

# Newtown Linford Magazine

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# The Bradgate

Group Parish



**May 2018**

If you're like me, you've spent the last few months getting emails and letters from various organisations, charities, societies all asking consent to keep contacting us. This is all because of a big change in the law coming in May which will much more tightly control the information that people are able to keep on us and the privacy of our data. Companies now need explicit consent from us for many things they could just do before.

While it's a bit annoying sometimes to field these various requests, in many ways it's about time this happened. You may have seen some of the recent news stories about how some companies involved in election campaigning have used, or misused, data supplied by Facebook to gather all kinds of information about individuals.

But it isn't just internet users who are affected. Do you have a Co-op membership card? You'll be surprised how much they know about you. Or know how secure the information kept by the local council about you is? In this day and age, every action or transaction can be known about and tracked by someone. At least now we can have a bit more confidence that what is being kept is only what is necessary or what we have agreed to.

There is an old stereotype of God, of a man in sky who's keeping track of everything you do or say. And on one level it's true: God knows everything; he watches over the world as a loving Father, concerned about everything and everyone. But he got there first on consent too: Revelation 3.20 says 'I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in'. In other words, he doesn't force us or tell us, rather he asks us: can I come in? Am I welcome?

While dealing with all the other requests for consent this month – there will be many! – maybe remember that Jesus is asking consent too: would you welcome him into your life? He has so much to offer – love, joy, peace, forgiveness and hope among many others – but you have to agree and invite him.

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

**A new curate** is joining the Benefice in July. Sharon Andrews, who was ordained on 17th March. Richard asked her if she could write a short piece introducing herself to the Parishes which is below

A bit of information about myself.

I am a cradle Anglican; baptised in a tiny flint Church in Norfolk, educated at a CofE Primary School, member of the choir at All Saints, Lubenham, confirmed in York, and married to John at St Dionysius', Market Harborough. We've lived in West Leicester since 1982. Our two children were baptised at Holy Trinity, Leicester and confirmed at Church of the Martyrs, Westcotes Drive. I was Warden and Reader at the Martyrs, a Church which has supported and cared for us as a family and given us space and encouragement to grow in faith and love.

My conscious decision to follow Christ came whilst studying at York University, after hearing David Watson preach on "Building your house on the rock". I felt the draw towards ordination after becoming a Reader in 2012. Preaching and leading worship were exciting but I felt that God was nudging me towards a deeper joy and service. After a year of thought, prayer and discernment with others, I was recommended for self-supporting ordained Ministry in 2016.

I've had a variety of roles and careers. Since 2004, I have worked as a Health Care Professional. I'm now coming to the end of two years of training at Queen's Theological College, whilst continuing to work part-time. I am looking forward to having more time to get fit and to nurture our allotments. Glenfield and Newton Linford are on familiar jogging and cycling routes.

As unknown visitors to the Churches of St Peter's and All Saints, we were made very welcome. I am looking forward to seeing and being part of all that God is doing, after many years in city centre Churches.

**The Safari Supper**, held on Saturday 14th April, raised £500 towards decorating the Church. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the evening a success. The evening started with canapés and wine, in Church, followed by venturing to host's houses for the main course and then returning to Church for puddings and coffee. Everyone appeared to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and there were several requests to repeat it next year!

**Ed Killick**



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**11am - 4.30pm**

**Combined entry £5, Children Free**

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# It's Springtime at Bradgate Drama Society!



**Two one-act plays**, both great comedies which will keep you entertained through the evening.

The first, '**Rude Awakenings**' by Nicolas Ridley, is set in Village Hall (which makes the set quite easy!) at the Little Gissing Art Group's annual exhibition where Astrid, a young artist with a colourful past, ruffles the feathers of the older members.



## LOSING IT



The second, '**Losing It**' by Derek Webb, features Jack, an actor who's lost for words (an affliction not unknown to Bradgate Drama Society actors!). He then loses his leading lady and he's also probably losing the plot. His attempt to keep the play going soon gets too much for one member of the audience who starts complaining but then gets sucked into appearing in the play herself...

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**Look forward to seeing you there.**



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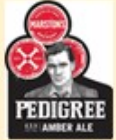
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## Village Ramblers

We were fortunate to have a bright sunny day for our April walk, following weeks of almost incessant rain. It proved difficult to choose a walk due to muddy conditions almost everywhere. Our choice seemed promising at the outset but we soon encountered some very muddy trails.

