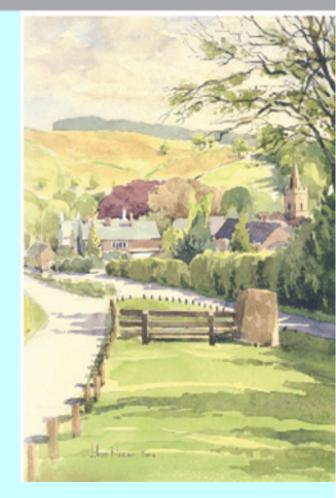
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ne of my godsons was born on 5th November. His parents had a tricky ethical dilemma when he was younger: should they tell him that all the fireworks were to celebrate his birthday? They didn't, and I'm hoping Ruth and I don't have the same guandary sometime around the time you read this we will be welcoming our third child, and 5th November is as likely as any other birthday at the moment!

Though the name Guy Fawkes seems to have passed some way out of common use since I was a child, of course we all know the celebrations around that date mark the anniversary of the saving of the King and Parliament from a very different use of gunpowder in 1605. While the causes of that plot are very different from today's political and religious landscape, I dare to say that the relationship between government and the governed is about as bad as I remember, or remember learning about in my studies of history and politics over the past couple of centuries. Certainly the current level of disillusionment, discontent and disconnection is profound.

I sometimes wonder how Paul felt about the governments he lived under. Many of them persecuted him and his colleagues almost as much as they had the Master he served, Jesus. Yet despite constantly living in danger, and disagreeing with the policies and claims of emperors, Paul, and indeed Peter, both wrote letters encouraging Christians to pray for their rulers and to attempt to live godly and quiet lives under them

Whatever our feelings about the upheaval and instability of government presently, whatever side we are inclined to take or figures to support, just as Guy Fawkes and his co-conspirators should have done as the apostles taught, so should I - and you.

Richard Trethewey, Rector of All Saints' Newtown Linford

VILLAGE DIARY

November

- 5th Beech Farm Books & Coffee Morning
- 12th Ramblers
- 19th **Deadline for Operation Christmas Child**
- **Biodiversity Walk** 22nd
- Friends of Charnwood Forest 23rd
- Gardening Society "Dancing with Borders" 25th
- Biodiversity Group Walk 26th
- 30th Parish Council Meeting

December

- 1st Christmas Advent Fayre
- 1st Start of Advent Windows
- Come and Sing Carols in the Village Hall 15th

Regular events Mondays

- 9.30 Slimming & Fitness, The Linford

1.30 Dance Fitness for 50+ Linford

5.30 Brownies at "The Linford"

Bell Ringing 8pm 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

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



COFFEE & CAKE ROTA - NOVEMBER 2022 - JANUARY 2023

November

- 3rd Glennis M, Mary Clarke, John Castle, Carolyn T 242897: 0116 3190211: 249173
- 10th Maria Simms, Vicki Kerr and friend 07974 085434: 07904 123603
- 17th Lesley Cook/Chris A/Ann Scrine 245208: 242432: 481928
- 24th Carol Ann, June Hallam, Fiona Bradley, Elspeth 243433: 0116 2304808

December

- 1st Jenny C, Sue Howard, Charlotte, Gilly 245373: 07896 349977: 242959
- 8th Janet & David Brunton 242662
- 15th Sue Morran, Sarah Brown, Teresa Calvert 07810 116641: 07811 166161: 07469 719018
- 22nd Joe & Claire Costello with Bakers help 249613 Xmas celebration with Turkey Sandwiches



29th Christmas Week no gathering Happy Christmas & Thank you all helpers

January

- 5th Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Sue Birkett 07713 457414: 242000: 244317
- 12th Bev Griffiths, Sue Dobby 01509 890264: 245366
- 19th Judy Rowe, Felicity Manning, Marilyn Upstone 243989: 245298: 242715
- 26th Glennis M, Mary Clarke, John Castle, Carolyn T 242897: 0116 3190211: 249173

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**

Scarecrow Weekend Coffee & Cake fundraiser for the Village Hall

A huge Thank You to everyone who baked cakes, served teas, washed up or came for a





cuppa to support on Saturday 24th September

The weather was with us and the sun shone with tables outside the village hall.

We raised £361 for the Village Hall to help with the utilities increase Thank you to the main Scarecrow Competition organisers, a lot of hard work but a great village event enjoyed by so many.

TENNIS CLUB NEWS CLUB TOURNAMENT FINALS -SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER

The final of the Doubles Tournament was played after inclement weather pushed back finals day.

A closely fought match played by Nick Ridley/ Paul Scrine v Alex Chappel/ Natalie Davidson- eventually won by 2 set to 1 and only 2 points by Nick and Paul. Thank you to Jason Crockett who organised the whole thing. Every-











one who played greatly enjoyed the event.

