre book in advance of their intended visit date and will be given a time slot and allocated a space to park in the car park. Booking will be by phone or online and will open sometime in June. Please look at the web site for up to date information:

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stoneywell .

National Trust (e mail: Stoneywell@nationaltrust.org.uk)



Susan Guy - Stoneywell

Village Ramblers 2014

Meet : Opposite the Village Hall, to depart at 2pm unless stated otherwise.

Please wear walking boots/shoes. The walks usually are about 3 - 4 miles and last about 2 hours.

Date	Walk leaders	Telephone
3rd May	Mick ,Cathedral Walking Group, Meet @ Dog&Gun, Keyham at 12noon. Ring Glenis for details.	
10th May	Penny Neaves	0116 2362660
14th June	Glenis Meredith	242897

Thank you to Mick Mcquade for inviting us to a most interesting walk with the Cathedral Walkers and to Jan. for organising the April walk described below.

Mick's walk visited the lovely little Norman Church, St. Bartholmews at Foston. A Church well worth a visit .The walk on 3rd May, will be to All Saints, Keyham, which dates from the 13th century.

Newtown Linford Ramble Saturday 12th April 2014

21 ramblers gathered at Alan and Brian Webster's, 200 acre Coleorton Farm. Alan gave us the history of the brothers' farming over the years, the decline of their dairy herd, (showing us their beautiful remaining 4 calves and 4 cows) to wheat, oats, beans and barley crops. From using a 51 year old tractor (still in a lovely condition) to their modern farm machinery. This was followed by a most informative, interesting 3 mile farm walk ending up with afternoon tea - homemade cakes made by some of the ramblers (thank you). We enjoyed it so much 10 of us returned that evening to join Alan and Brian at their local pub, The Angel, where we had an excellent meal and further interesting chats. Profuse thanks to them from all of the ramblers.

2014 National Forest Walking Festival.

This takes place between 17th and 29th May 2014

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e-mail: glenis72meredith73@gmail.com

Well-behaved dogs only are welcome, to be under the close supervision of the owner, and to be on the lead where there is livestock or nesting birds. Please check with the leader that dogs are allowed across any access land.

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Bradgate Flower Club

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Geraldine Abbott

News from the Park



Happy New Year!

The Bradgate Park Trust's financial year begins on the 1st April and so does our 'season' with the Ruins and Visitor Centre opening and the 'drive-through' for our visitors with disabilities starting up again. On the weekend that British Summer Time begins, the Rangers move to their summer working pattern where we split the team into two shifts to ensure that we have staff cover all through the longer days. As is appropriate, for the start of a new year, we are doing a lot of planning and organising. I have been at Bradgate for 18 months now and, having got a feel for the Park and some of the issues here as well as making a few obvious changes, it is time to begin to think and plan more strategically.

Our governance arrangements are still more or less as they were established by Charles Bennion's original Trust Deed in 1928 and it is a testament to our Donor's foresight, that they have served us well for so many years. Our current Governing Document dates from 1980 and, although it contained a number of amendments to reflect changes in law and practice, essentially reflects what was in the original Deed. We have embarked on a process of reviewing our governance arrangements to ensure that they remain 'fit for purpose' and that Trustees are at the heart of our strategic planning process.

The first question that we need to ask ourselves is: "Why are we here?" Many people are aware of the wording on the 'Bennion Stone' which says that the Park was given:

"...that for all time it might be preserved in its natural state for the quiet enjoyment of the people of Leicestershire"

Interestingly, this is not a form of words that appears in the Trust Deed, which talks about:

"...an open space, public park or recreation ground for the use, enjoyment and benefit of the inhabitants of the County of Leicester...and of visitors to the said County"

This provision was repeated in the 1980 Charity Commission Scheme of Management when it was joined by a second, new, charitable purpose:

"To advance the education of the public in the care and appreciation of the environment"

When we consider how the world outside the Park gates has changed since Charles Bennion established the Trust, we can begin to appreciate just how important these two purposes are today.

In 1928 there was quite simply a lot more countryside around and people had greater access to it. Not, of course, that they were able to make trips to the open uplands of the Peak District or even Scotland with the ease that we can nowadays simply by driving up the M1 in our own private vehicles. However, in terms of getting access to an area of green space in the vicinity of home, the way in which Leicester and the surrounding towns have expanded, together with the volume of traffic on the roads and fear of strangers that make parents reluctant to let their children venture outside, we are far worse off today.

