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During the past year I've attended some webinars by people experienced in helping communities respond to disasters. Simon Barrington has worked in relief efforts across Africa and Asia. He says there are three main stages we naturally go through:

Respond: the first priority is to deal with the immediate needs – have we got food, water, shelter? How can we help those who haven't? During the pandemic, that maybe translated into things like: can we have shopping delivered; can we work from home; have we got effective means of communicating with friends and family? And we've seen an enormous wave of help within the community, both formally organised and simply good neighbourly action, to deal with those needs.

Recover: the second stage is recovery. At some point you have to stop and assess what's happened, and how you're doing. Many people suggest that's where we are at the moment – battered by repeated lockdowns but with the roadmap leading us out, at a point where we need to take stock. Much of the focus in this stage needs to be on emotional recovery, dealing with the distress and stress which the last year has caused.

Reconstruction: the final step is rebuilding. Working from the ground back up in some extreme cases, but having to start again in some ways to create something new out of what has been broken by the past year.

As we live through the recovery stage and look to the future reconstruction, I want to offer you three resources to help:

My pandemic experience.

Downloadable from our website and available from our Church building, a simple sheet to work through, either for yourself or together with your household, to help you reflect on your unique experience of this year: what has been painful; perhaps even what has been positive; and, importantly, what have you learnt.

The Wellbeing Journey

The well-received course we ran in the Spring, we will be running again online through May and June. For those with faith and for those with

none, it's a well-founded chance to assess your life and wellbeing, with manageable areas to focus on and practical steps to take to help.

The Bereavement Journey

Finally, another online course for those who have suffered bereavement over the past year - a course which helps connect with others in the same boat, and to think through some of the common aspects of grief and loss. Again, relevant and appropriate whatever your faith.

You can find these resources at www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk/wellbeing, or you can contact me at richard@stpetersandallsaints.org.uk to find out more.

Richard Trethewey

**Rector of St Peter's Glenfield and All Saints' Newtown Linford
0116 287 1604**

Support groups

In the remaining weeks of lockdown one of the few per activities is the running of a support group for people in stances of need. We have just started one of these for tant mums. This is fortnightly at 10.30am on Friday mor Church Centre in Glenfield, but mums are welcome fror and those from Newtown Linford have been attending. Jane Quarmby and Ruth Trethewey.



Open Gardens

Bank cottage, 90 Main St, Newtown Linford, has an open garden from now until end of Oct as part of the National Garden Scheme. Admission is £3 per person but for local people this will be a 'season ticket' If on return they bring another person/s, their guests people will have to pay. **Contact Jan Croft 01530 244865** (answering machine so leave your details and Jan will contact you back) **to book a mutually convenient date and time.**



Coffee & Cake News May 2021

It is cold but lovely sunny days as we head another month towards what we hope will be the end of restrictions.

The slow release of Lockdown seems to be going well so our first gathering outside for Coffee & Cake is looking positive.

We have a Plan - Fingers crossed we will be out of lock down on 21st June. We hope to hold the first meeting outdoors on Thursday 24th June at 11am at Gable Cottage, 32 Main Street. All you need to do is bring a picnic chair and wish for good weather!

Anyone who is prepared to help with baking etc please let me know. Thank you to those who have already offered help. If you have never come to Coffee & Cake before please join us, it is a great opportunity to see other villagers for the first time in a year

I will be in touch with the Village Hall Committee up to then as to when we can be back indoors for our meetings but of course they will be guided by the latest COVID Rules.

If anyone would like to help by going on the duty rota we would be thrilled to have you on board. You can go on with 2 other friends or join another group and get to know other villagers. Duties come around every 18 weeks and you can swap weeks if you are away. Please call Carol Ann on 01530 243433

Until then we continue with the regular weekly Coffee & Cake Zoom meeting taking place every Thursday at 11am. It is worth coming on board for if you have the right equipment. If you are interested contact Joe Costello on 01530 249613. He is brilliant at calmly talking you through how to set yourself up

The Fish & Chip Van will be here again on Saturday 15th May, a week later than normal. After that, it will be the second Saturday of the month. Ring Matt on 0745 6877011 (note new number) to place your order prior to the van coming to the village. Please call Carolyn Turner on 01530 249173 if you need any further info and if you need your order delivering as we can deliver to the elderly. Matt and his mobile fish and chip van was named one of the best in the country. It was judged on 40 different factors but the main focus of course is on the food! It was named as one of the top 10 in the Fry Awards 2021. Judging looked at the flakiness of the fish, crispness of the chips, crunch of the batter but also Covid safe practices and customer service. **Carol Ann Sugden & Carolyn Turner**

Village Archive

I never know what gem I will discover when looking through the Archive and the following is a copy of a letter received by Mr Bown of Lenthill Farm, Newtown Linford, dated 15th April 1950:-

“Mr Jackson of the Bradgate Arms, Cropston, is well informed for the name of the public house at the top end of Newtown was in fact The Horns. I happen to know about it because a dinner used to be held there in the former days at the end is the assembly of the Ecclesiastical Court of the Peculiar of Groby. The Court used to meet in the Church at Newtown to hear and deal with cases of offences committed against the Ecclesiastical Law in the seven or eight Parishes of which the Peculiar was composed. There are no Peculiaris nowadays as they were brought to an end during the 19th century as the holders of the Office of Commissary either died or gave up. I know about all this as the last two Commissaries of the Peculiar of Groby were my great-great uncle and my grandfather both of them being the Rev Robert Martin: my grandfather died in 1870. Whether there are any records surviving of the proceedings of the Court of Peculiar I am not sure but the kind of thing that they used to have to deal with was exemplified by a set of verses which used to hang in the belfry at Anstey setting the penalties for breaking the rules of safe bell ringing. These verses began as follows: -

‘Whoever takes a bell to hand must first these or order -

Before you begin a bell to swing

off your hat, spurs and girdle be sure you do fling.

He that rings with his spurs on, his girdle or hat
must pay tuppence - be sure of that.

He that doth a bell o'er throw, I say

shall two pence pay the clerk without delay

And he that doth a bell pull back again

shall surely pay down sixpence for the same.

