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September 2017

When does the year begin?

Most of us would give the obvious answer: 1st January. Of course, that's when most calendars begin, when New Year's resolutions kick in, the date changes. But ask that question of an accountant or a tax adviser and they may answer differently. 6th April is when the tax year begins. Or try a vicar, and they might tell you the year begins on the Sunday nearest the beginning of December - that's Advent Sunday and the Church year officially starts then. But if you ask a child, or a teacher, they'll tell you the new year begins in September. And many of us, even if we have no connection with a school anymore, are still affected by those years early on in life when September meant a new class, a new beginning, a new year.

September has that feeling of a fresh start about it. The summer days of August are over, the Autumn draws close, it's time to get stuck into work again maybe, or start a new project. It does feel like a great opportunity to begin again, which we may need. Perhaps things haven't gone so well recently, perhaps we could do with a clean slate? Or maybe we're looking for a new challenge, something to get excited about? It often helps me to think about something new I could take on, something that could be different and motivate me through the long Autumn stretch.

Whether you're looking for a fresh start or a fresh challenge, consider Alpha (alpha.org). It's a course which has run for many years now, across the world, giving people the chance to investigate Jesus, someone who claimed to be able to give not just a fresh start to people, but a brand new life. It's going to be running at our partner Church, St Peter's in Glenfield, from 27 September and everyone is welcome. It could turn out to be the start for you not just of a new year, but the beginning of a whole new adventure.

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



Sunday 24th September

All Saints Newtown Linford

Harvest Lunch served in Church at 12noon.

All food will be locally grown or reared to show our commitment to care for God's creation.

If you have anything local to contribute to the meal, please let Jane Woolmer know (ejwoolmer@gmail.com).

All Welcome!

Come to the Harvest Festival at 10.30 or just join us for the lunch.

Tickets at £5 each will be available in Church or from Jane Woolmer.



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Primary School Fete
Judging of scarecrows
Bell ringing at All Saints'
from 2pm

All Saints' Church Harvest Festival - From 11am
Bell ringing at All Saints' - From 2pm
SUNDAY
Village Hall - From 12pm
Variety of amazing stalls
Teas, coffees, cakes and refreshments
Caroline and Claire's Preschool activities
Scarecrow Prize Giving
Morris Dancing outside the Linford - From 1:30pm



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VILLAGE DIARY

September

3rd Table Top Sale, The Linford
8th Boules
9th Ramblers
23rd - 24th September Scarecrow Festival
24th Harvest Festival
24th Harvest Lunch
25th Parish Council Meeting
28th MacMillan Coffee Morn-
ing @ Coffee & Cake



Save the Date

10th November End of Season Dance Tennis Club
10th November Concert All Saints Church, Newtown Linford

Regular events

Monday afternoon	Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall
Mondays 8pm at the Church	Bell Ringing
4th Tuesday of the month	Gardening Club
3rd Wednesday of the month	Ladies Luncheon Club
Thursdays 11.15	Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall
Thursdays 6.30	Brownies, Sunday School Rooms
3rd Thursday	Gentlemen's Lunch Club
Boules	Phone 01530 245373 for more info

Coffee & Cake Recipe Book

Carol Ann is putting out an appeal for recipes to include in a to be published recipe book to raise funds for the Coffee and Cake mornings.

This is a book with a difference as we don't only want you favourite recipes and how to make them - but the story behind them, why they are a favourite recipe which will all go into the book.

This is a lovely way to share favourite recipes and stories to save for posterity and to raise money at the same time.



Coffee & Cake @ Newtown Linford Village Hall

Thursday Morning 11.15am - Free

All Welcome - All Ages



Coffee and Cake Duty Rota

September

7th	Sue Clarke, Margaret Bloor	242000/245078
14th	Iris & Peter Sayer	243822
21st	Zoe Reynolds & Sue Birkett	0780 3292704/244317
28th	Bev Griffiths & Sue Dobby	01509 890264/245366

Macmillan Coffee Morning Cake Donations great fully received)

October

5th	Carol Ann/Gillian & June Hallam	243433/0116 2304808
12th	Judy Rowe, Clare Attridge, Rhiana Guppy & Natasha Hindocha and School	243989/243119
19th	Ruth Goddard & Anne	245316/242639
26th	Mary & Wes Raynor	243042

November

2nd	Lesley Cook/Chris A & Gay Redstone	242214/242432/ 0116 2351625
9th	Amanda Sculthorpe & Vicky Lightfoot	242445/07779123952
16th	Joe & Claire Costello	249613
23rd	Janet & David Brunton	242662
30th	Casey Pearson & Jenny Cole	249259

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

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

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It's time to get ready for balmy evenings, ripening fruits and the changing season. And with that comes one of the favourite Village events of the year - the Scarecrow Festival weekend. So, get your old clothes out of the wardrobe and off the hangers, make ready your scarecrows, submit your entry form, and enjoy the weekend!