TOTS TENNIS - 3 - 4 YEAR OLDS

Do you have a child of this age? A few Families in the village who have been doing tots tennis would like carry on but we need more tots after a group has now started school. It is proposed to start a group after half term on a **Tuesday morning 9.30 to 10.15 am** at the courts. The kids love the games and ball skills tuition. If you are interested please contact Carol Ann on 01530 243433.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR CHARITY 2022

We are once again doing the above, raising funds for the homeless. If you would like to be involved writing a message to your fellow neighbours for the December issue of the Village Magazine please put £20 in an envelope and write your message on the front with your name on it. Please drop it in my door 32 Main Street before 14th November so it is in time for the printers

We have raised over £600 so far for the homeless. A charity in Loughborough owns 3 houses



and get the homeless off the street by giving them a room and an address, enabling them to get benefits and help to start their journey back into society. **Carol Ann**



Charity Fundraiser

BEECH FARM: Some Rhubarb Ramblings Book Sale and Art Exhibition

Newtown Linford Church

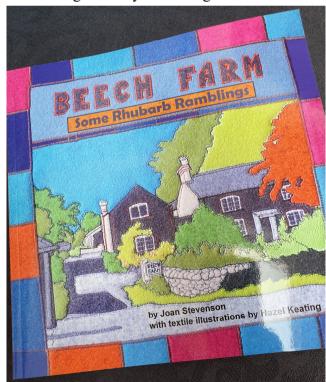
Saturday 5th November 2022

10am—4pm

Beech Farm: Some Rhubarb Ramblings was written by Joan Stevenson during the 1960's and 70's telling the story of moving from suburban

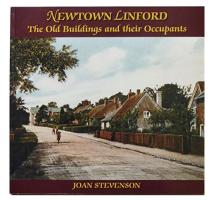
Leicester to Newtown Linford and the antics of inexperienced farmers. The manuscript remained buried in the a drawer for many decades and is now published for the first time, including 8 new textile artwork illustrations by her daughter Hazel Keating, and 14 archive photographs. **148 pages £15.**

Also all the textile illustrations pictures will be on display at the church.



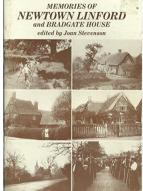
As well as Beech Farm: Some Rhubarb Ramblings, two other books written by Joan Stevenson will be for sale on the day.

Newtown Linford: Old buildings and their occupants £6.50



Newtown Linford and Bradgate House £3.50

Refreshment are in aid of 'Jolly Tots', the village church playgroup and for



each book sold a donation to LOROS Hospice will be made. Cash and Cheques only please

> For more information email hazelkeatingtextiles@gmail.com Or Carolyn Turner on 07896 960676



Will be serving coffee and cake In the Church to provide funds for the playgroup

5th November



10—1pm

Please come down and support the playgroup and see friends and villagers. If anyone would like to bake a cake please contact Carolyn on 07896 960676



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Toby Manning,

Village Hall Committee Chairman

Since I last wrote a couple of months ago, the Government has announced a cap on fuel prices for commercial premises. We do not yet know what this means for us, but it is hopefully good news. Meanwhile we are undertaking other mechanisms to reduce fuel consumption. We have just installed a remote-controlled "Hive" control system enabling us to reduce the times when the heating is on unnecessarily.

We are also grateful for recent contributions to our finances:

- To Dick Howard and his team who organised a successful "Scarecrow Drive" which raised £566; half of this is going to the Village Hall, half to the Brownies
- To the "Coffee and Cake" volunteers who provided "Tea and Cakes" in the Village Hall on the Saturday of the Scarecrow Weekend, raising £365
- To Caroline and Claire's Pre-School who donated £65 as part of the proceeds from running the "tea and cake" stall on the Sunday of the Scarecrow Weekend.

The Committee continues to keep a close eye on our finances.

Future Events

On **Thursday 1st December**, Newtown Linford Village Hall will be hosting a **Christmas Advent Fayre between 5 and 7pm** in liaison with Newtown Linford Primary School PTA, as they reveal the first Advent Window of 2022. Mulled wine, mince pies and other refreshments will be available to buy, whilst you peruse a number of festive stalls for all your Christmas shopping! Newtown Linford Choral Society will be singing carols from 6.30pm and it promises to be a great evening of festivities. Please join us.

Plans are in the early stages but if any business or village organisation would like to join in by entering a 3ft decorated Christmas Tree for a Village Christmas Tree Festival (details TBC), please contact Hannah Shaw by email to <u>clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk</u>.

On Friday 10th February we are organising a "**Wine Tasting**" evening – more details will be in next month's magazine.

To book the Village Hall, please email <u>clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk</u> or call 01530 249945 during office hours.

Newtown Linford Choral Society

Winter Concert Emmanuel Church on 28th January 2023,

The choir will be accompanied by a small orchestra. Our director, Sue Ford, has chosen an interesting selection of music including pieces by Handel, Rheinberger, and Gjeilo.