If you refuse the stated sum to pay

presented you shall be the Court next day’.

There were doubtless other offences of which the Court took notice but these bell ringing rules are an interesting instance of the kind of thing that I mean.

Iris Sayer

Newtown Linford Gardening Club

Aren't we having a colourful spring! Daffodils, muscari, primroses and all the other early spring flowers are blooming well. Early camellias, rhododendrons and magnolias brighten up our gardens and the roadsides are festooned with trees in blossom. The recent frosts have affected some of the flowers but our village remains very colourful.

The Government's road map out of lockdown seems to be on track. We suspect that most of our Garden Club members will have had both vaccinations by the end of this month and we are now beginning to think about restarting our activities.

We are aiming to begin the programme with our annual summer garden party at Mountain Ash on Ulverscroft Lane on 29th June. To celebrate our return, we are hoping to have a hog roast accompanied by our traditional servings of Pimms. Many members have told us how much they are looking forward to meeting again, so we hope circumstances don't change and the event can go ahead.

We are also beginning to put together a programme for the rest of the year in anticipation of a return to normal.

Our picture shows some of the spring colour at Mountain Ash which we know is typical of the gardens of our members.



Here's to a lovely gardening year!

Anyone interested in our activities can contact the Secretary (tel.01530 242452) or e-mail us at 32couling@gmail.com .

Anne and David Couling

NEWTOWN LINFORD OPEN GARDEN – 30th & 31st MAY

With the further easing of the coronavirus restrictions, please come and enjoy a stroll round 'Mountain Ash' and help raise money for the NGS's several nursing charities.

Mike & Liz Newcombe's 'Mountain Ash' garden, which is situated halfway along Ulverscroft Lane between Newtown Linford and Ulverscroft, will be open to the public during the Late Spring Bank Holiday on both Sunday 30th May and Monday 31st May from 11.00am to 5.00pm.



This beautiful 2-acre garden has excellent views across a wide area of Charnwood countryside. Near the house are patios, a water feature, flower and shrub beds, a fruit cage, fruit trees, greenhouses and vegetable plots. Lawns slope down to a large wildlife pond with a waterfall, a gravel garden and three small areas of woodland with pleasant walks through many species of trees. The lower two thirds of the garden have been created since 2004, with over 200 conifers and deciduous trees planted. There are several places to sit and relax around the garden. Adding further interest, for both adults and children, there are about 50 garden statues and ornaments around the garden.

There will be stalls to browse and light refreshments will be available. There is a toilet available with exterior access from the garden.

Admission for adults is £5, children are free and dogs on leads are welcome. Pre-booking is not required and tickets will be available online on the NGS website or can be bought at the gate.

The full address is :- 'Mountain Ash', 140 Ulverscroft Lane, Newtown Linford, LE6 0AJ. Parking is on the lane.

For further details and some photographs of the garden, see the NGS website – www.ngs.org.uk – (put Mountain Ash into the garden finder)

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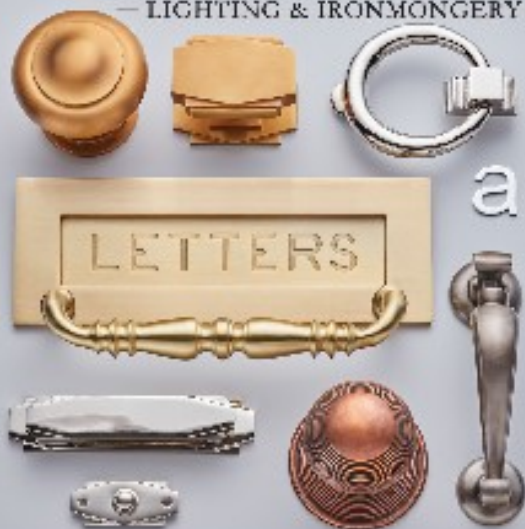
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Information from David Snartt.

The Duke of Edinburgh.

I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh. I had the privilege of meeting the Duke on two occasions when he visited Welbeck – The Defence Sixth Form College. His service to our country has been immense, which has earned the respect of not just this nation, but those around the world. After the time of mourning we should remember the Duke with pride and affection.

Nationwide Building Society.

I am sorry that, in spite of all the correspondence between Nationwide Building Society the Financial Conduct Authority and the Financial Ombudsman Service, my Councillor colleagues and I, we were unable to stop the closure of the Anstey branch on 31st March. It was so disappointing that Nationwide didn't keep to their promise to keep branches open until at least January 2023.

In my view, it was difficult to correspond with Nationwide. They seem not to understand the difficulties this decision to close Anstey branch would cause many members, especially the elderly who rely on public transport. There seems to be no organisation that could help to reverse this decision. The Ombudsman stated: 'Here at the Financial Ombudsman Service we deal with a wide range of complaints about financial services – but unfortunately, from the issues you have raised; it doesn't look like your complaint is something we would look into'. Similarly, the Financial Conduct Authority had a similar reply: 'Although we're unable to investigate or intervene in individual cases, we do have supervisory teams that are responsible for monitoring regulated firms to ensure they follow the correct rules and procedures. When concerns such as yours are shared with us regarding conduct of a firm, the information is recorded against them.

Again, I am sorry we were not able to save the Anstey branch from closure.

Have Your Say.

I have received information from the Local Government Boundary Commission that a new pattern of Wards are being developed for Charnwood Borough Council. At the moment Woodhouse Parish comes within the Forest Bradgate Ward which also includes the Parishes of Newtown Linford and Ulverscroft. This Ward was created in 2003 when I was elected the Borough Councillor for the first time.

The Commission has decided that the number of Councillors in Charnwood should be 52, the same as now. The Commission wants to hear what residents and organisations think about their local area. The consultation will run until 31st May 2021.

The Commission is interested in views on which communities should be part of the same Ward. What issues do neighbouring communities face that they have in common, such as high numbers of visitors or heavy traffic?

The Commission will use local views to help draw up proposals for new boundaries. There will be a further round of consultation once the Commission has drawn up those proposals.