The intervening eight decades have seen dramatic changes in farming and land management practices that have led to an impoverishment of the countryside in terms of the variety of plant and animal life it supports. Although the situation has been addressed slightly by the introduction of financial incentives for environmentally friendly farming methods, places such as Bradgate now stand as islands of wildlife in a sea of degraded habitats and diminished biodiversity.

This decline in wildlife means that there are fewer opportunities for people to enjoy and learn about our native flora and fauna and, as children's lives become more pressurised and dominated by technology, there is an increasing disengagement from the natural world and the health benefits, both physical and psychological, that time spent in nature brings.

It is by getting children 'up close and personal' with the natural world that they will enjoy time spent outdoors and come to understand and value the special places that give them that contact. There is a limit to what can be achieved in an indoor classroom setting and for schools, outdoor activities have been curtailed by pressure on the curriculum, reduced funding and worries about health and safety. This is why we are looking to add more 'hands on' activities to our Guided Walks & Events programme such as Moth Trapping (23rd May and 22nd August), Stream Dipping (8th June) and a Minibeast Safari (22nd June) and why initiatives such as Little Larks Parent & Toddler Group and Woodland Warriors run by Woodlark Forest School are so important.

Over the next few months our Trustees will be working hard to formulate a vision that pulls all these strands together and developing a strategic plan that ensures that we can make that vision a reality for the people that the Trust was set up to benefit.

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“Brookvale High School is an outstanding school”, confirms Ofsted on 5th/6th February 2014.

Brookvale High School has become the first secondary school in Leicestershire to be judged by Ofsted to be Outstanding in every area since the introduction of the new, more rigorous inspection framework last year. Scrutiny of the Ofsted website shows just how few schools are now achieving this top grade across the country.



Headteacher, Katie Rush, said, “The whole school community is delighted with the outcome of the inspection. Since our last inspection we have secured outstanding practice in all areas of our work.

The lead inspector reported, “Students’ achievement is outstanding because they make excellent progress during their time at the school and attain exceptionally high standards by the end of Year 9”. “We are particularly proud of our students”, said Headteacher Katie Rush. “The inspectors were incredibly impressed with their courtesy, their attitudes to learning, and their pride in their school.”

The lead inspector reported, “The school is led and managed exceptionally well. The Headteacher, senior leaders and governors have overseen significant improvements in the quality of teaching and students’ achievement over the last two years. All staff are clearly dedicated to the further improvement and continued success of the school.”

Co Chairs of Governors, Gill Okuniewski and Anthony Whitfield, are extremely proud of the school. “Our role is to support and challenge, and we are delighted that the exceptional school we know is recognised in the inspection report, as is the dedication of the Brookvale governors.”

Headteacher, Katie Rush, commented that, “In an era of school age range change in Leicestershire, Brookvale High School is fortunate in having no need to change age range as we share an 11-19 campus with Groby Community College. Together we form the Brookvale Groby Learning Campus, and because of the strength of our partnership, we exemplify all that can work well in the Leicestershire High and
14 Upper school system. As a consequence we are able focus all our energies towards creating an outstanding 11-19 learning environment.”

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Newtown Linford Gardening Club

What a lovely spring we are having! All the spring flowers are out and the display of colour this year is quite stunning. It reminds us that this is one of the reasons we become gardeners in the first place.

The photo is of the daffodils on Bradgate Road halfway up the hill.



Our speaker in March was David Thornton, Secretary of the National Vegetable Society who told us all about the new findings on the adage of 'five-a-day' for healthy living. The thought of this increasing to seven or even nine was a revelation and we were even more surprised to see the things we had learnt on the Tuesday splashed all over the news two days later!

In May we have our first visit of the year. We go to Glebe Nurseries which is near Countesthorpe. We are having a trip round the nurseries after enjoying a meal in their restaurant.

