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How are you doing? It's a question I ask most times I meet people, and most times the answer has (historically) been the quintessentially British, 'fine'. I still get that a bit, but the last 10 months have seen a change. I think most of us realise we're not doing 'fine'.

It's been a very long slog since last March, and we've been through a few ups and a lot of downs. It's been challenging beyond anything most of us have experienced in our lifetime and the impact on our wellbeing has been profound. Some of us are facing financial issues, as businesses have struggled and livelihood suffered. Many of us have suffered physically, if we've been fortunate enough to escape infection then through the loss of sports, exercise and normal activities. Almost everyone, I suspect, has struggled emotionally with the effects of isolation and separation from our friends and family.

In the face of all that, I want to offer you an opportunity in this new year to join me for **the Wellbeing Journey** (also see page 20).

The Wellbeing Journey is a new series exploring holistic wellness: body, mind and spirit.

It's based around seven key areas of wellbeing – the wellbeing mindset, physical, emotional, spiritual, relational, financial and vocational – to help you discover how to run on a full tank. Presenters on the course include Simon Thomas – himself well acquainted with the challenges of personal grief and disappointment – and experts in their fields.

Everyone is welcome to take part in this online course to help you assess life and increase your capacity to flourish. There is a clear Christian perspective to the journey, as you might expect, but I believe it would be helpful to people of any faith or none. Email me for more information or to sign up: richard@stpetersandallsaints.org.uk

Richard Trethewey

Rector of St Peter's, Glenfield, and All Saints', Newtown Linford
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Thank you to all those who helped decorate the Church and contributed to our online worship over Christmas. It wasn't the normal way we would celebrate, to say the least, and there will be much rejoicing next year when we can gather to sing carols safely. But with the work of those doing flowers, setting up lights, installing a tree, hanging the Advent window panels and of course all those who recorded themselves for the Choral Society/Choir carols and doing readings, it was still a wonderful reminder of the best news of all time: the birth of Jesus, God with us.

Richard Trethewey

Coffee & Cake News

Happy New Year to you all!

Back in another lock down and hoping this finds you all coping well? Not what we all wanted for the start of the New Year but I think we all had come to terms that it would happen.

Zoom meetings still on and great fun for anyone who would like to join up Joe Costello organises them and will talk you through how to sign in, lovely to see faces you can't at the moment with all their news and banter!

The Fish & Chip Van is back! Carolyn Turner has organised them to come to the village as a regular visit starting in February on the 2nd Saturday of each month thereafter. She is putting an article in the Magazine this month so read on for all the information. Deliveries are still available to the elderly who need it in lock down. Congratulations to Carolyn on her Good Neighbour award, totally deserved.

I have had permission from Michael Upstone to send him and Marilyn many congratulations on their engagement before Christmas. Lovely to have some positive news of someone who has found happiness in the next stage of their life.

Covid 19 Vaccines are our new positive outcome to this awful time. I'm not sure how many of you have had your injections but fingers crossed it will do the trick and life will return to some form of normality in the summer. We may even get back to Coffee & Cake Meetings?!

Until then stay safe all. Please let me know if you need help or are feeling low and make sure you call your friends and neighbours regularly. The Parish Council - Village helpers system is still available if you need shopping doing.

Best Wishes to you all

Carol Ann. PS The Scampi is fabulous from the Fish Van

Information for David Snartt (cont on next page)

Charnwood Community Hero Awards,

As Mayor of Charnwood, I had the pleasure of being involved in the Charnwood Community Hero Awards. It was humbling to meet some of the people who had contributed so much to the wellbeing of local communities. In my view, that is what makes these awards so special. They are for the people and organisations who have been nominated by local people who have seen the difference their actions and contributions have made through this difficult year. I was so pleased to see local people within the Newtown Linford Parish receiving their Awards, I know they have gone the extra mile to help others in so many ways.

Charnwood Move into National Lockdown.

From the beginning of the new year the government placed Charnwood under National Lockdown restrictions. I am sure by now people do understand what the restrictions mean. In my view, the main message to get across was to stay at home, you can only leave home for specific reasons which include food shopping, work, medical purposes and exercise.

