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Being 'at home'

"How are you settling in?"

The five words I've heard, I think, more than any other since moving to this area. Do I feel at home yet? That's one question; the other I get is "Where is home for you?" Short answer: here; long answer: nowhere really – I was born in London, parents are now in France and I've spent all of my adult life bouncing around from North to South Midlands, and now come East!

As a Vicar, and growing up as a Vicar's son, I'm used to moving house fairly regularly – some 14 or 15 times in all so far. For some people this is nothing – I spoke to the wife of an RAF officer recently who had lived in 4 houses in less than 3 years – for others, who have lived in the same neighbourhood if not the same house, all their lives, the thought of such change all the time can be faintly frightening.

Having a home is a human necessity – it's practically enshrined as a right in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The need to have somewhere to belong, in which to rest and feel secure, and out of which we can begin to make friends is fundamental to our wellbeing. Lack of a place to call home leaves us feeling out of place, isolated, rootless and insecure. It's one of the reasons being a refugee is such a soul-destroying experience: my home is gone, where can I settle now?

So why does Peter say in his first letter in the Bible: "live your lives as strangers here"? Does he mean people who follow Jesus to feel permanently temporary (if that makes sense) and friendless? Is settling in a bad thing?

I guess the point he's trying to make is that a home – the house, the community – can become the main source of our sense of security, when we should be relying primarily on God. It's not that settling down or building a home, is wrong, but that it comes second to drawing confidence
3 from God and his dependable offer of a place to live with him.

Humans are created, I believe, to find their most important place of security and confidence in God, not in their house, no matter how wonderful, nor even in their community. Only God is utterly reliable, unchangeable and a permanent presence on which to rest.

Richard Trethewey

Week of Prayer

Week of Prayer

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have asked all Cathedrals and Churches to hold a week of prayer leading up to this year's Pentecost Sunday (8th – 15th May).

Events will be held to encourage all Christians to deepen their relationship with Jesus in order to have confidence to share the faith. The aim is for all to respond to the call of Jesus Christ to follow him.

At **All Saints, Newtown Linford**, the Church will be open each day where you can enjoy the peace of the Church, put a prayer on the prayer tree, reflect on some well-known prayers or use other aids for prayer. From 2-4pm each day there will be someone in Church to offer refreshments and if you wish, pray with you.

We invite you to come and visit the Church.

Jane Woolmer, Church Warden

Betty McChrystal, Jacqui Parish, Jane Woolmer

As building work hopefully starts to come to an end. We are now able to enjoy the benefits of the new kitchen at All Saints



VILLAGE DIARY

May

2nd	Photography Exhibition (Sunday School Rooms)
5-7th	Bradgate Drama Society
8th - 15th	Week of Prayer
8th	Bluebell Day
10th	Boules
14th	Ramblers
24th	Gardening Club
30th	National Gardening
Scheme Main Street	

Week
of
Prayer

June

9th-11th	Choral Society
12th	STREET PARTY -
QUEENS 90TH BIRTHDAY	



Regular events

Monday afternoon
Mondays 8pm at the Church
4th Tuesday of the month
3rd Wednesday of the month
Thursdays 11.15
Thursdays 6.30

Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall
Bell Ringing
Gardening Club
Ladies Luncheon Club
Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall
Brownies, Sunday School Rooms

Parish Council information



Newtown Linford Parish Council

Serving the people of Newtown Linford

As we go to press some may be aware that, after 37 years of sterling service, our Chairman Ken Waterfall is standing down from the Parish Council. He has worked extremely hard over these years to maintain the unique nature of our Village and to provide the facilities that we now enjoy including the renovated Village Hall and the children's Playground. Time constraints dictate that a fuller appreciation, and thanks for, Ken's contributions and hard work over so many years will be published in the next Parish Magazine.

Janet Neaverson, Vice Chair

Coffee & Cake @ Newtown Linford Village Hall

Thursday Morning 11.15am - Free

All Welcome - All Ages



A record of 57 people at Coffee & Cake on 7th April. Well done to Carolyn and Charlotte for coping! and to the youngsters who helped to wash up! We had a mixture of 3 generations due to it being Easter Holidays and the Hall was buzzing with chatter! a great atmosphere

May

5th - Sue Clarke & Margaret Bloor (At Home 34 Main Street) **Please note the Hall is not available today so kindly at Margaret's - all welcome**

242000/245078

12th- Iris & Peter Sayer

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19th- Zoe Reynolds & Sue Birkett

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26th- Bev Griffiths & Sue Dobby

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

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

**Event Saturday 11th June evening
in the Linford**

More info next month

Sunday 12th June

Newtown Linford Street Party
Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations

Watch this space in next months magazine

Keep the date clear in your diary

We will work with the Village Hall coffee morning attendees and the school to produce bunting for the street party.

