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The Bradgate

Group Parish



Joy to the world!

One of the disadvantages of working at a Church is that December is being really quite busy. So much so that at the last Church I was based at, we took the rather radical decision to hold our Christmas party for staff in January. This had the advantage that everybody was available and awake, but was rather lacking in atmosphere!

I'm aware that it's not just those of us who work in Churches for whom Christmas is a rather busy time of year. For most of us, even if work doesn't become more intense as it tends to for the emergency services, retail, and those working to a financial end of year among many others, then the social whirl, the Christmas parties, the gatherings with family and friends, not to speak of all the shopping, begin to fill the diary to the brim. It can feel anything but peaceful!

So the song of the angels, 'peace on earth', can feel rather remote from our experience. Maybe we're longing for just a few moments of rest on the afternoon of Christmas Day amid the detritus of dinner - though it is not perhaps as far from "peace on earth" as it is in some parts of the war-torn world or among those of us struggling with loneliness and sadness.

But Christmas, for all its bustle and busyness, is a time for real peace and joy. I've always loved the quote that 'joy is peace dancing, and peace is joy at rest'. We might be spending more time dancing than resting, but that sense of delight which truly belongs to Christmas – that the deepest reality of all is a deeply loving Father, who is deeply involved in the world he made, through Jesus, born among us to live and die for us – can sustain us now and throughout the year ahead.

May you have a joyful and peaceful Christmas and New Year!

Richard

Christmas Services for you



Christingle Service

Sunday 11th December at 10.30am



Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 18th December at 7.30pm

Followed by mulled wine and home made mince pies



Crib Service - Christmas Eve

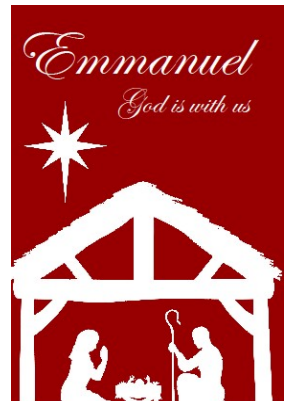
Saturday 24th December at 4pm

Midnight Communion

Christmas Eve at 11.15pm

Christmas Communion

Christmas Day at 9am



17th December

Church Open 10 - 4pm

We are opening the Church between 10 and 4pm for anyone who would like to come into Church and light a candle.

It might be to remember a loved one, to offer a prayer for a loved one who will not be with you this Christmas. It might be just to have a little space. It doesn't matter whether you normally go to Church or not, you

⁴ will be very welcome.

VILLAGE DIARY

December

- 1st-3rd Bradgate Drama Society cancelled.
5th Parish Council
9th Village Christmas Meal
11th Christingle
15th Come and Sing Carols - Choral Society
17th Church Open for lighting of candles
18th Carols by Candlelight
20th Christmas Carols and Ratby Brass Band at the Linford
24th Crib Service

January 2017

- 16th Village Hall AGM
23rd Friends of Charnwood Forest

February

- 3rd Choral Society

Regular events

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday afternoon | Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall |
| Mondays 8pm at the Church | Bell Ringing |
| 4th Tuesday of the month | Gardening Club |
| 3rd Wednesday of the month | Ladies Luncheon Club |
| Thursdays 11.15 | Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall |
| Thursdays 6.30 | Brownies, Sunday School Rooms |
| 3rd Thursday | Gentlemen's Lunch Club |
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Coffee and Cake Duty Rota

December

1st	Sue Clarke & Margaret Bloor	242000/245078
8th	Alicia & Mel Burgwin & Carol Ann Sugden	243433
	Turkey Sandwiches/Cakes and Xmas Raffle	See Page 8 for advert
15th	Betty McChrystal, Sue Howard & Gill Bates	244363/245373/224491
22nd	Ruth Goddard & Ann Smith	245316/242639
29th	No Meeting Happy Christmas	

January 2017

5th	Iris & Peter Sayer	243822
12th	Zoe Reynolds & Sue Birkett	07803292704/244317
19th	Bev Griffiths & Sue Dobby	01509 890264/245366
26th	Janet & David Brunton	242662

February

2nd	Carol Ann Sugden/Gillian/June Hallam	243433/0116 2304808
9th	Mary & Wes Raynor	243042
16th	Ruth Goddard & Ann Smith	245316/242639
23rd	Lesley Cook/Chris A/Gay Redstone	242214/242432/2351625

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on

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3 course meal

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Entertainment (Cost £15).