Setting off from Cademan Woods car park on Swannymote Road Whitwick, we followed the muddy paths (made worse by recent mountain bike tracks) to the Gracedieu trail, under the viaduct of the old Charnwood forest railway and along part of



NL Ramblers at Grace Dieu Priory

the old Forest line canal into the picturesque ruins of Gracedieu Priory, a 13<sup>th</sup> century nunnery dissolved in 1538 by Henry V111. This was later converted into a private manor house. The site became a romantic ruin after 1696 when most of the manor buildings were demolished.

We continued to walk by a pretty stream through Gracedieu Woods with banks covered in wood anenomes and celandines to Warren Lane where we came upon a lovely little “ Fairy house “ at the foot of a tree.

From here conditions were still difficult through muddy fields and Swannymote Woods back to Cademan Woods and the car park. Much cleaning of boots to follow!!

The next walk is on Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> and will be led by Christine Hall. Meet opposite the Village Hall at 2pm as usual. All welcome.

**Pat Woodward.**



Wonder who lives here on Walmobane near Thrimstone?

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## News from The Park



This is the week that Spring finally arrived. Of course, by the time you read this that may have all changed but, for the time being, the sun is shining, the birds are singing as they begin building their nests and my lawn desperately needs mowing. The woodland Spring flowers – wood anemones and celandine, shortly to be followed by the bluebells – are blooming and the whole of the Park has the air of Nature trying to make up for lost time. The deer are midway through casting their antlers and the biggest stags, which are always the first to cast, are already sporting new antler buds on their denuded heads.

One of the most hated jobs of the summer round – the strimming of the edges of the car parks to keep them neat and tidy has started. We have steadily reduced the use of strimmers over the past few years and allow vegetation to grow wherever we can but there are a few areas that just have to look smart. Another really good reason (if more were needed) for cleaning up after your dog is what happens when a strimmer encounters an unexpected 'offering' lurking in the long grass...

May is the month when we host a number of traditional events on behalf of other organisations. On **1<sup>st</sup> May** (Tuesday this year) the Leicester Morrismen will be dancing at Old John starting at 7am so get up early, wash your face in the morning dew (to ensure a youthful complexion) and come and welcome in the Spring!



**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May** sees the Bluebell Service taking place in Swithland Wood. All are welcome at this event organised by St Leonard's Church,





Swithland. Follow the signs from the Swithland Wood car parks and the service starts at 3pm.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May** is the Leicestershire Yeomanry Memorial Service, commemorating the members of the Yeomanry who fell at the Battle of Frezenberg in Flanders in 1915, will be held at All Saints Church, Newtown Linford at 11am. There will be a wreath-laying ceremony afterwards at the Leicestershire Yeomanry War Memorial at the top of the Park, which is the only time that cars are allowed to Park inside the Park at Hunts Hill.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May** is our Emergency Services Day, which pays tribute to the work of the emergency services and the work they do with us to help keep visitors safe. There will be enough fire engines and other emergency vehicles, both vintage and modern, to keep small boys of all ages happy, along with a supply of firemen for big girls who like that sort of thing.

The Trust has been awarded funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to help us develop our education work with schools and this has been supplemented with generous donations from the Edith Murphy Foundation and other charitable trusts.

We are working with the Joe Humphreys Trust to make Bradgate a 'Heart Safe Park' by installing defibrillators at Newtown Linford car park, the Visitor Centre and Old John and we hope to have at least some of these in place before the summer holidays. With so many visitors, sadly there will statistically be the occasional person who suffers a heart-related issue and defibrillators are proven to dramatically increase the chances of survival in the vital period before an ambulance arrives.

Tickets are now on sale for our first outdoor cinema weekend. As part of the Summer Nights Film Festival, we will be showing The Greatest Showman on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July and Dirty Dancing on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July in the ruins of Bradgate House. Doors open at 7pm at the film starts around 9.45pm. Further information and tickets are available via the festival website [www.summernightsfilm.co.uk](http://www.summernightsfilm.co.uk)

In the expectation, or at least hope, that Spring is now finally here, I look forward to seeing you on the Park.

**Peter Tyldesley**

## **Newtown Linford Gardening Club**

We had a very entertaining evening at our March meeting when Lucy Turner from Greenspace Leicester gave us a talk and demonstration on the art of pruning. She arrived with a collection of straggly plants and then wielded her secateurs, explaining why different twigs and branches needed to be removed. By the end of the evening the plants looked pristine and the floor was covered in discarded growth, which some of our members pounced on to make into cuttings. We all admired her skill and knowledge and hope we can tackle the task with a little more confidence than before.

Our Summer programme is all about trips out. In May we have a virtual visit in that Calke Abbey is coming to Newtown Linford. Celia Sanger from the Abbey is explaining how the gardens have developed and what we should look for when we visit.

