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# Bradgate Group Parish



#### Remembering

Preparing for a recent Messy Church I was reminded of the old game, first introduced to me by my grandmother, 'Kim's game'. Some of you will immediately know what I'm talking about, particularly if you have a background in the Scouts or Guides, others will never have come across it. Essentially, someone puts a number of random objects – maybe a thimble, a toy car, a box of matches – on a tray. You then get a minute or so to memorise all the pieces, then it is covered over and everyone tries to remember as many as they can. It's a little bit like the old 'conveyor belt' round on the 'Generation Game'.

The best strategy I have heard to succeed at the game is to create a story using all the pieces. Then as you retell the story to yourself you'll remember them all. It's a memory technique which works in all kinds of situations. We all use stories all the time as an aid to memory and as a way of making sense of what can sometimes seem like a random selection of events in life.

Particularly at this time of year, wartime stories are recalled, for instance *Dunkirk* is still just about in the cinemas. They help us understand and remember exactly what happened to our those generations who went through the wars in the last century. However they don't always seem to make sense of it – we often cannot conceive of the things experienced, or imagine the reasons behind the choices made that caused such things to happen.

Jesus left us with some stories he told – often called parables – that are intended to help us make sense of life. He left us with some things to do – baptism, communion – that he intended to help us remember the most important things in life, the only thing that really makes sense of existence: that he loves us, and died for us. Life is more than a game, and Jesus' story will help us remember the things than mean the most.

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

#### **VILLAGE DIARY**

#### November

1st Home Group Study starts (see last months magazine)
 5th Thanksgiving and Memorial Service (see page 19)
 10th Mosaic Concert All Saints Church, Newtown Linford

11th Ramblers

12th Operation Christmas Child - get your shoe boxes in!

#### **December**

5th Gardening Club Christmas Party

8th & 9th Village Pantomime - The Dragon of Wantley

11th Parish Council Meeting

**January** 

26th Bradgate Drama Society 70th Birthday party

29th Village Hall AGM 19.30hrs

#### Regular events

Monday afternoon Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall

Mondays 8pm at the Church
4th Tuesday of the month
1st and 3rd Wednesdays of month
3rd Wednesday of the month
4th Tuesday of the month
5cd Gardening Club
6cd Home Study Group
6cd Ladies Luncheon Club

Thursdays 11.15 Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall Thursdays 6.30 Brownies, Sunday School Rooms

3rd Thursday Gentlemen's Lunch Club

Boules Phone 01530 245373 for more info

#### **COFFEE AND CAKE**

#### Christmas Wishes for Charity - new idea for this year

We all rush round madly 2 days before Christmas to write and deliver village Christmas cards to fellow villagers only to realise we have forgotten someone etc etc



This year some of us are going to donate £20 to Charity and wish all our lovely fellow villagers 'A Very Happy Christmas' in the December Issue of the Village Magazine. If you would like to join us there will be a running list of names, space for you to enter a one sentence personal message and a donation box at Coffee & Cake until November 16th 2017 after which your name will go into the December Magazine

Those who don't go to the group can call Carol Ann on 243433 or Carolyn Turner on 249173 to sign up before November 16th please.

#### Coffee & Cake @ Newtown Linford Village Hall

#### Thursday Morning 11.15am - Free

#### All Welcome - All Ages

#### **Coffee and Cake Duty Rota**



#### November

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

#### **December**

7th	Margaret Bloor & Sue Clarke	242000/245078
(Hall N/A	A Drama - at Home at 34 Main Street with	Margaret Bloor
14th	Sue Pritchard & Teresa Calvert	243119/482802
21st	Carolyn Turner & Charlotte Jackson	249173
28th	No Meeting Christmas Break	

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 the following have offered to help if around just give them a call

Roger Leech	0116 3480192	Wes Raynor	243042
Joe Costello	249613	Arthur Harrison	0116 2213845
Alan Birkett	244317		

