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Group Parish



This time last year my sister asked me for help. She wanted to give my father a gift. He and my mum look after my nephew one or two days a week and she wanted to give him something as a thank you. She was wondering about a day at a cricket match. My dad comes from a cricket-obsessed family and it's something that he's passed on to me – during the season half our conversations are about Test matches and teams. But no-one else in the family shares our obsession so she wondered if I could organise the day on her behalf and go with him.

I leapt at the chance. I was on the Lord's website the day tickets went on sale for the summer Test against India and was lucky enough to get two. My sister presented my dad with a little card informing him of his present. However, he mislaid the card, remembered that he'd received the gift but kind of forgot the details. So when I rang him a fortnight before the match to make arrangements for travelling to London I discovered that he'd assumed we were going to Edgbaston that Friday instead and had booked holiday in Cornwall the following week! We had to make hurried rearrangements and get some last minute tickets for the game in Birmingham and I went off to London the following week on my own (well, my uncle met me there, but that's another story!).

I don't tell this story to embarrass my dad but just to wonder this: how often do we hear the Christmas story, with the annual reminder that Jesus' birth is a gift to us, but then put it aside and forget the details. Oh, we remember the outline, but we neglect to remember that this is a gift we need to unpack, to explore. We need to make use of it, otherwise we're going to miss out on the benefit.

God, in Jesus, went to great lengths to give us the greatest gift of all: life in Christ. Are we remembering that, benefiting from it?

Richard

VILLAGE DIARY

February

- 3rd Family Village Treasure Hunt
8th Music and puddings
9th Ramblers
12th Recycling Centre Visit
18th Friends of Charnwood Forest
25th Parish Council Meeting
26th Gardening Club

March

- 9th Brownies Rummage Sale

Regular events

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday afternoon | Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall |
| Mondays 8pm at the Church | Bell Ringing |
| 4th Tuesday of the month | Gardening Club |
| 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of month | Home Study Group |
| 3rd Wednesday of the month | Ladies Luncheon Club |
| Thursdays 9.15 | Jolly Tots Playgroup, Church |
| Thursdays 11.15 | Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall |
| Thursdays 6.30 | Brownies, Sunday School Rooms |
| Thursday Eves | Bridge Club 9 Main Street |
| 3rd Thursday | Gentlemen's Lunch Club |

Newtown Linford Open Gardens

Sunday 7th July 2019, 12-5pm.

Please contact Jane Woolmer 0116 235537, ejwoolmer@gmail.com if you could volunteer to open your garden on that day. This is not the NGS Open Gardens Scheme so don't think your garden is not good enough as there is always something of interest to see. Stalls held either in a garden or elsewhere would be most welcome. Funds collected will go towards the Church Redecoration Fund.

Recycling Centre Visit

The rearranged visit to Casepak recycling centre at Braunstone Frith industrial estate is on Tuesday February 12 at 2pm.

If you are interested in coming contact Jane Woolmer on 0116 2355237 or email ejwoolmer@gmail.com





Coffee & Cake @ Newtown Linford Village Hall

Thursday Morning 11.15am - Free

All Welcome - All Ages



Coffee and Cake Duty Rota

February

7th	Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Josie	245078/242008
14th	Sue Birkett & Jan Dempsey	244317 /0116 2700072
21st	Felicity Manning & Sue Brown	245298/249384
28th	Ann Scrine, Steve & Dave Pratt	242301/589031

March

7th	Bev Griffiths & Sue Dobby	01509 890264/245366
14th	Iris & Peter Sayer, Glenis Meredith	243822
21st	School/Judy Rowe/Clare/Rhian/Andrea	243989/243119
28th	Carol Ann, June Hallam, Sue Howard	243433/0116 2304808/ 245373

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

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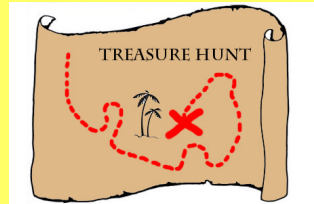
from Dick Howard 01530 245373

Proceeds support the redecoration of All Saints'

NEWTOWN LINFORD TENNIS CLUB

Sunday 3rd February 2019

VILLAGE FAMILY TREASURE HUNT



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RUMMAGE SALE

NEWTOWN LINFORD BROWNIES

Saturday 9th March 2019

1.30pm in the Village Hall

Admission 50p

Tea and Home Made Cakes

Are you Spring Cleaning?