I know this has been a long haul for many residents but I am hopeful, as the vaccination programme is rolled out, life will get back to some sort of normality.

Please remember, if you need help, or advice or you know of anyone who needs help contact Charnwood Community Action www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/cca or call 01509 631750. For the latest details on Covid-19 restrictions, planned changes to council services and support available for residents, council tenants and businesses visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/restrictions.

Call to Share Memories.

People are being urged to share their memories of Loughborough Fair and Market, as part of plans to celebrate its' 800th anniversary this year. The first fair was held in Loughborough on July 31st 1221 to mark the feast day of St Peter. It was in the same year that a charter to hold a market was granted to the Lord of the Manor. To mark the occasion, Charnwood Museum will host an exhibition to celebrate the milestone. People are being asked to share their memories, pictures, films and memorabilia for use in the exhibition.

Organisers of the exhibition want to hear from people of all ages who have memories of the fair, whether from many years back or much more recent. Anyone who would like to get involved and share their unique connections to the fair is asked to get in touch by e-mail to louise.sharples@leics.gov.uk.

Nationwide Building Society.

I was disappointed to receive the information about the closure of the Anstey Nationwide Building Society Branch. I know there are residents who live in my Council Ward who will be affected by the decision to close this Branch. I have already had a meeting with the Regional Director, along with Councillors Deborah Taylor and Paul Baines, where we were able to stress how important it is to keep this Branch open, especially during these challenging times. I have also written to the Chairman of Nationwide reminding him of their commitment to keep Branches open until at least January 2023. I also had a reference printed about this closure in the Mail on Sunday.

David Snartt

Coffee and Cake recipe Parkin Highly recommended by Philip.

A traditional Northern English oaty cake with treacle and ginger

Prep time: 25 minutes

Cook time: 35 minute

Total Time: 1 hour

Ingredients

100 g butter

100 g Light brown sugar

100 g Black treacle /Molasses

100 g Golden syrup

150 g Oats

150 g Plain Flour

2 tsp Baking powder

3 tsp Ground ginger

1 tsp Mixed spice

1/4 tsp Nutmeg

A pinch of salt

2 Eggs large

2 tbsp Milk

Instructions

1. Preheat your oven to 160C fan/180C/300F Gas Mark 2 and line a 12" tray bake tin with baking paper
2. In a pan on a low heat, melt together the butter, light brown sugar, black treacle and golden syrup
3. In a large bowl mix together the oats, plain flour, baking powder, ground ginger, mixed spice, nutmeg and salt
4. Pour the warm treacle mixture into the bowl and combine the ingredients
5. In a small bowl beat the eggs with the milk. Add them bit by bit to the rest of the mixture, mixing in well each time
6. Pour the mixture into the lined tin and bake for 35 minutes. It must be firm on top all the way to the centre
7. Allow to cool then cut into squares. You can eat it immediately or for a stickier cake, put it into a airtight container and leave for 3 - 5 days.

Fish and Chip van visits the village

Carolyn has organised the fish and chip van to come to the village outside The Linford on Saturday 13th February from 5pm.

Ring direct on 07710 166800 to place your order. You will be given a collection time. You can pay by having the exact cash or by contactless card on the night. Carolyn or Carol Ann will again deliver to villagers who are housebound or shielding /vulnerable, but you must have your order delivered between 5 and 5.30pm. Please ring them on 01530 249173 or 243433 to organise delivery.

Menu and prices

Cod	£5.50
Chips	£2.50 & £3.50
Scampi	£4
Red Shrimp (with a thai sweet chilli dip)	£4
Chicken Nuggets	£3.50
Sausage	£2
Battered Sausage	£2
Peas	£1
Curry sauce	£1



The fish and chip van will then continue to visit on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

PLEASE NOTE YOU MUST RING UP AND PREORDER

Newtown Linford Tennis Club Update

This Lockdown is not good news for the Tennis Club, our coach and all our members, with all the facilities shut down for the moment. It was great to be able to get some exercise doing something we all love and getting the kids back on court.