Entry forms must be in by 4pm on Wednesday 20th September, in order to be included in the programme - please deliver them to the post office on Main Street or email them to the details below.

As always, programmes will be available for £1 each at the Post Office Shop and All Saint' Church throughout the weekend, along with the School on Saturday during School Fete and at the Village Hall on Sunday. We will also have some mobile supporters in the village selling programmes too.

Don't forget to get your scarecrows outside and assembled by 10am on Saturday morning. Someone will be available to meet and greet those people who want to display scarecrows in the 'Scarecrow Patch' in the Bradgate Conservatory Tearoom Gardens from 9.30am-10.30am on Saturday 24th September.

Local businesses, and Bradgate Park, are again supporting the weekend - don't forget to contact us if we haven't yet been able to get in touch with you, and we'll be happy to talk about putting an advert for your business in the programme.

A big thanks to everyone who has so far helped or said they'll be happy to be involved - it's still not too late: if you'd like to help us out over the weekend, or if you have any questions or queries, please do get in touch - we'd be very happy to hear from you.

Finally, if you would like a stall on the Sunday in the Village Hall please let us know, we have a few spaces left.

Scarecrow entry forms are available here in this magazine and at the Post Office shop. Or just contact Jonny Appleton for a form, any info or questions at info@newtownlinfordscarecrow.co.uk or on



So what on...?

Saturday 23rd September 2017

Newtown Linford Primary School Fete with various stalls, activities, BBQ, ice cream and refreshments – From 11pm onwards
Bell ringing at All Saints' Church – From 2pm onwards
Judging of scarecrows

Sunday 24th September 2017

All Saints' Church Harvest Festival & Luncheon – 10.30am onwards, lunch at 12:30pm

At the Village Hall – From 12pm onwards

Variety of amazing stalls

Teas, coffees, cakes and refreshments

Caroline and Claire's Preschool activities

Scarecrow Prize Giving – At 4pm

Plus lots more fun stuff....

Morris Dancing outside the Linford – From 1.30pm onwards

Bell ringing at All Saints' church – From 2pm onwards

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Full name:

Address:

Location of scarecrow:

(at home address or on scarecrow patch)

Telephone number:

Email address:

Which category, please tick:

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Group / Business

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Over 18s

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From the Park

Singing in the Rain



The Editor has graciously extended my deadline this month so I can write about the events of last weekend on the Park. Following on from the experience of the first Bradgate Proms Concert last year, this year we staged the event in the middle of August rather than the middle of July in order to catch those potential audience members who would be away on holiday during the 'Leicester fortnight' and also, as a result of the earlier sunset later in the season, to allow an earlier start and finish for the benefit of the audience, local residents and our staff.

I saw, and chatted to, many local residents during the interval but, for those who were not there, you missed a real treat! The Bardi Wind Orchestra, together with Soprano Jenny Saunders and Tenor David Morris, took us on a musical tour of some of Hollywood's most famous creations including 'The Lion King', 'Frozen' and 'Dances with Wolves' before launching into the much-loved Last Night of the Proms repertoire from the 'Fantasia on British Sea Songs' through 'Jerusalem' to 'Land of Hope and Glory'. The audience, with a true British attitude to the vagaries of the weather, waved their flags and sang along with gusto. When the orchestra launched into 'The Dambusters' accompanied by a light-and pyrotechnic show that was even more impressive than last year, the rain was forgotten altogether: a truly memorable evening.

The following day saw a change of tempo for the first ever Bradgate Park Acoustic & Folk Music Picnic. A change of audience as well as this was an event attended by a wonderful mix of young families and 'old folkies'. Originally conceived as a way of making use of the staging and marquees that we hire in for the Proms, this event continued this summer's theme of Celebrate Bradgate Park, this time in terms of the inspiration that Leicestershire's finest open space has given over the years to some of the county's finest musicians. Thanks to some energetic promotion around the local Folk scene, the event sold out in advance, helped by the fact that our headline act, the duo O'Hooley & Tidow, had taken the Cambridge Folk Festival by storm a few weeks previously.