Following the wonderful day we all had as a Village celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday, It has been decided to have a Village Christmas Meal. The event is open to all adults in the village .

It will be a 3 course Hot Meal with a Coffee table for £15 per head. Please come and join us either on your own and meet some other villagers or get a table together

For tickets please contact Vicky Lightfoot on 242445 or Pat Wood 242251

Menu

Homemade Cream of Vegetable Soup

Hot Scottish Salmon & Lemon Mayonnaise

Lyonnais Potatoes

Buttered Carrots

Petit Pois



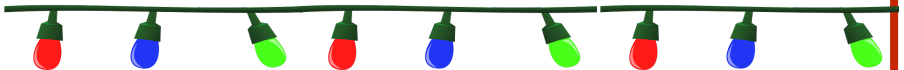
Fruit Flan


Cheese



Coffee Table

Please let us know any dietary requirements, Tickets selling fast





**Start Christmas today and join us for a
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Thursday December 8th 2016
Village Hall as normal**

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Christmas Raffle

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From the Park - Strengthening the Foundations

As I write this we are enjoying a glorious November day. The low sun in a clear blue sky is really bringing out the colours in the trees' autumn garments, the stags and bucks are making the most of the late grass growth to replenish themselves after October's exertions and a steady trickle of visitors are making their way down the carriageway towards the Visitor Centre. Elsewhere, the woods are alive with the song of the chainsaw as this winter's work gets underway.

The rhythm of life on the Park follows a familiar pattern that sometimes barely seems to change from year to year yet over the past few years the Trust has experienced some fundamental changes. During the four years that I have been here, the funding we receive from the City and County Councils has declined by 54% and in real terms (allowing for inflation) our local government grant has gone down by 91% in the last 20 years. At the same time, the expectations that visitors have of us have never been higher and we also aspire to do more work in fulfilment of our second charitable purpose: *"To advance the education of the public in the appreciation and care of the environment"*. The net result of all these changes is that we need to work in ways that are very different to the mid-1990s, when Council funding was at its peak, and unrecognisable by comparison with 1928 when Charles Bennion founded the Charity.

The challenges that we face are shared by many charities in the current climate – increased demand for services in the face of public sector funding that has in some cases all but disappeared, are facts of life for us all in 2016 and there are no signs that life is going to get easier any time soon.

It is to help charities adapt to this changing world that the Heritage Lottery Fund provides support through their "Transition" programme. Since the National Lottery was established, it has distributed some £35 billion to good causes, including charities, and is a major source of funding for heritage charities in particular. The Heritage Lottery Fund has stringent requirements that charities must be able to fulfil in terms of governance and management before they are prepared to invest significant sums of Lottery players' money in them and, recognising that many charities will require support to be able to meet these requirements, it provides support through "Transitions" to those charities that are looking to raise their game to the required level. The Bradgate Park Trust has received funding through the "Transition" programme to allow us to become the kind of organisation we will need to be in the future.



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Part of the funding will enable us to modernise some of our office infrastructure, such as a new phone system and a new server, to help us work more efficiently. We will also be able to offer training to senior staff around budget management and also heritage training to all Trustees, staff and volunteers so that everyone is more knowledgeable and better able to answer visitors' questions.

