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I've just been fixing a slow puncture on my daughter's paddling pool. It's an essential piece of garden furniture in this heat, but it unfortunately got caught on a trailing rose bush last time we moved it and has been subsiding ever since.

Problem was, it was only a slow puncture, so it was barely noticeable at first. Just a little more sagging at the edges, a little less resistance to a push. And then, before you knew it, the water was pouring over the edge. It may not have been as dramatic as a big pop, but the end result was the same: a sad, unusable pool.

For some of us, that echoes the experience of lockdown. We started quite brightly – willing to take on the once in a lifetime challenge of a worldwide pandemic. Yes, it was hard but there was also an adrenaline rush, energy which came from finding new ways to cope. But slowly, over time, that energy has worn away, the adrenaline subsided, and left us feeling flat.

The danger is that, like a slow puncture, we overlook it because it has been a gradual process. We see the dramatic problems that others face and think we can just ignore our own sadness because it's no big deal. But the end result can be the same if we're not careful.

There are lots of things which you can try to help – none are quite the same as the quick patch fix I've used on the paddling pool, but many things can help us stay inflated. From finding a new hobby, to getting a little more fresh air and exercise, to finding someone just to talk through how you're feeling. You're always welcome to contact me if you'd like to talk.

Praying also helps. Sometimes Christians, as much as anyone, can view mental health issues as somehow a mark of failure. But it isn't, it's a natural psychological reaction to testing times. Jesus sometimes felt down and discouraged, we see in the gospels.

Try some of these organisations for helpful and practical tips and support

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It can be hard to admit to having a slow puncture, but it's better to address it sooner rather than later.

Richard Trethewey

Rector of All Saints' Newtown Linford and St Peters, Glenfield.

VILLAGE DIARY

September

All meetings cancelled due to Coronavirus/Covid-19.

Fingers crossed for October!

Regular events

NOT RUNNING AT PRESENT

Coffee & Cake News

Hoping this finds everyone well after a break from the Magazine for a month. The weather has been very kind to us all in fact at times far too hot but as always we Brits moan about our weather whatever it is.

Covid is still with us and looks like it will need managing for the next year at least but i think we have all got a little more used to the new normal. Most of you are out and about now going to the local shops and seeing your families which is brilliant. I think at one stage some were becoming very scared to venture out after so long in.

Coffee & Cake Zoom meetings are still on going every Thursday at 11am, thank you to Joe Costello for carrying on organising it, people come and go depending what they have on which is very like the normal meeting. It has been a great way of keeping in touch and giving support to those who need it and has been a lot of fun with many tackling the zoom sign up under the



patient guidance of Joe.

On Ann Scrines' normal duty she baked cake and delivered it to all the regular Zoom attendees doorsteps for that meeting. It was great fun and a few followed suit. Thank you to her for a great idea

The flour distribution early lockdown from Jason Crockett when it was so scarce has been followed this week when Janet Brunton made contact to say that she had loads of plums on her tree and did I want some? After a group e mail bags have been distributed round the village so thank you to her. If anyone has a glut of any veg etc let us know it is better than wasting produce.

I spoke to Toby Manning the Chair of the Village Hall Committee about our meeting in the Hall. Currently the Covid rules prevent us meeting there but as soon as we can we will be back. Toby is very keen to get it all back to normal. In the meantime most of you are getting together for walks or coffee in your gardens, we just have to hope we have a lovely September weather wise.

A Thank you

Lots of people have been amazing looking after the elderly or those in need over this strange period but one person in the village owns a Fruit and Vegetable business in Anstey and lives in the village and has gone above her duty service wise by doing not only her own deliveries but also adding on Coop orders and anything that person needed from Anstey. She has worked from 4am sometimes to 11pm to make sure everyone was looked after without question. I am sure we would all like to say thank you on behalf of everyone for her amazing kindness. Her name is Ann Whitfield she lives on Bradgate road and owns Fruit and Shoots in Anstey. She delivered all over the county.



As a group we send our thought to Janice and the Cook family after the sad loss of Bill, a local all of his life. Stay Safe but don't be scared!

