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May 2017

Bank holidays are like buses, you wait ages for one and then two come along at once. May, when spring really seems to get going, is a great time to have them. Lots of opportunities for getting out, visiting friends and family, enjoying nature as it transitions into summer. No government enjoys May, however – those two bank holidays mean we don't normally see much economic growth as a result and they have no good news to announce. Businesses likewise often have a bit of a wobble figures-wise – unless of course they're ice-cream sellers and one of the Mondays turns out to be a rare sunny one.

It's slightly odd that we still call them 'bank holidays', after all, most people are able to take them, not just bank employees. But it's quite useful, because it reminds us that here are two days, in the midst of what can be a fairly constant focus on the making and spending of money, that there is more to life than building the bank account. We take a holiday from boosting our bank balance, to find a different kind of balance.

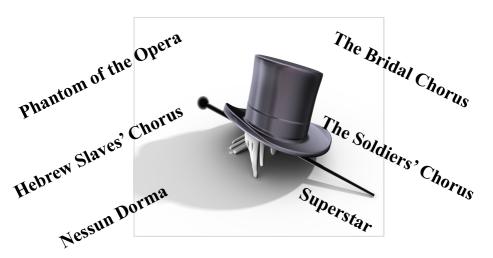
Actually, I'm not a big fan of the term 'work-life balance'. It seems to suggest that work isn't part of life, which it clearly is – whether that's employment, or work at home, in the garden, or volunteering – and that there is some precarious point at which that finds a temporary stability, but anything changes and off you fall. Rather, I think of a blend in which the ingredients of life – work, family, fun, learning, and many other things – play different parts.

I believe we were made to work, as part of life, but also made for more than work. Made for more than accumulating wages and wealth. The word 'holiday' comes from 'holy day', a day given to and by God. He has made us to be whole humans, to live life in a way which is full of joy and peace. A way of life which only Jesus has entirely lived, but into which he invites us to follow him as he opens the door for us.

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VILLAGE DIARY

May

1st Bluebell Walk

4/6th Bradgate Drama Society

13th Ramblers 16th Boules

22nd Parish Council23rd Gardening Club

28th/29th Newtown Linford Open Gardens

June

8/10th Night at the Opera (Choral Society)

Regular events

Monday afternoon Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall

Mondays 8pm at the Church
4th Tuesday of the month
Gardening Club
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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



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 18th Zoe Renolds & Sue Birkett
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 25th Bev Griffiths & Sue Dobby
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June

 1st
 Katie Cook & Haley
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 8th
 Judy Rowe, Sue Pritchard & School
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15th Mary, Sarah & Wes Raynor - Men's Bake Off Competition 243042 22nd Lesley Cook/Chris A & Gay Redstone 242214/242432/ 0116

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29th Ruth Goddard & Anne Smith 245316/242639

July

6th Amanda Sculthorpe & Vicky Lightfoot 242445/0777912352

13th Joe & Claire Costello 249613 20th Janet & David Brunton 242662

27th Betty McChrystal, Sue Howard & Gill Bates 244363/245373/

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Wednesday May 31st - Lunch at Shuttleworth Clarke Ulverscroft If anyone would like to join us for the day visit with lunch please contact Carol Ann Sugden on 01530 243433

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Children from the Primary School who attended and entertained at Coffee and Cake

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The first, **Sharks in the Custard**, is set in a museum



where a group of cleaners face redundancy or outsourcing of their jobs – can't say that we don't combine current affairs with drama in our productions!

The second, **Two Sisters**, is a bit darker, which you might expect from it being set in 19th century Russia and having a coffin as the centrepiece of the set! Any resemblance to Chekov stops there, however, as the play rattles along at a joke a minute to its final twist at the end.



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Newtown Linford Gardening Club

Last month Andrew Mikolajski spoke to us about plants which enjoy growing in shade. Not only were his slides beautiful to look at but the knowledge he imparted to us was extensive and he was wonderfully entertaining. He was a new speaker for us but we are sure he will be invited to return one day. He also brought some plants from his own garden, which were gleefully pounced on by our members.

