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The Bradgate

Group Parish



Nearly thirty years ago – 1995 I think – I went with a friend to an Oasis concert at Earls Court in London. They were a massive fan, I was kind of carried along. I remember it being a great experience, but I have to confess that I enjoyed the opening band more than I enjoyed Oasis! As a nod to the criticism they were getting, Oasis had brought along the Bootleg Beatles as their support act. I knew more of their songs than the main set!

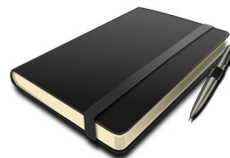
You don't have to have attended the recent Nostalgia Nights at the Linford to know that there's a bigger market for familiar music than there is for new material. Over in Glenfield, a local venue has booked a series of tribute acts, selling out each gig. Which makes me wonder, why are 'bootleg' acts so popular?

I guess part of it is accessibility. Take Taylor Swift for example. A ticket to her Eras tour was almost impossible to get hold of, and hugely expensive. A ticket to a tribute act is just over a tenner, and just down the road. But then so may be a ticket to an original act doing a local gig. So it must be the familiarity – just as with the Bootleg Beatles, I knew most of their songs; at the Nostalgia nights, I'm sure everyone ends up singing along.

Paul writes this in one of his letters: 'imitate me, as I imitate Christ'. Now, on one level, no-one can match Jesus. Yet Paul seems to suggest that he aims to be a tribute act – to base his life firmly on the example of Jesus. And invites us to do the same. So that everyone is able to meet Jesus, and everyone is able to learn how to live his life, 'sing his song'. If you're a Christian, I don't know if you've ever considered yourself in that way, as a Jesus tribute act? And if not, you don't have to go far to hear and enjoy his good news, we're just down the road.

Richard Trethewey
Rector of St Peter's, Glenfield, and All Saints', Newtown Linford
0116 287 1604

VILLAGE DIARY



March

- 2nd Village Rummage Sale
- 8th Disco Inferno
- 13th Parish Council Meeting 7:15pm Village Hall
- 26th Gardening Club Celebrity Evening

Mondays

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

Thursdays

- 11.15 Coffee Mornings Village Hall
- 6.15 Exercise class, The Linford

Fridays

- 9:30 Jolly Tots, The Village Hall
- AM: Fruit and Veg stall at Cooks Farm Shop

Saturday

- 2nd Saturday of each month - Village Ramblers

4th Tuesday of the month
Gardening Club

4th Wednesday of the month
Gentleman's Club Bradgate PH

Wednesdays

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

Take a reflective walk

All Saints' are joining with three neighbouring churches and a number of local schools, including Newtown Linford Primary, to offer a chance to reflect on the original events of Easter.

In each of the churchyards in the run-up to Easter itself there will be some images created by children at the schools showing events from Jesus' last few hours before he died on the cross. Accompanying them will be a series of audio reflections, accessible via a QR code at each scene.

Each church will host part of the story, but you'll have to visit all four – including Glenfield, Anstey and Thurcaston – to get the whole picture. [Images are from the first time we did this, back in 2021, but with bought images rather than child-produced ones].

On Good Friday, 29th March at 2pm, there will an Hour at the Cross, bringing all those events together as we think about not just the events, but the difference they made and make to reality itself.

On Easter Day, 31st March at 10am, we celebrate that the cross was not the end of the story—Jesus is risen! Everyone is welcome—there may even be an egg hunt!!!

COFFEE & CAKE ROTA March 2024

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



March 2024

- 7th Janet & David Brunton, Angela & Adrian McNamee 242662; 07710 253231
14th Lesley Cook, Chris A/Ann Scrine with **School** 245208; 242432; 481928
21st Jenny C, Sue Howard, Charlotte T, 245373; 07896 349977; 242959
28th Carol Ann, Jackie Brewin 243433; 243439; 242370

April 2024

- 4th Maria Simms, Vicki Kerr, Lauren Ahyow 07974 085434; 07904 123603; 07816 410164
11th Sue Morran, Sarah Brown, Teresa Calvert 07810 116641; 07811 166161; 07469 719018
18th Joe & Claire Costello with Bakers help 249613
25th Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Sue Birkett, Julie Clark 07713 457414; 242000; 244317; 07765 032307

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

Are you interested in joining a 'homely', free of charge piano club (no teaching)

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NEWTOWN LINFORD VILLAGE RUMMAGE SALE



Saturday 2nd March 2024

1.30pm in the Village Hall

Admission 50p

Tea and Home Made Cakes



Are you Spring Cleaning?