We are creating two temporary roles as part of the project. Our volunteering so far

has been a huge success especially given that it has been organised by one member of staff, Mat Bateman, alongside his day job. For one year he will be able to work full time as Volunteer Coordinator to really move us forward in terms of having the appropriate policies and procedures in place and developing more and varied opportunities for people to give their time to help the Park. We are also employing a part-time Community Wildlife and Education Officer for 12 months. Nicole Garrett will be developing our education in terms of the programmes that we offer and the audiences that we reach.

We will also be launching a Friends of Bradgate Park scheme, our Memorial Wood and various opportunities for individual and corporate patronage. Many of these initiatives will be launched on 5th August 2017

when we will be staging a day of celebrations to mark the start of the Trust's 90th Birthday year, supported this time by the Big Lottery Fund. The next year is going to be extremely busy and probably quite fraught at times but the Trust will emerge from the other end of the Transition period a more robust and professional organisation that is better placed to deliver against our founder's charitable purposes and to attract the support of funders to help us do so.

In the meantime, we will still be delivering a varied and exciting programme of events. Our 2017 theatre productions will be *Wind in the Willows* on Sunday 25th June and *Pride & Prejudice* on Sunday 30th July. The Bradgate Proms concert will take place on Saturday 19th August. Before then, the Christmas Fair will be taking place over the weekend of 3rd/4th December.

The tearooms and Visitor Centre will be closed from 23rd to 26th December but La Creperia Italian crepe staff at the Deer Barns will be open through the holiday period (apart from Christmas Day) as will the Red Bus Café at Hunts Hill.

I should like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Bradgate Park Trust team to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and I hope to see you on the Park in your festive jumpers.



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Village Ramblers



Ten walkers plus Whistle the dog set out on a damp Saturday afternoon to walk around the edge of Bradgate Park, past Cropston Reservoir, returning to the park via Hall-gates and back over the top to the main entrance. This being November, we just made it back as dusk was falling.

We welcomed Pat to her first Village walk and hope that she will join us again!

Next month's walk is on Saturday, 10th December and will be led by Ed. The walk will commence at the **earlier time of 11am** (to be confirmed) and will finish with lunch at a local pub. Further details will be circulated by Ed nearer to the date. As usual, all newcomers and well-behaved dogs are welcome.

Sarah Fane-Forester

Unless otherwise notified, all walks depart from opposite the Village Hall at 2.00pm. New members are always welcome. All you need is a pair of walking boots and the ability to walk 4/5 miles. Well behaved dogs are also welcome but must be under the supervision of the owner and be on the lead wherever there is livestock or nesting birds.



Newtown Linford Gardening Club

On 25th October the Village Hall was packed to hear the head gardener of the famous Great Dixter speak to us about the garden and its unique planting methods. Fergus Garrett was an inspiring speaker who kept us mesmerised by the wonderful pictures he showed us and by his great enthusiasm for his work.

Great Dixter was created by the Lloyd family from the early part of the last century, and made famous by youngest son Christopher, who developed the garden, originally created by his parents and architect Sir Edward Lutyens.

The formality of nineteenth century gardens was swept away and Christopher Lloyd's vision of a riot of colour in sumptuous beds was created. There is some formal structure, predominantly wonderful yew hedges and some spectacular topiary, but surrounding these are long borders and specially designed 'rooms', which provide year long interest to visitors. As one plant ceases to flower another emerges alongside it, to maintain the interest and the beds constantly change as the seasons go by. At regular intervals, spent plants are removed and replaced by others so that every time you visit the garden it has changed somewhere and, as you move along the pathways, you find plants brushing against your legs as you walk among them.

Equally spectacular are the meadow areas which are full of crocuses, followed by daffodils and then the huge range of English meadow plants which form our natural countryside.

Fergus Garrett's mission is to continue the vision of his mentor Christopher Lloyd and yet keep the garden up-to-date with new ideas and new plants to fulfil this vision. He is training the next generation of gardeners with his student programme so that the concept will continue untarnished through the present century.

