

Newtown Linford Magazine

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Last month I began to muse on the subject of the Coronation, focussing on the throne. Since then my attention has shifted a little, from what the King will sit upon to what he will be given to hold.

The crown of course is what gives the whole ceremony its name, but it's only one of the things with which the King is invested during the Service. There's a whole set, including spurs and all kinds of things, but it was the items which he holds which caught my eye. For years I have imagined that there are just two: an orb and a sceptre, but I discovered just the other day that there are actually two sceptres, so the Monarch has to put down the orb to hold the two together. One represents their governance and power as the head of the State. It derives, I imagine, from the rods which Roman rulers used to carry to show their power. The other, with a dove at the head, represents their moral and spiritual role. Despite the similarity in shape, this is supposed to balance the other, demonstrating mercy as well as judgement.

Both are adorned with Christian symbolism, doves, crosses, and the like, which are intended to remind us, as is the orb representing the world with the cross surmounting it, that in accepting the crown, the King or Queen of this country is accepting that actually they hold it – and all the power and responsibility which goes with it – under the rule of someone else. Later in May, on the 18th, we mark Ascension Day – which slightly flies under the radar of Christian Festivals, mainly because it's a Thursday rather than a Sunday. It's the day in which we recall Jesus ascending to heaven after his Resurrection, and the words with which he leaves his friends: 'all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me'. So as we acknowledge the beginning of the rule of Charles III, we also have the chance to recognise and respond to the rule of one whose reign is eternal, full of mercy, justice and peace: Jesus Christ.

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



THE
CORONATION
KING CHARLES

III
2023

All Saints Church - The Coronation

Saturday 6th May

Coronation Procession and Service 10am

Come and join your friends to watch the Coronation Procession and Service streamed on the large screen in All Saints Church. Coffee and Cake will be served.

Sunday 7th May

Commemorative Service 10am

John Woolmer will be leading a Special Service, with music, to acknowledge the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla.

The choir will be singing the anthem specifically composed for this occasion: The Mountains shall bring Peace

Refreshments will be served.

(NB: there will be time to get to the Village Party afterwards, which does not start until 12 noon!)



King Charles' Coronation Celebration Newtown Linford Village Party

**Come and join us in celebrating the Coronation of
our new King**



Sunday 7th May 2023



Venue: Malcolm's field 12 till 6pm

Bring your own food and drink, tables and chairs

There will also be a few tables and chairs provided

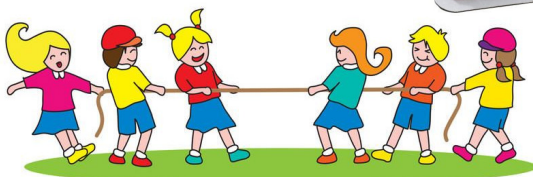
Events: Tug of War and other traditional games

Fancy dress, Best King or Queen, under 12, and Adult

Coronation Cake Competition

An event for all villagers and inclusive of all age groups.

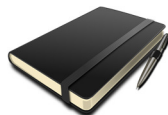
The field will be open from 8am for you to drop off or erect anything you may need on the day. There is only limited parking opposite so you are encouraged to drop off early and walk down.



IMPORTANT IF ATTENDING

In order to help in forward planning, please email or telephone Carol Ann Sugden at casug1@btinternet.com or 07970 970580 With the probable number of adults and children under 16 plus The entry voucher should be cut out from the back of the magazine (page 42) and presented at the field on the day

VILLAGE DIARY



May

- 6th Coronation Service in Church
7th Village Party on Malcolm's Field
10th Annual Parish Council meeting
13th Village Ramblers
16th Start of the Boules season
23rd Gardening Club

June

- 9th/10th A Night at the Oscars
13th Boules
14th Parish Council Meeting

Regular events

Mondays

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

4th Tuesday of the month

Gardening Club

4th Wednesday of the month

Gentleman's Club Bradgate PH

Wednesdays

- 10.30 and 6.30 Bodyblast Classes The Linford
10am Art Club in Church
Quiz nights at The Linford 8pm start

Thursdays

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

Fridays

- 9:30 Jolly Tots, The Church

Saturday

2nd Saturday of each month - Village Ramblers

Bell ringing for Coronation of King Charles III



A call to any "retired" bell ringers. The bells at All Saints Church will be ringing to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles 3rd. If you are an experienced bell-ringer, who perhaps hasn't rung for a while and would like to be part of this historic event, then please contact me on 01530 243822 or sayeriris@gmail.com

Timings will be announced in due course.