If so and you are outting unwanted clothes, shoes, bric-a-brac, toys, books etc, please will you remember w are having a rummage sale and would be grateful for any donations.

If anyone is able to make a cake for the event, it would be received with thanks.

The Village Hall will be open to drop off any of your rummage on Friday 1st March from 11am and again on Saturday morning the day of the sale - from 9am.

We hope villagers will drop in and support us by having a tea and cake and making it an enjoyable and fun afternoon. Perhaps even pickup up a bargain!!!

The event is being organised and run by the following village organisations

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Village Hall Committee

Coffee & Cake

Jolly Tots

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THE FRIENDS OF CHARNWOOD FOREST



The meeting on

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features a talk, 'The Year of a Wildlife and Conservation Volunteer', given by Dave Robinson. He has volunteered in support of a wide variety of local wildlife and conservation groups, including those focusing on bat and butterfly conservation. His talk will be well illustrated and will follow a brief Annual General Meeting.

Members free, Visitors £3.

Founded in 1986, the Friends are badly in need of new Committee Members, without whom the organisation may soon be unable to function. Please talk to Marilyn Upstone or Toby Manning if you think you could help.



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

Our first speaker of the New Year was Chris Cooper-Hayes, a garden designer from South Leicestershire. He showed us ways of designing a garden from scratch and changing boring areas into attractive and welcoming spaces to enjoy. The photos of some of the gardens before and after showed the challenges he sometimes had to face before completing his task. He had a particular interest in protecting wildlife of all kinds and showed how careful planting could give us enjoyment whilst still providing wildlife friendly environments. It was a great way to start the year.

Our first Celebrity evening is on Tuesday 26th March when we welcome Nick Bailey to our village. Nick appears regularly as a presenter on Gardeners' World and is a highly respected horticulturalist and garden designer. It is very pleasing that people with a national reputation are willing to come to small villages and meet local gardeners.



We will have a small number of places available to non-members for this event and visitors may obtain tickets for £15 by contacting the Secretary at the addresses below. If you are interested, please make contact with us.

Further details of our Club can be found on our website, shown above, or by email at 32couling@gmail.com or by telephone on 01530 242452

Anne and David Couling

Village Archive

This month more about what was happening in the Village in 1965.

The Church Services on Sundays were attended by an average of between 70 and 80 people and many newcomers to the village had become active members. There was a thriving Choir, Sunday School, Women's Fellowship and there were also Scouts, Cubs and a Brownie Pack.

The WI started the year with 115 members, the average attendance at meetings being 64, when they had varied talks and demonstrations, to say nothing of their famous annual Party - always a sellout. When a country dancing competition was to be held at Thrussington Village Hall a team was formed, and under the leadership of Mrs Marion Smith practices were held in the Sunday School Room. There was also Armchair Keep fit, Painting Class, Sewing Club, Tennis Club, Cricket Club, Drama Society, Good Neighbour scheme and a well-attended Parish Party (I don't doubt there were other groups too that I haven't yet come across).

The Linford Club then known as "The Ex Service Social Club and Institute" had a very large Committee and appears to have been thriving.

The Quorn Hunt met at Benscliffe Hey and In July Mr James Gilbert, the owner of Beaumanor Riding School in the village held a Horse show and Gymkhana. Rain, sleet, hail and high winds made it a stay at home holiday over the Easter weekend. It appears to have been rather a wet year with 33.65 inches (854.71mm) of rain, the average annual rainfall being 24.2 inches (609.60mm).