## A belated thank you to Brian Anderson and John Nixon for making and painting our fabulous new Coffee & Cake Board

# Macmillan Coffee Morning - held on Thursday 12th September Thank you to everyone who baked a cake, came or donated to this event it was a great success and well supported as always and you all raised £415 for the charity by just having a coffee! A thank you to Dianne Jones and her team from 'Home instead' who did a tombola with 50 prizes and helped us raise £100 more than last year





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#### **Dragons in Anstey and Newtown Linford!**

Bradgate Drama Society and Anstey Players are coming together to present a wonderful traditional pantomime –

## The Dragon of Wantley

By Norman Robbins

'The Dragon of where?' I hear you ask. Well OK it's not as well known as Aladdin or Cinderella but it's a great story with all the traditional pantomime elements of fun, laughter and music, men dressed as women, women dressed as men, dastardly villains, super shiny heroes and a really messy slapstick scene. The story has been updated in this modern version by Norman Robbins and offers a great night out for grown-ups and children alike.



Performances are on **Tuesday 5**, **Wednesday 6** and **Thursday 7 December** at Anstey United Reform Church and

Friday 8th and Saturday 9th December (matinee and evening) at Newtown Linford Village Hall.

Evening performances begin at 7.30pm and the matinee at 2.30pm.

Tickets are £6, children £2, and can be obtained from Toby Manning (01530 245298 / <u>bradgatedrama@gmail.com</u>) or Sarah (01162 886846)

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## Operation Christmas Child

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The run up to Christmas is always busy as we are buying presents for loved ones, planning and cooking for the big day and the events that sur-

round Christmas. Our children and grandchildren are probably preparing lists of hoped for presents. This is a good time to think of those less fortunate than us, an opportunity for children and adults to think of others and have the pleasure of preparing a shoe box for children across the world. For many years my children enjoyed going shopping with me and buying small inexpensive



but enjoyable presents and toiletries for another child at Christmas and seeing how much we could pack into our Shoe Box.

All Saints' Church, Newtown Linford, will again be supporting Operation Christmas Child this year. We have a small supply of official shoeboxes which are available from the Church. Alternatively



please feel free to decorate your own shoebox for donation to this very worthwhile project.

Shoe boxes need to be filled and returned to the Church (the door is normally open during the day) before

Sunday 12th November.

Alternatively they can be dropped off after 3pm at 5 Grey Crescent (near the school) or call Carole on 01530 244790 and I will pick it up from you.

Copies of information sheets with suggestions for items for inclusion in shoeboxes, how to pack your shoebox and also return of the packed shoeboxes are available at the back of the Church, on the following pages or can be accessed through the following link: <a href="https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/">https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/</a>

(Samaritan's Purse is a non-profit, Christian organisation providing Church support and emergency relief and development assistance to suffering people around the world. Samari-



tan's Purse is meeting the physical needs of victims of war, famine, natural disaster, and disease with the aim of demonstrating God's love and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. The aid and assistance are given without regard to the race, creed, gender, religion, or ethnicity of the beneficiaries).

After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said "Go and do likewise." That is the mission of Samaritan's Purse – to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel.

Samaritan's Purse UK is an international relief and development organisation that works through local Churches to proclaim and demonstrate the love of God amongst communities in need (in countries across Sub-Saharan Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia) across the world. We are part of the global Samaritan's Purse family that has been providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world since 1970.

Even if you don't recognise the name, you may have come across our Operation Christmas Child initiative which thousands of Churches, schools and businesses across the UK and Ireland are already part of. In 2016, a total of eleven million, four hundred and eighty five thousand, six hundred and sixty two (11,485,662) shoebox gifts were collected for distribution.

But we do more than just send shoeboxes overseas. We respond in a distinctly Christian way to issues facing people in the places where we work: issues like water and sanitation and sustainable livelihoods along with disasters and emergencies.

The vision of Samaritan's Purse is to see transformation – of both individual lives and whole communities and to see people restored in their

relationship with God and with each other and for their circumstances to be turned around. Operation Christmas Child provides us all with an opportunity to transform the life of a child by letting them know that someone cares enough to take a simple shoebox and to pack it with items that can be practical but also enable them to be simply children.