Tickets are now available for our celebrity event in the Autumn. On 4th November, Adam Frost will be coming to Newtown Linford. He has already won gold medals at Chelsea for garden design on four occasions (perhaps five by the time he comes to speak to us!!!) and is now one of the newly established experts in this subject. He appears on our screens at regular intervals and has a reputation as a fascinating speaker with an innovative gardening brain. As last time, when Christine Walkden came to our Village, we will invite members of other Gardening Clubs and interested visitors to join us. Tickets will cost £10 and are available from the Secretary (see below for contact numbers). We will also be offering special group rates and details of these can be obtained from the Secretary.

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.

National Garden Scheme -Enjoy a day in our Gardens

Monday 26th May 2014, 11.00 – 5.00pm

On the Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 26th May, from 11am until 5pm, Woodlands (86 Main Street), Lin Croft (88), Bank Cottage (90), Dell Cottage (92), Dingle House (94A) and Apple Tree Cottage (114) will be welcoming you all to enjoy stunning displays.

Home made teas will be available at Bank Cottage and Apple Tree Cottage where you will be able to sit and relax. All the gardens have a southerly aspect so if the weather is fine you can enjoy the sunshine, the view, and the wonderful home made cakes. In addition we will have a Plant Stall including home grown seedlings.

The National Garden Scheme has been raising money for nursing and caring charities since 1927. Over 3700 gardens are just waiting to be discovered nationally and we are just 6 of those.

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Brownie News

Potatoes!

In January all the brownies were given 2 potatoes to start chitting. Our variety was 'Foremost'. This is a rather old variety we choose this because brownies are 100 years old and this would probably be the types parents grew decades ago.

In March when there were plenty of

shoots on the potatoes, we set them in very big plant pots.

First Brown Owl brought compost and manure. We put on our rubber gloves and put in our compost at the bottom. Then we put in the manure. We made two nests in the manure and carefully placed the potatoes in them. Then we covered the potatoes in compost and took them home (where we will keep topping them up with soil and watering them).

In July we will tip out the potatoes and see who has the:-

- Funniest shape
- Largest/smallest
- Heaviest crop

And we will see who's is the best. With a bit of luck we will eat them for Sunday lunch!!!

By Jolie Jenkins-Hurn, age 7



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The course will begin in the spring and will cover a total of 5 sessions. It will give you plenty of time to think about what Confirmation is about, what it means to be a Christian and whether you want to take this next step on your Christian journey in terms of 'confirming the promises' made for you at your baptism or simply to 'confirm' what you already believe. Baptism is a part, along with Confirmation, of what the Church uses by way of including people into God's family. If you have not been baptised but would like to be confirmed then this can all be arranged so please do not feel put off.

I shall be leading the short preparation sessions and we will organise precise venue, dates and times once we have had chance to judge the likely interest. Please fill in the form at the bottom of this sheet and return it to me if you like to explore confirmation further.

Do give me a ring or have a word if you want to know anything more.

Best wishes

Rev. Dr. Peter Hooper

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TELEPHONE

DATE OF BAPTISM.....

21 **PLACE OF BAPTISM**.....

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BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES—May 2014

DATE	GROBY	RATBY	NEWTOWN LINFORD
4th May St. Philip & St. James	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)	
	9.30am Family Worship (LC)	10.00am Worship for All (PH)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
			4.00pm Evening Praise (KW/LC)
11th May Christian Aid Week			8.00am Holy Communion (LC)
	10.00am Special Service (LC)	10.00am Special Service (David Lawton)	10.30am Family Service (RC)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (KW)		
18th May 5th of Easter	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)		
	9.30am Morning Worship (LC)	10.00am Family Communion (FB)	11.00am Special Service (PH)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (LC)	6.00pm Holy Communion (PH)	
25th May Rogation Sunday			8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
	9.30am Holy Communion (PH)	10.00am Morning Prayer (KW)	10.30am Morning Prayer (RC)
	6.30pm 4SE		

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES — May

NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10am	1st				
GROBY	Wed	9.30am	30th	7th	14th	21st	28th
22 RATBY	Thur	9.30am		8th		22nd	

CHURCH REGISTERS



Weddings

Newtown Linford

12th April ~ Rudy Gaw and Kirsten Jansen



Church Contact Details

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Regular Events

Bell ringer's practice: Monday 8pm

Family Services

All Saints Church, Newtown Linford is launching a new monthly family service and would like to invite families (and everyone else) along to join us on the day.

We would like to invite all children (whatever your age 0 - 100) to come along with your family to celebrate these special days.