In the meantime we will be holding our by now traditional

'Come and Sing Carols and Christmas Songs' evening in the Village Hall on Thursday 15th December, starting at 7pm.

There will be a licensed bar to assist in exercising your vocal chords, a brass quintet will be playing, and the Brownies will also be entertaining us. Entrance will be free of charge, although there will be a voluntary collection to help in meeting the Village Hall's escalating expenses.

If you think that you might be interested in singing with

the Choral Society please contact Iris or myself for further details on 01530 243822. Tenors will be particularly welcome! There are no auditions to pass, and learning tracks are provided to help you with the notes.

Peter Sayer

Newtown Linford Primary School



Our children have been really busy in school learning about their topics and taking

part in a range of activities such as the Scarecrow Festival and Harvest Festival. We were very lucky to have a nurse visit our school to help with a topic on Florence Nightingale. The children had opportunities to cast their thumbs and wrap



themselves in bandages!!

It was wonderful to be able to take the children to



the Church and perform poems and songs to our parents and community at harvest. We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Dobson for leading the Service for us. We have managed to collect a huge amount of food to donate to The Bridge and Falcon Support Services. I know they will be very grateful.

One of our classes had a great time on it's trip to the



New Walk Museum where they had a workshop about Ancient Egyptians and looked at a range of artefacts and displays.

We have been loving showing around lots of potential parents for

new starters next year. If you would like to look round our school then please contact the school office: <u>office@newtown.bepschools.org</u> **Mrs Proudman (Headteacher)**









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Starters

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Mains

Roast Turkey (GF) Slow Cooked Pork Belly (GF) Salmon Fillet (GF) Festive Nut Roast (GF) (V) Slow Braised Beef (GF)

Desserts



Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce Mincemeat Lattice Tart served with Custard Millionaire Brownie with caramel ripple ice cream White Chocolate and Raspberry Roulade (GF)



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Newtown Linford Ramblers

Newtown Ramblers enjoyed a very pleasant walk on Saturday 8th October .

The twelve walkers and 1 dog were pleased that the weather was mild and despite recent rain, there was very little mud to contend with.

The destination of the walk was Sheet Hedges Wood and the trees were changing into their autumn colours.

Our next walk will be held on 12th November, meeting at the Village Hall at 2pm. All are welcome as the rambles are usually 3 to 4 miles.

Peter Lowe



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Friends of Charnwood Forest

Wednesday 23rd November 7.30 pm

'Management of Wildlife in Bradgate Park.'

A talk by Peter and Lynne Upton, Bradgate Park volunteers.

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Newtown Linford Biodiversity Group

Wildlife Walk Saturday 26th November 2pm Meet outside the Village Hall at 2pm for a walk around Thornton Reservoir. To help with coordinating transport, please contact the walk leader, Toby Manning, in advance (though this is not essential). His contact details are: tel. 01530 245 298; email: ptm@tobymanning.co.uk



Open Evening

Around 25 people attended our Open Evening at the Village Hall on 4th October. A slide presentation on the group's activities over the last twelve months was followed by one on the Birds of Bradgate Park given by Toby Manning and illustrated with local photographer Jan Croft's photos. After this, light refreshments were served, and there was a chance to purchase plants and greetings cards. As Ann Scrine, who chaired the evening said, Newtown LInford Biodiversity's Open Evening is turning out to be an annual event!

Roadside verges

A big thank you to all those who helped last month with the conservation work in the wildlife sections on Markfield Lane and Groby Lane verges.



Claire Costello (cecostello25@gmail.com)

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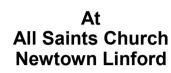








Friday Mornings





9:30am - 11am

We are a friendly group of parents, grandparents, carers of babies and children up to reception age (4years).

We have lots of fun with toys, crafts, stories and Singalong.

There will be hot drinks for Adults 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 Carolyn 07896 960 676



Two ways to do a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child.

You can pay for a box online: https://



www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/

All Saints' Church, Newtown Linford, will again be supporting Operation Christmas Child this year. Please join us - why not decorate your own shoebox for donation to this very worthwhile project.

Shoe boxes need to be filled and returned to the Church (the door is normally open during the day) before 19th November.

The run up to Christmas is always busy as we are buying presents for loved ones, planning and cooking for the big day and the events that surround Christmas. Our children and grandchildren are probably preparing lists of hoped for presents. This is a good time to think of those less fortunate than us, and an opportunity for children and adults to think of others and have the pleasure of preparing a shoe box for children across the world. For many years my children enjoyed going shopping with me and buying small inexpensive but enjoyable presents and toiletries for another child at Christmas and seeing how much we could pack into our Shoe Box.

What to put in a shoebox

Toy: Include a toy that a child will love as soon as they open the box. Ideas include: a cuddly toy. A deflated football and pump. A toy truck, doll or a musical instrument. Why not include a personal note or photo of you or your family.