It is easy to get involved, you can go to the Commission website, e-mail or write to them. They have dedicated a section on their website where people can give their views, just visit <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/25847> by e-mail reviews@lgbce.org.uk or by post to Review Officer (Charnwood), LGBCE, PO Box133, Blyth. NE24 9FE.

Charnwood Big Switch.

I thought I would just remind residents about Charnwood Big Switch. This is a collective energy switching scheme to help residents change suppliers and save money on their energy bills. The scheme is delivered by Charnwood Borough Council and iChoosr, an independent specialist provider in collective energy.

There are three auctions each year, where energy suppliers bid against each other to provide the lowest priced tariff. The next auction will take place on 18th May 2021 and registrations are now open. The cheapest supplier wins the auction and each registered household can then decide if they want to switch or not. There is no obligation for people to switch if they do not want to.

For more information visit charnwood.gov.uk/charnwoodbigswitch. If you do not have internet access and need help with your registration please call iChoosr on 0800 0488439.

Fly-Tipping.

I would like to thank the residents who recently reported a big fly-tip on Groby Lane to Charnwood Borough Council. I also reported it, taking a photograph to show the size of the tip. I understand some of the bags contained cannabis plants.

Just a reminder, you can report any fly-tipping to Charnwood Borough



Council. This is illegal dumping of household and trade waste, and it's a criminal offence that can result in unlimited fines or five years imprisonment. Charnwood Borough Council needs as much information as possible in order to prosecute someone fly-tipping in the Borough, so any help you can give is very important. Please remember, do not disturb the fly-tip waste, but do visually inspect the waste, it does help the Council to know what has been dumped and how much.

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Join Markfield Litter Wombles group on Facebook!

There is a new group called “Markfield Litter Wombles” on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/156837086136814> for villagers to talk and share pictures about rubbish!



A big thank you to some of you who have been litter picking since covid-19 pandemic that makes a difference to those who walk or exercise in and around the village and helps to protect our countryside. Please join the group on Facebook so we are aware where you have picked recently and for people to let others know of areas that need attention. Let's keep the Markfield area tidy.

Markfield Litter Wombles have been litter picking on Markfield Lane as well as the public right of way paths between the Field Head pub and Newtown Linford

Ian McDonald, Markfield Litter Wombles

Would you like to help adults learn to read in the Leicester and District area?



Read Easy
Helping adults learn to read

Read Easy Leicester and District is looking for more volunteers to support its work and start helping people to read. Over 17,000 adults in Leicester can't read or struggle with everyday reading, and we want to change that with proven confidential programme of free one-to-one volunteer-led adult reading coaching.

Verity Cross, Regional Adviser for the East Midlands talks about the plans to launch an adult literacy group in Leicester and surrounding areas. “To help us to do this, we're currently looking for local people to support the development of a new group by volunteering. Volunteering for Read Easy is fun and fulfilling, and we are looking for people who are committed and passionate. In exchange for your time and commitment, you will receive full training, meet a diverse range of people and be part of a genuinely life-changing organisation. We know from experience that learning to read really does change lives and being part of the process is very special. We have a number of exciting roles available for a chance to make a difference. It's a great opportunity to either put existing skills to good use or develop new ones”

Read Easy UK currently supports over 30 affiliated groups across the country. For an informal chat and to find out more about how you can be part of this exciting venture, please contact either **Kirsty Spencer at leicester@readeasy.org.uk or Ramilla Patel at leicspioneer@readeasy.org.uk**

More Church News

Online Courses

Both of the online courses which ran throughout Lent, *Alpha* and the *Wellbeing Journey* have now finished. We will be repeating the *Wellbeing Journey* from the beginning of May.

If there is another particular course you would like to see repeated, or an area of spiritual life you would appreciate an opportunity to explore, please [let Richard know](mailto:richard@allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk) soon (email richard@allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk).



A course to explore and encourage an eco-sustainable lifestyle as one of the five marks of mission will be run later in the year.

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Wednesday 26 May at 7.30pm. Depending on the detail of regulations at the time (we anticipate being in Step 3 of the Roadmap, but with confirmation of that not possible until nearer the time) this will either be a Zoom meeting or a hybrid meeting, possible to join either on Zoom or in person at the church building. If you wish to join the Electoral Roll, forms are available from Marilyn.

Covid measures

As we take our tentative steps back into onsite worship, no-one should feel obliged to come at this stage. Those who are in clinically vulnerable groups should still consider very carefully whether it is right for them to attend. You should not attend if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, nor if you are self-isolating because of contact with a suspected case. Please note these measures for all onsite services:

- Please bring a face covering to wear (disposable ones available if you forget).
- Use the hand sanitizer when arriving and leaving.
- Keep 2m distance from others at all times.
- People must not congregate in groups for conversation, particularly indoors.
- We need to ask for name and contact information of those who attend in case this needs to be supplied to the NHS 'Test and Trace' programme. The toilet will be available, but please clean any object you touch after use.

The Bishop has requested that we 'redouble' our efforts to ensure we minimise any risk of infection, given the local rates, so please fill in from the front when you sit down, sanitise if coming up to communion and after receiving. The clergy will be giving reminders and directions as required.

Brownies

It was our first day back at Brownies after lockdown. Brown Owl had told our mummies and daddies that we had to wear wellies and something warm because we were meeting outside no matter if it was sunny or raining. We can only have Brownies outside until further notice. Luckily it was a beautiful evening, and we didn't have to wear our winter coats.



It was lovely to see and play with all the other Brownies.

It has been amazing going back to Brownies and we all had a lot of fun. We saw a lot of sheep and lambs, calves and cows. The other Brownies and I held lots of lambs.

Felicity Rowe, Age 8





Easter at All Saints Church

Easter at All Saints Church was celebrated by events both inside and outside the Church, unlike last year when the Church could not open at all.

During Holy Week, a series of images were erected on posts in the churchyard which illustrated events marking the Stations of the Cross. Visitors were able to use QR codes on their smart phones which brought up a series of meditation by John Woolmer – an innovation which shows just how far we have come technologically in the past year. I observed quite a few young people coming into the churchyard to view these. The seats in the lych-gate have, of course, been very popular with coffee drinkers for several months now which undoubtedly helped provide an audience for these images. John's meditations were also used in a highly moving Good Friday 2-3 online service, illustrated by various works of art – many thanks to Richard Trethewey for his expertise in the IT field, which has served us well during lockdown.