From May the Family Service will be on the second Sunday of each month and we hope to make it a more age appropriate family event.

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Newtown Linford Primary School

It has once again been a very busy term at School since Christmas, and our children have been involved in a wide variety of activities both within, and outside of, School.

PE and Sport

As all Schools nationally, we have been very enthusiastically spending our Sport Funding Money and this is having a significant impact on the opportunities and facilities we are able to offer.

In partnership with our PTA we had our grassed area covered with cellular matting in October. This has meant we have been able to use our whole playground throughout the winter and as the grass is growing through we don't wear it all away!

We have also bought a wide variety of resources, from tennis racquets and nets to parachutes and goals to name just a few. We ensure that all our children can take part in a wide variety of sports, to not only develop their skills but also enable them to access a sport which really sparks their interest and hopefully encourages them to continue in sport for life.

We are also making the full use of our grounds in using our equipment outside for gymnastic sessions too, after all our staff have received intensive training from a specialist PE Consultant. We have far grander plans too for the development of our site and are hopeful we will receive a grant from Sport England for £30,000. In collaboration with the Governing Body, the School Council, Hinckley and Bosworth School Sport and Physical Activity Network and Bright PE we believe we have designed opportunities which will make the sport opportunities we can offer our children outstanding. If we are unsuccessful with our bid we have plans to still develop the grounds to ensure we can continue to offer our children their full PE entitlement in as exciting a manner as possible.

We have worked in partnership with Bradgate Park to train our very experienced and skilled Sports Coach so that he, too, will be able to deliver Forest School sessions. He also, this Easter Holiday, ran a three day Sports Holiday Club on site which was well attended by children from our School but also three other local schools. We are planning to run another such session during the Summer Holiday and are hopeful that other local children join us as we wish to share our facilities with the whole community and take our rightful place in the heart of the local community.

Our Y2/4/5/6 children took part in the first Symphony Football Competition. We came second within our group and so are looking forward to taking part in the semi-finals in May. A truly mixed gender team showed



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their co-operation skills as well as talent and were superbly trained by our Sports Coach. I am sure you will wish them well!

Our Gymnastics team (Y1/2/3/4/6) and Tag Rugby team (Y4/5/6) also represented all of the schools within the local area at level 3 competitions against a wide variety of schools within the Hinckley and Bosworth Area.



Whilst we didn't get through to the next round to represent our area at the Leicestershire Games, our children showed true talent, determination and team spirit when competing. Our staff work hard to provide our children with regular opportunities to compete against other schools and we are looking forward to taking part in the Area Athletics next term.

Special Days

To inspire all our children to learn, throughout each term we hold special days where the children learn within mixed aged groups to develop their skills through creative and exciting opportunities linked to current events and/or our whole school topics.



On the launch day of the Winter Olympics we held a special maths day using the Winter Olympics as our theme to motivate the children mathematically but also spark their interest in the events happening over the half term holiday in Russia.

On Shrove Tuesday each class used this as their Maths and RE focus for the day which culminated in a whole school pancake race!



Maths has been a significant focus within school this term as we have developed our use of Numicon resources. We enjoyed sharing with parents and friends how this practical resource can support learning from EYFS to Y6 during a special open afternoon. This built upon the Parents' Meeting we had held earlier in the term.



Whilst reading skills are obviously vital to develop within school we also hope to instil a love of reading into all children who attend our School. As part of this we set our children a challenge to be 'caught reading' in an unusual or original place. A very large percentage of our School took part in this challenge and our final winners were caught reading on top of a car, a garage, in the bath, a wheelbarrow, a dentist chair, a digger truck, an airing cupboard, on a climbing wall and outside in the rain at night under an umbrella! Our winners were announced as part of our World Book Day Celebrations where we even had a child come on a mobility scooter as Gangster Granny! All staff and children came to school for the day dressed as their favourite book character and took part in mixed groups of children undertaking activities to further develop their love of reading.

We also invited all female relations into school for the afternoon before Mothering Sunday. Together with the children cakes were decorated and eaten, bead hearts were made and the children had the opportunity to share the skills they have been developing within their PE sessions. This afternoon had over 50 adults joining us within school and is something we are looking forward to repeating with male relations just before Fathers' Day.