School Supplies: Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & Ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc

Hygiene items: toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel

Other Items: Hat, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, socks, T-Shirt, flip-flops, hair accessories, jewellery set, watch, wind-up torch etc.

Do not include: Toothpaste, sweets lotions and liquids; used or damaged items, war-related items, seeds, gum, chocolate, religious or political literature, medicines aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

Choose whether for a girl or boy and also Select age group: 2-4, 5-9, 10-14

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SUNDAY SERVICES November 2022



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
6 November	8.30am Holy Communion	
Third Sunday	9.30am Breakfast Church	10am Holy Communion John Woolmer
before Advent	4.30pm Remembering with Thanksgiving	
13 November	10.20am Remembrance	10.50am Remembrance John Woolmer
Remembrance	4.30pm Holy Communion	
20 November	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
Christ the King	3pm All Age Worship	
27 November	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
Advent Sunday		

Online Services

https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsnewtownlinford/live https://www.facebook.com/stpetersglenfield/live

CHURCH REGISTERS

WEDDINGS

24th September - Abigail Dakin & Justin Dillow 8th October - Abigail Collins and Angelo Cooper

BAPTISMS

23rd October - Viola Louise Hatton

We welcome her in to the church family





FUNERALS

6th October - Janet Hill

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.

Church Contact Details Revd Richard Trethewey (Rector) 0116 287 1604 richard@allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk Hayley Moore (Church Administrator) 0116 239 3768 office@bradgatechurches.org.uk www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk Church Wardens: Michele Petty, m.petty@ulverscroft.co.uk, Jane Woolmer, ejwoolmer@gmail.com. Regular Events - Bell ringer's practice: Monday 8pm Website: www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk

Church News All Saints' Day: Sunday 30th October we will celebrate All Saints' Day. A specially formed children's choir has been rehearsing and will sing at 10am.

Remembering with Thanksgiving: On Sunday 30th October, at 4.30pm, there will be a special Service of Remembering with Thanksgiving, to which all those who have organised a funeral at All Saints' in the past year have been invited. The names of those who have died will be read, and candles will be lit in remembrance. If you would like to attend to remember someone who has died, whether recently or longer ago, you are welcome.

Operation Christmas Child: Deadline for shoe boxes 14 – 20th November for dropping off in

church. If you would like to contribute a shoe box gift to go to a child who won't receive any presents otherwise this year, you are welcome to bring them into church – they need to be here in the week 14th - 20th November. Ask Michele Petty for more details or see instructions online, where you can also complete and pay for a box online: https://www.samaritans -purse.org.uk/what-we-do/ operation-christmas-child/

Collection for Ukraine in November :



As we did in July, we are aiming to collect items for Ukraine during November. An updated list of items needed is on the page opposite and you're welcome to leave things on the blue table at the back of the Church throughout the month. They'll be delivered to the Ukrainian Club in Leicester for distribution either to refugees who have found places to live locally or to be sent to those in need in Ukraine itself



Leicester Ukrainian Community Club 'Kalyna' #StandWithUkraine Donations Appeal



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR KINDNESS

Dear friends,

Our list has now changed a little, this time including items for our wonderful Ukrainian guests that visit our "Welcome Centre 'Kalyna'" every Sunday and Thursday.

Additionally to our donation collections, sorting and packing, we will be requiring assistance with sorting and hanging up of articles of clothing onto clothing racks for the guests to look and choose, and stocking and tidying our donations shop for them. If you are able to help, please mail Ivan under <u>leicester@augb.co.uk</u>

We kindly ask you not to donate anymore nappies or baby clothing, as we have no mothers with babies as yet. Thank you very much!

> OUR ADDRESS Leicester Ukrainian Centre 2A Fosse Road South Leicester LE3 0QD

TIME SLOTS

Every Friday from 7pm – 10pm until further notice

URGENTLY REQUIRED ITEMS!

- Tinned meat and fish (ham, spam, corned beef, sardines, tuna, mackerel), soup – <u>small</u> tins if possible!

- Cup-a-Soups AND other easy-to-make-with-boiling-watermeals!
- Dry food: pasta, rice, etc.

OTHER

- Tents, all sizes
- Field First Aid kits
- Foil body wraps
- Thermal underwear, NEW, all sizes
- Men's DARK/CAMOUFLAGE-COLOURED sweaters,

NEW/CLEAN, all sizes

- Men's tactical ankle boots, all sizes
- Men's Wellington boots, all sizes
- Men's tactical gloves, NEW, all sizes
- Men's thermal socks, NEW, all sizes
- Men's underwear, NEW, all sizes
- Sleeping bags
- Torches with batteries, including head torches
- Powerful powerbanks (over 28000mAh) and cables chargers
- Shoe inserts, NEW, all sizes
- New insulated flasks
- Warm blankets, NEW/CLEAN
- Large/medium size backpacks, DARK/CAMOUFLAGE-COLOURED, NEW/CLEAN

FOR OUR ADULT UKRAINIAN GUESTS!