#### WHAT GOES IN MY SHOEBOX?

**"WOW" ITEM:** Include a toy that a child will immediately love as soon as they open the box. **Ideas include**:

Stuffed animal; deflated football & pump; toy truck; doll (baby, Barbie, etc.); musical instruments

**TOYS:** Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label); toy trucks; harmonica; yo-yo; skipping rope; ball; small puzzles; etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** Pens; pencils & sharpeners; crayons or felt pens; stamps & ink pad sets; writing pads or notebooks & paper; solar calculators; colouring & picture books; etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS:** Toothbrush and toothpaste; bars of wrapped soap; comb or hairbrush; flannel.

**OTHER ITEMS:** Hat; cap; gloves or scarf; sunglasses; hair accessories; jewellery set; wind up torch; wrapped sweets (best-before date must be at least March of the following year)

#### **DO NOT INCLUDE:**

Used or damaged items; war related items such as toy guns, play soldiers or knives; chocolate or other food items; liquids or lotions of any type including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp objects; glass containers; mirrors or fragile items; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; clothing other than as listed above.



#### **HOW TO PACK A SHOEBOX:**

#### STEP 1: Find a shoebox

Obtain one of the preprinted Operation Christmas Child from All Saints or directly from Operation Christmas Child on-line.

Alternatively, get an empty medium sized shoebox, and wrap the box and lid



separately in colourful wrapping paper.

Complete the label indicating if your gift is for a boy or a girl and select an age category:

2-4 5-9 10-14

Attach the label to the top of your shoebox.

**STEP 2:** Fill your shoebox with a selection of fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. - see page opposite for ideas

#### **STEP 3: PRAY**

Pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo of yourself or your group.

#### STEP 4: DROP OFF YOUR SHOEBOX

Drop your shoebox off by Sunday 12th November at All Saints Church, Newtown Linford. Place a rubber band around each closed shoebox and take it to All Saints Church or 5 Grey Crescent. Alternative drop-off points are listed on the website (find my nearest drop off point) or call 01993 770620.

#### **OPTIONAL:**

There is a suggested donation of £5 which contributes towards the cost of a local Church or Group overseas leading a safe, well-organised event where your shoebox will be given to a child in need.

If you choose to make a donation on-line, this will enable you to print a barcode and place it inside your shoebox. You will then be advised to as which country your shoebox gets sent.

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#### From the Park

#### Memorials, Deer and a Royal Visit

October has been a month of VIP visits, some public, some private. It started with our hosting a visit by the Regional Director of the Heritage Lottery Fund on my first day back from holiday as part of the assessment process for the Charnwood Forest Landscape Partnership Lottery bid. If successful, this project will bring in £2.8 million to be spent on a range of initiatives to encourage local people and visitors to Explore Charnwood, Understand Charnwood and Protect Charnwood, so fingers crossed!

On 5<sup>th</sup> October, the Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, Peter Lowndes, performed the official opening of our Memorial Wood, a project that has been most generously supported by the Freemasons as part of their 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. The project has also received financial support from the Leicestershire County Council Stepping Stones Project as well as the donation of hedgerow trees and shrubs by The Woodland Trust. The Memorial Wood has got off to a start that has surpassed even my expectations with orders already placed for over 100 memorial leaves. The wood is open every day during daylight hours for anyone who wants to spend some time in quiet reflection or simply have a sit down in the middle of a long walk. Details of the memorial leaves scheme are in a leaflet that can be picked up at the Visitor Centre or Conservatory Tearoom or downloaded from the Trust website.

18<sup>th</sup> October saw us welcoming His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant, to Bradgate as part of a visit to the National Forest hosted by the National Forest Company. It is a sad reflection of the world in which we live that such visits have to be shrouded in secrecy until the last minute but a small crowd of well-wishers gathered to watch His Royal Highness plant a tree and unveil a commemorative plaque to mark the occasion. Prior to this, the Duke had signed the visitors' book in the Visitor Centre, viewed the exhibition, chatted to staff and volunteers and enjoyed a lunch prepared by our catering team.