If so and you are outting unwanted clothes and bric-a-brac - please will you remember we are having a rummage sale and would be very grateful for your surplus articles.



Village Hall doors will be open for dropping off rummage from 9.15am on date or sale, or collection can be arranged.

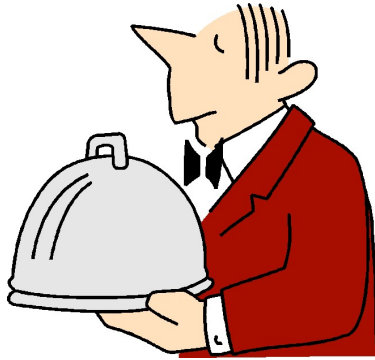


Hilary - Brown Owl

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NEWTOWN LINFORD GENTLEMEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB



The Gentlemen's Luncheon Club is an opportunity for retired gentlemen to meet together over a delicious lunch and to enjoy lively conversation in a convivial atmosphere.

There are around twenty five members ranging in age from late fifties to over ninety. This is an excellent way for a person new to the village to meet a lot of people very quickly and for a newly-retired gentlemen to enjoy his well-earned leisure time.

We meet on the third Thursday of every month at The Grey Lady Kitchen & Deli to eat a three course lunch. Anyone wishing to join us may contact the organizer.

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From The Park



The Trust has been celebrating its 90th anniversary over the past year or so to commemorate Charles Bennion's gift of Bradgate Park. The day of our actual birthday slipped by almost unnoticed on 29th December 2018, the anniversary of the day in 1928 when Mr Bennion executed his Deed of Trust that brought the Charity into existence.

One of the ways in which we marked the anniversary was by recording an episode of Open Country for BBC Radio 4 on the Park towards the end of November and this was first broadcast on 13th December. If you missed the show when it was broadcast, it is available to listen to on iPlayer at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0001ks2>

I have written before about the work that is going on in Swithland Wood this winter. The Swithland Guardians Project, funded by the Postcode Lottery Trust, has trained and equipped our volunteers to take a lead role in the ongoing management of the Wood alongside, but also independently of, the Rangers. Funding from the National Forest Company is enabling us to refresh the waymarking of the various paths and trails through the Wood and produce new information and interpretive signage together with some new waymarked trails for people who are perhaps less familiar with the wood or are exploring it for the first time.

Since the Pay & Display machines were installed, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of season ticket applications received: It is rather sad to think that these are regular visitors who were clearly not in the habit of putting their parking fee in the honesty box and that it has taken the threat of enforcement to make them do the right thing.

The Rangers are cutting two new coppice compartments this winter and the volunteers are engaged in clearing the brambles from the regrowth and newly-planted trees in the areas that were cut last year and will soon be planting new trees in some of the gaps. I walked through one of the recently coppiced areas last week and it was hard to believe that I had been in there only three years previously extracting timber with a heavy horse on one of our courses. The dense regrowth is alive with birdsong early in the morning – according to the Rangers, who get up and to work far earlier than I manage.

Not all of Swithland Wood lends itself to coppicing, and in those areas

where there is no evidence of historic coppice management, our policy is to fell small numbers of mature oaks in order to create gaps into which new trees can be planted and which give the best trees additional light and freedom from competition. Although Swithland Wood as a whole is classified as Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland, there are some areas that are essentially 19th century timber plantations and, in order to break up the even age structure so that all the trees don't grow old and die at the same time, we carry out this selective felling and replanting in order to ensure the continued survival of the woodland ecosystem and the wildlife habitats it provides.