Science and Engineering Week

In March we enjoyed celebrating this week within school when all our children from EYFS to Y6 took part in a wide variety of challenges which tested their scientific, engineering and problem solving skills.

Three of our oldest children visited Brookvale High School to work with

28 Y6 children from other feeder schools to take part in practical

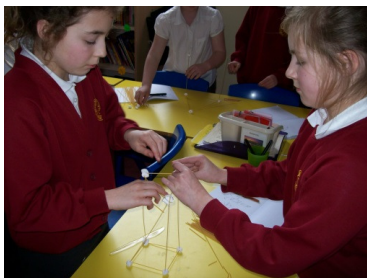


science lessons in their laboratories. Bunsen burners are always so exciting!

The whole of Tyburn class attended Loughborough University for the day. This built upon one of our curriculum drivers of ambition as the children had the opportunity to sample university life through student led workshops. They explored poetry, were involved in new product design, manufacturing and engineering and also developed their mapping skills.



Four of Tyburn class also represented our School at the Science/Engineering ENRICH finals held at South Charnwood High School. Within School they built spaghetti and marshmallow towers, as did all other upper KS2 classes within ENRICH, and Miss Lenton chose the children from this task based on their engineering thinking, problem solving and perseverance. They had further challenges to complete at South Charnwood High School against the other local Primary Schools and whilst they weren't the overall winners the designs to protect their eggs held up well, except from the highest of drops! This event was also registered on the British Science and Engineering website.



These events also show how closely we work with both our feeder Secondary School and also the other local Secondary School within the local area that some of children choose to transfer to. We are currently seeking ways to work more closely too with Anstey Martin High School

Music

Our Y5/6 children continue to develop their brass skills and played very confidently within our Easter Service at the Church at the end of term. These children are coming to the end of two years of weekly lessons which have been funded in partnership with Leicester-Shire Arts and School. The children have all had free lessons and an instrument free of charge during this period which they have been able to take home to practice further.

All schools now have a requirement to provide a term of free lessons where children learn to play a musical instrument within KS2 and we are proud to be able to offer this instead for two years. Whilst this is a substantial amount of money to commit from our budget, the governors

and I have made this commitment as we believe in being able to develop a wide range of opportunities for children. We are proud that children will be choosing to continue to play after they have left our School and access the opportunities provided by brass bands within the local area.

Next year our year four and five children will start their sessions and I know they are looking forward to them due to the high quality of teaching the children have received from Mr Goldsworthy of Leicester-Shire Arts, and also how successful our current year five and six children have been.

The Summer Term

We are looking forward to next term when our whole school topic of The Great Outdoors will excite and stimulate the children with a wide variety of learning opportunities that take full advantage of the beautiful placement of our School. We are also looking forward to Red Hill Field



Primary School from Narborough coming to join us in June. In November we all went to spend the day with them to learn about how another school works and to share learning experiences. As a school with over 300 children, their school - as you can imagine - is very different to ours and it will be an interesting day having so many children and adults on site! We are going to take full advantage of Bradgate Park during the day but also give our children the opportunity to show them round our school which they are all so proud of!

As in all schools the Summer Term will be very busy with Sports Day at the Village Cricket Ground and our whole School end of term production. We would welcome any visitors to these two events, please contact the School Office for more details if you would like the opportunity to join us.

Newtown Linford Primary School is a happy and vibrant place to be and we have proved to be very popular with parents once again both within and outside of our catchment area for children to join us in September 2014. We have continued to build upon the outstanding progress our children achieved last academic year and have maintained this throughout this academic year thus far.

At Newtown Linford Primary School children are encouraged to achieve their best, develop their interests, talents and become caring, considerate members of the community. We know that by placing an emphasis on quality teaching and learning, where children are provided with a rich, stimulating and relevant learning environment, we are creating a strong foundation on which future achievements will be built.

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Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch A member of the Parish Council



Beacon Officer. P.C. Leye Price recently organized a meeting which the NHW co-ordinators for Swithland, Woodhouse and Rothley attended. The Quorn co-ordinator declined to attend. These are the notes I made from the meeting since it was not minuted.