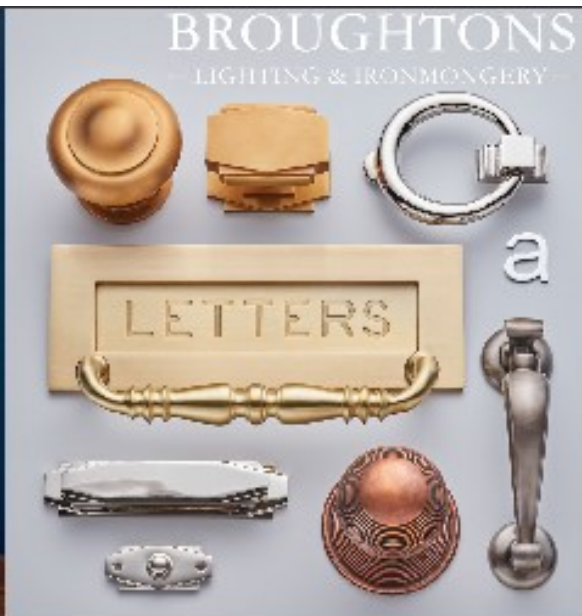
The Committee will be keeping members informed with any updates from the LTA as to re opening. Until then, get the kids practicing their tennis skills in the garden, Mini Tennis nets will be the best thing you purchase for the garden, giving the family hours of fun.

The Festive Raffle will be drawn. Thank you to everyone who supported us - there are few things we can do at the moment to raise funds **Carol Ann**



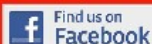
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News from the Park

We thought it would be useful to provide an update on activities at Bradgate Park Trust.



In March 2020 Bradgate Park Trust began a review process commissioned by the Trustees. The review was led by myself to consider Bradgate Park's finance, expenditure, staffing, policies, risks, achievement of its strategic objectives and management support needs. The review was interrupted by the outbreak of the Covid19 pandemic which added to the overall timescales. The review concluded in December 2020.

The review methodology has included a detailed review of the Trust's income and expenditure; submissions and feedback from staff/volunteers/trustees; responsibility and accountability assessment; observation of work and a comprehensive document review.

In summary, the review found that there were some good and bad practices. It was identified that there were some very skilled employees who were committed to the future of the park, that volunteers were very loyal and contributed significantly to the overall success of the Charity. The Park's woodland and deer herd are well managed. There was a lack of clear responsibility with functions, policies and accountability lines being unclear.

There are some clear opportunities to make improvements, through developing income streams through fundraising and grant development work, revisions to the types of events and activities undertaken, further development of the volunteer offering and changes to the catering functions.

Following these findings, the Trust has decided to:

- Review and implement a new organisation structure and delivery model to reflect the outcomes of the review, subject to staff consultation; which will be in place for the beginning of March.
- Review its car park offering
- Change the operating hours of the Visitor Centre, so that the Centre is opened for peak weekends throughout the year; all school holidays; events and bank holidays, and as a resource for educational visits to the Park. Outside of the public opening times, the Centre will be used as a dedicated educational resource for Bradgate's outreach programme with schools and community groups.

- Outsource the provision of catering at the Conservatory Tearoom. Because of the changes we are advertising in January on our website for a new Catering Supervisor for the Deer Barn Tearoom, Administrator (Volunteers); Fixed Term Administrator for 1 year and a new full-time Director.

A revised Life Long Learning post of 3 days a week is proposed to be held vacant until Spring 2021 in light of current Covid19 pandemic. This role in future will also look at educational use of the Visitor Centre alongside school support.

Parking

We have continued, as per for the past three years, to work with local Councils; Police and agencies around car parking and local highway implications. The County Council has taken this on board and there is consultation around extension of parking restrictions on local roads. We maintain our marketing around respecting residents and communities and when we can try and post live around capacity in our car parks. The Trust has introduced changes to its parking charges at all of its car parks, reducing the day rate at Hunts Hill and increasing the day rate at Newtown Linford. There are new rates for three-hour parking, early bird (before 9am) and after 4pm.