For evening events such as the Proms, we are able to provide parking within the Park for those attending, thus ensuring that there is no problem on surrounding roads. We are unable to do this for daytime events because of the risks associated with mixing large numbers of cars with pedestrians on the road through the Park. For the Folk Picnic, we made arrangements for additional grass overflow parking on a field ad-

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joining the Hallgates car park and this additional capacity meant we did not have to turn anyone away at any point and so there was no excuse for anyone parking anywhere other than in our car parks.

Even when we have spare capacity, I appreciate that people parking cars on the roads in and around the village is still a nuisance for many residents. Whilst we deplore this behaviour, there is very little that the Trust can do about it as we do not have jurisdiction outside our gates. However, we are funding a proposal, which the County Council will be consulting on later this year, to extend the double yellow lines along Bradgate Road to the end of the Village and also to introduce additional restrictions on Grey Crescent. So long as these restrictions are given teeth, through effective enforcement measures, they should go a long way towards reducing the menace of inappropriate, inconsiderate and illegal

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The next significant event will be our Living History Weekend on 9th/10th September when the Parliamentarian soldiers of Lord Grey's Regiment of Foote will once again do battle with their Royalist adversaries and also introduce visitors to their 17th century way of life in the regimental encampment. We will once again be showcasing the beautiful sound of Fabula Musica as they perform their 'Music for Lady Jane Grey' in the Chapel throughout the weekend. Fans of 16th century music (and who isn't?) will be interested to learn that they have recorded a CD in that uniquely atmospheric venue, which is on sale in our Visitor Centre and Shop.

Before we know it, the Christmas Fair will be upon us but before then we will hopefully have a glorious misty and mellow autumn to look forward to that will make up for the slightly disappointing summer.

I look forward to seeing you on the Park.

Peter Tyldesley





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Village Ramblers

On Saturday 8th July, nine of the N/L Ramblers set out on a lovely walk around Quorn and Old Woodhouse. The 4-5 mile walk starts at Chaveney Road in Quorn and follows a meandering stream until passing by the private gardens of the Severn Trent Water Authority. After a while the path leads to the railway line of the Great Central Railway where we took a quick detour to admire Swithland Reservoir and its impressive viaduct. Back on track we passed over Rabbits Bridge, by Rushall Field Farm and towards Highfields Farm. A right turn led towards Buddon Hill, Mounsorrel Quarry, the railway line and some very impressive houses before finding ourselves once again in Chaveney Road. The weather was beautiful, rather hot and the decision to retire to the pub was unanimous!

Penny Neaves

We had a lovely day for our ramble in August. Our walk started at the Robin Hood Pub in Swannington. From there we walked to Cuckoo Gap Wood, and the Swannington Incline where there are the remains of a railway (closed in 1947)



used to haul coal from one of the former mines, and which is now maintained by the Heritage Trust. After continuing down the incline we crossed an almost ready to harvest wheat field and then on to the beautifully restored Hough Windmill. A very high locked gate meant that we were unable to use one of the waymarked paths but fortunately we found another footpath across the fields so were only slightly delayed.

At Hough Windmill we were all delighted when Christine produced some delicious birthday cake. We then turned for home
17 and made our way back to the vil-



lage via Walkers Wood where we found, and picked, lots of blackberries.

The walk on 9th September will be led by Jan Croft. Meet as usual at the Village Hall at 2 pm or if more convenient, at Stonehurst Farm, Mountsorrel, (parking on the road, or pay in car park) at 2.15.

Everyone is made very welcome, why not come along and join us. All you need are a pair of walking boots and if you have a well behaved dog then you can bring him too.

Iris Sayer

Newtown Linford Brownies

Before the summer holidays we had some amazing trips out organised by Brown Owl. Firstly, we went to Anstey to meet up with Guides from the area. They were lovely and some of the older Brownies made friends with them. They had organised a Monopoly game board based on the area of Anstey. We had to go to different spots in the village including the Church. The first challenge for the Brownies was to find their name on a gravestone. I couldn't find my name anywhere! After this game we went to the roundabout to discover who could take the funniest photograph. We have some really silly pictures. After this we went to the park to play. A few of us fell off the tyre swing and giggled. Finally we went to



the chip shop - the best bit! We had a cone of chips and a drink. We all loved it.



Another trip out that Brown Owl organised was a visit to the Fire Station in Loughborough. We were very excited to see what happens here. We listened very carefully to an important member of the 'Blue Team' who taught us all about fire safety.