Carol Ann

Newtown Linford Gardening Club

We continue to 'enjoy' our very varied English summer with a mixture of sun, rain, cloud and mist. Gardening goes on and our members certainly seem to be hard at work producing some wonderful plants, full of colour. The gallery of photographs taken by our members is ever increasing in size and the montage, which we hope to show when we resume our meetings, will be extensive and splendid.

However, all our activities are on hold and look like remaining so for quite a time, so there are, as yet, no definite plans to resume. We are, nevertheless, planning for better times ahead. We have an excellent programme for 2021, which we hope we will be able to fulfil and are now in contact with some personalities for 2022.

In the meantime, continue to enjoy your garden and keep safe.

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

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The bar will be open and we will have a hog roast later in the afternoon. All necessary precautions will be put in place for dealing with the risks of Covid-19.

**For more details contact: Paddy Mulvihill (07850 327654)
or Scott Raynor (07535 365887)**

23rd August 2020 Fixtures (all timings approximate)

1130: Linford Lions vs Grey Grizzlies
1330: Bradgate Braves vs Newtown Knights
1530: Third Place Play-off
1730: The Grand Final

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Thanks also to all of our helpers, our umpires, scorers and bar staff, to Rex Harrison for the team shirts and to our cricket club for hosting this event again.



**We look forward to
seeing you at the
ground on Sunday
23rd August**

2008 NEWTOWN LINFORD SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Sadly as a result of the pandemic the Scarecrow Festival won't take place this year. The very first Festival was held in Sept 2002 with 16 Scarecrows, the number gradually increasing to over 80 by 2010. That same year as Chairman I was delighted to receive, on behalf of the Committee, a Silver Community Award presented by the Rural Community Council at a special ceremony.

In the Village Archive I recently found this report of the 2008 Festival, which is a happy reminder of the event in previous years. Hopefully next year normality will return, and we can look forward to enjoying a new Scarecrow Festival.



“This was our biggest, and probably the best, Festival to date with nearly 50 Scarecrows around the Village and also a spectacular tableau at the school. We were lucky to have lovely warm autumn sunshine on Saturday.



The weekend started with the Official Opening of the Bob Bown Memorial Playing Field by Mrs Peggy Bown, accompanied by her daughter Helen. A fantastic facility for the children.

Judging of the Scarecrows took place in the afternoon and our careful and considerate Judges were Jenny Cowdroy, Lilian Coleman and Mary Belsham from Bradgate Flower Club. The Prizes and Certificates were presented by Councillor David Snartt on Sunday afternoon. At the Judges' recommendation, because they were so im-



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pressed with the entry, a special Merit Award was made to Carole & Claire's Pre-school Play Group.

Unfortunately one of the Scarecrows at the Grey Lady was stolen on Friday evening but undeterred the staff rebuilt and called theirs "A Crime Scene".

The School Fete was a great success on Saturday and included broomstick racing! Other events took place in the Church, beautifully decorated for Harvest festival, with a "Dip in the Bell Foundry" game and an opportunity to ring a Church bell. This was very popular as was the second-hand book stall and the "Angelic Choir" Many people were interested in the Sunday School display.

Desford Pedallers Veteran Cycle Club cycled around the village on Sunday afternoon on their "Penny Farthings" much to the delight of young and old. We all enjoyed the singing of the Retro Barbershop Quartet. In the Village Hall on Sunday, Scarecrow Teas were available and very popular with delicious home made cakes generously donated by local residents from whom we had wonderful support.

Janet Neaverson put on a fascinating Village Archive display. There were also jewellery, Flower Club & card stalls and an Art & Photograph Exhibition. Lilian Coleman impressed us all with her Flower Arranging Demonstration.

We were delighted to see so many families walking through the village enjoying the Scarecrows. The main aim of the Festival is for everyone to have a lot of fun both making a Scarecrow and enjoying all the others. . However, a bonus was that we expect the money raised this year for the School, Gardening Club, Youth Club and other village organisations to be around £2500.

Congratulations to the Winners and a very big thank you to everyone who made a Scarecrow, Sharon & Tony at the Village Store, the PTA, Julia and all the Staff at the School, the Wheeler family for selling apples, Mrs Brewin ("Penny for the Economy" Scarecrow Fund raising) and our advertisers. The Scarecrows were fantastic. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. *Iris Sayer*

Photos were The Angelic Choir and a couple of my favourites from other years.