We also introduced something new in that we placed a table at the rear of the hall and invited members to bring along surplus plants for a plant swap. This proved poplar and we will be doing it on a regular basis.

Our May speaker is yet another visitor who has excelled at Chelsea.

Brian Fearn and his team won a gold medal for his display of echinopsis hybrids which were heavily featured on the BBC programmes from Chelsea. These are plants which are less common to us amateur gardeners but fascinating in their own way and we will look forward to being taken out of our comfort zone and introduced to a different area of horticulture.



Our programme of events is now almost complete up to the end of 2018. We are delighted to have secured visits from two well known television and radio gardeners- namely Bunny Guiness and Bob Flowerdew so we have much to look forward to.

Anne and David Couling

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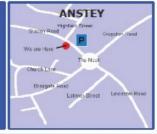
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From the Park

Onwards and Upwards

We have moved on from the days when the Park went into hibernation at the end of the school summer holidays and nothing much happened until the following spring. Nevertheless, Easter is still an important time for us, marking as it does the end of winter working and the start of "the season" proper.

This year, we chose the Easter weekend to launch our opening of Old John following months of renovation and general TLC administered by our volunteers. We knew that the new offer would be popular and the Visitor Experience Volunteers on duty were bracing themselves when they prepared to open the door for the first time on Good Friday. In the end, they welcomed 1,300 visitors in 12 hours of opening over the weekend, a situation best described as "busy but manageable (just)".

On the Tuesday after Easter Monday, we welcomed our 70,000th visitor to the Visitor Centre. To achieve this milestone in the tenth month of opening when we had been anticipating 50,000 in the whole of the first year is a fantastic achievement, all the more so because of the excellent feedback we have received from visitors regarding the content and quality of the exhibition.

We are always pleased to hear from people who are passionate about the Park and would like to volunteer to help us tell its stories to our visitors in the Visitor Centre or as tour guides. We also receive many requests for speakers from various clubs and societies, Women's Institutes and the like. Until now, I have been doing all these myself but I now need help! As part of our participation in the Volunteering for Good programme, we are now looking to recruit and train Community Champions. The role of a Community Champion is to broaden the public's understanding of Bradgate Park and the many stories it has to tell through presenting talks to interested groups within Leicester and Leicestershire. During the training, you will be introduced to the role of Community Champion and to the topics that our talks cover including the history, environment and natural history of the Park. At the end of the training, if you have liked what you have heard there will be an opportunity to sign up to become a Community Champion and find out about further opportunities. The role is ideal for someone who loves Bradgate Park, the environment, and wishes to share their love with others. You will also

need to be able to present to groups and be an ambassador for the Park and the Bradgate Park Trust. The session will run on Saturday 13th May from 1.30 to 3.30pm. For more information please contact Nicole Garrett via the office or email education@bradgatepark.org

The weekend before Easter, we received an unwelcome reminder of just how high the fire risk is on the Park in dry conditions when an area of dead bracken caught fire. The cause is not known but the Fire Service's best guess was a carelessly discarded cigarette. Fortunately, we have been working on our emergency fire response and so staff were able to get the fire under control by the time fire-fighters

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arrived to help damp down the area. We were lucky to lose only around 1,000 square metres of habitat but it could have been a lot worse. It was therefore extremely worrying to recover seven disposable barbecues from around the Park the following day. There is a reason why we do not allow fires and barbecues: the dead bracken litter is like a tinderbox just waiting for a spark to start a fire that can burn out of control very quickly.

Planning is progressing for this summer's events, the first of which is Chapterhouse Theatre Company's production of The Wind in the Willows on Sunday 25th June. The Early Bird offer for the Bradgate Proms on 19th August closed on 31st March but we are now offering a special offer for groups: parties of 10 or more can book tickets for £20 per head rather than the usual £25 so it is worth getting together with family and friends and ordering your tickets as a group.