Most strikingly, a large wooden cross was erected and then, on Easter Saturday, superbly decorated with flowers by Sue Howard – see image! Other flowers graced the Church for the first time for months. It is hoped that the Church can now remain open for some Sunday services (numbers are restricted so a booking system is in place) and is always open on Wednesday mornings for private prayer from 9am to 1pm. These signs of the easing of lockdown are greatly welcomed.

Marilyn Palmer



SUNDAY SERVICES May 2021



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
2nd May 5th Sunday of Easter		9.00am Morning Prayer
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
	4.30pm Holy Communion	
9th May Sixth Sunday of Easter		9.00am Holy Communion
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
	4.30pm Evening Prayer	
16th May Seventh Sunday of Easter		9.00am Morning Prayer
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
	4.30pm Holy Communion	
23rd May Pentecost		9.00am Holy Communion
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
	4.30pm Holy Communion	
30th May Trinity Sunday		
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Morning Prayer with Wedding (also streamed online)
	4.30pm APCM	



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MY PANDEMIC EXPERIENCE



The pandemic has impacted us all. This guide helps you to reflect on your personal experience. Try to find a quiet place and around 30 minutes, to use the questions and underlined LINKS to explore what has been going on for you. You can write in the white areas.

THANKSGIVING

What are you thankful for? Think about small daily things, such as food, as well as bigger wider things, such as frontline workers.

Thanksgiving is becoming increasingly popular as a mental wellbeing tool. People struggling with their mental health are often encouraged to keep a gratitude diary, writing down three or more things each day that makes them feel grateful, even on the hardest days. The reports are that it proves very helpful. For Christians, thanksgiving is part of our regular practice. We believe that God is listening to us with delight as we give thanks for all the gifts he has given. Just as a parent delights in watching a child enjoy food or toys or play or learning.

Practices

Keep a gratitude list or jar. Write down three things each night you are grateful for from the day.

There is much over the last year to be sad about. To lament is to describe all that sadness. We might talk about it, make a piece of art about it (whether we're 'good' at painting or drawing or not). We might sing sad songs or make scrapbooks or photo books to remember people by. We might need to cry or walk or exercise or light a candle in memory. Lament is woven through the Christian tradition. In the middle of the Bible you may have on a shelf, there is the book of Psalms, which are ancient songs to God. Some of them are hugely helpful at expressing our sadness and anger and lament. For example Psalm 42 involves honest recollection of how we are feeling, and a passionate expression to God of the pain and difficulty that we are experiencing.

LAMENT

What are you missing, longing for? This may be people or things you have lost, hopes that have been dashed or longings for a better future.

Practices

Read aloud Psalm 42 every day until you have expressed all the lament or try YouTube and listen to it (put Psalm 42 in the search bar).

You might also want to write your own list or poem about how you feel and read that aloud

The Bible is full of people finding God helping them in the midst of the muddles and difficulties and challenges of life. Pain and suffering have always been part of life, and Christians, like everyone else, want to make sense of them. That's not always possible, but it can be possible to find God with us in the dark places of life. Jesus said 'I am the light of the world' and countless people around the world have found that to be true - that his light shines in the darkest places when we give ourselves to him. You may like to read a poem on this theme.

LEARNING

What have you learned? What have you learned about your life, about what and who is important to you, about how you want to use your life well? What do you want do differently as a result of the pandemic?

Practices

Write or draw in a notebook for a few moments several times a week to help you reflect on your life and think things through. After a few weeks, it can be helpful to look back and see how things are going.

Talk through your experiences of the pandemic good and bad - with someone you trust. Invite them to ask questions and to listen carefully. Sometimes it's in talking with someone else that things become clearer. If you don't have anyone, contact our Church.

Many people pray - people of all faiths and none. In a crisis we long to know that there is someone bigger than us who can help us, so we cry out, hoping there is a God who is loving and who is listening. Christians believe that praying is not just for emergencies. We believe that the whole of life is meant to be a conversation with God. Jesus lived like that and his friends wanted to learn to live like that too. So Jesus gave them what we call The Lord's Prayer. If you've never prayed regularly before, it's a great starting place. You could read the prayer every day, thinking about each bit. And then ask God for help for other things and other people. You might also want to find out more about praying. Christians also find it helpful to pray and worship together, rather than trying only to get to know God by ourselves. Ask a Christian you know how to join in some praying at Church - either online or in a meeting.

Practices

Ask a Christian you know if they pray, and how to pray. Ask them what difference it makes to their life.

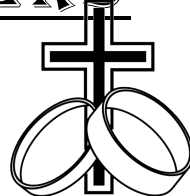
Maybe find or buy a Bible or a Bible app and start reading one of the accounts of Jesus' life, for example the section in the Bible called Mark. Make sure you find a modern language version of the Bible that is easy to understand.

PRAYER

What would it be good to think about in your praying over the coming weeks? People, situations, and concerns - local and global.

CHURCH REGISTERS

WEDDINGS



17^h April ~ Graham Halliday & Katherine Heubeck

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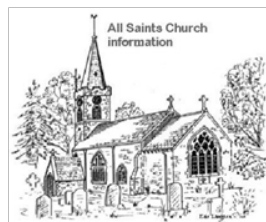
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Jane Woolmer, ejwoolmer@gmail.com.

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

Website: www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk



Online Services

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsnewtownlinford/live>

<https://www.facebook.com/stpetersglenfield/live>

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Further resources

If you have experienced the death of a loved one you may find this informative online booklet on **Death, Grief and Hope** helpful, or resources from **MIND** on bereavement.

If you would like further help, find a church near you and make contact. You will be warmly welcomed.

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Newtown Linford Choral Society



The Choral Society was pleased with the warm response that it has received for the virtual choir video “Seven Songs For Easter”, which to date has been viewed more than 500 times. Each singer recorded themselves at home,



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and our Director Sue Ford then used her technical skills to meld all the recordings together and produce the video. The video can be viewed on YouTube at the following link -



Seven songs for Easter
Unlisted

<https://youtu.be/rhgjUPxOjfk>.