On the Park, deer management is the main focus of the winter's work and venison is selling out in the Visitor Centre and Conservatory Tea-room almost as soon as it is put in the freezers. Our venison is a by-product of the management of the Park as a Site of Special Scientific Interest so, once we have taken the number of deer that we have identified as being necessary to deliver the management plan, supplies will dry up until next season.

The Christmas and New Year period was extremely busy, as it always is when the weather is fine, and there were a number of parking issues in the Village, including parking on the double yellow lines on Bradgate Road, which had hitherto been generally well observed. We think this could reflect the fact that many people visit at Christmas who are not 'regulars' and so are not aware that these restrictions are enforced. Council wardens attended on most days over the holiday period and a significant number of tickets were issued. Last year the Parish Council funded additional parking enforcement on Bank Holidays and the Trust has agreed to match their contribution this year, meaning that we can expect double the number of warden patrols, which will hopefully continue to drive home the message that it is not worth parking on yellow lines. The Parish Council will continue to undertake liaison with the County Council over the booking of warden patrols.

The worst of the winter is supposed to be yet to come so, assuming we are not all snowed in by the time you read this, I look forward to seeing you on the Park.

Peter Tyldesley

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Village Ramblers

January was a short walk around Bradgate Park with 11 walkers, others joining later for tea at Lesley's, where 2019 walks were arranged as follows:-



The programme for 2019 is as follows

MONTH	LEADER
9th February	Circular walk around Thornton Reservoir with tea afterwards. Contact Jan Croft 01530 244565 for details
9th March	Glenis Meredith and John Castle
13th April	Joe & Claire Costello
11th May	Christine Hall
8th or 15th June	Andrew and Fiona
13th July	Penny Neaves & Jill Speckley
10th August	Peter and Iris Sayer
14th September	Peter and Carolyn Lowe
12th October	Toby & Felicity Manning
9th November	Sarah Forester
14th December	Ed Killick
2020	
11th January	Lesley Baker
8th February	Joe & Claire Costello

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.

DECEMBER VILLAGE WALK Saturday 8.12.18

Our December walk started earlier than usual, at 11am, due to the reduced daylight hours in the afternoon.

Thirteen of us set off from the Village Hall and we walked to the Tyburn entrance to the park and then along the permissive path on the outside of the park wall, to Hunts Hill. We then went through the car park and along Benscliffe Road, turning right along the Leicestershire Round. We walked through the wood and across Lingdale golf course and then two fields, coming out on Maplewell Road in Woodhouse Eaves.

From there we walked up Victoria Road, along a footpath on to Brand Hill and we then walked along the road to the Wheatsheaf, where we met four non walkers, for lunch (see photo).

The lunch was very well received. The restaurant was beautifully presented, the service was very good and everyone enjoyed their food. After lunch we walked back to Newtown, via the triangle, Swithland Woods and straight across the Park.

We arrived back in Newtown a little before four. Although we had felt a few spots of rain during the walk, the weather was good, mostly dry and pleasant.

Ed Killick



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Newtown Linford Brownies

Carol Singing

At Christmas, the Brownies were invited to sing carols with the Choral Society. During the carol singing the Brownies sat on the stage in the Village Hall. There were lots of people there. We enjoyed listening to the carols being sung. Then it was our turn.....

We sang Jingle Bell Rock, We Three Kings and Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer. Everybody clapped for us. Then the Choral Society and the Brownies and the guests all sang together. We sang The Twelfth day of Christmas and the Brownies got to sing the line "and a partridge in a pear tree".

We all had a brilliant time and it would be nice to do it again.

By **Madison Hindocha Cato, age 7**



Newtown Linford Brownies

Our trip to Boost

The Brownies and the Anstey Guides met at Boost Trampoline Park. First of all we watched the safety video. It told us how to stay safe on the trampolines. Then it was time to bounce. We all ran off in different directions. We bounced and bounced and bounced some more until we were so tired. Luckily Brown Owl had brought drinks. My favourite part was the high diving board because it was very high off the ground, it made my tummy feel funny. There was a long trampoline that some older girls did tricks on. A few of us went on wipe out. On wipe out you jump over the small arm and duck under the big arm.