- Dried and tinned food products
- Washing powder
- Ladies' underwear, all sizes NEW and packed
- Ladies' coats, all sizes NEW or in excellent condition

MEDICAL – IMPORTANT! All items <u>MUST</u> be in date! <u>NO</u> prescription medication - Ordinary First Aid kits

- Ordinary Firs
 Painkillers
- Painkillers
- Cold/flu treatment
- Multivitamins
- Antiseptic gel, cream and wipes

NEW! TOILETRIES – now mainly for our guests

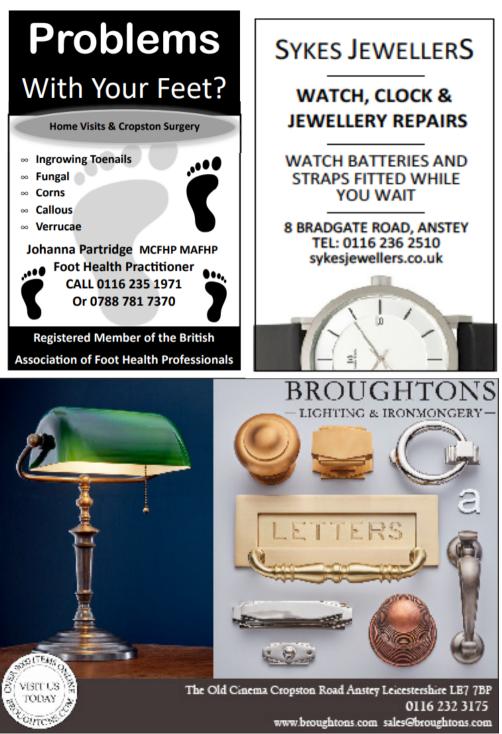
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste
- Soap, block or liquid
- Shower gels
- Shampoo
- Hair conditioners
- Other hair products, also for girls, NEW
- Face cream
- Face cleansing products
- Body lotion
- Make up/cosmetics, NEW
- Wet wipes for both adults and children
- Pocket tissues
- Toilet paper

NEW! FOR OUR YOUNG UKRAINIAN GUESTS!

- Clothing for teenagers, all sizes, both genders
- Children's underwear, all sizes NEW and packed
- Toys
- Drawing pads and crayons/felt tipped pens/colour pencils

*If you have larger children's items, please contact us at leicester@augb.co.uk

We thank you for your kind support!



Scarecrow Weekend September 24th & 25th 2022

Well, what an amazing weekend we had for the Newtown Linford Scarecrow Festival this year. I'm sure you will all agree that the quality of our entries this year was simply fantastic. The village really came together and fundraising for our community excelled.

On Saturday morning, the Scarecrows were popping up throughout the village and our judging began. We'd like to take the time to thank our official judg-



es - Actress, Lydia Bewlev, Radio Leicester's Adv Dayman & Head Teacher. Mrs Louise Proudman. It was a difficult choice to pick just two! We also had so many of our visitors pop their votes in our ballot boxes for our Peoples Choice category. Our winners for both Judges Choice & Peoples Choice are as follows.

Judges Choice: 1st Place – Paddington at Tyburn Cottage by Angela Roach 2nd Place – Around The World in 80 Days, Newtown Linford Brownies (see photo on



Brownies page 35) Peoples Choice: Joint 1st Place – Only Fools & Horses by Jackie Brewin & Around The World in 80 Days, Newtown Linford Brownies

2nd Place – The Minions on Bradgate Road by Nicola Stones



Prizes were very kindly

donated by The Park Kitchen & Deli, The Bradgate Pub, The Leicester Riders & Simsante Chocolates.

The organisers this year are members of the Newtown Linford Primary School PTA and we would like to say THANK YOU to so many people who helped make this weekend so special.

Sue & Dick Howard arranged the Scarecrow Drive on the Friday night which raised over £600 for the Brownies and the Village Hall. Thanks also go out to the Upstones and the Days who helped with





delicious food served that evening.

Our Newtown Linford Primary School Fete was well supported and we raised around £1500 which will go towards much needed equipment and educational tools. Thanks also to people in the community who baked cakes for our event. Carol Ann Sugden and the Coffee and Cake crew served re-

freshments in the Village Hall.

The volunteers came from the Thursday Coffee & Cake Club who made delicious cakes. They raised £361 which will go towards the utilities for the Village Hall.





The Newtown Linford Tennis Club had some fun and games with prizes for the children.

On Sunday, Caroline and Claires Preschool utilized the Village Hall, served



refreshments and had some fun stalls for the children and grown ups. They raised over £600 to support Pre-School learning.

All Saints Newtown Linford held it's

annual Harvest Festival followed by a shared lunch.