At this time of year the choir would normally be hard at work rehearsing for the annual Summer Concert held each June in the Village Hall. In the past this has been a very popular light hearted event, for which tickets are generally sold out. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic it won't be possible to hold the concert this year, and instead the choir will be continuing with online rehearsals on Zoom. If you would like to have a look at what we do on these rehearsals please phone me on 01530 243822 and I will send you a link - we will be very pleased to see you. We will be looking at a number of short pieces of music by classical composers, including Handel, Mozart and Schubert.

In the longer term we are of course looking forward to being able to start weekly in-person rehearsals in the Village Hall, but as yet no date for this has been set.

Peter Sayer

17th April Wedding of Katherine Heubeck and Graham Halliday

We had a lovely COVID wedding day on Saturday 17th April - Plan F was put into action, as all others had failed due to forever changing Covid rules. A big thank you to Richard for a lovely service and assistance to Katherine and Graham on their wedding day.

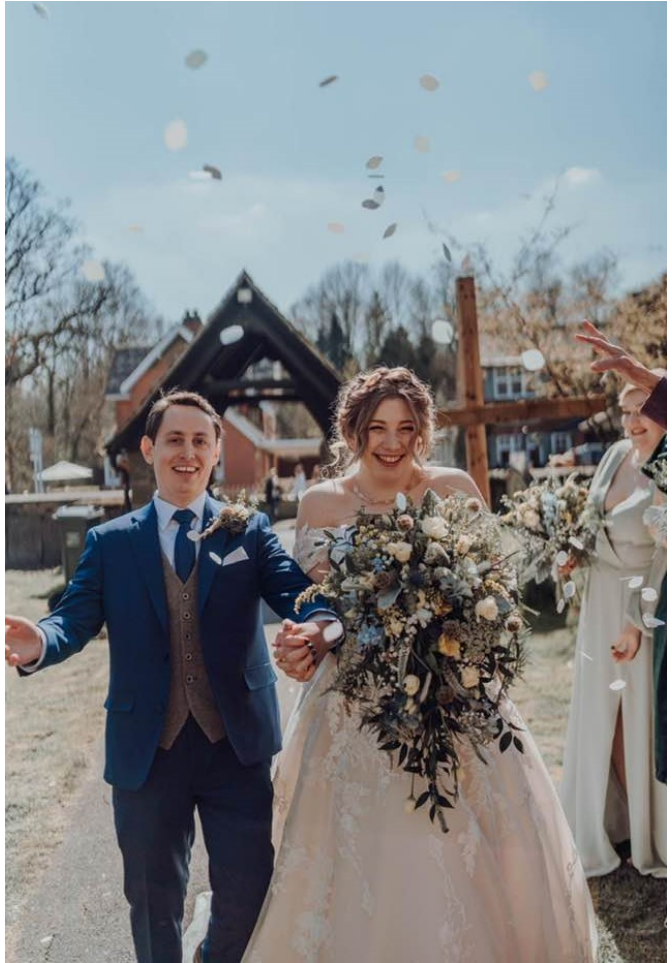
It was a real village event with local suppliers, who were so flexible due to constant changing parameters! A big thank you to Sarah from the Grey Lady and Ian from Bradgate Events (who supplied the marquee, tables and chairs) and who helped facilitate the move from our back garden on Grey Crescent to the Grey Lady's back garden as COVID rules changed. We were using the outside catering from the Grey Lady, who suddenly found they were cooking a lot closer to home!

Helen from Bradgate Flowers produced fantastic arrangements and was able to interpret exactly what the bride wanted.

Katherine and her father walked to Church with the Bridesmaids and then after the service Katherine and Graham enjoyed a walk up to the Grey Lady where the rest of the party of 13 were waiting to greet them!

Carole Heubeck Editor

If you have a special moment, achievement to share - remember to send it to your village magazine!



Leicestershire Residents Invites to Carbon Literacy Courses

Having received a grant from Leicestershire Council, a local community group is inviting Leicestershire residents to engage in a days' worth of learning about the climate crisis and the ways in which individuals and communities can tackle it, Transition Loughborough has received a SHIRE Environment Grant from Leicestershire County Council to run online Carbon Literacy courses for Leicestershire residents during 2021. *Carbon Literate Leicestershire* follows on from a successful *Carbon Literate Charnwood* project which began during 2020 and will conclude in 2021.



The first two courses will run in May and June. Anyone living, working and/or studying in Leicestershire is welcome to sign up:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/transition-loughborough-17009317560.

Carbon Literacy is defined as "An awareness of the carbon dioxide costs and impacts of everyday activities, and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions, on an individual, community and organisational basis." The course will cover topics such as climate change science, the ways in

The advertisement is set against a dark blue background. On the left is a photograph of a brick building with a sign that says "GILL SHOP". On the right is a photograph of the interior of a shop, filled with various home goods. At the top right is a white silhouette of a stag. Below the stag, the text "WATKINGHAMS Gifts & Homeware" is written in white. Underneath that, in a cursive font, it says "We're now open..." followed by "10am - 4pm Monday - Saturday". At the bottom left, there are three social media icons with their respective handles: a Twitter icon with "@watkinghams", a globe icon with "www.watkinghams.co.uk", and an envelope icon with "info@watkinghams.co.uk". At the bottom center, the address "The Old Sunday School Rooms, Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford, Leicestershire, LE6 0HB" is written in white.

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which the climate crisis is already impacting us, both locally and globally, and what we can do to act as individuals, communities and organisations.

All attendees will make two pledges to cut their own, and their communities, carbon footprint and attendees can receive a certificate of accreditation once their pledges have been assessed by the national Carbon Literacy Project.

Caroline Harmon, a member of Transition Loughborough and the lead trainer for the project, said:

'We are delighted to be able to bring this training to the whole of Leicestershire. The course we will be running has been designed with Leicestershire residents and communities in mind, but participants will be joining more than 17,000 people around the UK and the world who have completed a Carbon Literacy course.'

