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November 2018

At 11am on Sunday 11 November 2018 it will be precisely one hundred years since the guns fell silent and the brutal war which had torn Western Europe to pieces for four years finally finished.

We will remember in our Remembrance Services the names of those who died in the Forces in that and subsequent conflicts. I have been thinking though, recently, more of those who served and survived. Who had to come back to 'ordinary life' having lived in the trenches. Who returned to their homes and villages, knowing the faces and fates of those who were no longer living there. Who may not have sacrificed their lives in the sense we normally remember, but who had given so much nonetheless. Who lived out the remainder of their lives with the memories and scars they had incurred. Their acts of remembrance must have been heart-wrenching, their moments of silence filled with pain, as they re-lived the things they had seen, the people they had known.

For most of us, we remember at a distance. Perhaps amongst the eldest there are first-hand memories, perhaps a few have seen conflict in the Falklands, the Balkans, the Middle East, but for most of us we are thinking of names with no faces, imagining wars seen on screens rather than directly. And so we use - have to use - devices: the ringing of bells, the lighting of candles and beacons, the wearing of poppies, the names inscribed on a memorial – to bring content and shape to our remembering. Just as Christians have for centuries used a meal, communion, a shape, the cross, to remember Christ who made the fullest sacrifice of all to bring peace.

In Newtown Linford we will be able to remember all those from the Village who served, those who died and those who survived, as in both the service at 10.50am in Church and in the dedication of the new memorial at the Linford, following the Service, they will be acknowledged. The Church will also be lit in red, as many public buildings in the region will be, and the bells will ring out just as they rang a century ago: to mark, remember, honour the past and resolve in our day to follow the way of peace and joy.

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

VILLAGE DIARY

November

10th Ramblers

WW1 Village Centenary Church & The Linford 11th

11th **Bell Ringing**

Film Showing "The Case for Christ" at The Linford 13th

29th /30th **Bradgate Drama Society**

December

Bradgate Drama Society 1st

Regular events

Monday afternoon Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall

Mondays 8pm at the Church Bell Ringing 4th Tuesday of the month Gardening Club 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of month Home Study Group 3rd Wednesday of the month Ladies Luncheon Club

Thursdays 9.15 Jolly Tots Playgroup, Church Thursdays 11.15

Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall Thursdays 6.30 Brownies, Sunday School Rooms

Thursday Eves Bridge Club 9 Main Street 3rd Thursday Gentlemen's Lunch Club

Christmas Card Greetings for Charity 2018

Yes it is nearly upon us!

The Christmas Card message in the Village Magazine to your fellow parishioners is running again this year. We raised £240 for charity last year. If you are pushed for time, want to save the planet or just send a Christmas Greeting to

everyone, we are asking

for a donation of £20 which will go to a charity supporting people not as lucky as most of us over the festive season.

The last date for the messages to go into the December Magazine will be 13th November. Please put your donation in a named envelope with your message and drop it into no 32 Main Street (Next door to School)





Coffee & Cake @ Newtown Linford Village Hall Thursday Morning 11.15am - Free

All Welcome - All Ages

Coffee and Cake Duty Rota



Bev Griffiths & Sue Dobby 01509 890264/245366 1st

Judy Rowe/Clare Attridge/Natasha/Andres Sill 243989/243119 8th 15th June Hallam & Friends 0116 2304808

22nd Marv. Sarah & Wes Ravnor, Jean Deveaux 243042 29th Casey Pearson & Jenny Cole 249259

December

Lesley Cook/Chris A & Gay Redstone 6th 242214/242432/Lei2351625

13th Amanda Sculthorpe & Vicky Lightfoot 242445/07779123952

20th Christmas Cheer /Turkey Sandwiches/Mince Pies - Volunteers required

27th No Meeting Christmas Break - Happy Christmas to all

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

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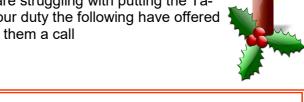
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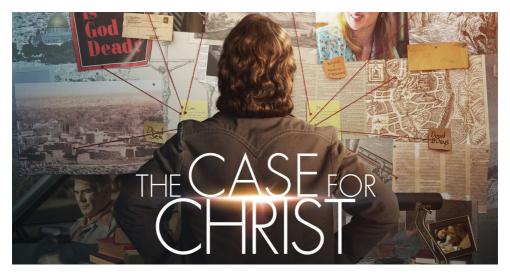
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The film "The Case for Christ." (2017) will be shown free at the Linford Cub on Main Street. It relates the true story of an investigative journalist who embarks on a journey to debunk the resurrection of Jesus. I have shown this film to three Christian groups in my house, each time to great acclaim and now Reverend Richard Trethewey, Rector of St Peter's, Glenfield, and All Saints', Newtown Linford and myself would like to bring it to the rest of the Village. Entrance is free but it would be nice if people let Richard or myself know they are coming so we have some ideas of numbers. Please come and enjoy this brilliant and uplifting film and enjoy discussing it with your neighbours afterwards.