What an exciting night it was, thank you Brown Owl !!!

By Madison Hindocha Cato, age 7





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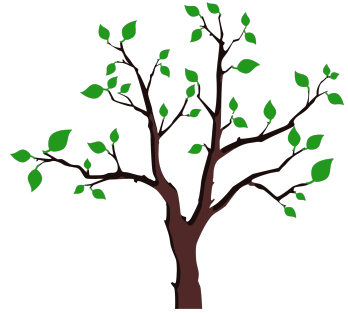
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NEW TREES FOR THE CEMETERY

Many of you will have made a donation to the Stag's Head. That project was completed last March. There was a substantial surplus held in the Friends of Charnwood Forest accounts and it was agreed by the Society that all this money should be spent within the Parish of Newtown Linford.



The Parish Council's priorities were to replace the diseased copper beech in the churchyard and to provide trees for the new extension to the Cemetery.

On the 19th March, on a snowy morning, a new copper beech was planted and gave a good show of purple leaves last summer. Later in the Spring, on 14th May, five trees were planted in the extended land of the Cemetery. It had been our aspiration to plant a selection of trees that will give summer and autumn colour with maples, to encourage birds, and to make an attractive addition to the existing peaceful environment of the earlier cemetery.

So the first planting in May included two maple, a Crimson King, and a yellow leaf Brilliantissium, a Mountain Ash with yellow berries, a silver birch and a weeping willow. The timing could not have been worse as there was no significant rainfall for the next 10 weeks at the most important time for newly planted trees. This resulted in having to water the trees about every two days and transport 6 gals of water each time.

Thus further planting was suspended until this winter. On 11th January Brian Anderson and myself planted a further five trees. We started with a Rivers Purple copper beech, a third maple tree with red leaves, a Joseph Rock sorbus, and two yellow leaved alders with the most attractive orange purple catkins which are a favourite of siskins.

Time will tell how well the earlier planting survived last summer but these last five trees have been planted at the optimum time. Hopefully they all grow well and enhance the appearance of the Cemetery.

Dick Howard

BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES February 2019

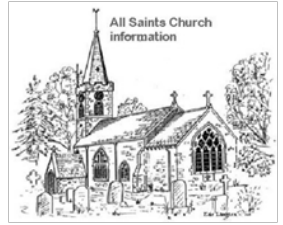
DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
3rd February	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
	10.15am Worship as One (SA/RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
5th Sunday before Lent	6.30pm Evensong (RT)	
		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
10th February	10.15am Holy Communion (RT/BH)	10.30am Morning Prayer (JW)
	6.30pm Compline (GS)	
4th Sunday before Lent	8.30am Holy Communion (RT/SA)	
	10.15am Service of the World (BH/SA)	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)
17th February	4.00pm Messy Church	
		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
3rd Sunday before Lent	10.15am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am All Age Service (RT)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (RT)	
24th February		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
2nd Sunday before Lent		10.30am All Age Service (RT)

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—February 2019

GLENFIELD	Wed 10.45am 6th 13th 20th 27th
NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur 10.30am 7th



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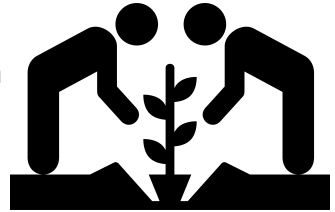
Weddings

31st December ~ Richard Augustus & Becky Manship

Baptisms	none
Funerals	none

Village Open Gardens 7th July 2019

All Saints Church would like to run a village open gardens in July 2019 to raise funds for the decoration fund (no NGS this year).



I am looking for volunteers. Any garden is acceptable as there is always something creative and interesting to see. We meet the conditions if it is a community event, we have more than 5 gardens, and all funds go to charity.