A “pay by phone” app is now available for most of the car parks to remove the need for cash payments to park. This has proved very popular with many people signing up to the app., using it when on site – and indeed using it to extend parking for their visits. This helps improve through flow of visits. Feedback has been extremely positive to all of these changes.

We hope to introduce ANPR at Newtown Linford and continue to work with companies to find solutions.

There are also further discussions being held around improving car parking and identifying ways to relieve parking pressures on Newtown Linford. We have submitted a planning application to Charnwood Borough Council around creating additional car park spaces and improvements to both its Newtown Linford and Hallgates car parks and await the outcome. This will see more bays due to better line marking/alignments and also improvements to grass overflows.

We are pleased to confirm the Newtown Linford car park exit bridge (which has had a weight limit for the past two years) is being replaced by March, due to a generous bequest. This work will cause some redirection of traffic in the park whilst the work is ongoing.



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Whilst the Pandemic has had a huge impact on income, and events (and still does - indeed we have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 Proms and Folk/Acoustic Music Day), staff and volunteers have achieved much in adverse conditions.

We have seen many first-time visitors, challenges of high numbers of visitors, well beyond our usual numbers and also have had to react to ever changing guidance. We did manage to run 106 conservation tasks, garden tasks and litter picks during 2020. We have seen many new roles supporting the Charity's social media; daily patrols at both the Park and Swithland Wood (an amazing 874 since April) and a pop-up shop to help sell venison and the Bradgate Rotary Club's calendar before Christmas. A huge thank you goes to all volunteers and our staff team who have been involved and to all the local residents who have worked with us and offered the Charity support in the most challenging of years.

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From the Village Archive. Closure of Bradgate Park 2001



Over the last few months, as we are all only too well aware, the Village and Park have been completely overwhelmed by the numbers of visitors.

In 2001, exactly 20 years ago, it was a very different scene.

At the end of

February that year, the gates of the Park and all public footpaths were closed and the village became eerily quiet and strange as it may seem to us now, the strict rules were obeyed! The reason - a devastating Foot and Mouth Epidemic. Local farms suffered and there was little trade for shops and cafes and employees of the Park had to be laid off.

As a consequence of the closure, there was a regeneration of nature with rabbits, hares, woodpeckers leaving the deer sanctuary to colonise the areas of the Park normally the preserve of humans. Of course, as now, there were opposing views but the CPRE felt that the Park should consider short term closures in the future to let footpaths and vegetation recover. It was 5 months before the Park reopened and even then it was considered to be a dangerous move as there were still cases being reported throughout the country.

The Church held a special weekend in August 2001 to celebrate. Stewards were on hand to explain the beauty and history of the building and a special service of "Creation Praise" was held to give thanks for the beauty of Charnwood and pray for all the local farms and businesses affected by the outbreak of the disease.

Incidentally I see from the Archive that Parking was a very hot topic!

Iris Sayer

Newtown Linford Gardening Club

We start the New Year as we ended the last one – unable to meet until we all receive our vaccinations and lockdown is ended. The good news is that, despite a membership of around 140, none of us have contracted this disease and all of us are fit and well and have done a lot of gardening. Clearly, gardeners are good at obeying rules and keeping safe.

One thing we are able to do is to continue our annual fertiliser distribution. We are able to offer Vitax Garden fertiliser for £5.60 per bag which is a discount of around 33%. There may be non-members who would like to take advantage of this offer and they can do so by contacting the Secretary.

In the meantime, continue to enjoy your garden and keep safe. Here is a picture showing winter in all its glory.

Anyone interested in our activities can contact the Secretary (tel.01530 242452) or e-mail us at 32couling@gmail.com .