Tuesday 13th November 2018
Linford Club Main Street
Free Film Screening
Time: 7pm

7pm – people arrive and get drinks.

7.30pm – start film.

9.30pm – more drinks and round table discussion.

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Bradgate Drama Society bring



A Christmas Celebration

Christmas is apparently the worst time of year for family upsets as people who don't really like each other very much are thrown together in an atmosphere of compulsory enjoyment.

This is brought out hilariously in 'Comfort and Joy', a brilliant comedy written by Mike Harding, the famous comedian and folk singer, which is being performed by Bradgate Drama Society as their 2018 Christmas Production.

Martin and Margaret Duggan have their grumpy uncle Goff staying with them over the Christmas period and are expecting visits from the rest of the family. Things soon spiral out of control as the family arrives and other unexpected visitors call by, resulting in a spectacularly chaotic festive period.

The show will be staged at

Newtown Linford Village Hall
Thursday 29th.. Friday 30th. November
and Saturday 1st. December
at 7.30p.m.

Tickets are £7.50

Available from Toby Manning – 01530 245298 <u>bradgatedrama@gmail.com</u>

Newtown Linford Ramblers

Newtown ramblers enjoyed a walk to Groby. Having rested at Groby Pool and viewed the birdlife, they walked back to Newtown across the fields adjacent to Sheet Hedges Wood.

They were very lucky with the weather, which was sunny and unseasonably warm, and the ground conditions were dry despite the rain on the previous day.

On returning to Newtown, tea and biscuits were provided by Carolyn Lowe.

The next ramble is on November 10th (2nd Saturday) meeting as usual at 2.00pm opposite the Village Hall, led by Glenys Meredith.



Well behaved dogs are welcome. New walkers always welcomed. **Peter Lowe**

Village walk . Saturday 10th November

Meet as usual opposite the Village Hall at 2pm.
The walk is from Markfield Church and should finish about 4pm
This is an interesting walk, by a quarry, residents allotments and by an area of Markfield I never knew existed.

If you intend to meet me at Markfield, please let me know beforehand. **Glenis Meredith 01530 242897**



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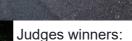
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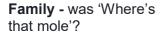
Newtown Linford Scarecrow Competition September 2018

The Scarecrow Committee (made up of parents from Newtown Linford School) raised just over £3000 for the School. Prizes were given out by Chairman of Leicestershire County Council, Ozzy O'Shea. It was a pleasure to have him and his wife attend the event.



Business - The Old Post Office Tea Rooms for Peter Rabbit. For Group - The Suffragettes from a team of our local village ladies.

U.12's - was Yellow Submarine



The People's Choice winner was also 'Where's that mole'









Selection of scarecrows on show over the weekend - it must have been really hard for the judges to make their decision as the standards were so high.







Christmas Craft Fair and Shopping Event

Sunday 2nd December at The Linford

Free admission and we are also having a raffle in aid of Epilepsy Research, this is our first year at this venue but our 3rd year running, supporting Epilepsy Research.

From the Park

November really marks the start of winter on the Park. Our last big event of the season takes place in September and October is busy with the deer rut and the influx of photographers this brings, along with running our popular deer rut guided walks, but by November things have really quietened down, although looking at the



weather today as the remnants of Storm Callum lash the office window and tear the leaves from the trees, winter seems to have started early.

