

Newtown Linford Magazine

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May 2019

The Church of England has its own calendar, of a sort. Rather than including things like Bank Holidays and those obscure dates you sometimes get noted in paper diaries from WH Smith (you know the kind of thing: ‘Commemoration of the sheep-dippers (public holiday in Yurgistan)’) it gives particular individuals or groups of individuals a day on which to be remembered.

Sometimes those are relatively well-known people like May 24: two brothers of the name Wesley, John and Charles. If you’re not sure who they are, ask at Glenfield Methodist Church. Sometimes they’re quite obscure. 16th May for example is Caroline Chisholm, who I’ve just had to look up and who, perhaps, deserves to be less obscure for her humanitarian work in Australia in the 19th century.

Some of them are a bit ambiguous: 4th May is given over to the English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era. Of course, at that time both Protestant and Catholics persecuted and killed their opponents, so that could cover either or both camps depending on where your sympathies lie!

On 14th May we are asked to remember Matthias. Now there’s a slightly obscure figure if you want one. Chosen shortly after the first Easter to replace Judas amongst the twelve of Jesus’ closest friends and followers, no sooner do we hear of him than he disappears and makes no further appearance in the Bible. Yet in another sense he is an excellent example of all the people who appear in this calendar and in fact the potential we all have, whether we end up with a day dedicated to our memory or – like most of us – not. He isn’t there because he was the most remarkable person, or because his achievements were so great. He’s there because of his faith in Jesus, his willingness to get close to him, his desire to follow him (even when others turned against him). In the end, that’s the quality which brings about true greatness and long-lasting, even eternal, distinction.

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

VILLAGE DIARY

May

- 2nd Borough Council Elections
4th Safari Supper
6th Bluebell Day - Leicester Lions
11th Ramblers
14th Annual Meeting of the Parish and Parish Council Meeting
20th Friends of Charnwood Forest
21st Boules

June

- 6th Choral Society
17th Parish Council Meeting

Regular events

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday afternoon | Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall |
| Mondays 8pm at the Church | Bell Ringing |
| 4th Tuesday of the month | Gardening Club |
| 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of month | Home Study Group |
| 3rd Wednesday of the month | Ladies Luncheon Club |
| Thursdays 9.15 | Jolly Tots Playgroup, Church |
| Thursdays 11.15 | Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall |
| Thursdays 6.30 | Brownies, Sunday School Rooms |
| Thursday Eves | Bridge Club 9 Main Street |
| 3rd Thursday | Gentlemen's Lunch Club |



New Season at the Tennis Club has started - Come and join in

The new season is up and running with Tuesday night club nights with the coach organising all levels so don't be shy!

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Coffee and Cake Duty Rota

May

2 nd	Carolyn Turner, Charlotte Jackson, Ruth Goddard	249173/245316
9 th	Jo & Claire Costello	249613
16 th	Janet & David Brunton	242662
23 rd	Sue Pritchard & Teresa Calvert	243119/482802
30 th	Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Josie	245078/242000

JUNE

6th	Sue Birkett & Jan Dempsey	244317/Lei2700072
13th	Felicity Manning & Sue Brown	245298/249384
20th	Ann Scrine, Steve & Dave Pratt	242301/589031
27th	Bev Griffiths & Sue Dobby	01509 890264/245366

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

Rota Volunteers - If you are struggling with putting the Tables and Chairs out for your duty the following have offered to help if around just give them a call

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Joe Costello	249613	Arthur Harrison	0116 2213845
Alan Birkett	244317		

Date for your diary - Tennis Club

Saturday 2nd November

Tennis Club End of Season Bash - Peaky Blinders Night

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From the Park



I am aware that I write about the weather a lot, but it really is a preoccupation, bordering on an obsession, with anyone involved in the management of an outdoor visitor attraction. At the time of writing, the Met Office are forecasting a dry and sunny, if not particularly warm, Easter weekend; by the time you read this you will know how accurate or otherwise that prediction was.

Easter is traditionally the start of our busy season and we have been gearing up in preparation for it. Extra deliveries of seasonal goodies for the tearooms have arrived, the toilets have been deep cleaned, the outdoor furniture has been spruced up and staff and volunteers have been participating in pre-season training (not quite as physically arduous as it sounds).