This was undoubtedly one of the finest evenings in the history of our Gardening Club and a wonderful climax to our fourteenth year.

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 01530242452@talktalk.net), 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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NEWTOWN LINFORD SERVICES

December 2016

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
4th December 1st Sunday of Advent	9.00am Holy Communion (RT)	
	10.15am Worship as One (RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Evensong (RT)	
11th December 2nd Sunday of Advent		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.15am Remembrance Day (RT)	10.30am Christingle (JW)
	4.00pm Messy Church	
	6.30pm Compline (RT)	
18th December 2nd Sunday before Advent	9.00am Holy Communion (RT)	
	10.15am Service of the World (GS)	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)
	5.00pm Carols by Candlelight (PH)	7.30pm Carols by Candlelight (RT)
24th December Christmas Eve		4.00pm Crib Service (RT)
	11.30pm Midnight Communion (RT)	11.15pm Midnight Communion (JW)
Christmas Day	10.30am Holy Communion (FT)	9.00am Holy Communion (RT)

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—December

GLENFIELD	Wed	9.30am	7th	14th	21st	28th
NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10am	1st			

January 2017

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
1st January	8.30am Holy Communion (FT)	
New Years Day	10.15am Worship as One (RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
8th January		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
Baptism of Christ	10.15am Holy Communion (RT)	10.30am Morning Prayer (JW)
	6.30pm Compline (RT)	
15th January	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
2nd Sunday of Epiphany	10.15am Service of the World (BH)	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)
	4.00pm Messy Church	
22nd January		8.00am Crib Service (RT)
Week of Prayer for Unity	10.15am United Service (PH)	10.30am All Age Service (RT)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (RT)	
29th January	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
4th Sunday of Epiphany	10.15am Service of the World (BH)	10.30am Morning Prayer (CH)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (RT)	

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—January 2017

GLENFIELD	Wed 9.30am 4th 11th 18th 25th
NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur 10am 5th



CHURCH REGISTER **NEWTOWN LINFORD**

Weddings

None

Baptisms

13th November ~ Zanze Victoria Dale

20th November ~ Athena Millicent Jelley

We welcome them in to the church family



Funerals

8th November ~ Carole Irene Curtis, formerly of Warren Hill,
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.



Newtown Linford Church now has its own Website - why not check it out.

www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk

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Brownies

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We had a really good night
Bethany and Olivia Jones
Age 10



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Stitching Capability Brown.

Craft work, including stitching of all sorts, is increasingly popular. Evidence of this can be seen in the work that many local stitchers have contributed this year to a wide range of embroidery exhibitions celebrating the 300th anniversary of landscape architect Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. Some of the exhibitions continue for a few more weeks (see <http://www.capabilitybrown.org/events> and www.nationaltrust.org.uk). A local group, 'Crafty Stitchers' designed, made and exhibited this view of Charlecote Park.

Several members each made a different section; these sections were then collated by 5 sterling volunteers – no easy task!

They were delighted when their combined



efforts were featured in the national Embroiderer's Guild members' journal, 'Contact'.

You, too, could be involved in creating your own stitched pieces, having fun and making new friends while you learn more about modern and traditional embroidery. 'Crafty Stitchers' welcome new members, they are an Embroiderer's Guild group drawn from across the City and County. They meet at Braunstone West Social Centre, St. Mary's Avenue, Leicester LE3 3FT on the second Saturday of each month, 2 - 4.30pm. There are speakers each month and also workshops and outings are arranged. The group also have informal, fortnightly Sew and Chat sessions which are held at Braunstone Civic Centre on Fridays, 2 – 4pm. If you would like more details, email Rita at ritayeo27@gmail.com or phone Wilma on 0116 2870288. No previous experience is needed, so do come and give it a try!

Village Hall News

The AGM of Newtown Linford Village Hall Charitable Trust will take place on Monday 16th January, 2017 in the Small Hall at 19:30. All residents within the Parish are welcome to attend, although only those over 18 may vote.