Thanks to Malcolm Brewin who lent us a field for the weekend for overflow parking and we had some volunteers help us man the carpark – thanks to Jan, Theresa, Sue, Rhona and Sam. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Newtown Linford Cricket Club enjoyed a weekend long beer festival with Anstey Ale Brewery which proved a great success.

Enjoy a few of our photos from the event....and we look forward to 2023!

Hayley Alton, Charlotte Miller & Jacqui Marsh



Newtown Linford Gardening Club

(www.newtownlinford,org,uk/gardening-club,html)

We had a flurry of unexpected activity just before our September meeting when we discovered that our scheduled speaker had just, not only moved house, but also moved her entire nursery as well. Stella Exley now had her nursery, not in Yorkshire anymore but in South Devon!!! She, regrettably, was not able, at the time, to pull in a long drive to Leicestershire and so we needed to change our programme.

Don Witton travelled down from Sheffield and gave us a brilliant talk about Autumn colour in the garden. He is a retired teacher, who now has the national collection of euphorbias on an allotment near his home. He certainly has a new career to fill his retirement years. He demonstrated to us that there is plenty of colour to be had once the roses have finished flowering and that autumn is not just a time of the year when leaves turn from green to reds and yellows before they fall to the ground.

It is at this time that herbaceous plants come into their own. He showed us slides of borders showing that planting in blocks give us the best of these plants. He especially recommended alstroemeria, kniphofia, salvias, persicarias and euphorbias. He combined these with grasses, especially the taller ones which sway in the wind, like miscanthus.

He did not ignore those tried and trusted autumn flowers like chrysanthemums, heleniums and rudbeckias, and of course there was plenty of room for the wide range of flowers from the dahlia family.

He brought with him a selection of plants for us to buy and was amazed to find that his stock was almost cleared by the end of the evening. He was so popular with our members that we had no hesitation in inviting him back to do the same with Spring borders.

By the time you read this article, our evening with James Alexander-Sinclair will have passed and our thoughts will turn to Christmas, when we hold our annual Christmas Party with jacket potatoes and a giant raffle with over 80 prizes.

Our programme for 2023 is now complete and will be published next month.

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

Anne and David Couling

Recycle your blister packs

If you receive your medicines in blister packs you may be interested to know that they can now be recycled. Rather than dispose of them in your black bin if you can collect them up and bring them to a coffee morning on a Thursday, I will take them from you for recycling. Through the Loughborough Rotary Club we are working with Superdrug who initiated the first blister pack recycling programme to separate the aluminium foil from the plastic blister. **Dick Howard**



Newtown Linford Magazine's 200th Edition is coming up in December.

We would love your ideas for how to make it special.

One of the things we have thought about is our front cover which is a copy of a painting done by John Nixon which was presented to Peter Sheridan, Hon Team Vicar, on his retirement. Recently an exhibition was held of John's work. If anyone has a picture of his that you would like to photograph and share, we can put a group of his paintings in the Magazine. Thank you to the two parishioners who have already sent me their photo!

I have also received a few photos of paintings from other parishioners so am happy to showcase these and others as well is anyone wishes to send me them.

If you have a story from the past that you would like to share - let us know for inclusion into the December Magazine

Information from David Snartt.

Planning Matters.

I have now received information about a planning appeal against Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council's refusal to permit the development for up to 93 dwellings on land north east of Ashby Road, Markfield. You may recall most of the development land is within Newtown Linford Parish. Only the entrance is within the administrative area of Hinckley and Bosworth.

The Inspector has now been appointed to decide this appeal, starting at 10.00am on Tuesday 15th November 2022, venue yet to be decided. I have sent my written submission to the Inspector, outlining my concerns that when Charnwood Borough Council decided to approve this application the Markfield Neighbourhood Plan wasn't given full weight during this decision making process. In my view, just because Markfield is within another administrative area it should still give maximum protection against piecemeal development, which does not conform to Local Plans. This especially because the residents of this development would use the services and facilities within Markfield.

I believe this is important because Charnwood Borough Council will be deciding the latest planning application for up to 150 dwellings on land south of Markfield Lane. The same circumstances will be part of the planning process albeit, this site is further away from the services and facilities in Markfield. In my view, this makes the development unsustainable, along with the highway safety issues on Markfield Lane and Leicester Road.

I am grateful to all the residents who have taken time to register their concerns and objections to this latest planning application. There is still time to make a submission to this planning application by e-mailing <u>development.control@charnwood.gov.uk</u> making sure you include the planning application number P/22/1031/2.

Historic Fair Returning.

All the fun of the fair will be coming to Loughborough for the 801st year. The historic fair, which is operated by Charnwood Borough Council will be running from Wednesday 9th November to Saturday 12th November. Thousands of people attend the attraction which fills the Town Centre. The fair will be opened by the Mayor of Charnwood at 6pm on 9th November with the reading of the official fair proclamation. The first official charter for Loughborough was granted to the Lord of the Manor, Hugh le Depenser in 1221 by King Henry III.