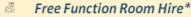
The rut in October got off to a bit of a slow start as a result of the mild weather at the beginning of the month. However, once the weather got a bit more seasonal from the second week onwards, things perked up and the usual roaring and bellowing echoed through the Park. Incidents in Wollaton Park and Richmond Park, where a woman was gored by a stag, 14 have highlighted how dangerous these animals can be if visitors do

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not exercise common sense and watch them from a distance rather than getting too close in the quest for the perfect photo. It is a rare privilege to be able to observe these majestic creatures exhibiting their natural behaviour but they do need to be treated with respect.

Also in October we published the Park's first ever Winter Programme, containing details of the events we will be running over the winter months.

We will not be holding a Christmas Fair this year. Despite being well supported by both stallholders and visitors, the income generated did not justify the large commitment of staff time that went into putting on the event and this, together with the fact that the new-look Gift Shop does not lend itself to being turned into Santa's Grotto, means that we will have a year off from holding a Christmas event and think about what we might do in the future.

Participants in the weekly 'drive-through' will be sorry to hear that Rachael Gibbs has decided to retire after 37 years. To stay in any job for so long is a real achievement but Rachael did not start here until the age of 50. We will be very sorry to say goodbye to Rachael and will miss her cheery "Good afternoon!" over the radio at the start of each Thursday af-

ternoon shift and wish her all the very best for the future – I cannot imagine it will involve much sitting at home with her feet up.

As the leaves fall from the trees and there is a definite chill in the air, don't forget to stock up on firewood! Our Winter Offer sees cubic metre bags of seasoned logs reduced to £70 with free delivery within a 5-mile radius of the Park. As the nights draw in and we all wrap up warm, I look forward to seeing you on the Park.

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Back row: Richard Roddis, Sam Horan, Jeremy Leaman, James Foulds Front row: Caroline Summers, Liz Blades, Clare Robertson, Kate Hill

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## Service of Remembering and Thanksgiving Sunday 5th November at 4.30pm At All Saints' Church

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Everyone is welcome, whether your bereavement is recent or in the past, or whether the person you are remembering was local or far away.

It will give us an opportunity both to thank God for our lost loved ones and to offer to God our emotions and feelings of loss and receive the comfort and hope God offers through Jesus Christ



## NEWTOWN LINFORD SERVICES November 2017

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
5th November	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
4th Sunday before Advent	10.15am Worship as One (RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
belole / tavelit	6.30pm Evensong (BH)	4.30pm Thanksgiving Service (RT)
12th November		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
Remembrance Sunday	10.15am Remembrance Parade (BH/CH)	10.50am Remembrance Service (RT)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (RT)	
19th November	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
2nd Sunday before Advent	10.15am Service of the World (GS/RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	4.00pm Messy Church (team)	
26th November		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
19th Sunday after Trinity	10.15am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am All Age Service (RT)
and miney	6.30pm Compline (RT)	

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—November 2017							
GLENFIELD	Wed	10.45am	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10.30am	2nd				



## CHURCH REGISTER NEWTOWN LINFORD



Weddings None

Baptisms *None* 



**Funerals** 

24th August ~ Darren Archie Jones, formerly of Groby Lane, Newtown Linford

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



#### **Church Contact Details**

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

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**Church Wardens:** 

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Richard Woods from Lilies and Chillies gave us a splendid talk on bulbs throughout the year. He did not just mention the old favourites but showed us some less usual ones which could enhance our gardens. Over eighty of our members enjoyed the evening and also took advantage of the wide variety of plants which were for sale.

We are delighted that Anne Swithinbank is going to be our celebrity speaker this October. After the late withdrawal of Helen Yemm for medical reasons, it was marvellous that such a well-known horticulturalist was able to come instead. Those readers who remember Gardener's World, when Geoff Hamilton was the presenter, will know Anne Swithinbank from her regular appearances on the show, demonstrating many things and visiting many interesting places. Since then she has written books and appeared on Gardener's Question Time. She has written articles in magazines and newspapers and acted as consultant on many interesting projects.