We learnt the number we need to call and how to give instructions to the emergency services. Neer Naw! Yes, we did get to sit in a fire engine. They are so high up! The most exciting part was getting to use the fire hose. They are really heavy and we needed help to hold it. We aimed at a bucket about 6 metres away and had to try and knock it down. It was really difficult but most of the Brownies succeeded. All Brownies earned their fire safety badges after completing the tasks.

As Brownies we love the trips that Brown Owl organises for us and we would like to say a BIG thank you to her.

19 **Millie Parrott - Aged 10**

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River Lyn

The river Lyn had been surveyed by Researchers recently as they had heard there had been a mink around. Reassuringly the photos are of lamprey (ancient eel) and baby brown trout (significant as



they indicate good driver water) plus an adult brown trout. No Cray fish were found in the part of the river at the end of my garden but the fish research people promised to email me the results of their full survey, which we will publish once she receives them

Jan Croft

PS note from Editor Jan and I had an email discussion as I seem to remember reading somewhere that the River Lyn no longer has crayfish in due to the introduction of American Crayfish and subsequent losses of the native species due to a 'plague' they carry - can anyone elaborate further or confirm that we still have the native crayfish in our river?



"Dinner drinks dancing..."

Date for your diary

Newtown Linford Tennis Club

End of Season Party
on

Friday November 10th 2017

at

The Village Hall

welcoming back



Dan Goode

London DJ & Saxophonist

Dinner and Licensed Bar
Tickets £20 - call 01530 243433

Tables of 10 or
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Newtown Linford Gardening Club

Newtown Linford Gardening Club's annual celebrity evenings continue to court attraction. Tickets for this year's speaker Helen Yemm, the renowned gardening horticulturalist, have proved popular with some 80 percent already taken. Readers of the Daily Telegraph will be well aware of her work as she has written a regular column in that newspaper for many years. She has also lectured on horticulture and written several books on the subject. We will be inviting visitors to join us on this special evening and tickets (£10 each) will be available from the Secretary.



The title of her talk is 'Moving Heaven and Earth – a survivor's

tale'. Helen will be in Newtown Village Hall on Tuesday 24th October.

Our July meeting was our traditional Summer garden party, when on the only fine evening in the week, (weren't we lucky) almost 100 members and friends gathered at our Chairman's home to enjoy a meal of chicken and quiche followed by gateaux and cheesecake washed down with copious amounts of Pimm's, wine and elderflower cordial. The evening ended with a speed raffle when some sixty prizes were won in just ten minutes.

August is the month of our visit to a well-known garden (this year the Easton Walled garden near Grantham and then we revert to our usual winter programme of speakers, some of whom have made their name in the horticultural world by winning Gold medals at Chelsea or one of the other main RHS shows.

We have welcomed a large number of new members this year and will be pleased if others want to join us. If you are interested in our activities just contact the Secretary (tel. 242452 or e-mail (32couling@gmail.com)), or come to one of our meetings to see how you like it before making a commitment (£2 for visitors). Alternatively give us a ring and ask for a copy of our programme for the coming year and we will be pleased to send one to you.

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NEWTOWN LINFORD BOULES

I had hoped to play boules when staying near Civray, France, with my sister. On that evening, following a few spots of rain I gathered up the cushions off the garden chairs. My brother in law, with local knowledge, said "It won't be much". That evening and overnight we received 68mm (3.5 ins).

On the same evening in Hoby the drizzle set in so it was skittles rather than boules for our July meeting. Congratulations to Simon James who won the Cup, a newcomer to Leicestershire skittles.

The August evening will have been played by the time you receive this Magazine, so the last game of the season will be played on Tuesday 5th September. Meet at the Village Hall at the earlier time of 6pm.. All matches to be played at The Blue Bell Inn, Hoby, phone number 01664 434247. Please confirm on the previous day (Monday) if you are attending so that I can book your meal.

New players welcome.

NEWTOWN LINFORD SERVICES

September 2017

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
3rd Sept 12th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
	10.15am Worship as One (RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Evensong (RT)	
10th Sept 13th Sunday after Trinity		8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
	10.15am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am Morning Prayer (JW)
	6.30pm Compline (GS)	
17th Sept 14th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am Holy Communion (CH)	
	10.15am Service of the World (BH)	10.30am Holy Communion (CH)
	4.00pm Messy Church (team)	
24th Sept 15th Sunday after Trinity		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.15am Holy Communion (CH)	10.30am Harvest Service (RT)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (RT)	



MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—September 2017

GLENFIELD	Wed 10.45am	6th	13th	20th	27th
NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur 10.30am	7th			



CHURCH REGISTER **NEWTOWN LINFORD**

Weddings

11th August ~ Paul Stephen Wood & Tara Louisa Dinan



Baptisms

27th August ~ Freddie Patrick Grew
We welcome them in to the Church family



Funerals

3rd August ~ Millicent Johnson, Main Street, Newtown Linford
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..



