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Group Parish



Promises are powerful things.

I remember a few years ago, I was helping out with a children's camp, taking my turn on the stall selling t-shirts in the different team colours. A little girl came along wanting a green one. Unfortunately we'd sold out of this year's green that morning, and the look of disappointment on her face was devastating. To cheer her up, I said that she could have one of the leftover stock from last year and promised to get it signed by all the members of the resident band to make it special. It took me a day to get them all to sign, but then I handed it over and forgot all about it. At the end of the week her mother came to find me when collecting her and made a point of saying thank you, not for the t-shirt, but for keeping the promise. So often, she said, people say things and then forget to follow through. Thank you for keeping your word and giving my little girl a reason to trust people.

I then went home, got caught up in the arrangements for my sister's wedding and forgot to let a friend know that I wouldn't be able to go to a rugby match with them that weekend until the last minute. This time, I rightly got taken to task over a broken promise.

It's left me a little wary of making too many promises. I don't want to let people down and I feel the pressure of fulfilling the ones I make. It still makes me feel bad if I forget to send a document I've promised or to pass on a message (and with a memory like mine, it happens too often). Promises are powerful.

The Bible is full of promises, promises made by people and promises made by God. Sometimes we may feel that God has not fulfilled something he has said, but Paul pointed out something profound, reminding us we can trust God: 'no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ.'

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

October

7th Village Ramblers
24th Gardening Club
27th Friends of Charnwood Forest

November

1st Parish Council Meeting
7th Newtown Linford Biodiversity Group Open Evening
10th/11th 90's Night Village Hall
19th Singing for Fun

Regular events

Mondays

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

4th Tuesday of the month

Gardening Club

4th Wednesday of the month

Gentleman's Club Bradgate PH

Wednesdays

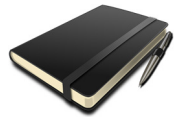
10am Art Club in Church
6.30 Bodyblast Classes Village Hall
Quiz nights at The Linford 8pm start

Thursdays

11.15 Coffee Mornings Village Hall
6.15 HIIT/Legs, Bums & Tums/Kettle Bells, The Linford

Fridays

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



Village Good News

Congratulations Nathan on your Summer Graduation (Newtown, Loughborough Grammar School, Newcastle and East Sussex Med School). Good luck in starting now in the Severn Scheme at Bath DGH.. you've "knocked it clean out of the park".

Fantastic achievement in joining your brother Aaron & sister Alicia in the Profession... maybe now I'll get an appointment !
Love Mum & Dad , Naomi, Aaron and Alicia x



COFFEE & CAKE ROTA October to November 2023

October

- 5th Jenny C, Sue Howard, Charlotte T. 245373; 07896 349977; 242959
12th Carol Ann, Jackie Brewin, School Old John Class 243433;
243439; 242370
19th Maria Simms, Vicki Kerr & Friend 07974 085434; 07904 123603
26th Sue Morran, Sarah Brown, Teresa Calvert 07810 116641;
07811 166161; 07469 719018

November

- 2nd Joe & Claire Costello with Bakers help 249613
9th Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Sue Birkett 07713 457414; 242000;
244317; 07718 701614
23rd Bev Griffiths, Sue Dobby, Jennette, Lalita 01509 890264; 245366;
07930 955990; 07718 701614
30th Judy Rowe, Felicity Manning, Marilyn Upstone 243989; 245298;
242715

Please swap with someone else if you are unable to do your duty. Pass on the hall key to the next people on duty.

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

Rota Volunteers - If you are struggling with putting the tables and chairs out for your duty Joe Costello 249613 has offered to help if around and will ask someone else to help him as well.. **Carol Ann**

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



Volunteer required to deliver to 26 addresses on Main Street and the Bradgate.

One of our small army of volunteers who delivers your Village Magazine will be finishing at the end of October. We are looking for a willing villager who could deliver to 26 addresses on Main Street and The Bradgate.

This is only required 10 times a year for the Village Magazine. The magazines are dropped off at your home by Peter and Iris Sayer and we ask that you deliver before the beginning of the month. If you would be interested in helping out –please contact Iris and Peter on 243822



Newtown Linford Biodiversity Group

More about hedgehogs

Autumn is approaching and this is the time that hedgehogs will be preparing to hibernate. Hibernation is a natural physical response (of so much of our wildlife) to a decrease in the supply of natural food during the cold winter months of November through to about mid-March. During hibernation, the hedgehog becomes immobile, body temperature drops, heart rate decreases and respiration almost stops.