Following a Public Inquiry, an attempt to develop a large estate off Markfield Lane was defeated. It was described as a perfect example of what can be achieved by local opinion when adequately expressed through our elected representatives. Long may that continue!

Correction. Last month, I said that the dendrochronology (timber dating) took place at Vine Cottage, in fact, it was next door at Rose Cottage (many thanks, Brian).

Iris Sayer



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www.markfieldhistory.org – FB Bygone Markfield

SUNDAY SERVICES March 2024



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
3 March	8.30am Holy Communion	
Third Sunday of Lent	9.30am Breakfast Church	10am Holy Communion <i>John Woolmer</i>
10 March	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>John Woolmer</i>
Mothering Sunday	4.30pm Evening Prayer	
17 March	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
Fifth Sunday of Lent		
24 March	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
Palm Sunday	4pm Crumpet Church	
28 March	10.30am Holy Communion	
Maundy Thursday		7.30pm Holy Communion <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
29 March	9.30am Breakfast Church	
Good Friday		2pm Hour at the Cross <i>Luke Dobson</i>
31 March	5.30am Dawn Service	
Easter Day	10am Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion <i>Richard Trethewey</i>

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CHURCH REGISTERS

Weddings

None

Baptisms

None

Funerals

29 January ~ Hilda Maynard



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.

Holy Week and Easter Reflection Stations

We are hoping to join with the other churches in the Bradgate Group and with local schools (we've had a positive response from four, including Newtown Linford), to put up some images and material for reflection in the churchyard corresponding to events of Holy Week and Easter in the week or so before. If you'd be interested in helping, speak to Richard .

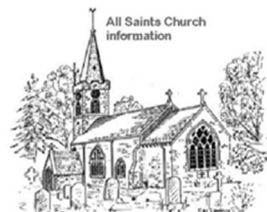
Mothering Sunday We look forward to welcoming the Brownies back again for the Mothering Sunday service on 10 March

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Newtown Brownies

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This year the Newtown Linford Brownies, were part of a Service at the Church to help us celebrate. Each brownie was given a country and a hat or accessories to represent the country. After each Brownie lit a candle for their country they had to stand up and greet the congregation using their countries language. I was Bali and had a lovely gold traditional head piece to wear that looked like a crown. I had to say 'selamat siang Happy Thinking Day to all the Brownies in Bali'.

After this we sang some songs at the front of the Church including 'cuddly koala', 'Aunty Monica' and '4 nights ago'. These songs are sang by Brownies in different countries across the world. Then we all had tea and biscuits afterwards!

We then had another celebration evening at our next Brownie session at The Linford. For this we made Caribbean punch with fresh orange and



banana in it. We also had lots of fun playing games including one where we had to go through the Brownies legs called the London Underground. Then a Portuguese game where we had to jump onto bits of paper.



By Grace Alton

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The Gentlemen's Dinner/Sportsman's Dinner.

Newtown Linford is one of the very few cricket clubs in Leicestershire to maintain what was originally entitled the 'Gentlemen's Dinner', latterly renamed the 'Sportsman's Dinner'. This event was inaugurated in 1950 and was held in the Village Hall. In the succeeding seventy-three years, with the exception of Covid, various venues have been the hosts, predominately the Bracken Hill between the years 1968 and 1987 and latterly Lingdale Golf Club.

The list of guest speakers over the years reads like a 'Who's Who' of English cricket. The likes of David 'Bumble' Lloyd, Mike Gatting, Graham Gooch, Geoff Miller, Derek



Annual Gents' Dinner - Bracken Hill Restaurant - February 1980.

Left to Right: Chris Balderstone (Leics. C.C.C.), J. Palmer (President N.L.C.C.), J. Laker (Surrey C.C.C. and England), P. Joslin (Deputy Chief Constable Warwickshire Police Force), F. Foulds (Social Secretary N.L.C.C.).