Iris Sayer

COFFEE & CAKE ROTA May to June 2023

May

- 4th Carol Ann, Jackie Brewin & Sue Greasley 243433:243439
11th Jenny C, Sue Howard, Charlotte T. 245373: 07896 349977:
242959
18th Janet & David Brunton , Angela & Adrian McNamee
242662: 07710 253231: 242662
25th Sue Morran, Sarah Brown, Teresa Calvert 07810
116641: 07811 166161: 07469 719018

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



June

- 1st Joe & Claire Costello with Bakers help 249613
8th Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Sue Birkett 07713 457414: 242000:
244317
15th Bev Griffiths, Sue Dobby, Jennette, Lalita 01509 890264: 245366:
07930 955990: 07718 701614
22nd Judy Rowe, Felicity Manning, Marilyn Upstone 243989: 245298:
242715

On the Lawn – Marilyn and Michael Upstones

29th Glennis M, Mary Clarke, John Castle, Carolyn T 242897: 0116
3190211: 249173

ON THE LAWN

We are back out over the summer for 4 visits, one a month by kind invitation of some of our villagers. A nice change of scene. If the weather is poor the gathering will be in the Hall.

Please swap with someone else if you are unable to do your duty. Pass on the hall key to the next people on duty.

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

Rota Volunteers - If you are struggling with putting the tables and chairs out for your duty Joe Costello 249613 has offered to help if around and will ask someone else to help him as well.. **Carol Ann**

Tennis Club

The New Season is here at last! Why not come and join our friendly, inclusive, sociable Club.

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CORONATION VILLAGE PARTY

Sunday 7th May, 12 - 6.00pm

Coronation Day is almost here, and our village party is the following day Sunday 7th May. This is a community event for our village and your families so please come along and support us. To help us plan the event we need to have a good ideas of numbers, and particularly the number of children under 16, so please contact Carol Ann Sugden by phone 07970 970580 or email casug1@btinternet.com

The event will be held in Malcolm's field and start at midday but you can drop off anything you need after 8am such as tables and chairs, picnic hampers, gazebos etc during the morning. This will be very helpful as there is limited parking in the field opposite so you are encouraged to leave what you need and walk back later.

During the morning volunteers will help to quickly unload your vehicle at the entrance to the field as there are double yellow lines and we need to keep the traffic moving. All gazebos/tents must be erected by 11.00am. So what have we planned for the afternoon?

8am	Gates open
12noon	Start, music. Greetings from the MC
12.30	Loyal Toast, National Anthem
12.30	Coronation cakes to be presented for judging
13.00	Fancy dress parade & judging for adults and under 12's
13.30	Results of Coronation cake competition
14.00 - 15.30	Traditional children's games
16.00	Tug of war
17.15	Village Photograph
18.00	Conclusion

This is to be a fun afternoon and Carolyn Turner and her team are organising the activities. The traditional children's games, in different age groups, will include sack races, egg and spoon races, three legged races, racing while balancing a bean bag on your head, scavenger hunt, pin a jewel on the Crown plus activities for under 3's. **Cont on next page**



We are asking everyone to follow a red, white and blue theme, even if only a hat. The criteria, for those of you who wish to enter the Fancy Dress competition, will be judged on originality, design, adherence to the Coronation theme, and overall impression. There are two categories: adult and under 12.

For the enthusiastic cooks the Coronation cake competition theme should be based on red, white, blue; not necessarily complicated icing. There could be different types of soft fruit in appropriate colours. The cake should be some kind of cake eg sponge, not a pudding, flan or tart. The judge will be looking for a well made, well presented cake that reflects the occasion.