Our year concludes with the traditional Christmas Party which will again be held at the Linford on 5<sup>th</sup> December. 2017 has been a successful year for the Club with an increased membership, large attendances at our events and enjoyable visits. 2018 promises to bring more of the same.

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

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#### Village Ramblers

Our October walk was enjoyed by several members who enjoyed the beautiful weather on Saturday 14th October. There were quite a number of members missing, no doubt enjoying themselves in foreign parts. Nevertheless everyone enjoyed walking in shirtsleeves and the dry ground.

We walked from Newtown to Anstey via Bradgate Park and returned on the footpath

that runs parallel to Bradgate Road.

The walk ended with tea and cakes provided by Carolyn.

The next walk is on Saturday 11th November. Meet opposite Newtown Village Hall at 2pm. New members are always welcome, just come along in sensible footwear and clothing to suit the weather conditions.

Peter Lowe



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#### **Brownies**

#### **Archery at Mim's Farm**

In June 2017 the Brownies went to do archery at Mim's farm, Including the fun archery. We all had a great time climbing the haystacks in the barn.



We each shot 12 arrows and improved with every shot - well, nearly! We tried hard not to shoot the chickens.

We played hide and seek when we were waiting for our turn and drank some squash too. We were all super devastated when the exciting night was over.

Harriet Bresnilian aged 10 and Isobel Warhurst age 10.



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#### Crayfish In the River Lyn.

Following on from the article in the September edition of the Magazine by Jan Croft - we have had feedback from our enquiries.

Joyce Lowe got in touch to suggest we could get information about the current status from Loughborough Naturalists' Club and put me in touch with Helen Ikin who keeps their records

Helen reported back that as far as they were aware there are no White -clawed Crayfish left in the River Lin. The Signal Crayfish has not been seen so far but the crayfish plague may have been introduced on nets which had also been used in other streams - there are lots of children who enjoy fishing in the park and would have brought their



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nets with them from previous fishing trips. Its amazing how easy it is to introduce a plague and lose a native species.

Peter Thrower also got in touch. On the 5th September, APEM Specialist Aquatic Consultants carried out a crayfish survey in the river on behalf of Severn Trent Water and no crayfish were found - either native or American.

Our native, White Clawed Crayfish are protected by law and you must have a licence granted by the Environment Agency in order to work with them or to survey for them. Trapping alien crayfish also needs an EA licence and if you accidently catch an alien crayfish it must not be returned to the wild it must be killed.

Ironically this article fits in really nicely with the In the Park article this month. The Park had a royal visitor on the 18th October - His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent came to Bradgate Park and enjoyed a lunch prepared by the Park's catering team. Back in July 1842, Queen Adelaide, widow of William IV (good Pointless question that one) visited the Park and picnicked under a Oak. It became Queen Adelaide's Oak. It does note that she ate Venison, trout and last but not least Crayfish! I think this would have been missing from the Duke of Kent's lunch

Carole Heubeck with thanks to all contributors.



## 2017 is Bradgate Drama Society's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary year

and to celebrate we are holding a social evening on

#### Friday 26th January 2018

featuring readings from our first production, videos of more recent

work, memorabilia and live entertainment accompanied by food and drink.

All members, friends and supporters of the Society are invited to come along for a night of nostalgia to celebrate this special occasion. Please put the date in your diary now; more details will follow over the coming weeks



Following Millicent Johnson's funeral (see September magazine) a total of £568.50 was donated to East Midlands Dog Rescue.



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## Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



Neighbourhood Policing as it is known appears to be virtually non-existent in our area. I see the team of the year is Spinney Hill in the City. They have 16 in their team. Granted it is a very heavily populated area and I am pleased for those residents. I had a quick look on the Leicestershire Police website to see who is in our team and see that they are advertising for a new Assistant Chief Constable if anyone is interested. Actually it has been advertised for some time.