Randall, Basil D'Oliveira, Jonathan Agnew and many more have graced us with their presence. While all of these names are synonymous with the game in this country, perhaps the greatest of all was Jim Laker. For our younger readers, Jim Laker was a right arm off spinner who played for Surrey and England, who took a world test record of 19 wickets for 90 runs (9 for 37 in the first innings and 10 for 53 in the second) at the Oval versus Australia in 1956. In his speech he didn't tell one joke but just related cricket stories which held the audience spellbound for the whole of the time that he was on his feet. For those lucky enough to have been in attendance, a night to remember.

The 'Sportsman's Dinner' is an event well worth preserving and although its decline at the majority of clubs is sad to note, it is to be hoped that at Newtown Linford Cricket Club it will continue for years to come.

Chris Scrine

Wildlife Walk

Our wildlife walk this month will be on 30th March (Easter Saturday), when we plan to visit Sheet Hedges Wood to look for early woodland flowers. Meet outside the Village Hall at 2pm. It would be helpful if you could let Toby Manning know you are planning to come (01530 245298; ptm@tobymanning.co.uk).



Wildlife to look out for during March

- ❖ March shows the transition from Winter to Spring: Winter migrants such as Redwings and Fieldfares are still around before they return to Scandinavia for the summer; you may also be lucky enough to see Waxwings, of which there has been an influx this year. Meanwhile summer migrants, such as House Martins and Swallows, are starting to arrive.
- ❖ Amphibians are stirring: look out for frogs and toads looking to mate. If you have a pond, go out at night and listen to see if you can hear signs of activity. Frogspawn comes in the familiar clumps. Toads lay their spawn in long "ropes", while Newt spawn is laid individually, each egg being wrapped in a pond plant leaf.
- ❖ Hibernating butterflies will now be appearing. Although most butterflies spend the winter as an egg, a caterpillar or a chrysalis, a few hibernate as the mature butterfly, and these will be the first to appear. Look out for Brimstones (a pale yellow), Peacocks with their large circular eye-spots and Small



Tortoiseshells (black and orange, with a thin black and yellow "tiger stripe" along the front of the wing).



Toby Manning

Bradgate Park Family Hike

in Memory of Eadie

All ages and dogs welcome



Meeting Point:

Start at the main Newtown Linford village BP car park (car park charges apply)

Time:

Arrive 9.30am, start walking at 10.00am

Hike Duration:

Approximately: 2.5 hours plus extra for a drink and rest.

Difficulty: Moderate (Suitable for children)

Terrain: Mixed single track and path

All children will receive a certificate and medal when completing the route.

Route:

- Start at main gates, bare left up hill towards coppice
- Head up hill to the monument lookout
- Through a smaller coppice to Old John Lookout Tower
- Head down hill towards house ruins to memorial woods
- Visit Eadie's memorial
- Refreshments & toilet break at Deer Barn Tea Rooms
- Head back along main path to main gates.

Kit List

- Walking boots
- Waterproofs
- Water bottle
- Snacks

Points of Interest

- Old John Tower
- House Ruins
- Eadie's Memorial Woods
- Deer Barn Tea Rooms and Visitors Centre

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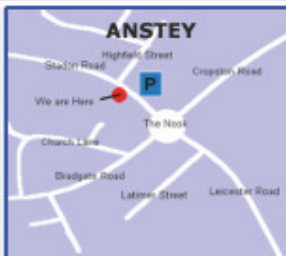
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**Information from David Snartt.
Borough Councillor for Forest Bradgate.**

Former Lady Jane Mobile Home Park.

I was so disappointed with the outcome of the decision to allow the planning application for the former mobile homes site on Bradgate Road at the Charnwood Borough Council's Plans Committee on Thursday 25th January. This in contrast to the representations supplied at the meeting by two residents, Parish Councillors and myself, who put evidence forward for this proposal to be refused.