We have booked an ice cream van but please bring your own food and drink for a picnic and tables and chairs. We will be providing a few chairs and even fewer tables on a first come basis. No BBQ's please, the fire risk is too great.

Within this Magazine, you'll find a voucher for your household, which we are asking you to cut out and hand in on entering the event. This is for you and any members of your family and friends that you are bringing with you. This event is funded by our Parish Council for our Village and we are not able to accept visitors who do not live here, or do not have a connection.

We have some contingency plans if the weather is wet and the ground too saturated. In the event of wet weather, or an adverse forecast a final decision will be made by 8 pm the previous day and a notice posted on Facebook, and if you have notified Carol Anne by email we will attempt to contact you. The Village Hall has been booked in case we need it. Otherwise no news is good news.

Looking forward to seeing YOU.

Dick Howard

Newtown Linford Village Cricket Competition 2023

On Sunday 2nd July from 11.30 through to 6pm come along to the cricket ground to see the 7th annual Village Cricket Competition featuring a host of neighbours and friends from Newtown. Always a popular event with both players and spectators, we are set for another treat this year with thanks to our main sponsors The Access Group. As well as a carnival of barely talented cricketers doing their very best to entertain us, the bar will be open and serving ale from Anstey Brewery. Food will be available and there

will be children's play activities thanks to Jelson Homes.



If you'd like to join the current champs the Bradgate Braves, or the Newtown Knights, Linford Lions or Grey Grizzlies then give Scott or Paddy a call on the numbers below. Or if you'd just like to watch then do make a date in your diary.

See you there!

**Paddy Mulvihill (07850 327654)
& Scott Raynor {07535 365887}**



Newtown Linford Gardening Club
(www.newtownlinford.org.uk/gardening-club.html)

Our speaker in March was Don Witton from near Sheffield. He is a retired schoolteacher who has become a horticulturalist of some note. He holds the national collection of euphorbias on a large allotment near his home and he grows them along with many other flowering plants which he sells to local people and to Gardening Clubs where he delivers his talks.

His talk, this time, was about spring flowering perennials and euphorbias which flower from now until the end of June. To assist us, he distributed a list of the plants he would feature in his talk, so we could make notes and then go to his stall to buy them for our gardens. He also showed us which plants would be at their best during the different months of spring, so we could consider our planting strategy to ensure a continual display of colour.

Some of the plants he suggested were well-known ones which many of us would already be growing in our gardens such as hellebores, geums, lupins, geraniums and oriental poppies. However he did introduce us to some more unusual ones, which would enhance our traditional borders.

In April, he suggested erythroniums, trilliums and epimediums, all of which come in a wide range of colours depending on the variety you choose. In May, of particular beauty was corydalis 'Tory MP,' which is a striking blue colour but which he found difficult to grow, because of its name! It also sold well in some areas of the country but not at all in others!!!! He also recommended polemoniums and erodiums. June brought us fresh varieties including campanula glomerata, many beautiful peonies, a blue mecanopsis and astrantias.

He could not resist moving on to his main passion of euphorbias, which are especially lovely through the spring. He did, however, warn us to take care when handling these plants. The sap contains a potent irritant, which, if got on to the skin, would cause a high level of pain. He recommends they always be handled wearing gloves.

Our May speaker is continuing this particular theme. Justin Harrison is showing us a wide variety of plants which will be at their best during the summer months and we will also have the opportunity to buy.

After that, we will embark on our traditional summer activities visiting gardens of interest, both local and further afield and holding our Summer Garden Party.

More details of our Club can be found on the internet or by contacting us on 01530 242452.

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Tuesday 13th June

Tuesday 18th July

Tuesday 15th August

Tuesday 12th September

Meet outside the Village Hall at 6.20pm
(September 6.00pm).