Iris Sayer

Information from David Snartt.

Mayor of Charnwood.

Since becoming Mayor of Charnwood at a virtual Mayor Making ceremony the Mayoress and myself have started to attend engagements. We visited Loughborough University where we were able to welcome Olympic Gold Medal winner Adam Peaty back to the swimming pool, which is now open for Loughborough's international athletes to resume training in the run-up to the Olympic Games in Tokyo next year. We also made a visit to the Charnwood Community Action Hub to mark the delivery of the 10,000th food parcel. Since launching in March, Charnwood Community Action, which is a partnership with the Borough Council, John Storer House and other voluntary organisations, have delivered this amount of parcels and they are currently delivering to around 600 households each week. The team have also been providing a befriending service to residents and signposting people to a range of services. For more information please visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/cca.

Community Stars.

More than 60 individuals, community groups and local businesses have been recognised as Community Stars helping their local communities during the coronavirus pandemic. Community Action Stars was launched by the Borough Council to give people the chance to say a public thank you to those who have made a difference by helping others. I am delighted that Newtown Linford Parish Council is included in the Roll of Honour for co-ordinating a leaflet that was sent to every household in the Parish, giving details of volunteers who were willing to help. Also John Patterson for delivering newspapers to residents around Newtown Linford every day of the week.

Reception Open.

Charnwood Borough Council has opened its' Customer Service Centre to customers with essential enquiries on an appointment only basis. Customers will be able to make appointments to visit the Council Offices in Southfields Road, Loughborough by calling 01509 634560. Appointments with a customer advisor are available from Monday to Friday 8.30am until 4.30pm, closed one hour for lunch from 12.30pm. Customers will be given a 30 minute slot with an advisor.

Customers are urged to continue to use online services where possible. The Council website can be used to make payments, submit planning applications, apply for housing, manage your Council Tax and benefits

and much more. Keep up to date on any service changes during the coronavirus pandemic by visiting www.charnwood.gov.uk/coronavirus.

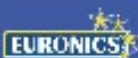
Guided Walks Around Charnwood.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the guided walks organised by the Borough Council's Active Charnwood Team, will be a bit different to previous events to ensure Government guidelines are followed and risks to walkers and leaders are minimised. The team will publish the list of walks on a fortnightly basis.

The differences in place for the time being include: All places on the walks are for pre-booking only. This is to ensure the group size does not exceed the Government guidelines and the team have the necessary details in case of the need to support a test and trace process. Anyone turning up to walk who has not pre-booked will be turned away. More information, walk schedules, details and booking information can be found on Charnwood Sport Website at www.charnwoodsport.org.uk/walking.



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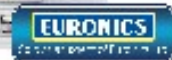


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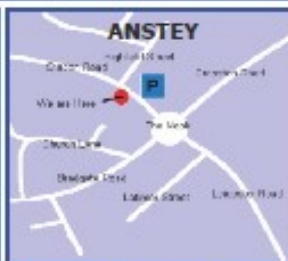
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Newtown Linford Tennis Club

A great season so far at the Club even with Covid around.

We are lucky to be one of the first sports to be given some flexibility mid lock down meaning members could get some exercise with their families. Thank you to all our members that supported the Club.



NEWTOWN LINFORD TENNIS CLUB

WELCOME

The clubhouse was finished, but not the terrace area, just as lock down began but we are now on a purge to get everything complete. A player ladder has been run by Jason Crockett all summer which has been a great success. Sadly there have been no league matches but there is talk however that winter matches will go ahead.

Sadly for the Club we say farewell to our amazing coach Paul Nicoles. He has brought so much to our Club over the last few years, along with the fun, his amazing playing ability and a lot of cheek, he has been able to coach all abilities and has become a great friend to all at the Club Paul was always planning to develop his own exciting business venture and lock down delayed that for a while, luckily for us. We wish him luck and know he will keep in touch with the village and Tennis Club. He will always be welcome.

We are currently in the process of advertising for Paul's replacement and have had interest from some exciting coaches, hopefully by the time this is printed someone will have been appointed and with the ease of the Covid rules group lessons will have started in September. I know we will all make the new coach feel welcome.