Christiane Startin-Lorent, a trainer for the project, said:

'Carbon Literacy courses are a great way to help ensure we reach Leicestershire's target to be net zero by 2045. They encourage peer-to-peer learning and will allow communities across the county to share ideas and experiences of tackling the climate crisis at a community level.'

Jon Knight, also a member of Transition Loughborough, said:

'Transition Loughborough has been working on local, practical solutions to the climate crisis for more than a decade. We are excited to combine our experience and knowledge with a Carbon Literacy course.'

'In 2020 we ran *Carbon Literate Charnwood* courses (funded by Charnwood Borough Council) and these were well received. Participants made pledges as diverse as setting up a community car club, exploring the possibility of putting renewables on community buildings, and encouraging their employers to pursue net zero carbon plans. We really hope that people from across the county will find the courses just as useful and that they will help accelerate Leicestershire County Council plans for the county to achieve net zero by 2045.'

A participant on one of the *Carbon Literate Charnwood* courses said:

'I thought I knew a lot about climate change before I started, but quickly discovered I didn't know as much as I thought! It really made me think about what more I can do on a personal and an organisational level.'

The courses are open to anyone living in Leicestershire.

Contact: Caroline Harmon:

transitionlboro@gmail.com / 07954 377569



Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



There were no crimes reported in Newtown Linford during March, however, PCSO Mitch Jarvis has issued the following crime prevention advice as there has been a slight increase in burglaries in other nearby villages recently.

Keep burglars out of your property

Burglars will use a variety of ways to avoid being noticed.

They don't want to be seen or heard by a neighbour or passer-by because they will feel exposed and identifiable.

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

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

Keep it visible

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dog Advice

PCSO Katrina Hallmark has also issued the following **Dog Advice** through Neighbourhood Link:

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They will then assess the situation and deal with the situation as they see fit. This may involve a vehicle from another area. If you wish, also advise our NHW coordinator who will circulate if appropriate.


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“We want people to help to spread this safety message to prevent much loved pets being targeted by criminals.

Before purchasing your dog or puppy

From 6 April 2016, all dogs must be microchipped and registered to an approved database by the time they are eight weeks old. Puppies can usually be micro chipped from four weeks of age depending on their size, so breeders should ensure this is done as soon as possible. Be suspicious of any animal for sale that does not comply with this law.

Before purchasing your dog make sure you check the proof of ownership, health check and pedigree papers. Additionally, ask to see the puppy in its home environment with its mother. To discourage offenders please do not buy dogs from social media sites or from anyone who cannot provide appropriate documentation.

Prevention of dog theft

Here is some advice on how you can prevent the theft of your dog:

Keep an ID tag on your dog at all times (your surname rather than the dog’s name, mobile number and address only) and if there’s room, put ‘microchipped’ on the tag if your dog has a chip. It is now a legal requirement for a dog to wear a collar and an ID tag when in a public place.

Make sure your dog is micro-chipped and their details are updated so that they can be returned if they are stolen and subsequently found. Ask your vet to check your dog’s microchip every year to ensure your details are accurate and up-to-date.

Keep all documentation relating to your dog(s) in a safe place. Take lots of photographs of your dog from different angles, pay particular attention to any distinguishing markings on your dog. This is to prove ownership if it’s stolen, Never leave your dog in the garden unattended and make sure fences and gates are secure and in good repair

Avoid leaving dogs in an outside kennel if possible. If not possible then make sure the kennels are alarmed – experience tells us padlocks alone will not stop thieves!

Consider purchasing a driveway alarm or video doorbell so you are alerted to any intruders, these can also be used in rear gardens and yards, combine this with the use of monitored CCTV that will alert you via your phone or tablet instantly

Secure gates using bolts at the top and bottom, along with a heavy-duty padlock and gate alarm so that no one can gain entry or pull your dog

out.

Don't let your dog sit at the window in view of passers-by

Avoid leaving your dog alone in the car even for a few minutes

Don't leave your dog tied up outside a shop

Don't give details of your pets, your location or your favourite walking spots on social media and make sure your security settings are set to friends only

You can also prevent theft on walks by varying walk times and locations and being suspicious of strangers who ask questions about your dog. Be vigilant and cautious of suspicious individuals, loitering vehicles or markings seen around addresses.

Be wary of any cold callers and strangers approaching you whilst out dog walking or asking questions about your dog

When out, always know where your dog is. Be mindful of anyone who may be trying to distract your attention from your dog or attract your dog's attention away from you

Don't allow strangers to have their photograph taken with your dog.

Train your dog not to go out of your sight on walks, to come back to you when called, or keep it on a lead if in doubt

Be cautious when choosing someone who will care for your dog(s) while you are at work, in hospital or on holiday. Be clear about when the dog will be handed over and who will collect it. Use a registered boarding kennel or professional dog carer with certified documentation to prove they are genuine, unless you know someone who is trustworthy who will care for your dog in your absence.

What to do if your dog does get stolen

If the worst happens and your dog does get stolen, it's important to act quickly. There are a few things you can do to try to recover it. Please check with any friends or family members who may have access to your dog to ensure they haven't taken the dog out. Report the crime to Leicestershire police by visiting our online reporting system or calling 101, providing as much information as possible about:

The description of your dog.

Dates and times for when you last saw your dog.

The circumstances around your dog's disappearance.

Contact names and numbers of anyone you believe may have access to your dog.

Descriptions of people or vehicles seen acting suspiciously in the area.

You should then try to contact your local animal warden and any rescue centres. If your pet escapes or is dumped, these are the places it will most likely be.

Animal Search UK is the leading search service for missing pets in Britain, specialising in helping to reunite owners with lost or stolen pets. Their website is free to use, provides local and nationwide coverage and lots including free help and advice for people who have lost or found a pet and are wondering what best to do.

If you have pet insurance, contact your insurer because they may be able to offer advice to help find it and pay for a reward and posters. Notify your microchip database provider immediately and advise Doglost.co.uk either via their website or Facebook page who can offer help, support and advice. Finally, utilise social media. Post pictures of your pet on social networks like Facebook and Twitter and ask people to keep a look-out.