The draft version of the Bradgate Park Trust's new Strategic Plan is available for comment until Monday 8th May and can be downloaded from our website. The plan recognises that the world in which the Trust oper ates has changed out of all recognition since Charles Bennion established the charity in 1928 and sets out how the Trust plans to

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Village Ramblers



Lovely spring sunshine encouraged a good turnout of seventeen, including some joining us for the first time, for April's Village Ramble, led by Joe and me. After taking the footpath from Main Street to Bradgate Park, we walked along the inside of the park's perimeter wall to Hunt's Hill, and then followed the permissive path parallel to Benscliffe Road. A stile at the other end of this footpath proved a major challenge for one of the four dogs with us and, unfortunately, in an attempt to lift the struggling animal over it, one of our party ended up with a scratched arm. Eventually, the dog was successfully coaxed over, and we crossed the road and entered Benscliffe Wood. The owner had given permission for us to access this private woodland, which has no public footpaths running through it. After walking up the hill to the 'Pillar Rocks' - a site of Special Scientific Interest due to the uncommon lichens growing there - we took a short stroll around another part of the wood, with excellent views across to Roecliffe Hall and beyond. After bumping in to my brother on the way back through the wood – he lives nearby and was investigating the noise we were making (we weren't that rowdy, honest!) - we returned for tea and cakes at Markfield Lane

Claire Costello

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DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD			
7th May	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)				
4th Sunday of Easter	10.15am Worship as One (GS/RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)			
	6.30pm Evensong (RT)				
14th May		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)			
5th Sunday of Easter	10.15am Holy Communion (RT/GS)	10.30am Morning Prayer (JW)			
	6.30pm Compline				
21st May	8.30am Holy Communion (FT)				
6th Sunday of Easter	10.15am Service of the World (BH/AdP)	10.30am Yeomanry Service (FT)			
	4.00pm Messy Church (team)				
28th May		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)			
7th Sunday of Easter	10.15am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am All Age Service (RT)			
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (RT)				

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—May 2017									
GLENFIELD	Wed	10.45am	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st		
NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10.00am	4th						

CHURCH REGISTER NEWTOWN LINFORD

Weddings None

Baptisms

Funerals

13th April ~ Joan Miller, formerly of Hinckley Road, LFE





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.

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Rev Peter Sheridan

The Rev. Peter Sheridan died on 15th February 2017 and his funeral took place at the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels Markfield on 6th March 2017.

Peter was born on 15th May 1937 and grew up in a mining village in North Staffordshire, where he lived next door to his grandparent's grocer's shop. Often in the morning he went out with the pony and trap delivering bread his grandfather had baked earlier that morning.

After leaving school he did his National Service working in the Pay Corps firstly in Leicester and subse-



quently Germany. The day after he was demobbed he went to a dance at Trentham ballroom where he met Hilda always saying it was the best day's work he ever did. They then went their separate ways, Peter to Teacher Training in Birmingham and Hilda to Liverpool. Hilda recalls there were no mobile phones in those days so it was just one telephone call a week and letters until they had completed their studies. They married in 1960 and have two daughters Alison and Julie. Now grown up they are married to Robert and Paul. Between them they have produced five grandchildren Tom, Joe, Jess, Dom and Ben who are now fully grown.

Peter taught in a number of schools including an all boys Secondary school in Staffordshire, a school in Essex and Oadby Beauchamp Upper School here in Leicestershire. By 1968 he had become a committed Christian and was a Lay Reader in the Church of England. (A Reader in the Church of England is qualified to take certain services and should not be confused with someone just reading the lesson). He success-





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fully applied for the position of Vice-Principal in an Anglican High School in Bury, Greater Manchester and during this time decided to complete a three year part-time Ordination Course in order to become the School Chaplain. However, after being ordained he decided he would prefer to become a non-stipendiary Minister which is how he became to be living here in the Newtown Linford Vicarage as Honorary Team Vicar. He came to Newtown Linford via St. Crispins, Braunstone and following on from here went to the Woodhouse, Woodhouse Eaves and Swithland Team.