Any questions contact the editor
244790 or Carol Ann



Newtown Linford
Village Street Party
Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations

12th June 2016
Grey Crescent

Keep the date for your diary

We are looking at holding a street party for
the village on Grey Crescent on
Sunday 12th June

We are applying for a road closure for the
day.

It will be a bring and share tea with families
opting for sweet or savoury food.

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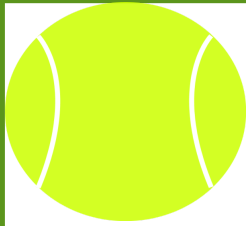
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News from the Park

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Many of you will have seen the reports in the media of the Trust's decision to impose new restrictions on dogs in the Park following a number of widely-reported incidents. We have tried education and appealing to reason but sadly this has not worked. Following the loss of two thirds of two years' cohorts of Red Deer calves and incidents of deer chasing, attacks on other wildlife and complaints of out of control dogs bothering people all occurring on a weekly basis, the Trust has had to take action.



We have listened to public opinion and I hope local residents will agree that our proposed measures succeed in balancing the interests of the wildlife, responsible dog owners and or non-dog-owning visitors and will support us in our efforts to safeguard the deer. That we have had to do this is a sad reflection on the way that society has changed since the Trust was established in 1928 and the lack of respect of other people and animals and the more selfish attitudes that are sadly more commonplace among the general public.

I have reproduced in full the text of our press statement and I hope to have happier news to share next month.

BRADGATE PARK TAKING ACTION TO PROTECT WILDLIFE

Bradgate Park, Leicestershire's last medieval deer park is addressing recent concerns and publicity following incidents with dogs worrying the deer herds and other wildlife the site supports, alongside the increasing issues of dog fouling and littering of "poo bags".

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Despite extensive press and social media coverage in recent months about impacts and concerns incidents have continued to escalate.

Incidents have included parents filming children chasing the deer, dogs chasing the deer, fights between dogs, dogs bothering people, mountain bikers riding off permitted paths, as well as dogs killing wild birds. In addition dog poo bags have been left hanging in trees and vandalism recently occurred over night in areas where the Trust's rangers have been improving habitats and facilities.

Peter Tyldesley, Director of the Bradgate Park Trust said, "The Trust will be introducing a seasonal dogs on lead restriction zone in the busiest areas of the Park. Dogs will still be allowed off lead (if under effective control) in around three quarters of the site."

The restriction will come into force from 1st June.

"The Trust is now working with Charnwood Borough Council and other agencies with regard to updating our existing bylaws into a Public Spaces Protection Order."

"Currently the bylaws cover all aspects of behaviour that is causing us and our visitors concern, with the potential of a £200 fine on conviction. Despite requests to visitors to work with us and keep pets under control, bike riders to adhere to designated paths and all visitors and pets to not disturb wildlife, increasing issues are meaning we are now having to look at new restrictions and means of enforcement. This is alongside the addition of new signage, at a significant cost to the Trust."

A consultation exercise will be launched in coming weeks with regard to introducing a Public Spaces Protection Order and the Trust will continue to work with the appropriate authorities to take this forward. This would see regulations updated with the potential for on the spot fines being enforced.

Bradgate's parkland is exceptional with internationally important, geology, archaeological heritage, listed buildings, monuments and ruins, protected wildlife-rich habitats and an outstanding natural landscape. Much of the park is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest, with a management plan approved by Natural England that is seeing habitat restoration and areas maintained to protect and conserve the wildlife and heritage features. Bradgate Park is also home to a mixed herd of red and fallow deer. These can be enjoyed by visitors in their natural habitat all year round. The site is maintained for public access and is free to visit (although car parking charges apply).

Charles Bennion, Chairman of the Trustees and great-grandson of the Park's original benefactor said, "Bradgate Park is home to a 400-strong wild deer herd who roam the 800 acres of parkland year-round. They are descendants of those known by the Earls of Stamford and visiting Kings and Queens. Currently the Charity established by my great-grandfather has used a 'light touch' policy with regard to enforcing the bylaws associated with the site, but the Trust has a duty to protect the deer and the landscape and to ensure the site is maintained for the people of Leicestershire and further afield to visit. We are proud of the work the Trust does in ever-challenging circumstances, but recent changes in visitor behaviour have caused us concern and required a review to address more contemporary issues."