Anne and David Couling



It has been an incredibly quiet year for the Friends of Charnwood Forest, since we had to

THE FRIENDS OF CHARNWOOD FOREST



cancel our AGM last March. However, now that so many people are familiar with online activities, we have decided to move on to Zoomed evening talks. Our first evening meeting by Zoom took place on 18th January 2021, when Roger Willson gave a talk on *The Churches of Charnwood Forest*. A Cambridge graduate, Roger taught history at Loughborough Grammar School for almost 30 years, but his passion for landscape history and churches started long before that as a teenager cycling around the lanes of Kent. He gave a very enjoyable and knowledgeable talk about the churches of Charnwood Forest, most of which date from after the enclosure of the Forest in 1808, and we were very grateful to him for initiating our series of Zoomed lectures.

The next lecture on February 15th by Zoom will be given by David Robinson, formerly Music Librarian for the City of Leicester, on *Charnwood Forest and its Visitors, 1500-1800*, a topic which he studied for an MA in Local History at the University of Leicester. The visitors began with privileged travellers like John Leland and William Camden, then moving on through changes in attitude to the countryside as the picturesque, romantic movement became fashionable. Finally, the Forest became accessible to all as working people got some time off and the railways enabled them to get around, even to Quorn from which they had to walk to the Forest. A Zoom link for this will be sent to all members. Should anyone else wish to join this talk, please contact Felicity Manning, the Membership Secretary, at mem@focf.org.uk

The Charnwood Forest Landscape Partnership has been progressing with the projects funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund which they were awarded in March last year. They are currently focusing on the geological heritage of the area with its internationally important fossils, so very well displayed in the Visitor Centre in Bradgate Park. We understand that this is to have more limited opening hours once the COVID-19 restrictions allow it to open but do hope that the Bradgate Park management will cooperate with the Landscape Partnership in demonstrating the importance of Charnwood Forest in the geological heritage of Britain.

We hope you will support our Zoomed lectures and hope we may be able to meet in person once again later in the year.

Marilyn Palmer

BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
7th February 2nd Sunday before Lent		
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
14th February 1st Sunday before Lent		
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
21st February 1st Sunday of Lent		
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
28th February 2nd Sunday of Lent		
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service

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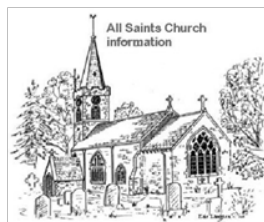
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Mayor's charity appeal for LOROS & Admiral Nurses

David Shartt, our local Councillor and Mayor of Charnwood's, Mayor's appeal this year is for LOROS and Admiral Nurses.

If you feel able to contribute to the Mayor's Appeal this year, in a year that has seen charities suffer terribly due to fewer fundraising opportunities, then please send a cheque to the Mayor's Office, Charnwood Borough Council, Southfield Road, Loughborough Leics LE11 2TX, along with your name and address if wishing a receipt.



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Lighting All Saints Church

The floodlights on All Saints Church have been a beacon of hope throughout the Christmas season and the bleak days on January 2021. We are very grateful to Peter Thrower for the effort he has put into this, and for changing the colour of the lights from red for Remembrance Day to white for Christmas. Volunteers also put up the strings of lights in the Church and the Christmas Tree, kindly donated by Vivienne Brown, was duly decorated. Sue Howard provided some beautiful flowers. Although there were few in-person Christmas Services, those who came were delighted by the bright interior of the Church, and many did come on Saturday December 19th in order to light a candle in memory of someone they had lost, attracted by the lights shining through the windows. Together with the Church Advent Window (No 6 on the village Advent Windows Trail devised by Ruth Brutnall), this made a bright centre for the Village and at the entrance to Bradgate Park. Thanks are due to Sharon Andrews and Richard Trethewey for the Christmas Services they were able to provide.

Many Christmas lights on village houses remained throughout January, thanks to a plea from the Methodist Minister of Anstey and publicised on the Parish Council Facebook page. English Heritage encouraged this among its members, too, pointing out that Candlemas (or the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary), falling 40 days after Christmas Day, was observed as the official end of Christmas in medieval England. These lights have certainly made a difference to the appearance of the Village during the third lockdown and given us some hope for the future.