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Newtown Linford Biodiversity Group

May Wildlife Walk

Following on from a presentation given at our March meeting by Jack Matthews of the National Forest, for our wildlife walk in May we're joining one from the National Forest Walking Festival programme: Bradgate Park Wildlife Walk at 9.30am on Saturday 20th May. This starts from the Newtown Linford Car Park, costs £7.50 and is bookable on the Bradgate Park website: <https://www.bradgatepark.org/Event/summer-wildlife-walk>

Visit to Shining Cliff Woods

On Sunday 16th April local resident and Newtown Linford Biodiversity member, Dr Ian Graham, led a group of us on an extremely enjoyable and interesting visit to Shining Cliff woods near Ambergate in Derbyshire. Ian is Chair of the Grith Pioneers Charity which owns the south half of the woods and the small activity centre and hostel there. Parts of this beautiful ancient woodland are designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Email address

Please note that our new group email address is: nlbiodiversity@gmail.com

Flyer

Newtown Linford Biodi-



versity has produced a flyer, available from the Post Office Tea-rooms, and targeted at visitors to our Village. The flyer has information about our efforts to improve biodiversity in the Parish, and a few suggestions of ways to help Nature. Here's an extract: Here are five things YOU can do this Spring to help Nature thrive in your garden

1. Choose flowers which are good for butterflies, bees and other pollinators.
2. Try no-mow May by just letting the grass in your garden grow for a month – less work more nature!
3. Introduce water into your garden - just an old tin bath or sink would do.
4. Leave seed heads on plants – they provide a valuable food reserve for birds.
5. Start a compost heap – they help support many creatures, from beetles to hedgehogs.

Want more information? Why not read what the experts say and visit www.kew.org/read-and-watch/how-to-make-your-garden-more-biodiverse.

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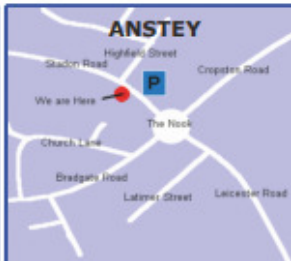
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Village Ramble

On Easter Saturday 11 members (and 2 dogs) set off for a walk through Sheet Hedges Wood, where we admired the Spring flowers – violets, anemones, primroses and the first bluebells of the season – while listening to the abundant chiff-chaffs trilling away. After leaving the Wood we went down past the fishing lakes and across to Groby Pool, before returning to the village via the “Donkey Track”.

Our May walk will be on 13th May: meet outside the Village Hall at 14:00.hrs

Toby and Felicity Manning.



Brownies

We made s'mores ! First we had to light the tea light candles, then we got marshmallows and digestive biscuits.

We carefully toasted the marshmallows over the tea light making sure we didn't burn ourselves!

When they were toasted and gooey we put them in the digestive biscuits and ate them, they were so yummy!!

From Darcey Stewart aged 8



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and Cold drinks and snacks for Children.**

All Welcome.

**For more information or if you would like to help in any way -
please contact Ann 07925 919 618 or
Carolyn 07896 960 676**

ANNOUNCING NEWTOWN LINFORD SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2023

Date: September 23/24th Weekend

Theme: Music

We are looking to put together a small village team to assist with aspects of organising this event. Last year was such a great success and everyone had a great time. This year, we can be even better :)



We would like to host a Newtown Linford Raffle to benefit any participating village organisation or charity. If your Club wishes to benefit from this, you must have a representative come to a meeting (date TBD) and take the lead for your Club.

At this initial stage we are also looking for SPONSORS to print raffle tickets & also for Scarecrow prizes.

Entry forms for Scarecrow will be in future editions of the Magazine and we do ask that all

entries be submitted by 18th September to allow time for programme printing.

This year we would like to raise funds for all village organisations who would like to get involved

For any information, please do not hesitate to contact me, Jacqui Marsh on 07876 897256 or email Forestfitstudio@gmail.com and put SCARECROW 2023 in the subject line.

How to contact the Police

All incidents are to be reported to the Police and **by calling 101**

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.

An alternative way is to go online to report an incident

<https://www.police.uk/pu/contact-the-police/report-a-crime-incident/>

This may be easier if the phone call is not urgent. 101 calls are not free.