To prepare for hibernation, hedgehogs build a nest of leaves, twigs and other garden material. The nest insulates them from the worst weather extremes and protects them from disturbance and predators. Favourite sites for the nest are under hedges, piles of brushwood, inside compost heaps etc.

Hedgehogs must be of a certain weight with enough body fat to last them through the winter months. They need to weigh about 600g (1lb 6oz) in order to hibernate successfully and be in good condition, post hibernation. So, as a general rule, hedgehogs which are still outside in the open from October onwards and are small - under 450 g (1lb) – should be rescued.



You can help hedgehogs during this period by doing the following:

When tidying the garden, take care when removing piles of leaves and other garden materials as these are ideal for a hedgehog to make its nest.

Be vigilant with your bonfire. Ideally, move it before you light it, or lift up the base with poles or broom handles to look inside before lighting.

If you see a hedgehog out during the day that looks small and/or sickly, especially during the winter months, it is in trouble. Call the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890 801 for advice and possibly details of a local contact (or go to www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk)
Carole Longe

Wild about Nature challenge

We're delighted to announce the results of our summer Wild about Nature challenge. Congratulations and well done to the prize-winners in the aged 10 and under category:

First Prize: Clara W.

Joint runners-up: Maddison and Aspen Taylor; Darcey, Torby and Atticus Brennan.

Many thanks all those who took up the challenge. We hope you enjoyed it.

(Photos by courtesy of Jane Taylor).

Open Evening



**Tuesday 7th November
7.30pm Village Hall**

You are warmly invited to join us at this event. Dr Jack Matthews, Geoheritage Conservation Officer at the National Forest Company, will be giving an illustrated presentation on the Charnwood Forest Geopark. Jack came to one of our regular group meetings earlier in the year and is an excellent speaker.

Entrance to the event is
FREE, with light refresh-

ments included, and an opportunity to purchase hand-made greetings cards. No need to book. Just turn up.

Claire Costello

nlbiodiversity@gmail.com



Singing for fun – Sunday 19th November

Last month we reported that several people had mentioned that they would enjoy taking part in a group singing session, but lacked the time or the confidence (or both!) to come and join our weekly Choral Society rehearsals. As a result of additional interest that has been expressed since, Sue Ford the Choral Society's musical director, will be leading a fun singing session in the Village Hall on Sunday afternoon 19th November, from 2pm to 5pm.

This will be a relaxed informal session, and there's no risk of you being picked on for singing a wrong note! If you enjoy singing, or would like to give it a try, then please come and join us. Some members of the Choral Society will be coming along to add a bit of vocal support, and we will also have an expert keyboard accompanist to help.

The charge of £10 for the session will include free coffee and cake! To sign up please email Sue at sueford30@hotmail.com.

Peter Sayer

Newtown Linford Ramblers

The walk planned for Saturday, 9th September, did not take place.

There were several ramblers who were holidaying and unwell.

The remaining walkers, were deterred by the extremely high temperature, that would have made walking very uncomfortable.

The October walk is planned for the afternoon 7th October, which will be led by Jill Speechley.



Beer Festival @ Newtown Linford Cricket Club

A big thank you to all the people who supported this weekend from the team!





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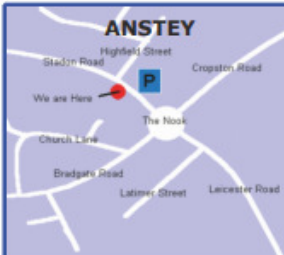
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Resident, Ruth Brutnall, has again very kindly offered to co-ordinate the return of the Village Advent Windows initiative. As in previous years, Ruth is looking for volunteer residents to create an advent window each day throughout December.

Ruth says:

“The idea is that 24 houses each create an advent window, a scene in a window which can be seen from the street. House number 1 displays and lights up their window on 1st December. On 2nd December, house number 1 and house number 2 light up their windows and so on, so by Christmas Eve there would be 24 windows around the Village which people could walk round at their own leisure and discover.

The design can be simple, or as elaborate as you choose. There's plenty of inspiration on Pinterest! If you don't have a suitable window, or a window which can be seen from the road, you could perhaps create a window frame in your



1 Bracken Hill, Christmas 2022

front garden?