General notes

Leicestershire Constabulary had 2,000 officers which went up to 2,500. It now has to be reduced to 1,600 within the next two years. Beat Teams in future will probably have a Beacon Officer and P.C.S.Os who may be upgraded and given more powers such as a right to arrest and/or more safety gadgets. It may become a two tier Police Force.

From now on

Police will not be attending Parish Council meetings each month simply to read out crime reports that have already been submitted. Police on the whole will not be visiting our villages unless an incident has been reported and that may be a quick response unit. *(Having said that P.C.S.O. Steve Quinn did attend this last Parish Council Meeting and said if he was on duty he would still try and come. He also envisaged coming occasionally to the Blue Police Box in the park)*

It is not very likely that a NHW Office will be reopened in either Loughborough or Coalville and so no reports of incidents will be sent to the NHW Co-ordinators. It was, therefore, agreed that P.C.S.Os would review the overnight crime every morning if they had time and submit to the NHW Co-ordinators who agreed it could be a general list if it made it easier. This would be beneficial both ways as the NHW Co-ordinators could circulate early in the day and ask if anyone has seen anything and report back.

Residents to be encouraged to use 101 rather than going through the NHW channels.

Requests to the Police from the NHW Co-ordinators

Citizens appreciate knowing the outcome of anything they have reported and it would be helpful to have this type of feedback which it is accepted may be several months later.

Requests by P.C. Leye Price to the NHW Co-ordinators

We must move with the times and get away from being seen as an elderly curtain twitching group with nothing better to do.

Twitter and Facebook is to be utilized to encourage younger people to become involved and even become a NHW Co-ordinator. Training is available for the use of both social media groups for the Co-ordinators to attend. If the co-ordinators feel unable to use social media then they must consider standing down or most certainly appointing a second in command to handle this side of the information dissemination.

I expressed concern at the breakdown of the Neighbourhood Beat Team as I know it. She said she was aware of our Parish Council's thoughts and in particular the Chairman, since Ken made it clear at the November Meeting, that she attended, that he expected a Police presence. She said there is no way this can happen in the light of the budget cuts and further, we have no crime to speak of. She said she cannot spare Officers to read out a list of matters that I am already aware of. I have to admit we are lucky and she is correct in that respect. Since this meeting the P.C.S.Os have sent a report of the latest crimes virtually every day. The nearest crime is a solar panel from a field next to a house on Dean's Lane which is not in our Parish. It is thought that they intended to take all the panels if not disturbed and they may head our way.

I was pleased to see the red coated Charnwood Parking Wardens on duty at noon on Palm Sunday. *(Thanks to our Councillor David Snartt the Wardens have agreed to come more often especially at Bank Holidays.*

Finally a couple of reminders:-

1. ICE stands for in case of emergency. Keep your contact details filed under ICE in your mobile phone and even laptop. This is the first place the emergency services look if you are involved in an accident.
2. Purchase a bottle of Smart Water for making a mark on your valuables. Each bottle shows a unique number when presented under a certain light. It never wears away and can assist the Police in returning stolen items to their rightful owner.

Despite my initial reaction against Twitter and Facebook, with which I disagree, I am prepared to rethink if residents think differently. Please let me have your views good or bad. P.C. Leye has suggested that the school children, youth groups and uniformed movements etc. be approached to encourage them to use their mobile phones to report things via social media.

Pam McMorrان, NHW Co-ordinator – pam@riverlyn.freeserve.co.uk

**Florence Marjorie Jane Webster, always known as Marjorie
1916 – 2014**

Marjorie who recently passed away is the Mother of Mary (Clarke) David



and Michael. All three still live locally with their families and many of you will have listened to Michael giving his talks on birds. The following is the obituary written by the family for the funeral.

1916 was a dark time for Great Britain; World War 1 was in stalemate, mired in the trenches of France. But on October 23rd in the small coal-mining village of Ibstock, Leicestershire, there was a glimmer of light for one family. Florence Marjorie Jane Cramp was born, a daughter to Albert and Hellina Cramp.

Here are two of Marjorie's earliest memories: *"I remember seeing my uncle Harry on his return from the 1st World War. We were in the kitchen, I remember seeing him and a few others walking into the house in uniform, their legs bound up in those special 'bindings'."* This memory must have been when Marjorie was 3 years old, perhaps in 1918 or 1919:



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“Another early memory was when I was at home in bed, suddenly I was bundled up in the night and carried across the yard to sleep in my uncle’s house next door, the following day I found out that that was the night my sister, Kathleen, was born” This was in 1922.