Please contact Jane Woolmer (0116 2355237, ejwoolmer@gmail.com) if you can offer a garden or help organise the village event.

Date to be decided.

Jane Woolmer

Church Contact Details

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Philip Warrilow



Philip Stephen Warrilow was born on the 23rd January 1947 and passed away on the 23rd November 2018. He is seen here in the photograph with his wife Rhona in 1999 celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary on board the Arcadia. The Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for his life was held at Gilroes Crematorium on Tuesday 11th December 2018 with his ashes being interred in All Saints Church Churchyard. He was born a resus baby (known as a blue baby) at the Bond Street Maternity Home in Leicester. His blood was changed three times and was billed in the Leicester Mercury as a miracle baby due to being the first resus baby believed to have lived.

Wife Rhona says they met at Tiffany's Disco in Leicester in January 1973 where he asked her to dance. He asked to take her home but she said no as her mother had always taught her to say no the first time to test their motives. Phil passed this test and asked her out again and they married in January 1974. There followed a long and happy marriage.

They bought a house at Barlestone as Phil worked at Press Patterns in Coventry. Unfortunately in November 1975 he was made redundant. So there they were with a new house, large mortgage and son Shaun on the way. Rhona had a cousin who had a stall on Leicester Market selling clothes and Phil went to have a look. He decided Fruit and Veg was a better proposition saying in hard times people will go without clothes but they will still buy fruit and veg. In 1976, the year Shaun was born there was a drought and veg was scarce and he told Rhona we can charge

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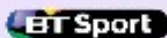
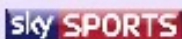


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what we want now and we will be a millionaire by the end of the year! Indeed it was a very successful year allowing them to buy a chalet at Heacham and a boat at Blakeney where the family spent many happy weekends and long school holidays, Guy having been born on the 8th January 1978.

In the 1925 Auction Phils' grandfather purchased the house and land known as High Acres, (presently called Tumble Down). Part of this land subsequently being compulsorily purchased by the Council for the building of the Council Houses, their garages and the Bob Bown Playing Field. In 1930 the family sold the house High Acres and moved into the present two houses.

In 1990 Phil, Rhona and their family came to live in Newtown Linford in the home of his Father's sister, Aunt Alice, his mother living next door. On 8th October 1999 when his mother died they joined the two houses together and ran a successful Bed and Breakfast business between 2000 and 2012.

In 2009 Phil had been quite fit and climbed Snaefell Mountain on the Isle of Man. However in December 2010 Phil contracted Swine Flu from which he never fully recovered. He retired in 2012 and put the houses back into two, living in one and renting the other out. In 2013 he had a heart valve replacement and in 2015 a pacemaker and defibrillator were fitted. During this latter operation he suffered shingles and from then on found travelling and enjoying holidays and his favourite cruises difficult. Their last holiday was in 2016 travelling around Cyprus and Turkey. They celebrated his 70th Birthday at the Railway in Glenfield but the last few years were quite difficult even with the chair lift and motorized scooter.

Rhona has many happy memories of Phil's sense of humour and Guy's partner remembers the time he took a large spider off the window and threw it into her handbag after she had stopped screaming she discovered he still had it in his hand after all.

The racing mini shown in the photograph on the next page, being driven by Phil's brother, John, was kept here in Newtown Linford at the home of the Gibbins family. When Phil was about nineteen his Aunt was found collapsed and the only vehicle available was the mini which was untaxed and uninsured. As Aunt Alice was making the death sounds from her throat Phil decided he had to save her and there was no time for the am-

balance. He dashed her to hospital and was told had he waited for the ambulance she would not have survived. He then realized what he had done and decided to phone the Gibbins boys to bring a trailer to transport the mini back home.