Website:

www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk

Church Contact Details

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EIGHT SOLO VOICES IN HARMONY:
Concert by MOSAIC,
All Saints Church Newton Linford
Save the Date - 10 November 2017

The eight-voice A Cappella group, MOSAIC, will perform a varied programme of part-songs, spirituals, sacred polyphony, folk song settings, jazz standards and pop. This highly talented group of singers from all corners of the East Midlands is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2017, having raised tens of thousands of pounds for a variety of charities at concerts in Northants, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

The singing friends, who make up MOSAIC, perform for the sheer love of the beautiful repertoire that exists for unaccompanied voices. They do not charge a fee. In their case, they explore a wide variety of pieces in eight parts from the high Renaissance through to the latest wave of contemporary compositions and arrangements, from exquisite folk song settings to mischievous comic pieces.

The music critic, Mike Wheeler, reviewed one of MOSAIC's recent performances: "The group is impressive equally for its blend, its unanimity - it was a joy to watch the continual interaction that made each item a piece of real vocal chamber music - and for an apparently infinite adaptability"

(Review of Derby Cathedral Autumn Concert, 2015)

The Newton Linford concert promises to be memorable for both its beautiful but also entertaining music. More details of the group's activities can be found on their website, including a special film profile, along with several YouTube clips: <https://mosaicoctet.wordpress.com/media/>

Money raised will go towards the redecoration of the Church building, with income from refreshments to LOROS.

More information next month on ticket price and time

Letters page

Dog Attacks In Bradgate Park

Dear Villagers,

Just want to share a few words about some recent events in the park. My wife and I live on Groby Lane and have been there now for 6 years. One of the attractions to coming to live in the Village was of course the beautiful Park.

However, it is not quite the attractive place it used to be. We have a 7 year old Border Collie called Jaya. Those of you who know us will know Jaya is a beautifully natured dog and we love him loads. He is well behaved because we trained him that way.

Two of the attacks were from the same dog - which was off the lead - owned by people in the Village and the third time by a different dog also owned by a fellow Villager. The last two attacks were when our dog was with my wife and she was very distressed by them.

We have reported the attacks to the dog warden and have written to the owner of the first two attacks saying we will report to the Police if it happens again. This is not what we want to happen.

If you don't have control of your dog please keep it on a lead. Better still, get some training about how to train and keep a dog. We are each responsible for our dogs and we must at least have control if we let it off the lead. The ability to recall your dog and for it to obey is absolutely basic and essential.

We trained Jaya ourselves. He is obedient and not aggressive because we trained him and he knows his place. All dogs can be trained and if anybody decides to have a dog they have a responsibility to train and to know how to bring that dog up to be friendly and not aggressive.

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Village Cricket

It was great to see so many locals playing and watching cricket at Newtown Linford Cricket Club between the 3rd and 9th of July. This was the first year of the Village Cricket Challenge, the brainchild of residents Paddy Mulvihill (NLCC Committee Member), Scott Raynor and Simon Storey, aimed at encouraging reluctant and former cricket players to engage with the Club and the sport.

The Challenge involved four teams of eight players representing different parts of the Village taking part in a limited over tournament played over three days. Kitted out in their team colours, the Main Street Maniacs defeated the Grey Crescent Grizzlies in the first semi-final and went on to meet the Bradgate Braves, victors over the Newtown Knights, in a final in front of more than a hundred spectators on 9th July.



The standards may have not have been as high as the cricket normally played at Newtown Linford but the atmosphere, spirit and excitement was plain for all to see. With the Braves conquering the Maniacs to become the inaugural champions, Jon Dale, chairman of NLCC, was delighted to

see so many local residents enjoying the Club's impressive facilities and playing cricket again. Thanks to local sponsors Broughtons of Anstey, The Griffin Inn, Swithland and the Bull's Head Ratby, as well as Sturgess of Leicester (who donated a Range Rover Sport for the weekend as a raffle prize), the event also became a great fund-raiser for the Club.

With players ranging from 25 to 73, of all abilities, and with the Vicar joining in too, it was a huge amount of fun and plans are already in place to do it all again next year.