The onset of winter marks a shift in the daily pattern of work on the Park towards maintenance of facilities and improvements to the fabric, both natural and manmade, of the Estate. We have secured some funding from the People's Postcode Lottery and the National Forest Company towards our 'Swithland Guardians' project. This project will, over the course of this winter, see us carry out a range of work aimed at improving both the habitats and visitor infrastructure in Swithland Wood as well as providing additional volunteering opportunities and training of volunteers. I will be writing further about this project over the next few months but, if you are a 'Swithland Wood regular" who would like to get involved as a Guardian, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Mat Bateman on 0116 236 2713 Ext 28 or email volunteers@bradgatepark.org

The Rangers have been busy over the past few weeks carrying out work to keep our unique collection of veteran trees in good condition, using a range of techniques to minimise the stress caused to the tree. The prolonged drought led to a number of trees shedding branches and work has been carried out where necessary to stabilise the tree and make it safe for the public. They have also erected a new permanent fence around the stag carving on Bradgate Road. In summer a great deal of effort goes into the ongoing management of bracken and the restoration of the Park's grassland habitats and this work is now starting to bear fruit in the shape of the increased diversity of plant and insect life recorded on the Park in recent years.

A Tawny Owl survey was carried out as part of a national project conducted by the British Trust for Ornithology. Birds were heard calling in all of the spinneys on the Park and this evidence of a substantial Tawny Owl population, together with the presence of Barn Owls and Little Owls, indicates that the Park must be rich in prey species – typically small rodents and roosting small birds - to sustain this population.

A bird of note this summer has been the Grey (English) Partridge, a species in national decline, with an adult pair being sighted with 12 healthy young on the slopes around Old John: an encouraging sign. A number of Grey Herons and two Little Egrets have been regularly seen feeding along the river and two Great White Egrets, a nationally endangered species, spent a couple of weeks on Cropston Reservoir.

The bank around the new drainage ditch in the large extension car park has been spread with hay and Yellow Rattle seed from the meadow in Swithland Wood, which will hopefully enable this area to develop into an attractive wildflower bank over the next few years.

The upgrade of all the Pay & Display machines to require the entry of the digits from registration numbers has been completed and this will hopefully cut down on the problem of 'ticket passing' which costs the Charity significant much-needed revenue each year. By the time you read this, the machine on Newtown Linford car park closest to the Conservatory Tearoom should be accepting payment by credit/debit card as well as cash. We have been frustrated in our desire for modernisation by the poor mobile data connectivity in the area and have had to hard wire the one machine into the broadband router in the Conservatory Tearoom to give at least some capability.

We continue to see a significant number of Penalty Charge Notices being issued where people have displayed their ticket face-down so that it cannot be read. Please get into the habit, and encourage your friends and family to do so, of making a final check before you walk away from the car that the ticket is clearly displayed. Even better, and better value if you are a regular visitor – purchase a season ticket and never have to worry about Pay & Display again!

On 11th October, we were named as Runner-Up in the Rural Community Council's Rural Business Awards 2018 and we are again a finalist in the Leicester & Leicestershire Tourism & Hospitality Awards, this year in the category of Best Local Food & Drink Producer. Fingers crossed that we can repeat the success that we enjoyed last year.

I look forward to seeing you on the Park.

Peter Tyldesley Bradgate Park Director





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BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES November 2018

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
4th	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
November All Saints'	10.15am Worship as One (SA/GS)	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)
	6.30pm Evensong (GS)	4.00pm Service of Thanksgiving (RT)
11th November		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
Remembrance Sunday	10.15am Remembrance Parade (RT)	10.50am Remembrance Service (FT)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (RT)	
18th	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
November 2nd Sunday	10.15am Service of the World (SA/ BH)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
before Advent	4.00pm Messy Church	
25th November		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
Christ the King	10.15am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am All Age Service (SA/RT)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (RT)	

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—November 2018								
GLENFIELD	Wed	10.45am	7th	14th	21st	28th		
NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10.30am	1st					



CHURCH REGISTER, NEWTOWN LINFORD

Weddings none
Baptisms none
Funerals none



Centenary Commemoration of the end of WWI

11th November 2018

As this year sees the centenary of Armistice Day, the usual Remembrance Day Service in All Saints' will be a special commemoration to mark the Anniversary. Our Act of Remembrance will include the names not just of those from the Village who fell in conflict, but also those who served and survived. On the same day the Linford Club will also be holding a special event to honour those who served.

Many in the Village will want to mark this. Please note the start of the Service in Church will be 10.50am, ready for the two minute silence at 11am. Events at the Linford will follow the Service. Please come and join the village in Remembrance.

Yours, Richard Trethewey Rector of St Peter's, Glenfield, and All Saints', Newtown Linford

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Letters page THANK YOU TO SCHOOL AND THE SCARECROW WEEKEND ORGANISERS

I am writing as a villager of Newtown Linford and would like to pass on my congratulations to the organisers of the Scarecrow Festival. In past years a few societies have been involved with this but, not wanting it to be the final year, the School and parents took it on this year.