You can find out more about the Loughborough Fair on the Charnwood Borough Council dedicated webpage.

Spotlight on Licensing.

I received some interesting information from Charnwood Borough Council about the Council's Licensing Team, which I thought you may be of interest.

The Council's Licensing Team currently have over 3,500 licences on record, that covers everything from taxis and scrap metal sites to premises selling alcohol and betting shops. There are over 50 different types of licences handled by the Team and while the most common ones relate to taxis and pubs, there are more unusual ones. One of the more unusual types of licence is that you would need a licence if you are a hypnotist and want to put on a show in Charnwood Borough. The licence is for the person and entertainment only and not medical procedures or therapy.

The Team's core purpose is public safety. An example is that the public needs to have confidence when they step into a taxi that the driver is a fit and proper person and the vehicle is in a good condition. When they visit a pub or event where alcohol is on sale, they need to have confidence that they are operated by fit and proper people. If things are not being done correctly, the Team can take action to promote public safety. The purpose of the Licensing is very simple, it's to keep people safe.



Brownies

On behalf of ourselves and the Brownies we would like to say how much we appreciated Dick and Sue Howard plus their team for putting on the Scarecrow Drive.

The ploughman's supper was superb, a lot of hard work went into the food and we are most grateful for your time and effort. It was a fun night, a real village get together with children and adults mixing well together.

Many thanks to all the Brownie parents who came along and supported us Half the proceeds from the evenina



were donated to the Brownies, for which we say a "BIG THANK YOU"

We would also like to thank Madison and Sloanes father Adam, for making the hot air balloon for our "Around the World in 80 days" scarecrow for the Scarecrow weekend. It was very impressive **Brown Owl and Snowy Owl**

Brownie News

Coming into autumn we've had a busy few weeks at the Brownies. On the 25th September we paraded into Church to celebrate Harvest Festival. I enjoyed this as we got to sing Dingle Dangle Scarecrow and performed the ac-



tions.

This was also the Scarecrow Festival weekend where the Brownies made a scene from Around the world in 80 days, we came joint 1st place for the peoples choice. The prize was yummy pizza from The Bradgate pub which we all shared at Brownies this week.



Over the last two weeks we've been trying to earn our garden badges by making miniature gardens on cake tin lids and grass heads. I'm excited for my grass head to grow so I can cut it into a fun style!

Raegan Hickey, Age 8







This month's update comes from our colleagues at Neighbourhood Watch Network

Don't watch street harassment in silence - ask 'Are you Okay?'

Street harassment is on the rise and is often not an isolated incident. We know the long-term impact can harm mental health and change people's behaviour. Victims often feel guilty, ashamed, and blame themselves.

Witnessing street harassment and not safely intervening sends the message to those experiencing it that it's okay and society normalises it. Ongoing acceptance of street harassment contributes to a toxic culture. We want to



change this, but we need your help.

Today we are launching a campaign that targets bystanders (those who witness street harassment), be those Neighbourhood Watch members or not.

The campaign encourages those who see someone being harassed in public to ask the victim if they are okay when they feel safe doing so. Those three little words let them know that they stand by them and that street harassment is never okay.

'This simple action is a delay technique and part of the 5Ds of bystander intervention developed by Right to Be. By asking, 'Are you okay?' we become active bystanders and send the message that harassment is not okay. There are further actions that people can take, but our campaign focuses on the simplest step everyone can take.' Deborah Waller, Head of Communications and Digital, Neighbourhood Watch Network.

Learn more about what we mean by street harassment, what else can be done about it, and reporting and support for victims by visiting <u>www.ourwatch.org.uk/streetharassment</u>.

If you see it, ask it!

Other news....

In other news, I was disappointed to learn of an incident of criminal damage at the Cemetery on Groby Lane. A visitor discovered damage to the Cemetery shed one weekend in September, whereby a boarded window had been pushed inwards, water butt turned over and the downpipe ripped off. Fortunately, we were able to resolve the matter promptly and at little cost but if you witness any anti-social behaviour or crime being committed in the Parish, please report it to Police on 999 in an emergency or 101.

Happy Halloween to all our trick or treaters. Please remember, the unwritten rule is to only call at houses which have a lit pumpkin on display or by prior arrangement. I have a few Trick or Treat 'Welcome' or 'No Thanks' posters in stock too. Please contact me via the usual channels if you would like one.

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



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News from Newtown Linford Parish Council

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Resident Consultation Winter 2022/23

Newtown Linford Parish Council has been considering how we can prepare together as a community for the coming winter.

With the cost of living crisis, the colder weather and the darker evenings, we wanted to offer the opportunity for the community to come together, to beat the winter blues.

During the September meeting of the Parish Council, Councillors considered the following possibilities and wanted to gauge resident opinion:

A) To hold a regular games night during early evenings in the Village Hall for everyone, including families with children, to come together and have fun. Board games and refreshments would be provided.