He always felt honoured and privileged to be a part of people's lives, even if only briefly, especially at some of their most precious moments –

baptisms, weddings and funerals. He felt he had been 'richly blessed' a phrase he always used when with his family. He still received Christmas cards from some of the couples that he had married or baptized their children.

His three loves of his life were his family, his faith and football. When living in Essex he was a keen West Ham supporter and of course here in Leicester he was an avid Foxes fan always having the latest team shirt. He was a keen rambler and always had the best of gear. He collected every version of the Bible he could find and was a dedicated BCP man. (That is the Book of Common Prayer that is not often used in Church now).

Hilda says during his final year of life he suffered terrible dementia and lived in a world he could no longer remember or understand but initially he was still able to attend the Markfield Bible Study Group and enjoy their fellowship. The Rev. Douglas Brewer from that Group gave the address at the funeral service recalling Peter having lots of stories to tell often over and over again.

Quite a number of the congregation from All Saints here in the Village attended his funeral and male members of his family wore their Foxes blue and white scarves

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The Café is one of the student-led enterprises at the College, which offers specialist support for people with disabilities, including those with sight loss.

If you would prefer to book please call: 01509 611077. 26

Brownies

Leicestershire Girl Guiding is 100 years old this year. I can't quite go back 100 years but I have seen some changes in Brownie uniforms, going back to when I was a Brownie in Newtown. The photographs show the different eras that I can relate to. Hilary (Brown Owl).

1950's to late 1960's. Now who can spot which one is Brown Owl!



Editors apologies - so sorry Report below was meant to be in last months magazine!

Brownie Jumble Sale
On Saturday 4th March
2017 Brownies had one of
our many Rummage
Sales. With so many donations we managed to
run the following stalls:
White Elephant, Linen,
Shoes, Clothes, Handbags, Jewellery, Books,
Toys and Tombola.

We had so many customers and ran from 1.30 until around 4pm. In this time along with the cakes money and other selling with what was left over we managed to raise a whopping £990.61, which you would agree is a fantastic amount! But if we hadn't have had all the donations and help we would not have raised so much and so we would like to thank you if you helped it happen.

We also would like to also thank our Brown Owl for all her hard work and dedication to our Brownie pack sale. **Kate Chorlton, 10 years**



1990's Uniform to 2006.

Editors note -this photo above doesn't seem to have been taken that long ago as I recognise most of the girls on it including my own 26 year old daughter - how time flies!

2007 to present day below





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Newtown Linford Open Gardens

Sunday 28th & Monday 29th May 2017

After last year's highly successful NGS Open Garden charity fundraising in Newtown Linford, several gardens on Main Street: 'Woodlands', 'Bank Cottage' & 'Appletree Cottage' will open again and they may also be joined by one or two more gardens on Main Street. They will definitely be joined by 'Mountain Ash' on Ulverscroft Lane.



This year is a very special year for the National Garden Scheme as it marks its 90th anniversary and we will open our gardens in the village on

the actual anniversary weekend. Since its opening in 1927, NGS has raised over £50 million, which it has donated mainly to nursing charities. Last year alone they donated £2.7 million, including £500,000 to each of Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie and Hospice UK plus large donations to Carers Trust, Queens Nursing Institute, Parkinson's UK, MS Society and other charities.