If you:

- ❖ Live in a house that has a window that can clearly be seen from the street without people coming on to your property (or could create a 'window' in your garden.
- ❖ Are happy to keep the window illuminated each evening after it is 'opened' until after Christmas and
- ❖ Are interested in participating....

Please let Ruth Brutnall know by email to rbrutnall@gmail.com, so that we can see if there is sufficient interest again to make this workable for Advent 2023. Please include:

- your name and address;
- your email address; and
- any preference you have about dates

Please be aware that in agreeing to participate you are also agreeing to have your address identified on the list and map (which would be shared via the Newtown Linford Parish Council & NHW Facebook page), so people can look for your window."

If anyone is interested in assisting Ruth coordinate the 2023 Advent Windows, please get in touch via the email address above. This years' Advent Windows will be celebrated at the



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MacMillan Coffee Morning and Fashion Show

Thanks to your support, both our MacMillan Coffee Morning and Fashion Show were resounding successes. The combination of ticket sales, cake sales, raffles and cash donations raised an impressive £1,500!

We would like to express our gratitude to the generous contributors of cakes and goodies for the coffee morning, the kind donators of prizes for our fashion show raffle and our amazing models.

Our biggest thanks go to everyone who attended and supported either or both events. Thank you!

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Cancellation of 'The Bark in the Park' Dog Show



As the weather for the day was forecast to be a possible 29c, after discussions with canine charities, show organisers and the RSPCA, Bradgate Rotary decided that the welfare of the dogs was paramount and therefore the decision was made to cancel the event.

The Charities Prize Draw still went ahead, and significant proceeds were raised which will benefit Bradgate Rotary's many chosen charities. The Club would like everyone who bought tickets and the many local businesses who provided a wonderful range of prizes, many of which were won by local residents.

Rest assured this eagerly awaited event will be rearranged for 2024 when hopefully the weather will be more seasonal!!

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Village Archive

This month we continue text from a lecture “The Greys of Groby” by W. J Waldron, November 1919. Although in a different century, it is remarkable to think that two famous future Queens of England - Elizabeth Woodville, and Lady Jane Grey - lived in such close proximity to present day Newtown Linford.

“Sir Edward Grey, the first of the Greys to reside at Groby, had a son John, who married the celebrated Elizabeth Woodville, and no period of her chequered life was perhaps so free from care as the few years she passed at Groby with the husband of her choice, who was killed at the battle of St Albans in 1461. According to the law, and custom of the time, as Sir John Grey had been guilty of rebellion against his Sovereign, his estate was forfeit to the King, and his widow, with her sons suddenly found themselves ejected from their home and penniless. She was staying with her parents at Grafton, in Northamptonshire, when Edward IV hunting in that neighbourhood chanced to pay the Duchess of Bedford, his mother a visit; and the opportunity of presenting herself before the King, and entreating his pity for her impoverished and fatherless boys

seem too good to lose. He, in turn, became the suppliant and she became Queen of Edward IV, and the mother of the two unfortunate princes who were murdered in the Tower of London by the command of their uncle, Richard III, who was slain at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485. By the marriage of her daughter, Elizabeth, with Henry VII the



Groby Old Hall. From a drawing in the British Museum.

War of the Roses came to an end”.

Next month I thought you might be interested in extracts of a “Day in the Life of Elizabeth Woodville”, while at Groby.

Iris Sayer

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History for Newtown Linford Cricket Club

On Sunday 17th September, by playing in the Round-Robin tournament at Leicester Ivanhoe CC, nine Under 11s girls from Newtown Linford Cricket Club made history. They were the first all-female team to represent the Club in its 104 year history. The girls had tremendous fun and showed a wonderful spirit. In their second game against the winners Broughton Astley CC, they came close to an upset scoring 56 runs against 72. Coach Alistair Brennan has been instrumental getting the girls team started through the Friday night coaching sessions at the Club this summer. The future is looking bright for the girls with many fixtures and tournaments lined up for next season. Well done to all involved.