You may recall the developer had secured planning permission to build 2/3 bedroom bungalows which were a good replacement for the mobile homes. This latest planning application will now see 4/5 bedroom dwellings on this site. I stated at the meeting this would not help people who wanted to stay in the village to downsize to a smaller property. I also noted evidence shows that Newtown Linford already has 86% of houses which have three or more bedrooms against 69% across the Charnwood Borough. Therefore, I did ask the question, are we building homes that are needed by the Parish community or solely for commercial gain of the developer.

This latest application, in my view, was not in line with a policy within the Local Plan, which states: Based on the projections for our population and household types, our evidence suggests that we need to increase the number of two-bedroom homes, to do this 30-35% of all homes delivered should be smaller two bedroom homes. I believe there will be many residents who will be sad to hear the outcome that sees the change of 2/3 bedroom bungalows to 4/5 bedroom properties.

Former Grey Lady Restaurant.

I have been sent e-mails and asked about what is happening on the site of the former Grey Lady Restaurant. I believe people are aware planning permission was granted with conditions to demolish the existing building and a replacement dwelling built.

Due to the commencement of works to demolish the vacant building, the demolition works started without the successful discharge of a pre-demolition condition attached to planning application P/23/0316/2. This condition related to bat safety and mitigation. Bats are a protected species, it is a legal requirement to report any instances of unlawful disturbance (such as this) to the Police.

The failure to successfully discharge the pre-demolition condition in time

has meant that the applicants have to submit a new, full, planning application in order to regularise works and obtain a lawful planning permission for the site. I will keep you informed about a new planning application when it is submitted to Charnwood Borough Council.

Council Homes Improvements.

A new firm has been awarded a two-year contract to deliver improvements to Council homes in Charnwood. Jeakins Weir, an independent construction company has been awarded the contract by Charnwood Borough Council to deliver scheduled improvements to Council-owned homes in the Borough.

The contract will involve full and partial bathroom and kitchen replacements as part of the Council's programme of planned improvements to its housing stock. It will also include external and internal structural works and refurbishments to empty properties. The new contract came into place last year following a strict procurement process. Jeakins Weir is a family-owned business and was established in 1973. The Northamptonshire based company has expanded since it was founded over 50 years ago and now operates throughout the midlands.

Farmers and Craft Market.

Food and drink producers and hand made craft traders are invited to join a monthly market in Loughborough. Charnwood Borough Council runs a farmers and craft market in the town centre on the second Wednesday every month. It aims to offer visitors to the market locally sourced produce and hand made crafts whilst supporting small businesses and bringing more variety to the town centre for local people and visitors.

To help grow the farmers and craft market the Council is offering pitches free of charge to traders for a limited period of time. New traders can take advantage of the offer until Wednesday 10th April 2024. Find out more about becoming a trader, booking a free pitch and find out further information about

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You can apply to vote by post for a particular election, for a set time or a maximum of up to three years. You can apply for a postal vote in a number of ways: On line via www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote: Download, print and complete a postal vote application form from the Electoral Commission: Contact Electoral Services at Charnwood Borough Council elections@charnwood.gov.uk or call 01509 634546. They will send you a postal vote application form to complete. Remember you can choose to vote by post simply because it would be more convenient to do so.

More information is available on the Charnwood Borough Council website www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/voting_by_post.

I will be opening my garden again (probably for the last time) as part of the National Gardens Scheme (mainly nurse based charities) from March up until September.

As previous Jan is happy to just charge £3 for you to celebrate birthday, chimpanzees tea party etc. Jan will set up cutlery, crockery, linen etc if you want to sit by the river, bring your own refreshments or pay an extra £3.50 for tea and cake.

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Newtown Linford Ramblers

A lovely walk despite the last minute changes due to weather conditions making it extremely muddy! Luckily the weather was kind to the eleven who ventured the circular walk across the fields to Lea Meadows and back down Ulverscroft Lane.

Great to have the company of Leslie and Phil's 3 extremely well behaved, adorable grandchildren plus their father. Afterwards John (thanks for the cake), Glenis and Dave joined us for refreshments at Jan's.

The next walk in March will be led by Joe and Claire Costello. Please email Claire for further information.