Blessed with fabulous weather and a lot of hard work and organisation it was a wonderful day with the Villaqe full of people and Scarecrows

The event brings the young and elderly together, locals and visitors all chatting about which of the scarecrows were their favourite. The number of scarecrows and their quality were incredible. In addition to Church Bell ringing, flowers and Morris Dancing the village was buzzing. Thank you to all involved for both days of effort. What a great village and community we all live in. Long may it last!

Name and address supplied

Tennis Club Music Quiz - October 6th

Thank you to everyone who supported the evening 100 in total, a great night had by all and YES everyone generally got 6/10 phew! mostly anyway



The evening was a lot of fun with 'Miming and phone a friend rounds'

Thank you to everyone who helped you know who you are!

A special mention to Ian White who helped put the music together and John Nixon who made a great scoreboard Scriber

Newtown Linford Cricket Club looking for a room to rent

We are looking for a place/room to rent for our 2019 overseas cricketer a place to stay from mid April to mid September. As a Club we usually pay £50 - £55pw for the room and £25pw for food. This makes our maximum budget £80pw for 22 - 24 weeks, from approx 15^{th} April $2019 - 16^{th}/23^{rd}$ September 2019. He will most likely be from Australia/New Zealand.

If you have any questions or are interested in helping out, please contact **Craig Chapman** on **07468 475798**

When the Whistle Blows: The Pals Battalions.

Help for Heroes

As we approach the centenary of the end of the First World War, a singer -songwriter from Cropston has released a charity song available on download called "When the Whistle Blows" to raise funds for Help for Heroes. The song is a commemoration of the Pals Battalions and in particular that of the Football Battalions.

At the outbreak of the First World War in August 1914, Lord Kitchener was of the opinion that the key to winning the war was with overwhelming manpower. However, the British Army had always relied on professional (rather than conscript) soldiers and consequently had significantly fewer numbers than most countries. It was suggested that men would be more inclined to enlist if they knew that they were going to serve alongside their friends and colleagues. The first Pals Battalion came from workers in the City of London and within a week 1,600 men had enlisted. The success encouraged Lord Kitchener to promote the idea of organising

similar recruitment campaigns throughout entire the country and by the end of September, Pals Battalions had formed in more than 50 towns and cities - some boasting more than one battalion. Despite being at war, the 1914-15 football season continued.





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without controversy. Initially it was thought that continuation of professional football would help keep the public's spirits up. There was much public debate and opinion soon turned against footballers both in England and Scotland, and many soldiers complained that able-bodied men were not doing their duty. A campaign was launched to suspend professional football in Britain and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle publicly objected to football being played and appealed for footballers to volunteer for service. Football grounds were often the centre of the war effort where funds were raised, men enlisted and their facilities used for drill and training.

In November 1914, the first British football battalion was launched. At least 16 players from Heart of Midlothian (Hearts) enlisted *en masse* along with several boardroom and staff members. As many as 500 supporters and season ticket holders also joined up plus players and supporters of several other Scottish clubs. The 16th Royal Scots became known as McCrae's Battalion.

Inspired by McCrae's Battalion, the first English Football Pals was the 17th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment (subsequently known as The Diehards) formed in December 1914 when 30 players signed up at its formation. By March 1915, over 120 professional footballers had signed up for the battalion including the "whole of Clapton Orient" (known now as Leyton Orient). However, not everyone was happy with the number of footballers enlisting as there were some 1800 players who were eligible, although many chose to join other regiments. There were recruiting events all over England and numbers slowly increased and by January there were in excess of 600 men. Referees and officials also joined the 17th and fans were encouraged to follow in their heroes' footsteps and fight alongside the men they cheered on every Saturday afternoon. Rugby players, athletes and a variety of other sportsmen also joined the battalion. The 2nd Football Battalion was the 23rd (Service) Battalion, Middlesex Regiment formed in June 1915. There were also many unofficial football battalions where players and supporters joined their local regiment. There were also rugby battalions and other unofficial sports battalions.

With the introduction of conscription in March 1916, there was no further need for Pals Battalions and despite being on the frontline for some time, many did not to see their first major action until the Battle of the Somme in July 1916. All three football battalions fought in the battle and this marked a turning point for the Pals Battalions. On the first day of the Battle of the Somme, the British Army lost around 20,000 men and lots of Pals Battalions were decimated. The heavy casualties that Pals Battalions suffered had a devastating impact on towns, villages and communi-

ties and many were subsequently disbanded or amalgamated to reduce this effect.