The gardens opening in Newtown Linford provide an interesting variety of sizes and styles. Two of the gardens have banks of the River Lin from where you can see brown trout and the occasional kingfisher. 'Appletree Cottage' has a charming enclosed garden, surrounding a C17 thatched cottage, with interesting paths leading to lawns, borders, sun terrace and a small lily pond. 'Bank Cottage' has a typical cottage garden, set on different levels that lead down to the river, providing year round colour but is prettiest in spring. The River Lin flows through the one acre garden at

Woodlands', where many varied shrubs and spring flowers grow round the mature trees. You can enjoy tea & cake at 'Mountain'

Ash', a two acre garden with stunning views across the Charnwood countryside. Near the house are patios, lawns, water features flower and shrub beds, soft fruit cage, greenhouses and vegetable plots. Lawns then slope down to a gravel garden, a large wildlife pond and three areas of



woodland, with pleasant walks through many species of trees. There are several places to sit and relax around the garden. In addition to tea and cakes, there will also be plant sales and other stalls at 'Mountain Ash'. Dogs on leads are also welcomed here with well-behaved owners. There is a combined entry fee of £5, covering all the gardens. Children free.

Please come with family and friends and enjoy our gardens in historic Newtown Linford in the beautiful Charnwood countryside on this special NGS 90th anni-



versary weekend and help support this very worthwhile charity.

Parking for visiting the gardens on Main Street will be on land, kindly provided by Malcolm Brewin, at the north end of Main Street. For Moun tain Ash there will be street parking available on Ulverscroft Lane.

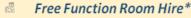
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From the Records

Further on in the Magazine in the Parish Council section, is information on how the Cemetery extension is progressing.

Looking back in the archives we can see that Miss Sally Hardy, 90 years old, was the last person to be buried in a new plot in the Village Churchyard in January 1959. The Churchyard was then closed for new burials. The village records give us a description of the consecration by the Bishop of Leicester of the new Cemetery in Groby Lane Newtown Linford which took place in arctic weather on January 1959.

The lesson was read by the Rev H Fisher Methodist Minister of Anstey. The Vicar Rev Hargreaves lead the reading of the psalms as the congregation proceeded round the ground. Mr H Stopper presented the petition for consecration and Mr Raymond Moore the Bishops legal secretary read the sentence of consecration.

Mrs Stopper provided tea for the 16 souls who had braved the cold snowy weather to be there.

Another item in the Records from 2004 was discussing visitors to Bradgate Park who used to come out on a Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays, with a few coming on a Thursday afternoon which used to be Leicester half day closing. A complaint was that the increasing use of cars by visitors to Bradgate Park, instead of by bus caused difficulty in keeping traffic moving. Double yellow lines were introduced to allow the free flow of traffic but we have found that has not worked due to the number of disabled badge holders who can park legally on double yellow lines and over the past few years have started parking from outside the Sunday School resulting in worse chaos than before! There are also increasing numbers prepared to risk a parking ticket or who are creative in parking partially across residents drives, making it difficult to access your own property.

The Village Records show the first car in the village was owned by Mr Beck the landlord of the Bradgate - a black model T Ford. The year was 1919. At that time there were no buses to Leicester just a carriers horse and cart on a Saturday. Even as late as the 1970's, most visitors came to the Village on the hourly double decker (how times have changed) which used to turn round at Ulverscroft Lane corner. The queues by the bridge at the end of the day were huge and extra buses were brought in. The village is also used by many as another access to Leicester or the M1 but to help traffic flow heavy lorries were banned in 1994. (Markfield 33 Lane, Groby Lane from the quarry and Main Street to Anstey).



Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



I recently attended a meeting when the Police Neighbourhood Policing Area Commander Dwight Barker spoke to us. He informed us that he wanted a better working relationship with the Clerks and Councillors. They of course want more information from the Police but not necessarily expecting them to attend Parish Council Meetings every month. He said that 200 hours a month was spent preparing reports which are already one month out of date by the time they are distributed. He said that the old system had been discontinued since it was felt that too much information was being shared but he felt that some sort of compromise could be worked out. One of the Clerks present was unhappy with the 101 system saying that when reports are made to the County and Borough Councillors there should be a button to press stating that you are a Clerk in order to by-pass all the many questions put to you otherwise.