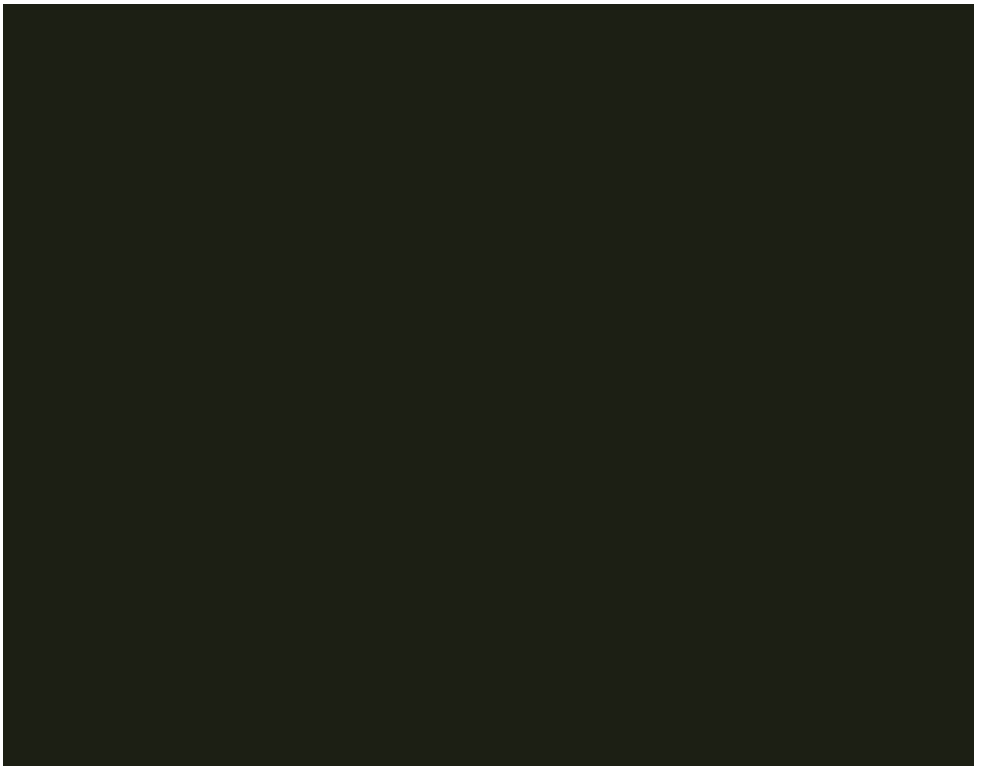


Well done to all the players and organisers, and if you want to take part in 2018 do contact Scott, Paddy or Simon.

For the first time in my life I felt like a 'ringer' as I turned out for the Braves in the final against the Maniacs. Delighted to be involved in this intra-village competition despite living 'abroad', delighted also not to embarrass myself too much in the field or at the crease. It was a wonderful week of sport, bringing often separate parts of the village community together and giving opportunities for new friendships to be built. Definitely something to look forward to next year. Oh, and did I mention my team won?

Yours, **Richard Trethewey**





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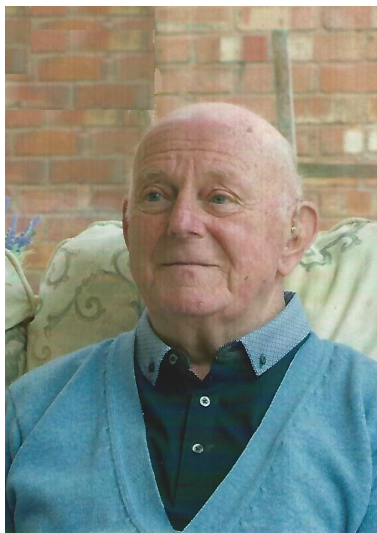
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John Patrick

The funeral of the late John Charles Stuart Patrick was held on the 26th June 2017 at All Saints Church here in the Village. He is seen here in the photograph on his 90th birthday. He was born on the 29th May 1926 and died on the 10th June 2017. John came with his family in 1931 from Lyndhurst in Hampshire at the age of four years. The family lived at number 21 Markfield Lane. He was the youngest boy of six children who all attended the Village School. His siblings were Sid, Joan, Pat, Doreen and Bill. Sid spread his time between living in America and here on the Main Street. Joan was the mother of Lesley Cook from our well-known local farming family.



In 1956 John's father purchased a piece of land by auction higher up on Markfield Lane and their present house was built costing £2,000. It was built by local Builder Charlie Abell with the carpentry and brickwork being done by local residents Eric and Wilf Buthaway.