The majority of our visitors love and cherish the Park as much as we do but unfortunately there is always a minority who cause trouble, whether deliberately or through ignorance and carelessness. We have a blanket ban on barbecues because the Park's sensitive habitats are very vulnerable to fire, which can spread very quickly through dry grass in summer and in dead bracken at any time of year when it is dry. Unfortunately, we had a fire on the Park on 30th March, which led to the Fire Service being called to back up our staff in putting it out. This was caused by a barbecue and, despite the publicity following that incident, we recovered another discarded barbecue the following weekend. On 4th April, a young fallow buck had to be put down after getting a plastic bag stuck on its head. This led to more media attention and our wonderful Monday morning litter picking volunteers were featured on East Midlands today. I know that many of our neighbours and regular visitors do their own informal litter picking when out for a walk and we are really grateful for your help in combating this plague on the countryside. People often tell me how tidy and litter-free the Park looks, and I always make the point that this is not because nobody drops litter but rather because we have an army of hardworking people who pick it up again and dispose of it properly.

May is the month when we host a number of traditional events on behalf of other organisations. On 1st May (Wednesday this year), the Leicester Morris men dance at Old John, starting at 7am, to welcome in the Spring. On Sunday 5th May, St Leonard's Church, Swithland hold the annual Bluebell Service starting at 3pm and on Sunday 12th May it is the Leices-

tershire Yeomanry Frezenberg Memorial Service in All Saints' Church, Newtown Linford at 11am, followed by the wreath-laying ceremony at the memorial at the top of the Park.

On Sunday 19th May, we will again be holding our Emergency Services Day on the Deer Meadow next to the Deer Barn. At that event we will be launching our Heart Safe Park initiative in conjunction with the Joe Humphries Memorial Trust to raise awareness of the existence of the three defibrillators we have on the Park – on an external wall of the public toilets at Newtown Linford, Hallgates and the Deer Barn.

As a result of an agricultural tenancy coming to an end, we will have additional grass overflow parking at Hallgates, which will double the capacity of that car park and hopefully help with congestion in the village on busy weekends. As I have written before, both the Parish Council and Bradgate Park Trust are funding the provision of additional traffic warden patrols in the Village on Bank Holiday weekends this year.

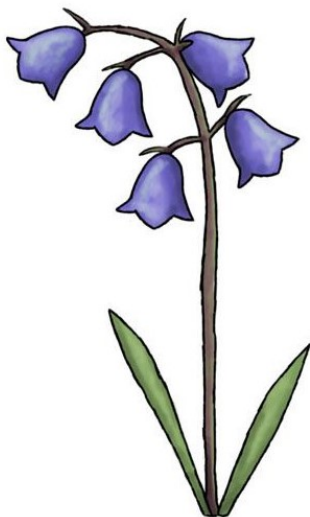
Our adders are getting a bit of publicity at present, with the Leicester Mercury running an article about a lady whose dog was bitten by one. We are doing some survey work this year in order to better understand the size of the population and how it is responding to pressure from visitors and to our habitat management work.

The Ruins will be open every weekend this summer with guided tours taking place on weekdays. We are trying to achieve a balance between giving the maximum number of people the chance to visit the monument with protecting it from that minority of irresponsible visitors who cause damage.

As a result of a partnership with a local firm of tea importers and blenders, we are launching a range of speciality teas inspired by, and named after, some of the Ladies of Bradgate including Elizabeth Woodville, Lady Jane Grey and Kitty Cox. These will be available to enjoy by the pot in the Conservatory Tearoom and to purchase from the shop.

As the bluebells come into full bloom and the chill goes out of the air (I hope), I look forward to seeing you on the Park.

Peter Tyldesley



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Newtown Linford Ramblers

Sixteen people and one dog turned out for the April ramble on a sunny Spring afternoon. We shared cars to take us to Benscliffe Wood and began the walk from my brother's house in Benscliffe Road. The wood's owner, Mrs Walker, had kindly given permission for us to access her land.

Exploring a badger sett along the way, we climbed up to the top of the hill, where we enjoyed good distant views. The photograph shows the ramblers next to one of the many rocky outcrops: the 'Pillar Rocks' - a Site of Special Scientific Interest, due to the uncommon lichens growing on them. After the photocall, we explored the rest of Benscliffe, a mixed woodland, several sections of which have been felled and subsequently replanted in recent years.



From Benscliffe Wood, we crossed over to the other side of the road and took a short stroll in Rough Hill Woodlands – a pleasant mixture of wooded and meadow land accessible to the public.