As I am always saying we are extremely lucky or we look after ourselves

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well here in Newtown Linford since we have very little crime. Let's not get complacent and remember to keep an eye out for our neighbour's property when they are on holiday.

I was reading where at least one County has started a Dog Walker's Watch as these people are out early in the morning. I do not think we need that as our dog walkers are quite integrated into the NHW. Here is a reminder of what to look out for: -



- graffiti and vandalism
- regular incidents of poor driving, speeding and disobeying traffic signs
- insecure homes
- noise issues
- anti-social behaviour
- fly tipping or street cleanliness issues.

If the crime is happening now or anyone is in danger, please call 999. If it is a non-urgent issue you can contact the Police on 101.

That gets me on to fly tipping. We acquired four large tyres in the lay by the Cemetery. Originally seen in a pile and very soon thereafter arranged in a semi-circle. This was reported to Charnwood Borough Council who said they would deal.

I have always had the same main email address but sadly Orange are to close their server at the end of May. Please delete my email that has freeserve in it from your records. You can use either of the two listed below. They all look very similar. Please remember that if your computer guesses as you type it may not be the correct one. That catches me out sometimes when some has notified me of a change I do not notice but I recognize it from before. Apologies to those who do not have internet access as you will not have a clue what I am talking about.

Pam McMorran......NHW Co-ordinator pamriverlyn@msn.com – pam.riverlyn@gmail.com

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The Councillors all continue to work very hard in the interests of the Village. Councillor Rob Haylock has completed a comprehensive list of problems with the road signs. i.e. hidden, damaged or require cleaning. Some of the signs are the responsibility of Charnwood Borough Council and some are the responsibility of Leicestershire County Council. At the time of writing this list has been submitted to the appropriate authority. Whether any funds can be found to carry out this work is another matter.

Councillors Sue Colebeck and Stuart Eyre continue to monitor the Bob Bown Playing Field and new polypropylene football nets have been ordered. There is concern about the safety of the land between the Playing Fields and the Park but we have no control over it and in fact children should not be on that private land. I believe ramps have been built. Please make sure you know where your children are and that you think they are safe.

The broken drain in the pavement outside the shop has once again been reported to Highways. Please mind your step if you walk that way. As mentioned in the NHW copy the fly tip tyres have been reported. If you spot any fly tipping, please take a photo and let me have it along with a note of the nearest address. You can also report it on the Authority website. You click on the spot on the map which I have to admit is not easy to manipulate. This comes up with the postcode – you can then add a photo.

The Council is taking part in a Community Governance Review which expires on 30th April. This is mainly for areas where large new developments are taking place. It may be that some Parish Boundaries will change in order to accommodate this enormous change. I doubt it will affect Newtown Linford.

Our Tree Warden Brian Anderson continues to offer his services to anyone who requires any advice before touching a tree.

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The Cemetery Extension is coming on well. We are waiting for the

County Council to paint the 'SLOW' on the road by the new exit. The 30 young trees that the Woodland Trust has awarded us have arrived and are currently dug in waiting to be planted in the correct position. Several residents have promised a tree in memory of loves ones. More offers will be gratefully received. The Fees and Rules and Regulations for the Cemetery can be found on the website.

The Parish Council are very aware of how crowded the village is becoming with the many visitors to Bradgate Park. We are currently discussing these issues with the Bradgate Park Trust, in consultation with the Borough Council, with a view to preventing dangerous parking. In the meantime, if you have any specific instances of nuisance or danger caused please email Pam McMorran or Sue Pritchard so that we can compile supporting information

The next two Parish Council meetings are on Monday 22nd May and Monday 22nd June, starting at 7.15pm. Please note this is a new time. We meet in the small hall at the Village Hall.

Have you looked at the website recently? www.newtownlinford.org.uk

Pam McMorran – Parish Clerk and Registrar for Burials. 01530 242201 pamriverlyn@msn.com



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