Marjorie went to the tiny village school in Ellistown; it was at this school, under the tutelage of a Mrs Gregory, that she learnt what was to become one of her enduring passions through life, embroidery.

Marjorie spent a happy childhood in Ellistown where her father owned and ran a butchers shop. After leaving school, Marjorie went to work for a fashionable hairdressers in Leicester, “Maison Georges” run by Madam Bush. She used to cycle to the rail station at Hugglescote, leave her bike and then take a train to Leicester. It was whilst working there that she met another apprentice, Bernard Webster, who happened to live close to Ellistown, in the village of Battram.

In the 1930s Marjorie finished her apprenticeship and her father bought her a small hairdressing shop on Applegate Street, Leicester, called Lorraine’s. The shop was situated in the historic Roman centre of the City close to the Cathedral. Running a small shop in her early twenties was enjoyable; Leicester in those days was full of small shops, their owners living in rooms above, an ‘urban family’ of shopkeepers, a community dependent on each other. Factories were all around, and the city scene was one of hustle and bustle of workers, cycles, horses and carts as well as trams and trolley buses rattling up and down the cobbled streets.

The onset of World War 2 ended that way of life, Marjorie’s life, as well as everyone else’s suddenly changed.

In the early 1940s, most men of fighting age were away at war, except in the villages around Ellistown and Bagworth, there, most men were needed to mine coal to support the factories.

Marjorie married Bernard Webster on June 23rd 1940 at Hugglescote Parish Church and Bernard returned shortly afterwards to his army depot.

Marjorie was needed to support her father at the butcher’s shop in the mornings, delivering orders of meat and pies to the surrounding area, but some afternoons she would return to her small shop in Leicester. The factories of Leicester were busy night and day, the war effort needed uniforms and hosiery of all types, these factories were staffed by thousands of girls and women and they all needed hairdressers, and many went to Marjorie’s shop, arriving at the end of their afternoon or evening shift, sometimes as late as 10 o’clock in the evening. Those nights

Marjorie would sleep above the shop and return to Ellistown the following morning.

By the early 1950s Marjorie devoted more of her time to being a mother and housewife. A family of three children together with a busy working life meant that cooking was a necessity, there were no convenience foods in the early days, even fridges were a luxury! Weekends in the Webster household were full of aromas, the smells of cooking, steak and kidney pies, stews, apple pies, treacle tarts, scones and cakes, jams and jellies. A week's worth of food mostly done on a Friday night listening to the radio. In the 1960s novel foods started to appear and Marjorie undertook a series of Cordon-bleu cookery courses, understanding how to make quiches and what to do with new-fangled foods such as Yoghurt. Marjorie's cookery was superb and she and Bernard had regular dinner-parties for friends as well as family. Marjorie had returned to full-time work by the late 1950s. Over the next twenty years Marjorie and Bernard ran a number of hairdressers and Ladies Fashion boutiques operating in both Leicester and Loughborough. The last of these shops operated until the 1980s. Marjorie then worked in a ladies fashion shop in Coalville together with Bernard and Mary, until the shop closed and Marjorie retired at the ripe old age of 80!

One would think that with a large family and businesses to run, Marjorie would have little time left for leisure, but Marjorie didn't let that stand in her way. Owning a dog was not so much a pastime, more a way of life. Cairn Terriers, a Labrador and latterly Border Terriers were Marjorie's favourite breeds. Well into early 90s Marjorie would take her last dog, Isla, for a walk along the lanes of Ulverscroft.

Marjorie was an avid flower gardener, being a member of the Royal Horticultural Society for many years. Marjorie and Bernard created and tended a number of gardens, two of them being over an acre in extent. Marjorie was a member of the Women's Institute for many years, both at Copt Oak with her good friend Madge Parker and then in the village of Newtown Linford. Marjorie was a long standing member of the Newtown Linford Ladies Luncheon club.

Reading was a favourite evening activity; rarely watching television, she would always prefer a book, sometimes poetry. During childhood Marjorie had learnt many poems and often recited them from memory. Works by William Wordsworth and Tennyson were among her favourites.