SUNDAY SERVICES October 2023



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
1 st October Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	8.30am Holy Communion	
	9.30am Breakfast Church	10am Holy Communion <i>John Woolmer</i>
8 th October Harvest	10am Harvest Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>John Woolmer</i>
	6pm Compline	
15 th October Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion <i>Luke Dobson</i>
22 nd October Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
	4pm Crumpet Church	
29 th October Bible Sunday	10.00am Bradgate Group Holy Communion <i>at St Peter's</i> <i>Richard Trethewey</i>	
	4.30pm Remembering with thanksgiving	

Advance dates for the Autumn.

On Sunday 5th November, we will be marking All Saints' with our annual service of 'Remembering with Thanksgiving' for all those who have died in the past year.

Remembrance is 12th November.

Advent begins on 3rd December.

The Christingle Service will be on Sunday 10th December at 10am. As last year, there will be a Christmas Tree Festival in Church during December.

CHURCH REGISTERS



Weddings

8th September ~ *Lauren Rennie and Thomas Hilyer*

Baptisms

None

Funerals

None



Midweek Holy Communion

Newtown Linford	These services have been cancelled for the time being
Glenfield	10.30am, Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th October

Online Services

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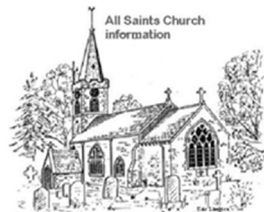
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The Brownies Annual Outing to Twin Lakes

I would like to start by saying thank you to Snowy Owl and Brown Owl for taking us on our annual trip to Twin lakes and to the parents who drove us there.



We arrived at the Village Hall, where we all met up and got in our cars to start the journey. The drive was quite long but it was good fun. When we got there we all headed off to start the adventures. One of my favourite things about it was the Buffalo ride because we got to go round three times instead of two. This was because it didn't stop in the right place and went past, so the man very kindly let us go round again. One thing that I was quite disappointed about was that the swings were not working but we all really enjoyed the Buffalo ride. Then we had lunch inside because the weather was so kind to us and it was absolutely boiling.

I hope that the next group have as much fun as we had.

Felicity Rowe age 10



2 PIANOS, 8 HANDS!!

Friday 10th November 2023 7PM
Markfield Methodist Church

Beate Toyka wowed us with a wonderful performance (piano) in the company of John Parsons (Cello) during March 2023, and it is with great pleasure that we welcome her return in the company of 3 more amazing pianists.

The “Derby Piano Quartet” features the unusual combination of four pianists on two pianos! It was formed 20 years ago by Anglo-German pianist and musical innovator Beate Toyka whose 2 grand pianos in her home studio provide the group’s rehearsal space. The other ensemble members are chamber musician extraordinaire Gillian Bithel, organist-pianist and academic Dr. Richard Hodges and Dana deWaal, choir director, opera singer and composer.

Their colourful programme will bring you well known gems such as the Overture from ‘Ruslan and Ludmilla’ and Grieg’s ‘Peer Gynt Suite’ as well as items by Beethoven, Smetana, Joplin, Herbert and others. Their second half will present a journey from 1 to 8 hands, ranging from a left hand only piece via unusual combinations such as Ravel’s ‘Frontispiece’ for 5 hands and audience participation for 7 hands before returning to all hands-on deck!

This promises to be a wonderfully entertaining evening of amazing music from fantastic musicians, and we look forward to welcoming them all.

Tickets £12 Adults, £6 U16, including programme and refreshments.

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www.markfieldmethodistchurch.org if possible,
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Lovefool 90s Night(s)



Thank you for the amazing response we have received to the Lovefool 90s nights on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th November. The event(s) will take place at Newtown Linford Village Hall starting at 7.30pm and finishing at midnight on both evenings. Please bring cash along with you.



There will be three bars serving a range of drinks including 90s alcopops and The Bradgate will be serving food from the Village Hall kitchen, to include pizza slices, hotdogs and chips. More details to follow.

Tickets for the Friday have now sold out and there is a reserve list in place should any become available. At the time of print, we still have availability for the Saturday night. Tickets are £15 each and profits are in aid of Newtown Linford Village Hall.

Call Tara or Hannah to book your tickets now!
Thank you for your support!



Jolly Tots Playgroup

Friday Mornings

All Saints Church, Newtown Linford

9:30am - 11am

We are a friendly group of parents, grandparents, carers of babies and children up to reception age (4years).