Afterwards, most of the ramblers joined us for tea and scones at Markfield Lane (with the co-leader of the walk thankfully being home in plenty of time to watch Man. United!).

The next Village Walk on Saturday 11th May will be led by Christine Hall. Meet opposite the Village Hall at 2 pm as usual. New walkers always welcome.

Claire Costello

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



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Newtown Linford Gardening Club

The blossom on the trees all around us make us realise that spring is here, even though we have had a few frosty mornings. The sound of lawn mowers again fills the air and visits to the garden centres become more regular. Britain in April is truly a lovely time.

Our February speaker, Martin Clarke gave us one of the most entertaining evenings we have ever had. His subject was worms and how he farmed them in enormous numbers to service the angling community. His description of the highs and lows of the task was presented in such a way that we spent the whole evening laughing, even though at times he faced many problems.

Having completed the AGM at the April meeting, we now embark on our new season. Our May speaker is Timothy Walker, a writer, presenter and lecturer on plants and botany whose talk 'Bordering on Insanity', should enable us to look at our borders in a new light and find new plants to brighten up our gardens.

After that, we, again, spend our summer out and about, firstly in June with a visit to David Austin Nurseries and then with our Summer Garden Party in July and our local visit to Leicester Botanical Gardens in August.

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

Anne and David Couling

Looking to the future of All Saints'

Everyone agrees that the Church really needs repainting. Most people agree, on reflection, that while you're up there with ladders and scaffolding the lights could do with replacing, and maybe we could sort out the sound system so that more than one in three speakers works most of the time. When hosting concerts, while really appreciating the space at the back of church for refreshments, people often comment that more flexibility at the front wouldn't hurt either.

Different people see different challenges and different opportunities in the current set up of All Saints'. It is worth noting, of course, that the Church has looked like this for only about a century. For most of its life it would have appeared very different. Pews are a relatively (!) recent addition, here for just the last couple of hundred years at most. The Chancel was added at the turn of the last century. Before that, the Church ended where the pulpit is. Once upon a time there would have been a gallery for the musicians before an organ was installed at the same time as the Chancel.

The PCC has taken some time to carefully consider the needs of the Church into the future - not just what works well now, or even the most obvious current needs, but what will enable the Church to continue, to flourish and to grow. Because we recognise this building, wonderful as it is, is not the Church itself. It is rather the home of the Church in Newtown Linford and as with all homes when the family grows or reaches a new stage, you have to ask questions: what do we need next? Why? Previous generations have had to do this, now it's our turn.

The *draft* plans now on display at the back of the Church reflect an important stage in that 'why' and 'what' thinking. They will no doubt evolve and change as we think and consult further about them. They are not 'a done deal' nor have many of the details been ironed out – we haven't had quotes for a number of aspects for example. We are very interested in everyone's comments and feedback on them. If you have any ideas, questions or thoughts, please do use the comment cards available at the back of the Church. If you wish someone from the PCC to get back to you, please include your contact details. The PCC will meet in the week starting 12th May to reflect on them, but if you miss that, don't worry, there will still be time and opportunity to contribute.

The specific plans will probably change but the PCC's guiding convictions will not change. We believe God intends the Church in Newtown Linford to grow and flourish. This building has played an important and ever-changing role in the past and we believe it will continue to do so in the future.

Richard Trethewey

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

Forthcoming events and notices

Home Group: On Wednesday 1st May we'll be looking at the 'hard text' of Genesis 22 – the (near) sacrifice of Isaac – meeting at 122 Main Street, 7.30pm start as usual.

Y Centre: Clive will be making a delivery of the collected items to the Y Centre after Easter. Please add anything (sugar, tea, tinned goods etc similar items always appreciated) to the box at the back of the Church over the next week or so.

Flowers: We all look forward to the church flowers returning at Easter and are grateful for the work done by our loyal flower arrangers. If you would like to give a donation to the flower fund to help pay for them it would be appreciated. Any gift can be handed to Clive and Judy Rowe or Sue Howard.

Future Dates:

Safari Supper on Saturday 4th May.
Details in the Magazine or speak to Ed Killick.

An Evening with Sir Matt Baggott (former Chief Constable of Leicestershire and Northern Ireland) on Friday 14th June at the Village Hall.