SUNDAY SERVICES May 2023



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
7 May Fifth Sunday of Easter & Coronation	8.30am Holy Communion	
	10am The Big Coronation Brunch Church	10am Holy Communion <i>John Woolmer</i>
14 May Sixth Sunday of Easter	10am APCM	10am Morning Prayer <i>John Woolmer</i>
	6pm Holy Communion	
21 May Seventh Sunday of Easter	10am Morning Worship	11am Frezenberg Memorial Service <i>Claire Wood, Archdeacon of Loughborough</i>
28 May Pentecost	10am Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
	4pm Crumpet Church	

Most 10am services at Newtown Linford are live-streamed on our Facebook page for all those who are unable to be present physically.

You can find these at:

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

Midweek Holy Communion

Newtown Linford	These services have been cancelled for the time being
Glenfield	10.30am, Wednesdays 3rd, 10th, 17th 24th & 31st May

CHURCH REGISTERS

WEDDINGS

None



BAPTISMS

26 March - Archer Uttridge

26 March - Jack Uttridge

26 March - Oscar Uttridge

We welcome them in to the Church Family

FUNERALS

13 March - Gillian Bates

22 March - Doris Sandom

23 March - David Wood



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends, and pray that they may find peace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Online Services

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

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Church Contact Details

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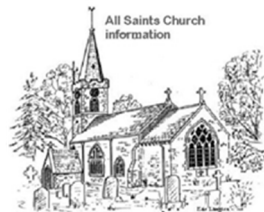
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0116 239 3768

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Information from David Snartt.

Climate and Nature Pact.

Charnwood Borough Council has signed up to the Climate and Nature Pact with other Councils and organisations in Leicestershire.

The Pact is based on the principles of the Glasgow Climate Pact, signed by the UK Government in November 2021. It supports national and international efforts to tackle climate change and bring together the businesses and private sector, voluntary, community and social enterprises, universities, the education and research sector, the public sector and the people and communities of Leicestershire, to drive local action and work towards a number of shared environmental aims.

The core requirements of the Pact include the need to act quickly on reducing the impacts of climate change, reducing carbon emissions to net zero, halting ecological decline, supporting climate recovery and working together to deliver effective action on climate change.

Included in the first 18 signatories to the Leicestershire Climate and Nature Pact are Charnwood Borough Council, Loughborough University and The National Forest.

Charnwood Borough Council has reduced its own carbon footprint over the years, with more to be done. The Council are also drawing up a new climate change strategy which sets out how they will help lead local communities, residents, organisations and businesses to reduce their impact on the environment and climate change.

4th May Election.

I have previously communicated details on the new requirement to show photo ID when voting at the Borough Election on 4th May 2023. I thought it was important to remind voters that photo ID will be necessary before you will be able to vote in person at the polling station. The most common forms of photo ID are a driving licence (including provisional driving licence) passport, bus pass, and blue badge. You can still use your photo ID if it is out of date, so long as you can be identified from the photograph.

All the information about voting in the election, including details of acceptable forms of photo ID can be found at www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/electoralservices, or for further help and advice telephone (01509) 634546.

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Village Archive

In the archive, I came across the text of a lecture delivered by a Mr W J Waldron at the request of the Groby Women's Institute and delivered in November 1919. The cost of a copy was 9 pence. The following are extracts from the text.



“Bradgate was formally in-

cluded in the manor of Groby. The name appears to be derived from the Broadgate, which was in early times the principal entrance of the Earls of Leicester into the forest, and which stood on the spot now called Hall-gates but anciently the Oldgate. The road from Leicester Castle to the ancient forest would have been through Thurstaston.

Bradgate Park – there never was a village of that name – forms one of the belt of parks, which almost encircled the forest and to which they owed the origin, either as offering freer hunting than the thick woodlands allowed, or as furnishing additional protection to the Forest itself. This belt was formed by the four parts of Groby, Bardon, Whitwick, Gracedieu, Garendon, Burleigh (two), Beaumanor, Quorndon, Swithland and Bradgate. Groby and Bradgate from their nearness to Leicester were probably the first to be enclosed.