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**Ann 07925 919 618 or
Carolyn 07896 960 676**



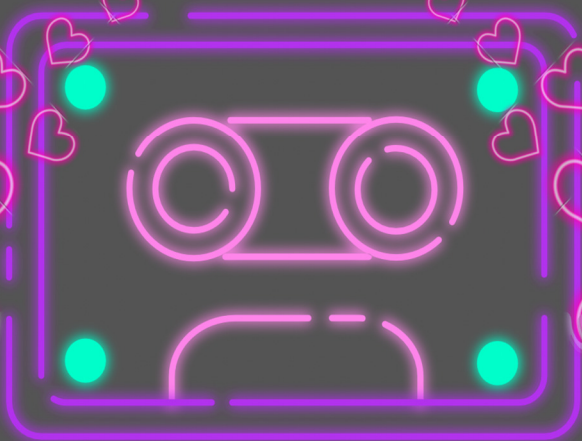


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Information From David Snartt. Borough Councillor Forest Bradgate Ward.

Camera Trial.

A camera which uses artificial intelligence to capture people littering from vehicles is to be trialled by Charnwood Borough Council. The Council will be piloting the Litter Cam technology over a 12-week period in Loughborough.

Vehicle owners could be fined £150 if the cameras catch litter being thrown from the vehicle. New laws introduced means registered keepers are held responsible and may be fined or prosecuted.

The camera will automatically detect rubbish being thrown from a vehicle and could include litter such as cigarette ends, coffee cups, drinks cans and food packaging. If the offence is caught on camera, an automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) camera will record the vehicle's number plate.

More information including frequently asked questions can be found on the Council's website www.charnwood.gov.uk/LitterCam.

Mid Leicestershire Constituency.

Now that political party candidates are being selected before the next General Election, residents have been asking me about the changes which have recently taken place to the local parliamentary constituencies. I understand the main reason for the changes is for each constituency to have around 75,000 electors.

This will see a significant change to the current Charnwood constituency boundaries, with a split between two new constituencies, Melton and Syston and the one Newtown Linford Parish will be in, Mid Leicestershire. The remaining areas from the Charnwood constituency will be joined by villages currently in the Bosworth and South Leicestershire constituencies to form the new Mid Leicestershire constituency.

Recently I have been involved in selecting the Conservative Party Parliamentary Candidate for the new Mid Leicestershire constituency. I thought you would be interested to know that Peter Bedford has now been selected to be the Conservative Party candidate for the new Mid Leicestershire constituency.

Peter first moved to the County in 2004 where he studied law at the University of Leicester, before going on to qualify as a chartered accountant with PricewaterhouseCoopers. He has worked for some recognisable Leicestershire firms, including Aggregate Industries and Next plc. In 2017 Peter was elected as a County Councillor for the Markfield, Des-

ford and Thornton Division of Leicestershire County Council, where he continues to champion local issues such as, the preservation of rural bus services, support for community libraries and opposing speculative housing development.

Until the next general election, Rt Hon. Edward Argar MP will continue to represent residents in the current Charnwood constituency.

Payments on Line.

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The Council also have many online forms that residents can access 24/7 and cover most services the Council offer, from making payments, signing up for council tax, reporting anti-social behaviour and much more. For a full A-Z of services visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/onlineforms.

How to contact the Police

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

They will then assess the situation and deal with the situation as they see fit. This may involve a vehicle from another area. If you wish, also advise our NHW coordinator who will circulate if appropriate.

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Newtown Linford Gardening Club

www.newtownlinford.org.uk/gardening-club.html

We completed our summer programme of events away from the village Hall with a visit to Trentham Gardens near Stoke. A coach load of members enjoyed a lovely day in the sunshine walking around some of this huge area and, although the Italian Garden was past its best, there was plenty to see in other areas around the very large lake. In addition, we had the chance to visit the many shops which made up the area around the entrance, selling everything from food to shoes and clothing.

We return to the Village Hall for the Autumn and on 24th October we welcome Troy Scott-Smith who is the head gardener at Sissinghurst in Kent. This garden was created by Vita Sackville-West and her husband Harold Nicolson and is one of the most renowned in the country. This is our annual Celebrity Evening when we welcome visitors from other Clubs to join us. We hold a raffle with prizes donated by very generous local businesses and the bar is open for sale of wine, beer and soft drinks.