B) To work in partnership with a local business or organisation in providing a meeting space for people to come together on a regular basis. Again, refreshments would be provided.

C) In the event of a severe weather warning being issued for a prolonged period of cold weather, to open up the Village Hall as an Emergency Warm Space Community Hub.

These are some of the options available to us. If you have any further suggestions you'd like considering, we'd be interested to hear your thoughts.

Please let us know by email to clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk if any of the suggestions above would be of interest to you, your family, friends and neighbours. Equally, if you don't think it necessary to provide facilities over the winter, please tell us.

In addition to this and in preparation for the colder weather and the possibility of blackouts and gas shortages, you may also want to consider the following:

For homeowners with gas central heating, how will you heat your home if there is a gas shortage? Do you have an alternative electric heater or oil filled radiator to hand, should there be a gas outage?

In the event of a power cut, are you able to heat water or prepare meals? Consider a gas camping stove as a useful backup for making hot drinks and heating soup or cooking food etc. A thermal flask would be handy to keep in too. Do you have sufficient supplies of candles, torches, hot water bottles, additional blankets etc, should we experience a harsh winter and are faced with power and gas outages?

Do you have access to water in the event of a burst water main or pipes? Consider keeping a supply of bottled water just in case.

This post is not intended to scaremonger but to reassure anyone who may have concerns heading into the winter period by offering practical advice.

It is important we do our best to ensure we are all safe and warm this winter in all eventualities and now would be a good time to prepare if you haven't already.

We also hope our suggestions above might offer a lifeline to anyone feeling isolated or at risk of loneliness during what always feels like a very long and drawn out winter of cold, dark nights. Newtown Linford has a fantastic community when it comes to pulling together and all the better if we can enjoy each other's company through the winter months. Please let us know your thoughts!

Newtown Linford Advent Windows

Resident, Ruth Brutnall, has again very kindly offered to coordinate the return of the Village Advent Windows initiative. As previously, Ruth is looking for volunteer residents to create an advent window each day throughout December.



Ruth says: "The idea is that 24



houses each create an advent window, a scene in a window which can be seen from the street. House number 1 displays and lights up their window on 1st December. On 2nd December, house number 1 and house number 2 light up their windows and so on, so by Christmas Eve there would be 24 win-

dows around the village which people could walk round at their own leisure and discover. The design can be simple, or as elaborate as you choose. There's plenty of inspiration on Pintrest! If you don't have a suitable window, or a window which can be seen from the road, you could perhaps create a window frame in your front garden? If you:

• Live in a house that has a window that can clearly be seen from the street without people coming on to your property (or could create a 'window' in your garden.

• Are happy to keep the window illuminated each evening after it is 'opened' until after Christmas and

• Are interested in participating....

Please let Ruth Brutnall know by email to rbrutnall@gmail.com, so that we can see if there is sufficient interest again to make this workable for Advent 2022. Please include:

- your name and address;
- your email address; and
- any preference you have about dates

Please be aware that in agreeing to participate you are also agreeing to have your address identified on the list and map (which would be shared via the Newtown Linford Parish Council & NHW Facebook page), so people can look for your window."

If anyone is interested in assisting Ruth coordinate the 2022 Advent Windows, please get in touch via the email address above.

On with more news....

Bob Bown Memorial Field

Hot off the press, final plans have been drawn up for the next stage of improvements to the Bob Bown Memorial Field and Play Park. Various new pieces of play equipment including a see-saw, climbing wall and streetboard springie and improved surfacing to replace the existing wetpour, will be installed as soon as practically possible. The timber framed trail will be removed in its entirety to make way for the new equipment. A staggered approach to the improvement works will mean gaps in play facilities in the short term. This financial year, the Council have committed up to £15,000 for the initial installations. During the next financial period in 2023/24, further new equipment will be purchased to fill the remaining gaps. It is hoped we might be eligible for some further external funding to help with the cost of replacing the old timber trail which was first installed in 2004! Any new equipment which is not timber, will be painted in the same colours as the infant modular play unit installed in 2021 which will be more in keeping with the surrounding area.

Cemetery and Churchyard

Permission has now been granted for the removal of a multi-stemmed self-set yew bush in All Saints' Churchyard. NLPC will plant a new Yew tree at the Cemetery on Groby Lane in honour of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. In place of the yew bush at the Churchyard, we hope an application to the Church of England for a new seating bench will be successful.

Village Litter Bins and Troughs

NLPC are looking for a contractor to quote for the repainting of the village litter bins and plant troughs in Spring 2023. If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested in giving us a price for this work, please email me at the usual address. Thank you.

Stay well, stay safe. Best wishes, Hannah Shaw, Parish Council Clerk Tel: 01530 249945, Email: clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk

Booking of Village Hall	Dates of the next Parish	
To book the Village Hall	Council Meeting Wednesday 30th November at	
Hannah Shaw, Parish Council Clerk Tel: 01530 249945 or email clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk	7.15pm	

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