I also noted that our dedicated team Charnwood West has changed and here they are: If you read what they say none of them claim to be looking after Newtown Linford.

#### Sgt Rod Smart Collar number: 2992

I joined Leicestershire Police in April 2009 as a Response Sergeant at Beaumont Leys, having spent nine years in the Nottinghamshire Constabulary and three years in the New Zealand Police.

Having been a Neighbourhood Sergeant at Hinckley Road for four years, I moved over to Loughborough in February 2015 to take over responsibility for this Neighbourhood team. I work with a dedicated team of officers who are committed to supporting the residents and visitors to the ward by reducing crime and anti-social behavior.



#### PC Glenn Spiby Collar number: 2041

PC Glenn Spiby joined Leicestershire Police in 2003 and since then has worked mainly on the North of the County in various roles including Beat officer for a neighbouring beat.

I am looking forward to working with the beat team and getting to know the people of Mountsorrel. We will be actively

tackling anti-social behavior and criminality of all descriptions, at all levels, within the village. I will be out and about Mountsorrel and would encourage villagers to stop and say hello and discuss any issues or concerns that they may have.

PCSO Chris Kendall Collar number: 6524
I joined Leicestershire Police in 2003 and have worked as a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) since the introduction of the role.

Throughout this time I have had the pleasure of being the Neighbourhood PCSO for Quorn and the neighboring villages of Woodhouse, Woodhouse Eaves and Ulverscroft.

"I have endeavored to provide a point of contact within the community and a visible presence in the villages that the beat covers.



#### PCSO Craig Miller Collar number: 6030

I joined Leicestershire Police in February 2013 and began work on the Safer Neighbourhood Team in May 2013. I look forward to working within and engaging with the local community to improve the area and to reduce crime. Any issues you may have feel free to approach me when you see me

around and let me know your concerns.

If you go to the Beat site and feed in your postcode you will note that there were 15 reported crimes in our area in August (the last month recorded). I am not aware of so many.

I noticed the option to Rate your Local Police on the Leicestershire Police site. In the entries over the last 30 days more seemed to say 'Terrible' than "Great"

Finally keep your eyes and ears open at all times although you may think we live in a "safe area". Recently a commercial lorry appeared in the early hours of the morning in the Main Street. It did not move for two days. It was reported to me by two residents. As it happened it proved innocuous but it may not have been. So please let me know of anything you think is suspicious. Given the lack of Police presence you are our best means of defence against crime in our village.

Pam McMorran...... NHW Co-Ordinator pamriverlyn@msn.com tel: 01530 242201

#### How to contact the Police

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

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#### **Newtown Linford Parish Council**

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**Bob Bown Playing Fields: -** The annual inspection has been carried out. This has revealed a few low risk matters which will be attended to over the winter period. To comply with the EU regulations, we must erect another warning sign, this time by the netball ring.

**Churchyard:** - The tree contractor has dealt with the trees along the length of the Church wall. Two types of fungus were found at the base of the large Copper Beech on the corner by the park entrance. Charnwood BC believe one of the fungus could be dangerous and they have requested the LCC expert to visit. We are informed that if necessary he has the power to order the tree to be cut down within five days whether or not there is a TPO. The Parish Council and the DCC hope that this will not have to happen.

**Cemetery: -** The Exit gate has been rehung and new signs are now on both double gates informing visitors where to obtain the code.

**Roecliffe Road:** - The annual budget for 2018 is in hand and it is hoped that the Council will be in a position to purchase a flashing speed sign for Roecliffe Road despite having received the unwelcome news that whilst the price of the unit remains about the same the fees to LCC and running costs has trebled. Other matters have to be considered such as whether it is solar powered.

**Highways England: -** Councillor Deborah Taylor has informed us of two schemes for the area. These can be found in the September minutes on the Parish Council website.

**Dates of next Parish Council Meetings:** Mondays 11<sup>th</sup> December & 22<sup>nd</sup> January all commencing 7.15 p.m.

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

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