This is proving popular with people from outside our village and so we have already issued half of the tickets we have available for non-members. We charge £12 for visitors and if any reader wishes to come to hear him speak, please contact us, (details below)

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

Anne and David Couling

DES BATES BOWLING FOR ENGLAND

About 15 years ago Des turned his sporting skills to Bowls. In his youth Des was an accomplished footballer playing for Shrewsbury Town, as well as longer spells for Anstey Nomads, and Enderby. He played competitively until he was 50.

In the summer his passion was playing cricket for Newtown Linford where he still has many records to his name. The family tradition continues through first, Paul, his son and now grandson, Sam. Des is still remembered for bowling prowess but it is not bowling at cricket that we should congratulate him but BOWLS.



Des joined New Lount Bowls Club, probably the best Club in Leicestershire, in his late 60's. Such has been his skill that at the age of 83 he was selected to represent England. So congratulations on your achievement plus receiving an award for the rink that had the highest score.

Des said "I am probably the only person from Newtown Linford to play for England at Bowls, and certainly the oldest". I think Des is probably the first to play for England at any sport.

Dick

Editors Note - Villager Lucy Whitfield Whilst doing her A Levels at Groby Community College came away with a Gold medal in the KATA, whilst representing England at the WIKF World Championships in September 2013. She had also received a bronze medal at the European Championships in Greece previously. Are there any other villagers out there who have represented England?

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Louise Richmond and Nicholas Wilding

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Marilyn Upstone

NEWTOWN LINFORD TENNIS CLUB NEWS

Club Tournament Day

The Club Championships Finals took place on Sunday 10th September with some incredibly entertaining tennis! Thank you to all of the players who took part in the weeks leading up to the final and to all of the supporters who cheered them on.



The winners of The Pointon Family Cup for 2023 were Angie and Nick Ridley who beat Charlotte and Gary Turner in a nail biting tiebreaker!

The Pointon Cup has been played for, for many years with many local family names engraved on it. The Club thought



the Cup had gone missing but after a little searching the very tarnished silver cup was found. A lot of elbow grease restored it back to its original state. It is fitting that a new family name is now going to be added.

In the Newtown Classic, another close tiebreaker saw Nick Slade and Andrew Clanchy take the win over Brandon Clanchy and Gary Turner

Team Tennis

All our summer league teams enjoyed a great season with promotions for the men's 2nd team and the mixed team whilst the ladies and men's 1st teams consolidated their positions in their current divisions. Again thanks to everyone who took part.

Coaching

Welcome to new coach George

Coaching blocks to half term are up and running with junior, beginner, improvers, cardio and advance sessions every Saturday

The Beginner and Cardio sessions require NO MEMBERSHIP (beginners

6 sessions) so please come down and take up a new sport and get fit over the winter.

Members - Tots (pre School) and adult- Come and Play sessions on a Thursday morning

More info online - **Newtown Linford Tennis Club Clubspark** or **01530 243433**





**Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch -
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October 2023

I'm sure all of us were both saddened and shocked by the recent events in the Groby Pool area, resulting in a road closure along Newtown Linford Lane during September. Thank you to all the residents who contacted Police with information and assisted with their enquiries.

At the time of print, Police continue to appeal for information as follows:

Officers searching for a missing Leicester woman, recovered a body in some woodland in the Groby Pool area. The body was recovered on Wednesday 6th September, believed to be that of Gabriela Kosilko – who was reported missing on Friday 1st September.

Detective Chief Inspector Mark Sinski from East Midlands Special Operations Unit Murder Investigation Team, said: "Our enquiries into the circumstances surrounding Gabriela's death continue and anyone who may have any information is asked to get in touch.

"If you were driving along Newtown Linford Lane around 2.20pm on Friday (1st September), please check your dashcam footage and get in touch if you captured a red Audi A1 parked on the side of the road or saw anyone driving it or sitting in the vehicle. Equally, if you were in Ratby Lane area during Friday afternoon please get in touch if you saw the vehicle or anything which seemed unusual or caused you concern.

"We would also like to reassure the local community who have been affected by the events of the last few days that officers will remain in the area while further enquiries are conducted. If you have any concerns please contact us via 101 or www.leics.police.uk."

Anyone who can assist with enquiries is asked to contact 101, quoting incident 484 of 1st September or alternatively use Public Portal (mipp.police.uk)

Our thoughts are with Gabriela's family and friends at this sad time.