Marilyn Palmer
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The Wellbeing Journey

Everyone's wellbeing has been affected by the pandemic, whether it's the direct health effects of a Covid infection, or the mental health impact of being isolated at home, or the financial blow of closed businesses. While we can't solve the pandemic overnight (we need to wait for lots of vaccinations), the Wellbeing Journey, running online from early February, is a helpful series exploring holistic wellness: body, mind and spirit, which everyone can benefit from. It's based around seven key areas of wellbeing – the wellbeing mindset, physical, emotional, spiritual, relational, financial and vocational – to help you discover how to run on a full tank. It has a Christian basis, but is designed to be helpful for anyone to take part in.



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Many of us have spent far more time at home this past year than we could ever have anticipated and for now the 'stay at home' mantra looks set to continue. Our hope is that we can provide the inspiration and products to help you create the home environment you desire, somewhere you enjoy spending time.

During the dark winter months our focus is about making your home feel comfortable and inviting, even if it is cold and miserable outside. To create a warm ambiance within the home we recommend the use of lighting, scent, and texture.

Living by candlelight can help you feel calmer and can act as a catalyst for relaxation. We love environmentally conscious brand Woodspring's soy wax apothecary candles that don't cost the earth, literally. If you are not keen on naked flames we suggest wax battery candles that offer very realistic flame and flicker.

Soft textiles and all things plush will have you melting into comfort and create an extra feeling of cosiness within the home. Scatter your sofa with sumptuous cushions and drape chairs in soft blankets from the British brand Tweedmill to mellow the harshness cold carries.

Sadly, our store will remain closed until it is safe for us to welcome you back. In the meantime you can follow us on Facebook and Instagram @watkinghams where we will be sharing with you more inspiration and sneak peeks of our new products along with updates about our website development.

Thank you for your support and such a warm welcome to the village.
Stay safe.

Claire Bushell

Newtown Linford Choral Society



The Choral Society was very pleased with the reception given to its Christmas carols video, that was posted on YouTube, and at the time of writing has received well over 600 views. The 2021 rehearsals have started online in a mood of optimism, as we're looking forward to being able to meet again and hold concerts, once the round of vaccinations has been completed. Preliminary planning has already started for a concert later in the year, and a venue has been booked for a Winter Concert in January 2022.

The music that we'll be rehearsing on Zoom during the course of the next few weeks covers a variety of uplifting pieces by composers including Schubert, Handel, and John Rutter. We hope to sing these in concert during the year. If you'd like to take a look at one of our rehearsals please phone myself or Iris on 01530 243822 and we'll send you an internet link.

Peter Sayer





Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



February 2021

The following crime statistics were recorded during November and December:

November 2020 – 2 x residential burglaries – property taken.

December 2020 – no crime reported.

PCSO 6603 Martin Dravien has joined the Charnwood West Police Team and we welcome him to the area.

COVID-19 vaccination phishing SMS text message.

There has been an increasing trend of COVID-19 phishing and SMS text message scams. As it stands, there are five key trends:

- Fake URL links claiming to redirect you to GOV.UK website to claim relief payments.
- Lockdown fines suggesting you have breached government regulations.
- Offers of health supplements that will prevent you from being infected.
- Financial support that appears to be from your bank.
- Fake text messages claiming to be from the NHS advising individuals that they are eligible to apply for vaccine, but requiring sensitive data such as financial information to make a payment.

To protect yourself and those close to you:

Keep abreast of the news: As awful as it may seem, knowledge of attack methods and techniques will hone the ability to separate fact from fiction.

- Never click links within emails or text messages: Links take you to fake websites.
- Never call back using an unrecognised SMS phone number: This could lead you to speaking directly with a criminal or criminal organisation.
- Use official channels: For example, use GOV.UK to find relevant information about COVID support and support services. Once the official communication channels are known you can verify information and find out what the next steps are.
- Guard your data: A legitimate organisation won't make unsolicited requests for sensitive information or payments. For example, the vaccine is only available on the NHS for free to people in priority groups. Use the official NHS app only available from Google Play or Apple

Store for more.