Weekend 5-7th July, a talk on Butterflies (Friday), teas served in the Church (Saturday), an All Age Service (Sunday) and an evening 'Songs of Praise'. If you are able to help please contact Jane Woolmer 0116 235 5237.

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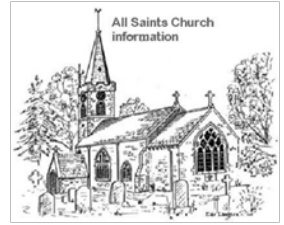
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DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
5th May 3rd Sunday of Easter	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
	10.15am Worship as One (SA)	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)
	6.30pm Evensong (RT)	
12th May 4th Sunday of Easter		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.15am Holy Communion (PH/BH)	11.00am Frezenberg Memorial (RT)
	6.30pm Compline (BH)	
19th May 5th Sunday of Easter	8.30am Holy Communion (FT)	
	10.15am Service of the Word (GS)	10.30am Holy Communion (FT)
	4.00pm Messy Church	
26th May 6th Sunday of Easter		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.15am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am All Age Service (RT)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (RT/GS)	

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—May 2019								
GLENFIELD	Wed	10.45am	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th	
NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10.30am	2nd					



CHURCH REGISTER, NEWTOWN LINFORD



Weddings	none
Baptisms	none
Funerals	none

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0116 239 3768 Email: ; office@bradgatechurches.org.uk

Please note new email address for the office

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

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DO BUTTERFLIES NEED FLOWERS?

Please come and enjoy the weekend of 5th - 7th July at All Saints Church, Newtown Linford.

Friday 5th July, evening - Talk on Butterflies

Saturday 6th July - teas served in Church ,

Sunday 7th July - an all age service at 10.30 and an evening 'Songs of Praise'.



If you would like information or are able to help please contact Jane Woolmer 0116 235 5237. ejwoolmer@gmail.com

Please note the Open Gardens previously mentioned in the Magazine is not taking place on the 7th July due to lack of support

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THE FRIENDS OF CHARNWOOD FOREST



On the 15th April at the Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall, The Friends of the Charnwood Forest had a talk on Stoneywell Cottage, and, in particular, its gardens. Mr Roy Mitchell started the story of Stonewell's history with a list of personalities and some statistics. Apparently the Cottage came into existence when, through an arrangement with a local farmer, the land was exchanged for a farm house designed and built by the Gimson. Later an adjoining patch of wood was purchased.

The Gimson family were part of the Arts and Crafts movement which was a reaction to the industry of Victorian Britain.

The original setting of the Cottage was intended to be wild, although a few trees were planted and paths were landscaped. It was intended as a summer retreat only (plus Christmas), which is as well as the pantry regularly flooded in winter. In the 1950's Donald Gimson and his family used it as a full-time residence. He and his wife were keen gardeners; she kept meticulous notes on the garden. By 2013 it had become too much for him, and control passed to the National Trust. It seems that this transfer was somewhat irregular financially.

The talk finished with a series of pictures taken though the year which showed some of the garden's floral highlights. Incidentally, with the help of those notes, the garden is maintained by 200 volunteers.

Dr D McNeil

Monday 20th May 2019

Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall 7.30 pm. Members free, visitors £3.

Butterflies of Charnwood Forest

Prebendary Canon John Woolmer read Mathematics at Oxford, taught at Winchester College where he had a reluctant call to ordination and also rediscovered a childhood interest in butterflies. He has combined this interest with his wife Jane's photographic skills to photograph butterflies in many parts of the world, and has published widely – notably in his book *The Grand Surprise*. This talk will feature butterflies in and around Charnwood Forest. John and Jane live in Newtown Linford.