If you are interested in joining the Club please go online to 'clubspark Newtown Linford tennis club' where you will find all the details of membership, lessons and committee contact details for further info etc.

Carol Ann

BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
6th September Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity		9.00am Morning Worship
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
	4.30pm Evening Worship	
13th September Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity		9.00am Morning Worship
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
	4.30pm Evening Worship	
20th September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity		9.00am Morning Worship
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
	4.30pm Evening Worship	
27th September Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity		9.00am Morning Worship
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
	4.30pm Evening Worship	

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CHURCH REGISTERS

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26 February ~ Catherine Janet Neaverson
21 April ~ Rosemarie June Edith Upstone

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

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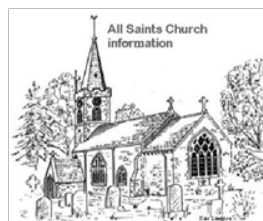
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Volunteers enable All Saints Church to re-open

The first Service since 29th December 2019 was held in All Saints Church on Sunday 9th August. The Church was cleared on 30th December to accommodate the contractors for the re-painting and the installation of new lighting and sound system. This required the erection of scaffolding inside the building. We had expected to be in by Easter and a Service incorporating the Choral Society singing Bob Chilcott's Little Jazz Mass was planned. Then, of course, everything was closed down, including work by the contractors, because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Thanks are due to the Rector, Richard Trethewey, who not only has kept online services running throughout the whole period but has enabled All Saints to be one of the first Churches in the area to re-open once this was permitted by the Government. This would not have been possible had it not been for all the volunteers who came in to clean the Church once the handover from the contractors was completed on 3rd August. Social distancing etc had to be observed so only two people at a time could work in there. Particular thanks are due to the two Churchwardens, Michele Petty and Jane Woolmer, for sorting out the necessary risk assessments and a rota of cleaners, and to Sheila Langton, herself a Churchwarden for many years and THE expert on where and what to clean!! Many people who were not all regular members of the congregation volunteered too, showing that All Saints Church is still very much part of village life in Newtown Linford. I thought last Sunday that the carvings on the front of the altar and the altar rails have never gleamed so brightly - someone worked very hard on those. Thanks also to Sue Howard and her helpers for the flowers by the altar, which helped redeem the somewhat restrictive atmosphere made necessary by the need for social distancing and the wearing of face masks. Singing is currently not permitted but the new sound system does enable music to be played. It is fortunate that Richard Trethewey is so competent with modern audio-visual systems. The Church is not yet fully open but times for private prayer will be possible soon.

I was unable to take part in all this myself because of a fractured wrist so my heartfelt thanks go to all those who did take part in a marathon cleaning campaign.

Marilyn Palmer
Electoral Roll Officer, All Saints PCC

Here are some photos of Newtown Linford's renovated Church taken on 9th August, the day that the Church



opened for a post Covid service. You can see the necessary signs. It was very nice to be inside again, and we hope that the Church will be visited, appreciated and used by many, many people from the Village and elsewhere. The Church is currently open for a 9am service on a Sunday, but if restrictions are eased (or return) this will change.



Bill Cook

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Bill Cook. Bill has lived in the village for more than 40 years and will be a massive loss to his family and Friends.

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Since my last NHW update, PCSO Alistair Cochrane, who I know many of you had contact with, has now left Charnwood NPT to become a Police Officer. We wish him well in his new career.

We also welcome Sergeant Steve Kilsby to the area. If you are on Facebook, please consider following Charnwood Police for regular updates.

Crime statistics for June and July remained low and relate to offences committed at Bradgate Park:

- 2 x Criminal Damage
- 2 x Vehicle Crime
- 1 x Theft

Residents have continued to report telephone scams and most recently, one where the caller purported to be from BT Openreach, advising hacking activity had been detected on the resident's account. Thankfully, the resident was wise to such scams and challenged the caller, who advised if they didn't follow the instructions given, their phone and internet would be disconnected for a period of two weeks. Eventually, the caller hung up.

Please be wary of such calls and as previously advised, you can check someone's credentials; a genuine person won't mind! You can do this by telephoning the company they represent but please don't use contact details they give you.

Keep 'em peeled.