Our local trip is to Brooklea Nursery in Rothley. As gardening outlets in our area disappear, it is good to have such a well-stocked nursery so close by. We will be welcomed by Faye, who runs the nursery; have a talk on the plants which are there and end the evening with coffee and tea in the café.

July is the month of our Summer Garden Party, when Mike Newcombe, our Chairman, welcomes us to his lovely two-acre garden and we enjoy a two course buffet supper with a copious amount of Pimms to accompany it. The raffle is a sight to behold with some 70 prizes won in around ten minutes.

In August we go to Thornbridge Hall, a less well-known stately home with a splendid garden. They are opening especially for us so we have a private viewing arranged and will be given a guided tour and lunch.

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 ([32couling@gmail.com](mailto:32couling@gmail.com)), 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.

**Anne and David Couling**

## NEWTOWN LINFORD BOULES

2018 SEASON

**TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MAY**  
**TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE**  
**TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY**  
**TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**  
**TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**



Meet outside the Village Hall at 6.20pm (September 6pm). All matches to be played at The Blue Bell Inn, Hoby, phone number 01664 434247.

In the event of rain the skittle alley has been booked for us.

**CONTACT. DICK HOWARD 01530 245373**

Please confirm on the previous day (Monday) if you are attending so that I can book your meal.

All welcome, no previous experience necessary.

Pre-school children and their parents or carers are welcome to **Jolly Tots, All Saints' weekly playgroup**. It runs on a Thursday morning from 9.15am to about 11am with toys, crafts, stories and songs (not forgetting coffee and cakes and a chance to chat for grown-ups).

**Who for:** Babies up to reception age (4 years old) and their associated adults

**How much:** £1.50 for the first child and 50p for all extra children

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**Food and drink:** Hot or cold drink and biscuits for adults. Cold drink for children and snacks are provided for at the table from 10:15am

Morning timetable: Craft table 9:15am - 10:30am, Snack time 10:15am,

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6th Sunday of Easter	10.15am Worship as One (RT/GS)	10.30am Holy Communion (PH)
	6.30pm Evensong (GS)	
13th May		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
7th Sunday of Easter	10.15am Holy Communion (JW)	<b>11.00am Frezenberg Memorial (RT)</b>
	6.30pm Compline (RT)	
20th May	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
Pentecost	10.15am Service of the World (BH)	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)
	4.00pm Messy Church	
27th May		8.00am Holy Communion (FT)
Trinity	10.15am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am All Age Service (FT)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (PH)	

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—May 2018							
<b>GLENFIELD</b>	Wed	10.45am	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
<b>NEWTOWN LINFORD</b>	Thur	10.30am	3rd				



## **CHURCH REGISTER,** **NEWTOWN LINFORD**



**Weddings**  
*None*



**Baptisms**  
*None*

**Funerals**  
*none*



**Website: [www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk)**

### **Health, Wholeness and Healing**

A day on helping people to lead healthy lives, in a healthy community., Saturday 5 May 9.30am-5.00pm at Launde Abbey led by Canon Brian Davis (for many years Leicester Diocesan Advisor for Wholeness & Healing) assisted by a GP, a physiotherapist and the Rev Kim Ford. Cost is £27 including lunch. To book phone Launde Abbey, 01572 717254.

### **Home group**

The next Home Group meets on Wednesday 2nd May at 7.30pm and will be looking at Matthew 6.1-4 together.

### **Church Contact Details**

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#### **Church Wardens:**

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Rosemarie and Michael Upstone would like to thank the many people who have sent them cards and kind messages following the death of their dear daughter Sandra.

This support from so many friends has give great comfort at such a sad time.

### From The Records

Following on from last months appeal to name the Brownies in 1987 we have identified most of them



Unknown  
Laura Dunham  
Theresa Elias  
Victoria Garrett  
Stacey Cook  
Emma Senior  
Emma Goode  
Michelle Barnes  
Toni Lees  
Samantha Milson  
Kay Fleming

## Letters Page

I am a great fan of the Coffee and Cake event on Thursday mornings. Last week I noticed our beautiful Village Hall was in the process of having its beige coloured walls repainted with a new and excitingly different shade of beige!

As an unreconstructed flower power child of the sixties, I cannot help wondering if we are not missing a trick here. Perhaps the Sistine chapel is a bit beyond us, but what about some murals of village life? Old John, Stag's head, Bradgate Park could easily be depicted by the talent that already exists in the Village, or a facsimile of Rembrandt's "Nightwatch" featuring village worthies (obviously dressed in Zulu warrior attire). If that's too ambitious, trompe l'oeils along the currently blank wall featuring windows opening onto scenes of the Golden Gate bridge and the Great Wall of China.