John went on to Charnwood School where the boys were all given a small strip of land to learn to grow vegetables. This served him well later in life when he entered the vegetable show at The Linford where he won prizes for his onions.

John did his apprenticeship at Evans Lifts in Leicester recently taken over by Otis. He was there for fifty years apparently parking his car in the same spot for all that time.

John joined the Royal Engineers in 1944 aged 18 years serving in Egypt for two years. He was a member of the Newtown Linford Home Guard and can be seen in the photograph below. The Home Guard used to meet at the Waterworks Building on Roecliffe Road. After demob he and three friends purchased an Armstrong Siddeley which had a drop head with real hide seats. He was the only one of the four who could drive. It only did 12 miles to the gallon.

John met his wife Betty at Copt Oak Public House and they married at All Saints Church in 1956. Their daughter Fay was born in 1964. Both they and grandson Thomas survive him.

Betty and John joined the newly formed Newtown Linford Gardening Club and attended its first meeting in 2004 and attending most of the meetings until quite recently. John spent some of his retirement playing golf at Lingdale Golf Club.

Betty recalls that John was given his middle names because he was born on 29th May, the same birth date as King Charles II It became known as Oak Apple Day because Charles II hid in an oak tree following the Battle of Worcester to escape from Parliamentarian troops who searched the woodland beneath him. It is still recognised in some parts of the country today.

Betty would like to thank all the people who attended John's funeral. It was a lovely farewell. Donations given in John's memory were as follows: - £215 to the Marie Curie Cancer Care and £215 to Hospice at Home. Betty would like to thank everyone who kindly donated. She would also like to thank everyone who sent flowers and cards to the family. They were very much appreciated.



The Home Guard photograph shows John on the far left of the back row and brother Sid fourth from the right on the back row. Also on the photograph is Phil Usherwood far right on the bottom row who until recently lived at Cravens Rough but now lives in Anstey. Next to him is Alan Brown whose family kept the village shop, Brown's Store.

Betty supplied Pam with the names of all the members of the Home Guard which are .back row John Patrick, Ted Whitmore, Alf Henson, Tom Dickens, Bill Jackson, Sid Patrick, Wainwright, Bill Hill, Edward Hazelgrave, Front Row Jim Miles, Harold Watterson, Cyril Littleworth, Jack Hewitt, Edwin Hopley, Gordon Fantom, Jack Bland, Harold Boulter, Alan Brown, Phil Usher-Wood

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Millicent Johnson 1934-2017

I was introduced to Mim and the farm in about 1970 by my wife Jane and I didn't think places like that still existed. She was still hand milking six cows, rearing calves and looking after horses aided by about every kid in the Village. There were girls with ponies, boys with pitchforks and in the middle of it Mim. The place was a magnet for them all and she could find a job for all of them. Considering she never had children she was amazingly tolerant with them. One or two would be 'banned' for a couple of days but would be accepted back in on their return. Water fights were frequent in the summer, nobody was spared, the dog, the cats they all ended up soaked. These children are now adults, even grandparents and many still kept in touch.

Mim was born on the farm in 1934 and lived with her parents and grandparents. The cottage was actually two dwellings number 28 and number 30. They lived at 28 and number 30 was rented out, at one time to a family of six! Her father and grandfather were skilled builders who worked together for the Park, on the local Churches and even Old John. The ladies in the family supplemented the family income by selling milk around the village from their own cows. I am told her grandmother could be seen in the Village with a wooden yolk on her shoulders with two pails of milk hanging. Even before Mim left school she was expected to pull her weight. She said cycling up the hill to Anstey is bad enough without two churns on the handlebars. I presume they were small ones but you never know. When her grandfather died in 1969 Mim was left to make a go of it on her own. Mim would say "Me granddad left me one pound and a leaky roof.

Mim had been courting a local farmer, Tony Spiby from Markfield who went to live with her in the 1970s. Tony helped with the cattle when he was allowed to and looking after the garden besides working on his own farm. When I later found out they had been engaged for 45 years I asked Mim why she didn't marry, "I didn't want to rush into anything" was her reply.

Her biggest love was horses. She had been involved with horses from an early age and had become very knowledgeable. She was the first port of call to try and avoid a vet's bill for many riders and she usually had an answer or an old fashioned remedy. She was a good judge of horses and was called upon at many of the county shows to decide who had a rosette.