Finally Rhona speaks of Phil's interest in fishing and his hiring a mini bus to go shark fishing down south with a few of his market friends. Phil caught the first shark and decided to bring it home to prove he had caught it. It was quite large and they put it on the roof of the van –the van broke down on the way back and it took the RAC four hours to repair and by the time they got back to Leicester Market it was all shut down for the weekend. The shark had begun to cook on the roof of the van by then so they put it in the Town Hall fountain to keep cool. Knowing they would get publicity to prove they had caught it they telephoned the Leicester Mercury to report a shark in the fountain!! This is believed to have been front page of the Mercury just like the blue baby although the culprit this time was never found.

Phil is survived by his wife Rhona, sons Guy and Shaun with his wife Kelly and their children Spencer, Becky, Tee-Jay and Leighton.

Rhona Warrilow.



THE FRIENDS OF CHARNWOOD FOREST



Monday 18th February 7:30pm.

Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall Talk by Colonel Robert Martin,

“ The History of the Martin Family”.

An insight into the history of this local family and it's close ties to the Charnwood Forest Area.

Monday 18th March. 7:30pm.

Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall AGM followed by a talk by Peter Tyldesley,

“Colourful Characters of Bradgate Park”

Come along and hear a little more about the association and listen to a fabulous talk by Peter, the Director of the Bradgate Park Trust. Who are these Colourful Characters who inhabit or have inhabited our beloved Bradgate? Come along and find out more about our wonderful Charnwood Forest.

Monday 15th April. 7:30pm.

Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall Talk by Roy Mitchell,

“The History of the Stoneywell Gardens.”

Everyone is very welcome to join us. A nominal charge of £3, payable on the door for non-members.

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Report from Councillor David Snartt

Roecliffe Road Speeding Vehicles.

I have again been corresponding with Leicestershire Police about the enforcement activity they have carried out with visits to Roecliffe Road by the speed camera van. I am grateful to the Police for responding to my request for action to be taken to help reduce speeds on this road. I notice that this road is now listed on the schedule for visits in the future. Every month since September 2018, the camera van has visited once. The times of the visits have been varied and a good number of vehicles have been detected travelling over the pre-set threshold for the 40mph speed limit on this part of the road. I am pleased the times have included early morning and late afternoon, residents have told me these are the times when they see more speeding vehicles.

Residents living on Roecliffe Road may be interested in the dates and times the van has attended, some may have seen the van in attendance: 29th September 16.44 to 18.20; 11th October 08.45 to 10.30; 19th November 07.40 to 09.20 and 5th December 12.45 to 14.30. With the help of the Newtown Linford Parish Council erecting a speed monitoring sign, I am hopeful these combined actions will help to reduce speeds and make this road safer for the residents who live there.

Review of Polling Stations.

I received information from residents that the Polling Station at the Sunday School, Newtown Linford was difficult for wheel chair users to access the building and vote. I asked officers at Charnwood Borough Council to investigate to see if this situation could be resolved for the next Borough Council elections on 2nd May 2019.



The (Acting) Returning Officer has investigated the possibility of an alternative venue and has carried out an inspection of The Linford, 66 Main Street, Newtown Linford to assess its suitability as a polling station. The result of the assessment is that The Linford has adequate facilities for polling, including parking and disabled access. Therefore, The Linford will replace the current polling station at the Sunday School for Polling District CM1, Newtown Linford and CM2 Ulvercroft.

David Snartt

Newtown Linford Gardening Club

We may only be in the early weeks of the year but there are green shoots already appearing. The first snowdrops are coming and hellebores are beginning to look splendid. If the weather remains as mild as it has been it won't be long before buds appear on our shrubs and herald early signs of Spring. However we must always beware because the British weather can turn nasty very quickly.

Our programme for 2019 promises to be attractive with a wide variety of topics offered by our visiting speakers. Again, we have two celebrity evenings when household names in the horticultural world come to our Village. This year our celebrities are Matthew Biggs from Gardeners' Question Time and Chris Beardshaw, the famous garden designer with an enviable collection of Chelsea gold medals. As usual, we invite members of other Gardening Clubs and interested people to join us on these occasions and tickets at £12 can be obtained from the Secretary.