Groby Community College and Brookvale High School

Congratulations to all the members of Groby Community College's Year 12 Young Enterprise Team 'Eunoia' on winning the award for the 'Best Trade Stand Performance' at the Young Enterprise Trade Fair held at Leicester Highcross on Sunday 9th March.



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Preparations by the team are already underway for the next stage of the

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Mr Hannaford - Link Teacher for Eunoia

"I would like to say a greatly deserved well done to all members of Eunoia for their commitment, hard work and reliability. Together we have achieved success in the early stages of the Young Enterprise competition and I am very proud of everyone's achievement. **Joe Boden - Managing Director for Eunoia**



It is with great delight that I am able to announce the start of the Brookvale-Groby Band. This is the coming together of musicians across the campus led by our teachers Miss White and Ms Bridge. We look forward to their first joint cross campus public performance in the Summer term. **Mr Coles, Principal, Groby Community College.**



From the Records

In April 2009 I brought you an article from the Leicester Mercury about Ulverscroft Large Print books which celebrated their 20th Anniversary in 1984. 2014 is also important for them as they have now reached 50 years of producing Large Print books for libraries and hospitals.

Just to remind you of how it came about - a health visitor spoke to a retired publisher Dr Frederick Thorpe who lived on Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford "Could he help some of her clients whose sight was poor which meant they could no longer read normal books". He established Ulverscroft Large Print Books, a non profit making company, publishing hard backed books for Public Libraries and Hospitals as cheaply as possible. Agatha Christie, the author of one of his first published books was a great supporter of the idea.

They produce both fiction and non fiction and have since been joined by other more commercial firms. In 1984 Dr Thorpe did not think these companies would be a threat. Ulverscroft Large Print Books had sold over 300 books a year, six million world wide. There are many books to choose from, you only have to look at today's shelf allowance in the libraries. There is a group of people who read books to check their suitability for a large print version. Some have been there since the Company started. I wonder how many books they have read in 50 years?

Talking books was the next idea that came on the scene and Dr Thorpe moved on. There are now Isis and Magna talking books that have joined the Ulverscroft family for all to enjoy. I don't use large print books, their one fault is they are often heavy but I do listen to Talking books. I have found them useful to fill in my breakfast and lunch times. They are a change from radio and TV.

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Bob Bown Memorial Field: A visiting Parish Councillor found some potentially dangerous items on the Playing Field several times over the past few weeks. Broken house bricks had been thrown onto the soft safety surface in the toddlers' area. Apart from the injury flying bricks could cause to children who might be playing there, the cost to replace part or all of the safety surface is horrendous. Several large stones, presumably taken from a dry stone wall, were piled up next to the Cone where they could cause injury. On another occasion a rotting wooden frame with bent sharp rusty chicken wire had been placed again near the Cone. As we all know children can't always recognise the consequences of their actions, so we appeal to Parents to point out any potential dangers to them. Please ask them that if they see anything dangerous to let an adult know, so they can contact the Clerk or any other Member of the Parish Council. The state of the Playing Field is checked regularly and frequently because the safety of the children who enjoy playing there is extremely important to the Parish Council.

Bradgate Park Trust: Mr. Peter Tyldesley, Land Agent for the Park kindly attended our Parish Council meeting in April. He gave us an overview of all the exciting and interesting events which will take place this Summer and Autumn. The earliest is the Early Bird Walk for 'early risers'. It starts at 6 am! on Saturday 26th April, and the last in the autumn is Halloween on Friday 31st October, which sounds really spooky and there will be a prize for the best fancy dress. There are at least another dozen events to enjoy. Get the brilliant leaflet full of information about the events and the history of the Park from Marion's Cottage and the Visitors Centre. We are so happy that Peter takes out time to attend our meetings and writes in our Magazine, keeping all of us 'in the loop'.

As always the Parish Council Minutes can be seen at the Village Store, on our Website and at my house (by appointment).

Two meetings in May: The Annual Meeting of the Parish takes place on Monday 12th May 2014 at 7 pm. This includes the annual reports from the Chairman and the Clerk, reports from the Police, the Neighbourhood Watch, Village Hall, the Primary School and the Accounts for 2013/2014. The Annual Parish Council meeting follows on. This includes the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, otherwise it is similar to ordinary meetings.

We would love to see you there.

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