It was her dry sense of humour that helped endear her to people. We were helping her load bales of hay in Booten's field at the top of Groby Lane. Mim was driving her old blue tractor that thrived on neglect and towing a well stacked trailer along with her dog Mitzy on the top. We walked down the lane and were quickly overtaken by Mim standing on the tractor brake pedal shouting, "Open the cricket club gate" The gate being at the bottom of the hill. However she managed to stop just in time much to the relief of Mitzy.

We went to a Newtown Village Fete in the 70s with Mim and among the various attractions was a Welly Wanging competition. There were two categories, male and female, the furthest throw being marked with a flag in each category. Now Mim had had a life time of farm work so we put her name forward. The girl measuring the throws had moved to the ladies area seeing a lady ready to throw only to look skyward as the welly soared over her head to land well in the men's section. Mim said "Oh the wind must have caught it" (there wasn't a breath of wind).

Mim was no slave to domestic chores and her dog Polly went mad when the vacuum cleaner was switched on, Mim said it was because she didn't hear it very often. Mim said she knows when the house wants cleaning when people wipe their feet on the way out.

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Woodhouse Eaves has been experiencing a lot of crime recently and they believe this is because of the lack of Beat Police i.e. none to speak of. They are presently in discussions with the Chief Constable and the Crime Commissioner in order to resolve this situation. We will wait and see whether they have any success which may impact on ourselves.

We had a house burglary on Bradgate Hill in July. Entry was by the side gate and throwing a large planter through the patio doors, between the hours of 10am and 2pm. The Burglar alarm will have gone off. Very selective jewellery was taken. I believe there had already been a burglary two or three weeks earlier on Bradgate Road.

At the time of writing we are having problems with heavy goods vehicles going through the Village and shaking the foundations of the very old houses on the Main Street. Some of this is due to the different closures on surrounding roads and hopefully will go away again.

Once again a bollard has been knocked out by the School. Carole, our Magazine Editor has written the following on our Facebook page which will have been discussed at the August Parish Council meeting.

I must say I was thinking of a freedom of information request to the county council. The number of bollards down over the years suggests that they are not appropriate to the area and are a danger. I realise that without them it would be even more dangerous and that a child was knocked down there years ago so something should be done. I wonder if we should have a chicane similar to that outside Groby College so traffic has to come to a standstill in one direction and wait until the other traffic has gone through. Even this however would lead to more delays in the area on busy weekends so not sure what the answer really is. However the bollards are dangerous as they come down regularly with cars hitting them.



Our NHW Facebook page now has 84 members and continues to be a good source for obtaining residents opinions.

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Bob Bown Playing Fields:- The football goal posts were found to be of different sizes! The Council has therefore commissioned new bespoke nets.

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Accounts:- Grant Thornton the external auditors have certified the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2017. The accounts are posted on the Parish Council website.

Trees in the Conservation Area:- CBC appear to be fully operational again. There have been three new TPO orders placed on trees over the last few weeks. Whilst it may be disappointing for the applicants wishing to remove the trees long term it provides a better environment.

Churchyard:- Charnwood B.C. has granted permission for the tree trimming alongside the Church wall as requested by the County Council. It sets out the precise work to be carried out and quotations are being obtained.

Cemetery:- The SLOW has now been painted on the road. The next step is to purchase the In and Out signs and then we can use both gates. A preliminary plan has been drawn up for the next stage showing the first row for the new graves. These will soon be available for purchase by residents. If you wish to see the fees list and Rules and Regulations which are posted on the website please contact the Clerk.

Charnwood B.C. Traffic Wardens are attending regularly and ticketing cars parked in the layby. This is correct because it is behind double yellow lines but it does make it awkward for visitors to the cemetery. We have therefore put a coded lock on the gate and very soon there will be one on the new gate. This means visitors can open the gate and draw just inside. It is a pity we cannot leave them unlocked but the meadow

part would be very inviting for unwanted campers. Please apply to me or any of the Councillors or All Saints Team for the code. If you use it, please remember to scramble the lock afterwards.

Holster Planters on the Lamposts. A different colour scheme was requested this year and we think they look much better. We had a problem initially because the County Council have to ultrasound the lampposts to ensure they are safe. They claimed some of the posts were concrete. To cut a long story short they were looking at the same number posts on Main Street instead of Bradgate Road.

Finally a quick reminder that the Clerk's freeserve email address is now discontinued. Please remove it from your records and remember that your computer may preselect it incorrectly.

The next Council Meetings are on 25th September and 30th October. There will be no meeting in November. All meetings commence at 7.15 p.m. in the small room of the Village Hall.

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