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**Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch -
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This month's NHW report comes from our Local Police Beat Officers:

Speeding survey in Newtown Linford 26/1/24.

We wanted to share the results of a covert speeding survey conducted yesterday on Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford. This is specifically the part of the road that comes into the village from Anstey and goes from a 40mph speed limit to a 30mph speed limit at the top of the hill.

We're aware that this particular bit of road often suffers with speeding issues and enforcement vehicles do visit there from time to time, but as a beat team we like to witness these issues ourselves, hence our survey yesterday.

These are the results -

30mph and under - 33%

31mph to 35 mph - 36%

36mph to 40 mph - 21%

41mph and over - 10 %

The fastest vehicle was travelling at 51mph!

It is incredibly disappointing to see that 67% of people driving into the village from the direction of Anstey are exceeding the speed limit. This is of course completely unacceptable. In 2022, excessive speed killed 303 people in the UK and seriously injured 2180 others. Next time you're speeding through Newtown Linford, please have a think about how you'd cope with being jailed/losing your job/losing your house should be involved in one of these types of collisions.

Enforcement will follow in due course.

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Theft from work vans

Over recent months, we have seen a rise in offences relating to thefts whereby entry is gained into work-vans overnight and tools taken. We are currently investigating a number of these offences and during the investigation, we have often found that owners do not regularly record information such as the make and model of their tools/serial numbers/ photographs of their tools/unique identifying features that could assist in identifying them when seized by police.

It may sound simple and obvious, but we are finding that when we recover tools, we sometimes struggle to find their rightful owners as identifying serial numbers/marks are not recorded on our system. Information like this helps us to reunite tools with their owners as well as prosecuting offenders.

Please consider recording the above information when purchasing your tools. If you are keeping tools in your vans overnight, please consider removing them, keeping them secure and always remember to use any security measures such as Alarms / CCTV that you have.

Thank you

PC 330 Greg Moore and PCSO 6093 Mitch Jarvis

Keep 'em peeled. Best wishes,

Hannah Shaw, Parish Council Clerk,

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Spring is just around the corner (hoorah!) and hopefully, the ground will start to dry out after weeks of heavy rainfall.

Following Storms Babet and Henk and heavy rainfall during the first week of February, I am now able to confirm that our Village flood defences and water pumps are accessible 24 hours a day via a newly installed key safe at the Village Hall. The code for the key safe will change regularly for security reasons but in the event of flooding, you can access the key safe code by calling either myself on the telephone number below or the Village Hall Premises Officer, Martyn Wormleighton, on 07497 164809.

If you have previously suffered any incidents of flooding or may be at risk of flooding and would like a supply of Hydrosnakes, please contact me on the details below. We can't change the weather but we can be prepared!

Please see the results of a covert speeding survey carried out by Police on 26th January in my Neighbourhood Watch article. At around the same time, the VAS unit at the bottom of Sharpley Hill took a tumble into the ditch. Fortunately, it does still appear to be working but requires new casing. The Parish Council will be conducting a review of the current Vehicle Activated Signs around the Parish and hope to bring you an update in the not too distant future.

On with more news....

Bob Bown Memorial Field

Our Annual Inspection of the Bob Bown Memorial Field and play park went smoothly and I'm pleased to report we passed with flying colours following last year's improvement works, with the exception of one issue....rope swings!! Aargh! A further reminder that unauthorized rope swings are **NOT PERMITTED**.

Cemetery and Churchyard

Work has commenced on a new ash plot area next to the Cemetery shed. Over the coming weeks, the area will be turfed and prepared for new interments.

If you would like further details regarding earthen and ash plot availability, please contact me at the email address below. As maintenance costs are increasing, plot prices may be reviewed this year, so get in early to avoid any possible price increases.

Disco Inferno

At the time of print, we still have some tickets available for Disco Inferno, a 70s themed night, which will be held on Friday 8th March from 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Tickets are £15.00 each. Please contact me on the details below if you'd like to join the fun!

Best wishes,

Hannah Shaw, Parish Council Clerk

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