How to secure your home against burglars

There are some simple techniques you can use to better secure your home against any potential thieves:

Fit key-operated locks to all downstairs and easy-access windows. Lock all the doors and windows every time you leave the house – even when you're in the garden

Hide all keys out of sight.

Install a burglar alarm and install lighting outside

Consider joining a Neighbourhood Watch scheme

Consider replacing glass door panels with a stronger laminated glass

Other methods of ensuring your pet's safety

Learn more about GPS pet trackers. They can be removed by a thief but some of them connect to your smartphone and allow you to see your pet's location on an app. They also allow you to set up 'safe zones'. If your pet leaves these zones you will receive a notification.

Sign up to Neighbourhood Link to keep up to date with all the latest news from your Local Policing Team as well as news of any suspicious activity and pet/dog thefts in your area. www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk “

Useful Websites

www.doglost.co.uk

www.thekennelclub.org.uk

www.animalsearchuk.co.uk

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-environment/pollution-and-pests/dog-control>

Wishing you all a safe and crime free month ahead.

Keep 'em peeled. Best wishes,

Hannah Shaw

Parish Council Clerk, Tel: 01530 249945

Email: clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk

Note from Editor -

Exciting times - as village activities start to return!

NEWTOWN LINFORD BOULES

Welcome to our nineteenth year

2021 SEASON

TUESDAY 18th MAY*

Start 6pm, eat outdoors

TUESDAY 22th JUNE

TUESDAY 20th JULY

TUESDAY 17th AUGUST

TUESDAY 14th 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.

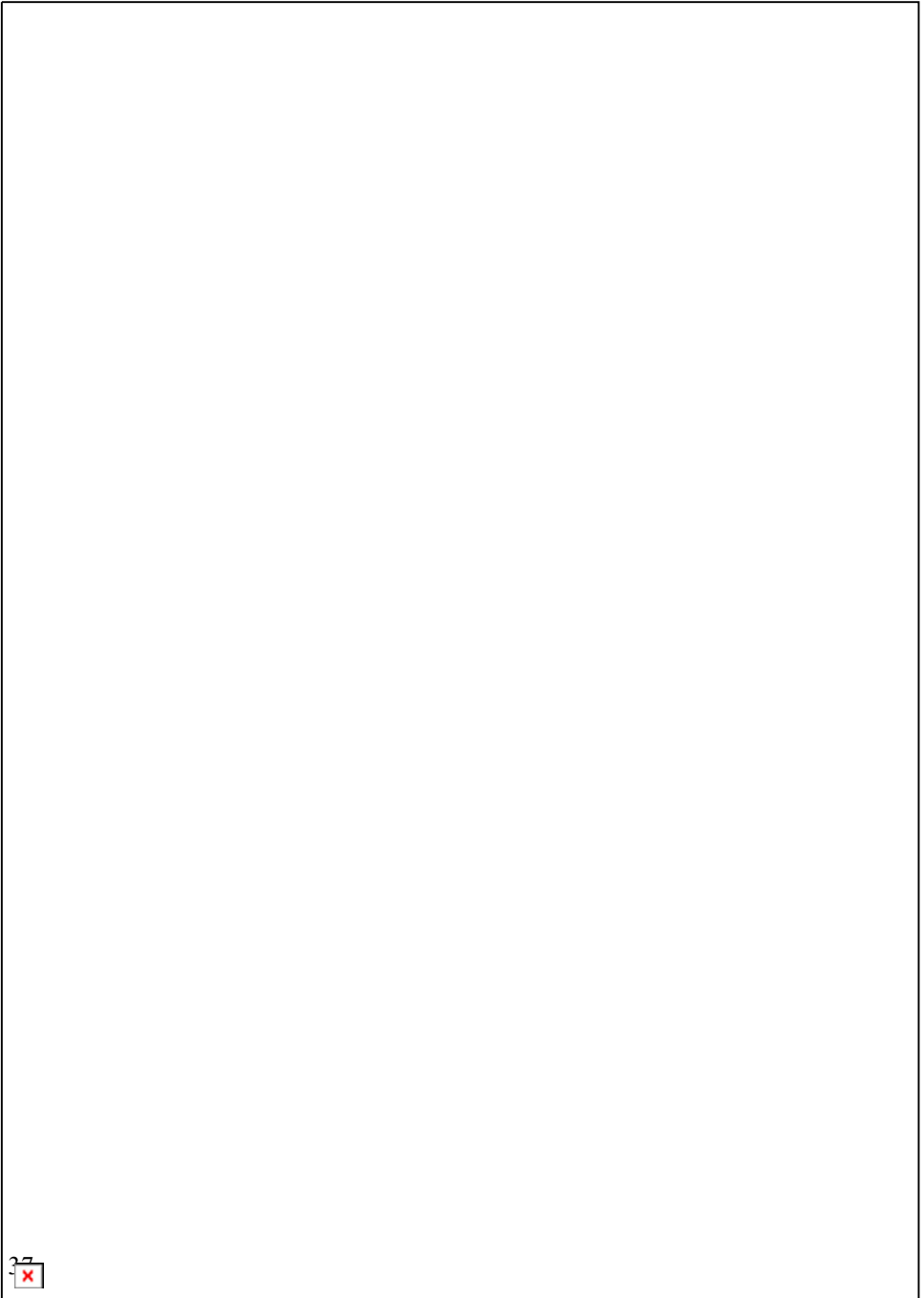
In the event of rain the skittle alley (not May) has been booked for us.

CONTACT. DICK HOWARD 01530 245373

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

Newtown Linford Biodiversity Group

We love to see insects in our gardens. Here is an illustration from the Wildlife Trusts about which plants will help them.



Newtown Linford Biodiversity Group

The biodiversity group, working in partnership with the Parish Council, has already met several times on Zoom since getting off the ground at the beginning of the year. We all share an interest in wildlife, a concern about the state of the natural world and want to help make our Parish as rich in wildlife and as bio-diverse as possible. If you'd like to get involved, or would like more information, please do get in touch. You would be most welcome.