In addition we have some excellent evenings planned. We are particularly pleased to welcome Alan Power from Stourhead whose garden has regularly featured on Gardeners' World. Our two visits will be equally popular when we go to the famous David Austin Roses Nursery and to the Leicester Botanic Gardens.

Programme 2019

22nd Jan	Birds in our Garden	<i>Chris Edwards</i>
26th Feb	Open Evening with	MATTHEW BIGGS
26th Mar	Thrive –<i>Amanda Fields</i> Social & Therapeutic Horticulture	
23rd Apr	The Garden at Stourhead	<i>Alan Power</i>
28th May	Plants for your Garden	<i>Timothy Walker</i>
18th June	Visit to David Austin Roses	
23rd July	Summer Garden Party	
27th Aug	Evening at Leicester Botanical Gardens	
24th Sept	National Trust Gardens	<i>Julie Allard</i>
22nd Oct	Open Evening with	CHRIS BEARDSHAW
10th Dec	Christmas Party	

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

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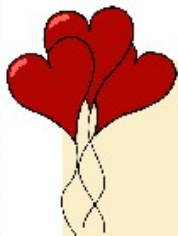
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Overnight from the 5th to the 6th, a burglary took place in Quorn where a silver Porsche 911 was stolen. The vehicle is believed to have been taken out of the County. There are no reports of crime in Newtown Linford.

We would like to advise residents to ensure that they hide car keys within their homes (especially if the vehicle is of high value). Nowadays most vehicles are stolen using keys and criminals have a good idea of where people leave their keys in the house so we would recommend finding somewhere less obvious to place them.

Additionally, with many modern vehicles having keyless entry and start, some criminals have the technology to scan and copy car keys inside a house. Some makes and models are more susceptible to this than others. Small, relatively inexpensive, pouches to put keys in, that prevent this from happening, are readily available. Obviously the police wouldn't endorse any particular make or supplier, but this is an example of what is available - <https://www.halfords.com/motoring/car-security/car-security/halfords-anti-rfid-theft-key-wallet>.

I have also received these scam warnings.

How to spot an HMRC tax scam

Spotting an HMRC tax scam depends on how you've been contacted.

HMRC Tax Refund Email Scams

Email will be the most common, particularly for the tax rebate scams.

First thing to do is check the email address the message has been sent from. Some will be very obvious to spot and have addresses which are just a random series of letters and number, which are obviously not real.

Others are sneakier, and will have an address ending hmrc.co.uk or hmrc.org, which look a lot more convincing, but are still fake.

But the most important thing to remember is, HMRC will **NEVER** contact you by email about a tax rebate or refund. So, if you get an email about this, you know it's a scam.

How to spot and report fake websites and pharming scams

There have always been scammers out to empty your pockets, but with

the age of the internet, they've managed to get even more clever into tricking you out of your hard-earned cash. Pharming and fake websites are a popular way to do this, so read on to know how you can spot them, and how you can report fake websites and pharming scams.

How to spot pharming and fake websites?

Pharming is a scamming technique in which attackers redirect traffic of a legitimate website to another fraudulent website with the purpose of spreading malware or stealing sensitive data from victims.

It looks a bit like this. Let's say you type in Facebook in the URL bar. You think you're going to land on the official Facebook page, but in reality, scammers have found a techy way to send you to a fake website.

This fake website will look exactly the same as Facebook. Unless you're looking for it, spotting a fake website is incredibly hard.

The scammer will be able to see EVERYTHING you're doing on this fake website page. When you enter your email and password, they can see it and note it. They'll have that information on you. Now imagine how much damage they could do if they trick you into 'signing in' to your bank, using a fake page.

The scammer would have your name, and bank details. They could literally then just sign into your real account as you and empty your account.

How they do this is quite technical and they use several techniques to make it possible, such as DNS Cache Poisoning or compromising a host to make it possible.

The best way to avoid getting pharmed is to always make sure you have a good antivirus or anti-malware installed and that it is updated regularly. These should be able to detect an edit to your computer's address cache file and alert you before any damage is done.