The possibilities really are endless, which is more than can be said for us. Most of us will not be around in another twenty years and I for one would like to leave more behind than mere possessions.

**Joe (with an E) Costello Free computer help still available.**



### Newtown Linford Choral Society.

You'll see from the poster on page 12 of this Magazine that the Choral Society's concert on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>, Friday 8<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June will feature music from hit musicals, and will be compered by the ever-amusing Len Matthews. As in previous years a two-course supper is included in the ticket price for the Friday and Saturday concerts, the menu for which is as follows (please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements when you buy your tickets):

#### Main course

Smoked Bacon, Red onion & Cheddar cheese tart

Sliced Roast Ham, Marinated Chicken Pieces

New Potatoes, Creamy Coleslaw, Mixed Salad

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**Iris Sayer**





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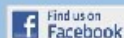
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## **Brownies potato growing:**

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First the Brownie helpers gave us some newspaper to line the buckets, after that we had to put some soil in & then we were given 2 potatoes each to plant. Then came the yucky bit, we had to put the cow poop on top of our potatoes, it was really smelly and cold!

Then we put some more soil on top of the cow poop, then we put a tiny little flag saying our name, what type of potato it was and the potatoes we grew were called Rocket potatoes!

Behind what seems like fun activities is also a more serious message to learn - where our most important

and staple source of food comes from. We also know that rocket potatoes are one type of potatoes but other varieties include Laura potato, Kerr's Pink, King Edwards potato & Ranger Russet.

**By**  
**Rida Haq**  
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## Betty Blythe

I knew Betty was part of many people's lives but the number who came to her service at Newtown Church was incredible. Thank you all for coming and sharing together a celebration of Betty's life.

Betty was born on 21st January 1941 in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, God's Own Country. She had loving parents and enjoyed a happy childhood. Aged only 8, two events were to influence the rest of her life.

1. Betty realised she wanted to be a teacher and was for 45 years. She taught all age ranges and eventually became Head of the County SEN peripatetic service
2. The family moved from Huddersfield to West Melton, South Yorkshire. A typical small mining community. Betty lived here until we were married on August 8th 1964.

Born and bred a Yorkshire Lass Betty was generous, showed Yorkshire grit, never dodged a problem and was at her happiest when helping others in any way she could; a simple hug, a shoulder to cry on, giving her time and advice or simply listening. She had a God given gift to be able to relate to people of all ages within minutes of their first meeting. She was honest, firm but fair, intolerant of bullying and ALWAYS fought for the underdog. Full of energy and ideas with a wicked sense of humour. She never sought praise. A thank you and knowing that she had helped someone is all she asked for.

I learnt very early during our marriage of 53 years that the unexpected was to be expected. With her students she would say:

If you still don't understand, it was my fault and we will find another way"

Especially at exam time when the students were a bag of nerves Betty would say:

"you can only do your best, BUT YOU MUST DO YOUR BEST"

For Betty, every child was unique and special. She formed such a strong bond with them, that during her illness and especially in the last few days I have been totally overwhelmed by the number of heart felt messages of support and sympathy. So many people have thanked Betty that without her support they would not be where they are today. I have to include myself in that sentiment.

For the first five years of our marriage we lived in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, but my job brought us to Leicestershire. Betty followed me on the



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strict understanding that after 2-3 years we would return to Gods Own Country. Well here we are, 46 years later. Sorry I broke my promise. We first moved to Loughborough and then to Woodhouse Eaves where Betty designed and created the most wonderful garden. However, completely out of the blue came the words "I am bored. Why?" The garden is finished, we need to move". That is how we came to live at 58 Groby Lane, Newtown Linford.

Betty as ever quickly threw herself into village life, a founding member of the Gardening Club. For years she provided and planted the flower troughs in the village.

She joined the Linford Club because one should support the community. She was attracted to the Village School like iron filings to a magnet. Any excuse and she was at the School. Scarecrow Weekend was a special occasion, working alongside David Snartt on the BBQ stall. Betty selling the hotdogs, just a bit faster than David could make them. When all the burgers were sold Betty would then mingle with all the parents and visitors urging them to spend, spend, spend.

She became Chair of Governors supporting staff and children in any way she could, always with the children's best interest at heart.

The height of the social calendar was the Brownies Jumble Sale. Before





the great day, Betty would take car loads of books, toys and Bric a Brac to Brown Owls Mums. On the day she was in the Village Hall helping prepare a clothes stall. During the actual jumble sale she bought back most of the stuff we had taken in the first place.