NEWTOWN LINFORD BOULES

Welcome to the seventeenth season

2019 SEASON

TUESDAY 21st MAY

TUESDAY 18th JUNE

TUESDAY 16th JULY

TUESDAY 13th AUGUST

TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

Meet outside the Village Hall at 6.20pm
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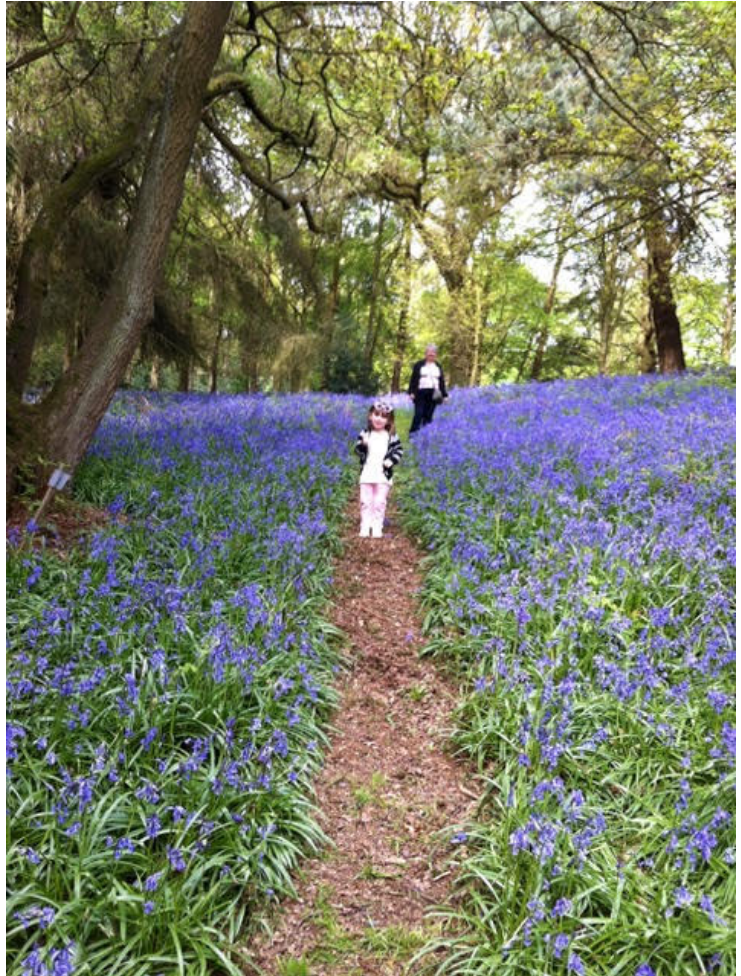
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Monday 6th May 2019

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After your stroll you can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a cake, and a chat with old friends. The day is organised by Leicester Lions and all funds raised will go to Parkinsons UK and other local charities.

This year Bluebell Day will be on Bank Holiday **Monday May 6th 2019**, from 11am to 3pm. The address is Heyday Hays, 240 Markfield Lane, Markfield, LE67 9PS. Entrance £2, children free.

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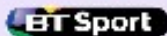
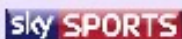


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Brownies Thinking Day

On Sunday the 24th of February, the Newtown Linford Brownies celebrated World Thinking Day.

This was a special day to remember the work of Lord Baden Powell. We had lots of fun wearing different hats to represent the Brownies across the World.



This was my last World Thinking Day with the Brownies and it was very special. Thank you to Brown Owl for everything.

By Kitty age 10

The Brownie Rummage Sale

On Saturday 9th March 2019, the Brownies held their annual Rummage Sale. The Brownies had an excellent morning setting up the stalls and sorting through the many donations.

The doors opened at 1.30 until 4pm and the Brownies and many kind volunteers welcomed people to the Village Hall. There were stalls selling books, jewellery, clothes, toys, bags, shoes, kitchen goods, and even two massive snow leopards!! The wonderful homemade cakes donated by brownie parents and villagers were also very popular.

The Brownies had a great time practicing their selling skills.

Thank you to everyone for their fantastic support and we look forward to welcoming you all again next year. The Brownies would like to thank Brown Owl and the volunteers for all their hard work to help make this event such a success.

Natasha Dovey, Age 8 years.





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The National Garden Scheme Leicestershire Gardens open in May The National Garden Scheme is a charity and in 2018 we donated £3.1 million to various charities. This money is raised by volunteers who open their gardens for a small admission fee and from the sale of tea and homemade cake.

There are 13 gardens open in Leicestershire during May and full details including, opening times and post codes, can be found at <https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/> and in the National Garden Scheme booklets. Many gardens are dog friendly, there are no admission charges for children, and some gardens have wheelchair access and plant sales on site.

In May Westbrook House in Little Bowden will have its bluebell woodland on show, and this year has an additional amazing 7000 new tulips which should be in flower for the May opening. Within the 6 acres of garden are a perennial, colour themed border and hiding somewhere in the garden is “Sid the Stag”. There is a working vegetable garden with raised beds, and a recently redesigned lower garden which features perennial borders, a summer house, slate water feature and rill.