Best wishes,

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Fit locking, anti-tamper wheel nuts to secure alloy wheels

Secure anything that's on the outside of your vehicle

Take it with you or hide it

Hide electrical items and leave no clues

Park in well-lit and busier areas

Take your documents with you

Report any theft to the Police immediately, so we can update our database accordingly.

How to contact the Police

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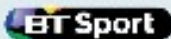
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- ♥ Come accompanied with an adult if you are under the age of 14.
- ☞ Use hand sanitiser before and after each visit.
- Keep 2 metres away from all other users of the playground.
- ☹ Consider wearing face coverings.
- ☹ Avoid touching your face where possible.
- Dispose of any face coverings or gloves at home.
- ☹ Do not consume food or drink in the playground.

Thank you for adhering to our guidance. Use of playground equipment is at your own risk. We hope you enjoy being able to use our play areas again.

To report broken or damaged equipment, please email clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk.



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News from Newtown Linford Parish Council

**Have you looked at the website recently?
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I hope this Parish Council update finds you all safe and in good health during what has been an uncertain time for all of us, in many different ways.

It has been five months since we were last able to meet at Thursday morning Coffee and Cake and I do miss seeing everyone and having a natter (and of course, the delightful cake).

Lockdown restrictions have now eased though and I'm very pleased to see Village businesses and sports clubs have now reopened with safe measures in place for social distancing.

All Saints' Church resumed services on Sunday 9th August and parents and children are preparing for their return to NLPS on Wednesday 26th August.

Government guidance continues to be updated but the message remains the same; 'Stay Alert. Control the Virus. Save Lives'.

We wish everyone well.

As you might have heard, the Parish Council have been working with partners and Councillors David Snartt and Deborah Taylor, to address the issue of parking around the three entrances to Bradgate Park and at locations within the village.

Following the re-opening of Bradgate Park, large numbers of visitors have descended on Newtown Linford and as a result, we have seen many examples of dangerous and obstructive parking, not just on roads but also pavements and verges.

Proposals have now been finalised to address the issues and a public consultation will commence in due course. All households affected, will receive details through the post inviting comments of both objection and support. It is vital that as many responses as possible are submitted.



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We are confident the scheme proposed, alongside a publicity campaign and promised changes to Bradgate Park Trust parking policies, will be an effective long term solution to parking matters within the Parish.

Further updates will be cascaded through our website and Facebook page.

As you will have seen by now, street widening barriers have been installed on Bradgate Road outside the tearoom businesses, to support social distancing following concerns of overcrowding in the area. These are in place on a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order which is under regular review. LCC Highways are currently investigating whether additional measures can be implemented to prevent the barriers from blowing over in windy weather.

On with the news....

Bob Bown Memorial Field

Following a four month closure, the Bob Bown Memorial Field has reopened much to the delight of our younger residents. You will see Guidance for Safe Use signage has been installed around the play park and I have attached a copy to this article for your reference. Please note, hand sanitiser is not provided at the park and park users are advised to take their own.

Our signs were kindly designed by talented resident, Billy Rigg, see page 30) who came to the rescue of a somewhat tech challenged Clerk! Our

sincere thanks go to Billy for his assistance.

During the closure, two independent operational safety inspections were carried out and sadly, the football fencing and goals were deemed unsafe.

In the interest of public safety, the decision was made to remove the offending items, to enable the park to reopen for those keen to make use of the other areas.

We are investigating funding sources to replace both the fencing and goals and to update other areas of the park, hopefully, later in the year/early 2021.

I am keen to hear the views of park users and have so far received suggestions of a zip line, basket swing, climbing wall and more provision for infant children, such as an all-encompassing modular play unit.

I can't make any promises but we are looking into each of these suggestions in the hope we may be able to accommodate some of them and are already receiving quotations. It will depend on the level of funding we can secure, as these types of items are not cheap.

Lastly, if you are using the play park for other art and craft activities, could I please kindly ask that you give the benches a quick wipe down after use, as it is more difficult to remove paints and glitter glue once it has dried? Thank you.

Cemetery and Churchyard

Chairman, Sue Pritchard, has worked really hard on the bund area to the right of the entrance gate to the Cemetery. A number of geraniums have been planted there and are settling in nicely.

Further bulbs have also been planted ready for Spring 2021.

Stay well, stay safe.

Best wishes,

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