It is impossible to say how many professional footballers gave their lives in the war but it has been estimated that around 300 from Scottish, English and Welsh clubs died. There were many others who returned so severely wounded they were unable to play the game again.

There are numerous individual stories to be told and a number of footballers were decorated for their courage and heroism. According to the website "footballandthefirstworldwar" at least 8 players and 19 former players of Leicester Fosse (now Leicester City) served during the war.

It was felt that footballers made good soldiers and the Commander of the 1st Football Battalion, Col Henry T Fenwick said: "I knew nothing of professional footballers when I took over this Battalion. But I have learnt to value them. I would go anywhere with such men. Their *esprit de corps* was amazing. This feeling was mainly due to football – the link of fellowship which bound them together. Football has a wonderful grip on these men"

For further information visit: www.footballandthefirstworldwar.org or Google "Football Pals Battalions". A number of English and Scottish football clubs also have information on their websites and there are numerous books on the subject available.

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Newtown Linford Gardening Club

At our September meeting Jack Willgoss, the Chelsea gold medal winner from Wildegoose Nuseries in Shropshire talked about getting colour into our gardens in the late autumn. His spectacular pictures of the borders at his own garden and nursery were a real eye-opener and his knowledge of plants and how they can combine to give us the best display was impressive. He brought plants for sale and, by the time the hall had emptied, there were very few for him to take back to his nursery.

After our celebrity evening at the end of October, all that remains is our end-of-year Christmas Party which we will hold at the Linford as we did last year. We anticipate a very full room as we look back on another successful year. Membership continues to increase and the quality of our meetings remains high.

Anyone interested in our activities can just contact the Secretary (tel. 242452) or e-mail us at <u>32couling@gmail.com</u>, or else just come along to one of our meetings as a visitor (£3). If you would like a copy of our programme for the coming year, we will be pleased to send one to you. **Anne and David Couling**

NEWTOWN LINFORD TENNIS CLUB

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Sunday 3rd February 2019

VILLAGE FAMILY TREASURE HUNT

Everyone welcome including friends

Juniors bring your families

Meet at The Linford Main Street 11.30am Treasure Hunt and back for Homemade Soup and Sandwiches and the prizes



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Howard William Lockley 30th October 1932 – 8th August 2018

Howard was born in Cannock, Staffordshire. His father William was a coalminer but at the weekends a piano teacher. He was very qualified and Howard looked after his father's music certificates for many years. Howard was taught by his father and was a talented piano player. He still played until ill health took over.

Howard left school at 16 and went to work in Stafford at British Reinforced Concrete in the offices. He had learnt shorthand and typing at school so was well employed.

At 18 years Howard completed National Service and because of his shorthand and typing skills was sent to Wheatley Head Injuries Hospital,



Oxford. He stood behind surgeons as they performed operations on soldiers returning from Korea. Howard took notes in shorthand and typed them up at the end of the day. These were the days without recorders or mobile telephones. There was only one landline telephone in the hospital and it sat on Howard's desk. After National Service he returned to the BRC, Stafford and went to Technical College to get his accountancy qualifications. Howard always had a strong work ethic which helped all through his working life.

I first met Howard when I was 14. My music teacher had quickly retired and I was in the middle of getting ready for a serious piano exam and my father took me to Howard's father and that was 72 years ago!

As Howard came home from National Service I went to College for Teacher Training at Thornbridge Hall, near Bakewell - the house the Newtown Linford Garden Club visited this summer. It was then part of Sheffield University – small world!!

We married on 31st March 1956 living in Heath Hayes and moving to Stafford buying a new house in 1958. This was a time of change. In 1960 our daughter Carol was born. In 1962 our son Nigel was born and around this time Howard was offered a job at the Royal London Insur-

ance Company. He worked hard and was successful so this brought about several promotions to bigger offices and the family moving house; and we enjoyed living in different areas of the country. In 1965 we moved to Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire and 1969 Tamworth in Staffordshire, moving in 1972 to the Bristol area. 1976 saw us coming to live in Evington, Leicester. 1984 saw us living in Sunderland. In 1989 Howard had his first heart attack and Howard retired from the Royal London in 1991. We decided to leave Sunderland because of Howards health and arrived in Newtown Linford in 1994. This was an area we had enjoyed exploring and we were very happy to find and buy a recently built house so near to Bradgate Park.