Even without antivirus (or if your antivirus doesn't spot it), you can stop a pharming attack by knowing what to look for.

When you go onto a popular website, in the URL, you should see a padlock in the address bar and 'HTTPS' at the start of the URL. This means the website has been validated by an authoritative third party to be what it claims to be. **You should really avoid entering personal details or buying anything on a website that doesn't have this lock.**

If you have been redirected to a fake account, this lock shouldn't be there, and when logging into a popular site, make sure the HTTPS certificate is present. If you've noticed that the certificate has suddenly gone

missing while you're browsing a website - run a mile!

There are also a couple of other things you can look out for. The URL might have an incorrect spelling or have random letters or numbers before or after it. Also, while scammers do a good job at making a fake website look

real, the graphics might not be hi-res and the layout might be slightly off.



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HMRC scam warning: the latest con and 5 others to avoid

- Tax refund and rebate scams by email. This is a common ploy, as everyone would love to receive ...
- Text messages from HMRC. Closely related to dodgy emails are text messages saying you're owed ...
- A message from HMRC customer service on social media. There's a scam doing the rounds where ...
- Third-party companies promising refunds. There are companies that entice taxpayers by saying this.

I have delivered two Welcome Packs this month. If you have a new neighbour, please let me know about them. Several people are moving over the next few months but are staying in the 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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VAS signs. We now have two new solar powered signs. One for Roecliffe Road and one for Bradgate Road. We have provisionally sold the battery unit presently on Roecliffe Road to another Parish Council. The Bradgate Park Trust is offering to site the one on Bradgate Road which will avoid charges from Highways. This will probably be by the exit pointing up towards the top of the hill. Unfortunately Malcolm has had a bit of an accident (to put it mildly) and will be out of action for quite a while. Meanwhile we wish him well and will work towards finding someone else to erect the signs.

Bob Bown playing fields. The small swings which have been out of action have now been repaired and can now be used. We continue to work through the list of defects highlighted by the recent inspection. None of these are high risk matters.

Parking. The situation throughout the Village over the Christmas and New Year was terrible. This was partly due to the Bradgate overflow car parks not being open due to the wet and muddy surface. The main car parks were full quite early in the morning. The no parking or loading at any time areas were completely abused and not always by Blue Badge holders. Very few traffic wardens were seen and the Parish Council has requested full disclosure of how many attended, when and how many tickets were issued. Those wardens that were seen by residents were mainly early in the morning and after dark in the afternoon.

The Councillors have voted to spend up to £1,000 on parking enforcement in 2019, (last year they spent £800) and Peter Tyldesley has agreed to match our expenditure. Dates to be booked are presently being considered. The major problem is whilst we can choose the dates and times, we cannot know the weather in advance.

Bradgate Park The Chairman raised the question of putting a harder surface on the extension car parks with the Director of the Trust Peter Tyldesley at the January Parish Council meeting and he said they had

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carried out further drainage work to improve the situation but a full hard surface was out of the question as this was serious investment and was beyond their means at the moment.

Parking by parents at school times The Councillors are dealing with complaints from residents about parents parking in inappropriate places. Whilst they appreciate this is a difficult matter they will be in contact with the Headmistress and staff in order to try and alleviate the problems.

Grey Crescent consultation – Leics County Council inform us that they will be writing to residents on Grey Crescent with off road parking offering them elongated H's across their drives at no charge. We recommend that everyone replies to these letters whether they want an H or not. Whilst these are not legally enforceable it is generally agreed that they have a good success rate as whilst drivers with blue badges will park on yellow lines they do not park on H's.

Cemetery:- Ash or Burial plots are available. If you wish to receive a copy of the Rules and Regulations along with the fees, please contact the clerk. Five new trees have been planted by the Friends of Charnwood Forest. Thanks goes to Dick Howard and Brian Anderson for this work.

Pam McMorran – Parish Clerk, R.F.O. and Registrar for Burials.
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