In 1247 an agreement made between Roger de Quincy and Roger de Somery makes regulation for their hunting in Charnwood Forest and Bradgate Park

The Park itself contains 820 acres and is surrounded by a wall 4 1/2

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miles round. The house which is now in ruins was built (according to Leland) out of the materials of the Manor House of the Earl of Warwick, whose estates were forfeit to the King on the defeat and death of the Earl at the Battle of Barnet 1471.

The house was first begun by Thomas Grey, afterwards created Earl of Huntingdon, and Marquess of Dorset by his stepfather, Edward IV and finished by the second Marquess of Dorset. Henry Grey, third Earl of Dorset, was created Duke of Suffolk in 1551, probably as a compliment to his wife Frances, whose mother was a daughter of Henry VII. She had previously married Louis XII of France to please her brother, Henry VIII. Lady Jane Grey was a daughter of this marriage and a direct descendent of Henry VII although her connection with royalty undoubtedly proved a curse. Bradgate is particularly celebrated as being the birthplace and residence of this talented and virtuous lady. That her parents were severe, even beyond the custom of the time seems clear....”

More about her childhood next time.

Iris Sayer

**Come and Visit “Mountain Ash”
A beautiful 2 acre garden in Newtown Linford
on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May
for the National Garden Scheme.**

Whilst you're enjoying this mid-May weekend and recovering from the King's coronation the week before, please come and stroll round the garden at 'Mountain Ash' and help us raise money for the NGS's 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 both on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th 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 all ages, there are also about 50 garden orna-

ments and statues around the garden.

There will be some stalls to browse and tea & cakes to be enjoyed.



There is a toilet available with exterior access from the garden.

Admission for adults is £6.00, 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)

National Garden Scheme Leicestershire Open Gardens May 2023



Late spring is a great time to our visit gardens and we have gardens opening all over Leicestershire. May starts with a new garden opening on Bank Holiday Monday 1st from 11-4pm, at 2 Manor Farm Mews, Main Street, Queniborough LE7 3EA. A beautifully designed garden of ¼ acre, with borders filled with a variety of bird, bee and butterfly-friendly planting, surrounding formal lawns, topiary, hedging and a small woodland shady retreat.

On Sunday 7th Burrough Hall, Somerby Road, Burrough on the Hill, Melton Mowbray, LE14 2QZ is open from 2-5pm. Originally a hunting lodge, the house has a large established Wisteria covering the front of the Hall. An extensive mature garden with fantastic views of the Leicestershire countryside.



Burrough Hall Wisteria and Alliums

Opening both days of the weekend 13th & 14th May there are four gardens opening Hedgehog Hall, 8 Hinckley Road, Mountain Ash and Westview.

Hedgehog Hall, Loddington Road, Tilton on the Hill, LE7 9DE opens between 11-4pm and is ½-acre garden which is an organically managed plant lover's garden with a walled terraced border filled with shrubs, perennials and bulbs. There is a lovely patio seating area where you can enjoy far-reaching views over the valley.

8 Hinckley Road at Stoke Golding, Nuneaton, CV13 6DU opens from 12-4pm (Sat) and 12-3pm (Sun) This south west facing garden has a water feature and borders filled with colourful shrubs and perennials. Many of

the garden perennials are represented in the plant sale.

Opening from 11-5pm **Mountain Ash** 140 Ulverscroft Lane, Newtown Linford, LE6 0AJ benefits from stunning views over Charnwood forest. An extensive garden includes patios, water features, fruit trees, greenhouses, soft fruit cages and raised vegetable beds. 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.

Westview at 1 St Thomas's Road, Great Glen, LE8 9EH opens both days from 11-4pm. This is a small, walled cottage garden is stacked full of interest and unusual planting. The garden includes a formal box parterre, a courtyard garden, a small wildlife pond, a greenhouse, and productive fruit and vegetable garden. The garden is managed organically and benefits from a restored Victorian water-saving system which collects rainwater from the roofs of outbuildings. Quirky garden ornaments, some made from recycled materials, add to the interest. Garden owners are beekeepers and welcome visits from fellow apiarists as well as plant enthusiasts.