THE Agenda will be as follows:-

Apologies for Absence

Minutes of 2016 AGM, and matters arising

Reports from:-

- Chairman
- Treasurer (including accounts)
- Social Secretary
- Booking Secretary
- Bar Manager

Notification of Appointed members*

Election of 8 committee members

All Village organisations are entitled to nominate a representative. Nominations are currently made by Bradgate Drama, the Choir, the Gardening Club, the Parish Council and the Playgroup.

The Committee is always looking for new blood. If you are interested in serving on the Committee, please discuss it with me on 245298 or come to the meeting.

In the November Magazine I stated that the Village Quiz would take place on 3rd February. In order to avoid a clash with the Choral Society Concert, we have moved the date of the Quiz to Friday 3rd March. I hope this will not upset anybody's arrangements.

Toby Manning, Chairman

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Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



No crimes were in Newtown Linford reported to me this month. Recently, a Woodhouse Eaves resident received a 'phone call from a man who knew his name and introduced himself as 'Inspector Hart from the Serious Fraud Office'. The caller said he was contacting the resident because of an unusual transaction that was recorded on his bank account. Our man was immediately suspicious and asked if he could call him back. The 'inspector' said he did not give out his personal number and then became abusive and rang off. A call was made to the police 101 number which was passed on to a specialist team in London. A resident in our village has informed me that there has been several more identical cases reported.

A resident complained about horse droppings on the pavement which has resulted in correspondence with different views. Some claim the droppings to be dangerous to humans and some claim the opposite. Far too much information to print here but I may put it on the website when I get a minute. Apparently horses can regularly be seen on the pavement around Grey Crescent. Not sure where they have come from or where they are going.

We are reminded to try and safeguard our mobile phones: You need to know more than the model and colour of your handset. Each mobile phone manufactured for use in the UK has a unique International Mobile Equipment Identity number (IMEI) hardwired into it during the manufacturing process. Knowing the IMEI will help the police and insurance companies identify your handset should it be stolen. UK network operators will also prevent a stolen phone from working across their respective networks if they know its IMEI.

You can find your handset's IMEI by:

- typing *#06# into the keypad of your handset
- looking inside the battery or SIM card compartment of your handset
- looking on the side of the box, or on the associated paperwork, that you received when purchasing the handset.

I gather catalytic converters are going missing again: here is some advice.

- If a catalytic converter is a bolt on type it is possible to have the bolts welded on
- Fit protective coverings on catalytic converters, these can make it much more difficult for thieves
- Have your catalytic converter etched or forensically marked and put stickers in the windscreen to say this has been done

As we are now well into winter the Police issue the following advice although thankfully here in the Midlands we are not so vulnerable. Leicestershire Police's Road Policing Unit advises people to be alert and to drive according to the conditions during winter weather. The British winter is unpredictable and bad weather can strike suddenly so the best advice when severe weather hits is to stay off the road. If you must drive, make sure you are prepared for the conditions.

- During the winter months motorists and cyclists have to deal with increased flooding as well as frost, sleet, snow, icy winds, icy roads, fog and the usual frozen locks and non-starts.
- Even if you are in a 30mph area it may mean you have to travel more slowly because the weather is bad.
- One of the biggest causes of accidents during the winter is not the weather but poor driving. The other reason for unnecessary frustrations and delay is not preparing your vehicle and making sure it is mechanically ready for the rigours of winter.
- Before setting off on your journey make sure you have performed the crucial checks on your car, especially if kept outdoors and that the vehicle has been recently serviced by experts and deemed safe to drive.

If Stranded

Ensure that your vehicle will not block access (abandoned vehicles can obstruct spreaders) and if possible remain in your vehicle unless there is a safety risk.

Pam McMorran

NHW Co-ordinator – pam@riverlyn.freeseve.co.uk
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Editor - see info from Leicestershire Police after the Parish Council Report. (page 37).