Burrough Hall was built as a hunting lodge in 1867 and is surrounded by mature gardens and magnificent views across the Leicestershire countryside. There is also the added interest of a small collection of classic and vintage cars on display.

Opening together in May in the lovely old village of Grimston are The Yews Farm and Fourwinds, and both gardens are around 1 acre. Four Winds has traditional borders, long lawns with mature trees, shrubs and flowering borders. The Yews Farm is thought to be the oldest house in the village, with mixed flower borders, a kitchen garden including an old Bramley apple tree and greenhouse. Within the garden are two old Yew trees thought to be about 500 years old and a mature Wisteria.

In Tilton on the Hill Hedgehog Hall opens which is a plant lover’s paradise with a lavender walk, herb garden, themed colour borders and bee friendly plants. There is also a walled courtyard with hostas, ferns, wisteria and climbing hydrangea.

Thorpe Lubenham Hall extends over 15 acres including areas of lawns and mature trees for a relaxing walk combined with a more formal borders and shrub planting. There are various water features including a walled pool garden with raised beds.

These are just a few of the many gardens opening in May to raise funds for nursing and cancer charities. All gardens have modest entrance fees, excellent tea and homemade cake plus a warm and friendly welcome.



Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



Things have been quiet again this month. A Dumper truck was reported taken from the school building works. I heard nothing official and have no idea whether it was recovered.

There are quite a lot of roadworks in the surrounding area and closures at Woodhouse Eaves. These are posted on the closed Facebook page.

A few weeks back I received reports of school age children taking knives to the Bob Bown Playing Fields in order to build a den in the field at the top end of the Playing Fields. We have tried in the past to stop children going through into that field but to no avail. The report I received was that one child threatened another with a knife. I was told the Police had been called to the School the child attended and two children had been called out and spoken to. I tried to get further information but our beat team could not find anything since it is believed the children involved had moved onto senior school and were out of our Police area. Several people knew about the incident but were not prepared to give me the children's names. I understand that was a difficult call for them but it meant the Police could not find the records and give me any advice to publish.

There really is only one advice. Do not encourage your children to go out of the house with knives because whatever their original intentions are if something blows up they will react and perhaps not correctly.

Pam McMorran, NHW Co-ordinator

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How to contact the Police

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Seven Councillors have been elected unopposed to the seven available Councillor positions for the next four years. These are previous Councillors, Dr. Sue Pritchard, Sue Colebeck, Stuart Eyre, Tara Pickles, Vicky Lightfoot, and Rob Haylock. Following the resignation of Holly Cross from Roecliffe Road we welcome new Councillor Tim Porte also from Roecliffe Road. **Tuesday 14th May** will be the Annual Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting when the Councillors will elect their Chair and Vice Chair for the coming year.

Bob Bown Playing Fields – The new swings should be installed week commencing Monday 22nd April.

Traffic Enforcement Officers have been confirmed for the Easter and May Day bank holidays and the Bradgate Park Emergency Services Day to be funded by the Parish Council and Bradgate Park Trust. We await confirmation of the balance of the year (approx. £2,000 for the year) Each booking is for three hours i.e. 2 hours here in the village and half hour travel each way.

Grey Crescent – Following the Consultation from quite some time ago LCC has now implemented white elongated H's and state that that they are not intending to engage with residents further on this matter. The next stage for the Parish Coun-



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cil is to consider proposals for the whole of Newtown Linford which will become a fresh matter for LCC to deal with. The working party set up early last year after the Public Meeting will be meeting soon to follow this up.

Speeding Traffic on Roecliffe Road towards Hallgates – due to the increase in visitors to Swithland Woods more and more cars are parking on the verges and traffic is failing to slow down to avoid them. The Councillors recently voted to request the speed limit be reduced. They wrote to Thurstaston and Cropston and Anstey Parish Councils to request their support. Anstey declined but Thurstaston and Cropston agreed to support us although they pointed out that they had already gone down this route but failed to get a reduction in the speed limit.

VAS flashing speed signs at the time of writing the post on Bradgate Road has been erected and the sign may be on by the time you read this. The three signs record vehicle speeds from both directions and the number of cars/hour and can be downloaded via Bluetooth. The information is extremely useful and in particular is being forwarded to the Police and the camera van who regularly attends Roecliffe Road. We are pointing out that we still require the van as well as our signs e.g. one car was recorded at over 80 mph. Residents living near by report that they definitely slow down most of the traffic.

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