Betty loved the arts and literature. She read Shakespeare, Wilbur Smith and Rupert Bear. For 50 years she bought me a Rupert Bear annual but purposefully, with her wicked sense of humour did not read it correctly so I stopped her!

Betty was a shuffle bum, too much energy left even when we went to bed and I wanted to turn off the light to recharge my batteries ready to start a new day at 6am. Betty was still reading at 1am or 2am and gave me strict instructions not to make any noise before 10am! I often woke to find she had turned 180 degrees with her feet at my head. Often after I had closed my eyes I would get a dig in my ribs and be told she wanted to sleep on my side tonight!

Betty loved the theatre and we were sponsors of the Christchurch Theatre Club which produces wonderful musicals at Loughborough Town Hall. We are also members of The Curve. During a production of Shakespeare's Mid Sumer Nights Dream, whilst Titania Queen of the Fairies was speaking, I heard this chattering nose in my ear. Turning to Betty I asked what did she want? In fact she was reciting Titania's speech. Betty had played this part at school almost 60 years earlier.

Betty was a patron of the Newtown Linford Choral Society. We attended all the summer and Winter concerts except the most recent one because of her illness. Sue Ford, a dear friend and musical director made and gave me a CD of that concert. Today's recession is taken from that concert. We always sat on the front row and at the end of the concert, Betty would jump up to give a standing ovation. She would turn to the rest of the audience and in true teacher fashion made sure the rest followed and did as they were told.

I have so many happy memories of my privileged life with Betty. She only cost me 7 shillings and 6 pence in old money for the marriage certificate, the best investment I have ever made.

I could go on and on but we all have our own memories of an incredibly kind and loving person.

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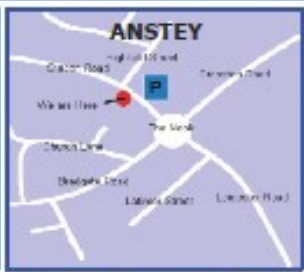
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## Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



A house was broken into on Ulverscroft Lane. Entry was gained by breaking the glass in the back door. It is not known whether any damage was done inside, or anything stolen. Keep an eye on your neighbours house for them when they are away this year.

On another occasion a suspicious van was reported going up and down Ulverscroft Lane.

A recent survey suggests that more than half of the population who use computers use the same password for everything. This means that if one company's system is compromised by a data breach or by inadvertently revealing it and personal information stolen it can be used to access any other account you have elsewhere. I know it makes life easier to do this but it is not a good thing to do. This leaves us with the problem of where to store our passwords because obviously they cannot be remembered. I keep all of mine in an excel spreadsheet which I print down and carry with me when travelling.

As you will have seen from the Gmail system or our Facebook Group two cats appear to have been dumped by their owners on Warren Hill. It just occurs to me as I write this that they may have belonged to the same person. Both cats were very friendly and looked older. One was quite poorly. Praise goes to the two residents who took them in, fed them and in one case took to the vet and subsequently the RSPCA. I can never understand how anyone can be so unkind. As far as I am aware the Redgate Animal Sanctuary on Battleflat on the way to Coalville still takes in animals if the RSPCA cannot.

**Pam McMorrان.....NHW Co-ordinator**  
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**The village Working Group** has been working very hard over the Easter Holiday period. They formed a rota and went out every day over the fourteen-day period of the RTO order and recorded the weather, how many Bradgate car parks were open, all the offending cars and plenty of other information including photographs. The RTO was put in place because of the closure of Cropston Road in Anstey over the same period which if the weather had been good would have resulted in more traffic coming through the village than normal.

**Traffic enforcement** – The Council has applied to LCC at its own cost for an enforcement officer to visit the village on the following four Sundays April 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> plus May 6<sup>th</sup> which is the May Bank Holiday and the Village Open Gardens.

**Speed signs** – The Councillors are considering solar signs for both the village and Roecliffe Road. These will still require permission from LCC as they will be placed on Highways land thus they will incur their fee. Negotiations are taking place at the moment.

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**25th March 2018**

An article was due to be published on page three of the Leicester Mercury on the 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**Cemetery** - The extension is now available for use, albeit extremely wet at the moment, due to necessity as the old section is full. If you wish to purchase an earthen double grave or ash plot for the future, please contact Pam as Registrar for Burials. Hopefully as soon as the weather improves, the one- way signs, pathway and parking bays will go in.

**Churchyard:** - The replacement copper beech has been planted and thanks goes to Dick Howard for this kind gesture.



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