Howard enjoyed his retirement being able to walk our dogs daily in the park. Dogs have been present throughout our life together. Howard also pursued his lifelong passion for photography and took up golf. He also participated in the village activities such as the Garden Club and Men's Luncheon club

All his life Howard liked to travel. We had a caravan from when the children were small and for many years spent happy times visiting areas of England, Wales and Scotland. He also had a desire to see other coun-

tries and this took us to China, Japan, America, Malta, Austria, Italy and Australia.

Howard lived a full life and most of all enjoyed spending time with his family and the many friends we met along the way.

Pre-school children and their parents or carers are welcome to

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Newtown Linford Brownies

TERRIFIC TWIN LAKES TRIP

Firstly we would like to thank Mr Stan Clarke for providing our transport to Twin Lakes. We enjoyed our coach trip with lots of singing on the way. We think the coach driver liked it so much he took us a longer way round to get there.

When we arrived we went on the highest ride at the park. It was way up in the air and quite scary. Next we went on the pirate ship, it made your tummy turn which was great fun.

We had a lovely picnic lunch and afterwards spent some time in the soft play area.

In the afternoon we went on many more exciting rides such as the log flume, buffalo rollercoaster and toboggans.

We finished our trip by going to buy something in the gift shop. Everyone really enjoyed their day.

By Emi Jennings, aged 9.













Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



If you spot a vehicle you think may be untaxed you can go to the Government website and check if it is taxed and if it is not you can report it. You can also report abandoned vehicles on the same site.

Firstly, make a note of the vehicle registration number, make, model and colour of the vehicle and the street name, town and postcode where the vehicle is parked. You will not be able to report the vehicle without these details.

https://www.gov.uk/report-untaxed-vehicle

Also, if you spot a lorry or bus which is excessively smoky you can report this on line to the Driver and Standards Vehicle Agency. Please note you cannot report cars.

A number of residents with land around the Village have been expressing their concerns over people walking on parts of their land they believe to be private. Some have erected signs that have been torn down and some land owners are particularly concerned about dog walkers not picking up after their dogs. Some wires have been cut allowing young animals to escape. The signs point out that the grass is used for silage for their own animals. I do not think the culprits are our own residents and I sincerely hope they are not but I thought it worth mentioning. If you want to know more about what you can and cannot do, please refer to the Right to Roam Act 2000 which sets it out more clearly.

A car on Main Street had its window smashed in during October. I do not think anything was taken. There are no other reports for October.

Pam McMorran – Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Tel: 01530 242201 Email: pamriverlyn@msn.com

How to contact the Police

All incidents are to be reported to the Police and by calling 101

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This copy has to be written prior to the Parish Council meeting on 22nd October in order to meet the magazine deadline. Any further information will be put in the December/January issue.

Bob Bown Playing Fields – The tenders for the repairing of the wet pour surface will be considered by the Councillors at the meeting. It is expected that the pin kerbs that run around the separate sections will be removed and filled with new wet pour.

VAS signs - One sign has been operational on private land for two or three weeks. A second sign is due to be delivered any day now. This will also go on private land on Roecliffe Road. By being able to put them on private land it saves the Council having to pay LCC over £10,000.00 per sign. The first trial indicates that most vehicles slow down when instructed to.

Consultation on Parking on Grey Crescent – The Councillors along with many residents are disappointed that no decisions have yet been made by LCC. We understand there is difficulty due to equal numbers for and against the proposals.

Leicestershire County Council in the future The County Council Leader Nick Rushton has started a conversation about creating a unitary structure to replace the County Council and the seven District Councils. A 100-page draft has been issued to all Parish Councillors and other interested parties. The Secretary of State will make the final decision. It is believed, if agreed, that nothing will take place until 2022.

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Pam McMorran – Parish Clerk, R.F.O. and Registrar for Burials. Tel: 01530 242201 Email: pamriverlyn@msn.com Have you looked at the website recently?

Next meeting 10th December at 7.15pm Village Hall

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Can we have your contributions for the **December/January 2019** issue by **15th November 2018** please. **Send to the Editor, Carole Heubeck, 5 Grey Crescent, Newtown Linford** (01530 244790). **E-mail heubeck111@btinternet.com**

Please could you send any emails to the above email address. If you do not receive an acknowledgement of your email within 3/4 days - please contact Carole, the Editor direct on the above number to check we have received it.

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