Garden Wildlife Survey

A huge thank you to everybody who has already completed and handed in the garden wildlife questionnaire in last month's magazine. We're getting responses from residents all over the Parish, not just in the village itself, which is great, with records of sightings of many different wildlife visitors. The more survey responses we receive, the better picture we'll have of the range of wildlife currently found in our local gardens

*It's not too late to
take part!
The closing date
has been extended
to 15th May.*



Nature websites

A selection of websites useful for learning about and identifying wildlife.

- <http://www.lrwt.org.uk> Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust. Full of information about all things wild
- <http://wildlifetrusts.org> National movement made up of Wildlife Trusts across the country
- <https://www.naturespot.org.uk/> Nature Spot is a local charity helping to record the wildlife of Leicestershire and Rutland.
- <https://www.ispotnature.org/> Aimed at helping anyone identify anything!

Claire Costello Tel 01530 249613
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News from Newtown Linford Parish Council



Have you looked at the website recently?

www.newtownlinford.org.uk

Good day to you all,

The Government Roadmap continues to progress to date as planned. Restrictions have been further eased as of Monday 12th April 2021 and we look forward to further easing, hopefully from 17th May 2021. We must still act with caution and follow the guidelines though; Hands. Face. Space.

TRO Update

Following comments posted on our Facebook page on Tuesday 23rd March, NLPC would like to address the issues raised with regards the proposed waiting restrictions in Newtown Linford and surrounding areas.

Traffic and parking problems associated with visitors to Bradgate Park have been with us for years and various regions of the village have already had restrictions imposed to limit the time and extent of parking.

These traffic and parking issues have recently become far more acute and weekend, after weekend, after weekend, for the past twelve months, Councillors and I have received numerous messages, emails, phone calls and images regarding inconsiderately and dangerously parked vehicles in all areas of the Parish - not just within the village - and have responded to each and every one of them. We have understood your frustrations and have empathised with the abhorrent conditions residents have been subjected to.

Demands for action by residents were forthcoming and noted and Newtown Linford Parish Council were the initial driving force in ensuring issues were addressed for the safety and well-being of resi-

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dents, road users and visitors.

Working in partnership with LCC, Police, Borough and County Councilors and other agencies, proposals were designed based on reports received and these went out to full public consultation in November 2020.

Three hundred responses were received which included nine hundred comments in total and LCC Highways have endeavoured to analyse the data and amend restrictions where responses indicated a change was needed.

This thorough, democratic process (bound by the legal processes of local government), has resulted in the restrictions published on 23rd March and these restrictions are based on comments submitted during this public consultation. They had been discussed with the Parish Council before going out to consultation but not decided by the Parish Council. We have funded and provided the ability for you, the residents, to have your say.

With regards restrictions on Grey Crescent, the same democratic process has been undertaken three times previously with no clear majority. H - bar markings were installed as a compromise. Therefore, Grey Crescent could not be included in this process, however, the effects of the new restrictions will be monitored across all areas and issues addressed should any arise as a result.

We appreciate that not everyone will agree with the new restrictions, however, they reflect the majority of comments received by LCC and therefore, were mostly implemented in time for the Easter weekend. Notwithstanding, following comments received by LCC, they have taken the decision to pause lining on Main Street whilst they review the comments submitted during the consultation. We understand this has come as a disappointment to those of you who are desperate for measures to be implemented on Main Street and improve safety.

Whilst we await further news, please be advised that any incidences of dangerously or obstructively parked vehicles or pavement driving, should be reported to Police on 101 at the time of the event.

No date has yet been arranged for NLPC to discuss the matter further with LCC and our partners, however, as soon as we have an update, details will be published on our website and social media platform.

On with more news....

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting are scheduled to take place on Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7.15pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting is a short get together for anyone wishing to attend and raise matters of local interest and will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Both meetings will be held virtually through Zoom. To access the meeting/s, sign into your Zoom account, select 'Join a Meeting' and enter the follow details when prompted:

Meeting ID: 835 1767 9452

Password: 492725

Everyone is welcome.

Bob Bown Memorial Field

Our order for an all-encompassing modular play unit and basket swing has now been placed with our chosen contractors, Wicksteed Play Ltd. I have yet to receive a confirmed date but installation is expected sometime in June and works will take approximately 2 weeks to complete, during which time the park will be temporarily closed.

The colours of the modular play unit are not as previously published due to concerns raised regarding the impact this might have on the green space of the Bob Bown Memorial Field and believe our choice of varied greens, browns, grey and yellow will be more sympathetic to the surroundings. We look forward to seeing the children enjoying the new equipment, generously funded by the National Lottery Community Fund – Awards For All.

Please continue to follow the guidance detailed on the 'Stay safe in your own Space' signs displayed at all key entrances and exits to the play areas.

Cemetery and Churchyard

The daffodils have been in full bloom at the Cemetery and green fingered Chairman, Sue Pritchard and Sue Dobby have attended recently to carry out further planting and maintenance.

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Our fortnightly grass cutting schedule resumed at the end of March, carried out by our external grounds maintenance team. If you see them hard at work, please say 'hello'; they'd really appreciate your feedback.

The Parish Council has now received permission to fell three Sycamore trees at the All Saints' Churchyard which would have otherwise impeded the rebuild of the collapsed stone wall.

We now await permission from the Church of England for works to commence and BPT park rangers have kindly offered to rebuild the wall for us.

A Duty of Care Tree Inspection has now been carried out at all three Parish Council maintained sites and works required at all sites have been highlighted. I will be working on addressing these issues over the coming weeks.

Stay well, stay safe.

Best wishes,

Hannah Shaw, Parish Council Clerk

Tel: 01530 249945 Email: clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk

Contributions to Village Magazine

Can we have your contributions for the **June 2021** issue by **15th May 2021** please. **Send to the Editor, Carole Heubeck, 5 Grey Crescent, Newtown Linford (01530 244790).**

E-mail newtownvillagemagazine@outlook.com & heubeck111@btinternet.com

Please could you send any emails to the above email addresses. If you do not receive an acknowledgement of your email within 3/4 days - please contact Carole, the Editor direct on the above number to check we have received it.

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