On 20th May **Goadby Marwood Hall**, Melton Mowbray, LE14 4LN opens from 10.30-5.30pm. This is a large garden with a chain of five lakes (covering 10 acres) with swans and flowering spring blossom trees. There are several ironstone walled gardens all interconnected and a lovely lakeside woodland walk and a C13th church nearby.

The last garden to open in May is **Westbrooke House** on Sunday 28th from 10-4.30pm at 52 Scotland Road, Little Bowden, Market Harborough, LE16 8AX. The gardens comprise 6 acres in total with a tree lined driveway of mature limes and giant redwoods. There is a walled flower garden, walled kitchen garden, fernery, lower garden, wildlife pond, spring garden, lawns, woodland paths and a meadow with a wildflower area, ha-ha and hornbeam avenue.

Enjoy visiting one of our gardens knowing that at the same time, you are also donating to nursing and cancer charities. In 2022, thanks to the generosity of garden owners, our volunteers and garden visitors The National Garden Scheme donated over £3.11 million to our best-loved charities including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and The Queen's Nursing Institute.

For further details of our open gardens, accessibility, directions and admission details visit www.ngs.org.uk

David Berridge Wood

1st January 1931 – 24th February 2023

The family of the late DAVID WOOD wish to say a very sincere thank you for all the heart-warming tributes and condolences which they have received since his death. Pat is overwhelmed by the offers of help and support and is so pleased that she and David chose Newtown Linford as their forever home.



Club Tropicanna. It was Back to the Future at the Village Hall on 17th March as our local venue was miraculously turned into a hip 1980s nightclub for the evening.

The brainchild of the Village Hall Committee (Hannah, Ian, Scott & Tara), the 80s night was a fundraiser to help support the ever-increasing costs of providing this facility for the community. Yet even the most optimistic organiser couldn't have dreamt of the amount of support they would receive for the event, and to raise more than £1500 was remarkable.

The party couldn't have happened without event expert Ian White who had the vision and the materials to transform the decor of the hall into a cool nightclub with the help of an army of local volunteers, led by Scott Raynor. Ian then took on the role of DJ for the night and put on a show that will long be remembered.

With Hale and Pace on the door, a capacity crowd arrived, featuring stars of MTV and the big screen including Madonna, George Michael, Tom Cruise, Maradona, and Flash Gordon, even Bananaman made an appearance. Cocktails flowed, the guests boogied and the party rocked until midnight.

It was a fantastic evening, made possible by the support of so many volunteers, in fact too many to thank individually here. Our attention now turns to the next Village Club night when the stars of the 1990s make

their appearance at the Village Hall later in the year. Watch this space for details - tickets will be in high demand!
Paddy Mulvihill (an 80's child)



Club Tropicana Photos





Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



Crime statistics for March 2023 were received from PC Greg Moore:

- 1 x Theft of motorbike
- 1 x Criminal Damage to a vehicle at Bradgate Park
- 1 x Hunting Arrow found in Bradgate Park
- 1 x 4 males seen with BB guns at Bradgate Park

Local Beat Officers have upped patrols around the area of the Cemetery following the damage and theft of 2 x 3ft Christmas Trees.

The last speeding operation carried out was 2-3 months ago and in one hour on Markfield Lane, local officers caught nearly 50 drivers going over 30mph – all had been sent warning letters. Further speeding operations will be conducted in the Parish in the near future.

What is heritage crime?

Heritage crime is any offence which harms the value of heritage assets and their settings.

Some heritage assets are protected by specific legislation to prevent harm caused by damage or unlicensed alteration. However, other crimes such as theft, criminal damage, arson and anti-social behaviour offences can also damage and harm heritage assets and interfere with the public's enjoyment and knowledge of their heritage.

Heritage assets are sites which are considered to have a value to the heritage our country and include:

- Listed buildings
- Scheduled monuments
- World Heritage Sites
- Protected marine wreck sites
- Conservation areas
- Registered parks and gardens
- Registered battlefields
- Protected military remains of aircraft and vessels of historic interest
- Undesignated but acknowledged heritage buildings and sites.

What is being done about heritage crime?