- Don't give into pressure: If someone tries to coerce you into giving them sensitive information, end the conversation.
- Watch your digital footprint. Cyber criminals will use social media accounts and relevant websites to research you and make their scams more effective. Request the removal of unnecessary information and check your privacy settings for every account.

Reporting

Please report all Fraud and Cybercrime to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or online. Forward suspicious emails to

report@phishing.gov.uk.

Report SMS scams by forwarding the original message to 7726 (spells SPAM on the keypad).

Keep 'em peeled.

Best wishes,

Hannah Shaw, Parish Council Clerk

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3 stars - good

can display them on their doors.

Lower than 3 stars the local council will work with the food business to improve compliance and food safety. This is to do with hand washing, food preparation and storage, the structure of the building, cleanliness, ventilation etc.

It might be worth checking the food hygiene score of your local takeaway.

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Phonelines are open at 11am 01530 242239

for orders for Pizzas & Sides on a Saturday.

Family Pizza Deal, 2 Pizzas, 2 children's Pizzas,

& any 2 sides £27.50 Children's Pizzas are £5.95

Sides inc Handcut chips £3.75, Skinny Fries £3.25, Sweet Potato Fries £3.95, Onion Rings £2.95, Garlic Bread £3.25, Garlic Bread with cheese £3.75

Gluten free bases available upon request

Charnwood (v) - simple margherita £9.40

Newtown - ham & pineapple £10.95

Linford (v) - mushroom, onion, red peppers, chillies & sweetcorn £11.30

Quincy (v) - red onion, olives, fresh tomato & pesto £10.95

Lady Jane (v) - four cheese, mozzarella, blue cheese, brie & red leicester £11.20

Bennion - bacon, brie & red onion marmalade £11.30

Huntsman - bacon, bbq chicken, mushrooms & red peppers £11.30

Swithland Spice - tikka chicken, chorizo, red peppers, red onion & chillies £12.20

Bradgate Special - tikka chicken, chorizo, bacon, pepperoni & pulled pork £12.35

Old John - bbq base, bbq chicken, pulled pork & red leicester £11.20

All our Pizzas are served on hand stretched, stone baked bases with tomato sauce

News from Newtown Linford Parish Council

Have you looked at the website recently?

www.newtownlinford.org.uk



Greetings!

2021 hasn't got off to the best of starts with the implementation of a further National Lockdown, which is expected to last until at least mid-February.

I'm sure many of us by now are really feeling the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. I know I am! Key Workers continue to work under extreme pressure; employees are yet again furloughed; school pupils are learning virtually at home guided by frazzled parents and carers who are doing their best to multi-task. Business owners want to know when they may reopen without further disruption to service and well, things are rather bleak right now.

However, we must do our best to keep spirits up and support each other through this turbulent time. If anyone in our Parish needs help or assistance, please do not hesitate in contacting one of your local CAR Volunteers or myself. We are all happy to help, whether you require some items of shopping collecting, a letter posting, prescription pick-ups or just a friendly phone call. I have always got time for a chat! As the BT adverts used to say, 'It's good to talk'.

Anyone in Leicester, Leicestershire or Rutland with urgent concerns about their own or someone else's mental health needs, can now call a single Freephone number for help, 24/7. The number is 0808 800 3302.

The message now is 'Stay Home. Protect the NHS. Save Lives'.

Following on from the Traffic Management Consultations held in December, over 200 responses were submitted to LCC and Highways Officers are now working their way through all the comments. Thank you to everyone who submitted a response.

It is hoped, once the restrictions have been agreed and/or revised where necessary, measures will be implemented by 31st March 2021. In the meantime, a request for a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order has been submitted for those areas that continue to suffer, including Bradgate Road, Roecliffe Road and Sharpley Hill and we await to hear the outcome.

I think we would all agree, the Advent Windows were a wonderful suc-

cess and the Village became a beacon of light throughout December. So much time and effort went into every window and each told a different story. I hope this is the start of an annual event, which grows bigger by the year. Well done and thank you to Ruth Brutnall who coordinated the initiative and to all the participants for their creativity.