Best wishes,
Hannah Shaw, Parish Council Clerk,
Tel: 01530 249945
Email: clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk

News from Newtown Linford Parish Council

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



Greetings!

Speeding

Newtown Linford Parish Council remain very concerned by continued speeding issues throughout the Parish, particularly along Main Street, Bradgate Road, Markfield Lane and Roecliffe Road. Chairman, Sue Pritchard regularly downloads and analyses the data from all three VAS units, which has been previously shared through the Village Magazine.

Leicestershire Police conducted a covert speeding operation on Main Street back in 2021 and found 18% of vehicles were found to be exceeding the National Police Chief Council enforcement threshold of 10% +2mph.

This represents poor compliance with the limit and as such the Police Traffic Management Department were asked to coordinate some enforcement utilising Officers from the Local beat team and/or the Safer Roads Team. I am pleased to report that Main Street has now been added to a new list of Community Concern Site Locations and mobile speed enforcement will start imminently in Newtown Linford. The camera vans will be visible from both directions on Main Street and will remind drivers to slow down.

As is the case with all community concern sites, speed camera vans will make regular visits for a period of 18 months and then the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Road Safety Partnership will carry out a site review to ascertain if driver behaviour has been modified.

A full list of Community Concern sites can be found at <https://speedorsafety.com/camera-locations/community-concern-sites>

However, prior to this, NLPC signed up to the Leicestershire Police Bin Sticker Initiative (you may have seen some residents' bins labelled with 30/40mph signs, as a reminder to motorists to slow down) and a supply of these remain available for anyone wanting to display one.

The Parish Council also requested 30mph repeater signs along the highway. However, Direction 11 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 (TSRGD 2002), as amended, defines the requirements for the placing of speed-limit repeater signs, which states that speed-limit repeater signs cannot be placed along a road on which there is car-

riageway lighting not more than 183 metres apart and which is subject to a 30-mph speed limit.

In addition, Main Street, between the junctions with Markfield Lane and Ulverscroft Lane, were also registered with the LCC Community Speed Management Initiative upon the Parish Council's request and lastly, we attempted to get the Community Speedwatch initiative resurrected but following numerous attempts to get resident volunteers to sign up to help, we had no-one come forward.

With the exception of re-siting the intermittent Bradgate Road VAS to a more suitable location (or replacing it with a mobile device), the Parish Council feel they have done everything within their power to try and resolve the problem and the matter now lies with Leicestershire Police and LCC Highways.

However, NLPC's longer term plan is to look at obtaining funding, perhaps through a Section 106 agreement, to have average speed cameras installed along Bradgate Road and Main Street, similar to those installed in recent years in Woodhouse and which have proved very effective. Unfortunately, the cost of these is £100,000 and is not something the Parish Council can budget for immediately or without external funding.

We will continue to liaise with partner agencies and report our concerns.



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Drains and Gullies

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Please continue to report any problems with blocked roadside drains and gullies.

Village Hall Bookings

Recently, I have seen a big increase in the number of enquiries and bookings for the Village Hall which is great news. I believe this is due to other Village Halls close by making changes to their services. Jubilee Hall in Anstey is also due to close on 18th December for a period of 6 to 7 months for building works. If you are thinking of holding a party or event at the Village Hall, please book early to avoid disappointment. I am currently booking dates well into 2024.

On with the news....

Bob Bown Memorial Field

As stated in last month's Magazine, I will be looking at possible further equipment installations for the next financial year, to fill the gaps where the timber trail was previously sited. If you have any requests or suggestions, please contact me as soon as possible to have your say. So far, I have not received any suggestions.

Cemetery and Churchyard

Back in August, our wonderful maintenance contractor, Michael, attended the Churchyard and found a number of slow worms in residence! Slow worms are protected by law in the UK and therefore, maintenance work ceased whilst we consulted with an Ecologist and considered our options to ensure they were not harmed. Since then, Michael has resumed visits which are now taking longer than before, as any strimming or mowing cannot take place until checks have been carried out for Slow Worm presence. Prior to mowing, walking through areas of long grass should

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Stay well, stay safe.
Best wishes,

Hannah Shaw,
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Please could you send any emails to the above email addresses. If you do not receive an acknowledgement of your email from the gmail account within 3/4 days - please contact Carole, the Editor direct on the above number to check we have received it. The village email is not checked so frequently but I don't lose articles from there!

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