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There was no Parish Council meeting in November and this copy went to press before the December meeting. The Councillors continue to work on the following matters:-

Bob Bown: the damaged fencing either side of the goal posts is being replaced to ensure the safety of children just outside the pitch. The dog bag bin presently buried in the hedging on the left hand side is being located to the point in the top right hand corner where dog walkers come through from the park. Hopefully this will encourage them to use it. The two signs on the fencing by the gates are being updated since the emergency numbers have changed. The large emergency sign that has been missing for several years is also being replaced. Councillor Sue Colebeck continues to monitor the Field regularly.

Cemetery. The Council was pleased to receive the Land Certificate giving the Parish Council Absolute Title for all of the land. Older residents may recall that the land was purchased in 1955 and the deeds subsequently lost. One of the last things Lydia Knott did before her retirement was swear an affidavit which the present Clerk prepared and submitted.

The tree planting scheme is awaited This is being prepared by Joanne Kennedy a member of the Newtown Linford Gardening Club and local landscape artist. Charnwood B.C. need to know what species of hedging will be used when opening up for the second gateway. She will also draw up a plan for trees in the new area. There is some suggestion that a few fruit trees may be added to encourage pollinating insects and other wildlife. The Councillors are conscious that we are in a very rural and tranquil area. It is hoped that residents may like to donate a tree in memory of a loved one. Please let the Clerk know if you are interested.

There are only two or three spaces left in the present consecrated area. Any spaces you can see have already been purchased by residents over the last few years. By the time you read this the new boundary fence should be in place in readiness for the next stage.

Planning: The Councillors continue to monitor the applications and liaise with Councillor David Snartt who is always prepared to assist. An application was due to go before the November Planning Com-

mittee and Councillor Holly Cross was to speak along with Councillor David Snartt and a nearby neighbour of the application.

The Troughs in the centre of the village –These have been planted out and regularly watered by ex Councillor Nigel Blythe and his wife Betty for a number of years. This has been voluntary on their part and the Council have only paid for the compost and plants. They have now decided to retire from this admirable work and the Councillors wish to record their heartfelt thanks to them. It is likely the Gardening Club will be approached to see if they have a few members prepared to carry on this work. The high hanging baskets are a different matter and provided funds can be found a professional company will be employed.

Funds will be tight over the next couple of years in view of the aforementioned commitments and the lack of grants available. The Councillors will be preparing the Budget and Precept for next year at the December meeting and it may be that the Precept will be raised.

Pam McMorrان – Parish Clerk 01530 242201
clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk

Leicestershire Police sent a flyer for the magazine asking us to remind residents about **protecting your home and belongings from burglars**. To save cost to the magazine, the advice is reproduced below:

- ❖ Keep doors and windows locked at all times - even if you pop outside to the garden or go upstairs
- ❖ Always lock doors behind you and remove the key from the lock
- ❖ Keep valuables, bags, cash and keys out of sight and keep them in a safe place
- ❖ Don't leave the packaging from expensive items outside your house - take it to be recycled or put it in the bin
- ❖ Install a visible alarm system and security lighting to act as a deterrent
- ❖ Prevent easy access to the back and side of your home with locked gates and fencing
- ❖ Make sure your home looks occupied by using automatic time switches to turn on a light when it goes dark, even if you are just out for a couple of hours
- ❖ If you're going away, don't advertise it on social media
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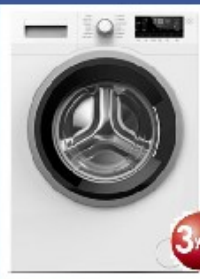
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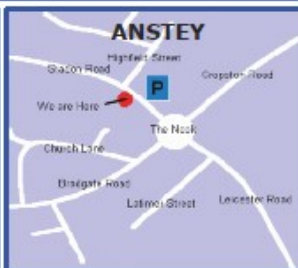
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