Historic England, together with the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC), the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) and a range of partners

across the heritage and law enforcement sectors, including Neighbourhood Watch, have set up the Heritage Crime Programme.

www.npcc.police.uk

www.historicengland.org.uk

www.cps.gov.uk

These three main organisations, have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) which sets out their responsibilities for tackling heritage crime. A growing number of other organisations, such as local and national park authorities have also joined this coordinated effort. The aim of this MOU is to deliver a programme of preventative measures and enforcement activities that are realistic, efficient and deliverable.

Neighbourhood Policing has been established to tackle local crime and anti-social behaviour and also provides a useful model for tackling heritage crime. This is often best done at a local level through Community Safety Partnerships.

Nearly every police service has a liaison officer who will coordinate issues related to heritage crime in their area.

For more information on Heritage Crime and how to report it, please visit <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/heritage-crime>

Wishing you all a safe and crime free month ahead.
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Best wishes,
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News from Newtown Linford Parish Council

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I have now received a Notice of Uncontested Election for the Election of Parish Councillors for Newtown Linford Parish. As Proper Officer to the Council, I am very pleased to welcome back Councillors Sue Pritchard (current Chairman), Tim Porte (current Vice-Chairman), Sue Greasley, Vicki Lightfoot, Tara Pickles and Rob Haylock. Sadly, we say goodbye to Councillor Harvey Singh and thank him for his time on NLPC. Therefore, we will carry forward a Vacancy in Office of Councillor and can fill the position through Co-option following the Elections on Thursday 4th May 2023. Please get in touch if you would like to know more about becoming a Parish Councillor. We're a friendly bunch!

Parish Councillors will take their seats from Tuesday 9th May and the next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10th May, following the Annual Parish Meeting (of Electors) which will start at 7.15pm.** Please come and join us and if you are part of a village group or organisation, perhaps you might like to update attendees on your group's activities and future events? Everyone is very welcome.

I am privileged to have been appointed by CBC as one of two Poll Clerks for Newtown Linford. Please don't forget to bring your photo ID if you are voting in person. Even if I know you and you know me, we will still need to see photo ID, otherwise you will not be able to vote.

In case you missed it in the last edition of the Village Magazine, here's a reminder of the new mandatory voter ID requirements for the elections in May:

New Mandatory Voter ID requirements

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

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

Photo ID you can use

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

Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country

Photographic driver's licence issued by the UK, Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (including provisional)
European Economic Area (EEA) photographic ID Card
Biometric immigration document
An identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (PASS card)
Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
A Blue Badge
Older Person's Bus Pass
Disabled Person's Bus Pass
Oyster 60+ Card
Freedom Pass

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

No suitable photo ID?

If you do not have any of the accepted photo ID, and you want to vote at the polling station, you will need to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate. This is a free photographic identification document specific for the purposes of voting.

You will be able to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate in person, by post or online through GOV.UK. CBC recommend that you apply for a Voter Authority Certificate in good time. The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate in time for the local elections in May 2023 is 5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2023.

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

On with more news....

Bob Bown Memorial Field

I was informed last week that, unbeknown to me, works had begun on the Bob Bown Play Park. We had not been informed when exactly installation would commence and therefore, I had not been able to share the information with you all beforehand. Unfortunately, although expected, it has meant the park has been closed to members of the public over the whole of the Easter holiday. Isn't that just typical!

That said, I am very excited to see the end result; our new carpet style surfacing, climbing wall, streetboard and see-saw in situ. As I have previously explained, there will be a large gap in play facilities in the short term but we will be looking into further equipment installations next year.

Cemetery and Churchyard

The grass cutting schedule has resumed and all our sites are beginning to dry out nicely following the wet weather. We are having issues with badgers digging up areas of the Cemetery and Churchyard which can look a real mess. We have installed some solar powered ultrasonic repellents in the hope they may help the situation, however, any improvement to date has been minimal. In a nutshell, there is very little else we can do and it's nature!

One final update is to let you know that the Club Tropicana 80s event raised a whopping £1500 at last count. Thank you to everyone involved in making it such a successful event. Watch this space....by popular demand, a 90s night is on the agenda for later this year!

Stay well, stay safe.
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