Bin Stickers have now been delivered to those households that requested them on the roads identified. If you would like a speed bin sticker of your own, please get in touch. It is not necessary for all households to have one though. Guidance received from the Leicestershire and Rutland Road Safety Partnership is every 4 to 5 houses should display one. I have a supply of 30mph, 40mph and Slow Down for Life stickers. The areas identified are Bradgate Road, Main Street, Markfield Lane (40mph) and Roecliffe Road.

The Parish Council have submitted an application to LCC's Wildflower Verge Scheme following a consultation with 20 households on Bradgate Road. The area identified, providing it is considered suitable, is on the left hand side travelling towards Anstey, just prior to the 60mph limit. Bluebells and Snowdrops are known to grow here and the Wildflower Verge Scheme is an opportunity to contribute to improving biodiversity. If this site is considered a suitable location to allow native flora and fauna to flourish, we will carefully monitor the impact on existing wildflowers. I'll keep you posted.

Continuing on the biodiversity theme, Parish Councillors voted unanimously to apply for a SHIRE Environment Grant for the installation of bat, swift and owl boxes and hedgehog hotels at the Bob Bown Memorial Field, the Groby Lane Cemetery and the All Saint's Churchyard. We are open to further suggestions, so if you have any ideas, please do get in touch. The deadline for this round of applications is 26th February, so I will be looking at submitting an application for funding in the next couple of weeks all being well. If you would like to be involved in this project,

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On with more news...

Bob Bown Memorial Field

The good news is that new goals and fencing around the football pitch were installed just prior to Christmas. The ground is a bit boggy at the moment but once the better weather comes, we hope our budding footballers will enjoy the space. In the meantime, parents and carers be warned...the children might come home a bit muddy!

Sadly, there is some bad news. Unfortunately, our bid for new play-ground equipment submitted to the Severn Trent Community Fund, was unsuccessful. The reason given was they had received a huge amount of applications and prioritised those that most strongly fit their criteria. However, all is not lost! Since applying to ST, the National Lottery Community Fund has reopened to non-COVID applications and we will be submitting a bid to them imminently. So again, please keep your fingers crossed and I'll update you as soon as I have a response. I do have some other ideas up my sleeve too, so I'll keep trying for you!

Cemetery and Churchyard

Back in early December, a stone wall collapsed at the Churchyard. After initial panic and some head scratching by myself, barriers and signage were installed to prevent anyone from falling head first into the river. A multi-agency meeting was held to discuss how we move forward and Bradgate Park Rangers have very kindly offered to rebuild the wall as soon as access is better, during the Spring. Between now and then, an application to fell three Sycamore Trees will be submitted to Charnwood Borough Council. Ideally we would like not to fell trees where possible but in this case, without removal, the rebuild would be seriously compromised resulting in further complications. However, the Parish Council commits to replanting other native species further along the river bank at a later date.

As mentioned previously, due to rising maintenance costs of the Cemetery, it has been necessary to review our fees for the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 financial years. The increase in charges will be effective from 1st April 2021 and further fee reviews will be carried out bi-annually. The fees remain unchanged between now and April.

If you are considering purchasing an earthen or ash plot and would like further information, please contact our Registrar of Burials, Pam McMoran on 01530 242201 or by email to pamriverlyn@msn.com

We would also like to make residents aware that should you be unable to visit a loved ones grave at the Cemetery, we are happy to take orders for floral tributes and will lay them on your behalf. Please contact Pam or myself if you would like to make use of this service.

Don't forget, please ask for help if you need it.

Stay well, stay safe.

Best wishes,

Hannah Shaw, Parish Council Clerk

Tel: 01530 249945

Email: clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk

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.

Contributions to Village Magazine

Can we have your contributions for the **March 2021** issue by **15th February 2021** please. **Send to the Editor, Carole Heubeck, 5 Grey Crescent, Newtown Linford (01530 244790).**

E-mail newtownvillagemagazine@outlook.com & heubeck111@btinternet.com

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

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