Matt Smith, Head Ranger said, "The Bradgate Park Trust believes that everyone should be able to enjoy this special place. Dog walkers are frequent visitors to the site and we welcome them. We do ask that dogs are kept under effective control so as not to interfere with other users or the deer. 'Effective control' means the dog is kept in sight at all times, the owner is aware of what it's doing, and is confident it will return promptly on command even if it surprises a deer which then runs away. If the owner is not sure that it will do this, the dog should be kept on a lead. If an area is designated for dogs on a lead only at busy times of the year, or crucial periods for deer welfare, we will be enforcing this under the current bylaws and subsequent processes the Trust may adopt."

Peter Tyldesley

NEWTOWN LINFORD BOULES

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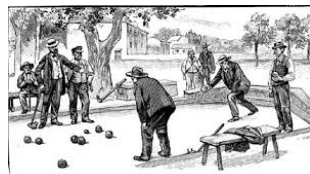
TUESDAY 10th MAY

TUESDAY 7th JUNE

TUESDAY 5th JULY

TUESDAY 2th AUGUST

TUESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER



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Village Ramblers

MONTH

LEADER

14 May

Joe & Claire Costello

On 10th April, Penny led 13 ramblers and 3 dogs on a circular and sometimes muddy walk around the fields adjoining Bradgate Park. The walk started at Woolden Hill School and led us firstly to the end of the Causeway in Cropston. A left turn took us onto the path above the reservoir with lovely views and the rape beginning to bloom. We then entered the Park for a short distance where Toby gave us a brief lesson in ornithology - skylarks and a yellow hammer were spotted whilst green woodpecker, greater spotted woodpecker and chiff chaffs were heard. Our route back across the fields to Anstey delivered us + 3 very muddy dogs at our point of departure. I'm not sure whether any of us will recognise those bird songs again but thanks Toby!

The walk on 14th May will be led by Joe and Claire Costello. The walk on 11th June will be led by John Castle and will start as usual at 2pm from the Village Hall.

New members are always welcome. All you need is stout footwear and able to walk approx. 4 miles. Well behaved dogs are also welcome, but must be under the owner's control and on a lead wherever there is livestock or nesting birds."



Newtown Linford Gardening Club

Following our successful AGM in April we now embark on a full programme for the rest of the year.

At our meeting on 24th May we shall be looking at orchids with a presentation from Keith Bates of the Hinckley Orchid Society. It is amazing how these once exotic plants have now become a regular part of our horticultural interests with plants available at every supermarket in the land. There are, however, a much wider variety of orchids than the ones we usually see on sale and the chance of owning one of these has a strong attraction to keen gardeners. We look forward to this talk with interest.

In June we diverge quite markedly with a talk from a beekeeper before moving into our traditional summer events. In July we again hold our Summer Garden Party at Mike and Liz Newcombe's house on Ulvercroft Road and our annual trip in August this year takes us to Felley Priory in North Nottinghamshire. We have a private visit including lunch on this occasion.

A hands-on event in September led by Mick Eaton of Leicester Parks brings us nicely to our celebrity visit in October when we welcome Fergus Garrett who is the head gardener at Great Dixter, the famous garden originally created by the late Christopher Lloyd. Fergus only does a few talks around the country each year and we are privileged to host one of them. Visitors will be welcome on this occasion (more details later), so we suggest you book the date.

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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DATE	NEWTOWN LINFORD	GLENFIELD
1st May Forgive us our debts...		9.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)	10.15am Family Worship (RT)
		6.30pm Evensong (RT)
8th May Lead us not into temptation...	8.00am Holy Communion (RT)	
	10.30am Morning Prayer (JW/CR)	10.15am Holy Communion (RT)
		6.30pm Compline (RT)
15th May Pentecost		9.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)	10.15am Service of the World (BH)
		6.30pm Evening Prayer (GS)
22nd May Trinity	8.00am Holy Communion (RT)	
	11am Yeomanry Service (RT)	10.15am Service of the World (BH/PH)
		6.30pm Holy Communion (RT)
29th May The Kingdom of God		9.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.30am Morning Prayer (RT)	10.15am Service of the World (BH)
		6.30pm Compline (RT)

22nd May note change of time of normal service from 10.30 to 11am for the Annual Frezenberg Memorial Service, involving the Leicestershire and Derbyshire P.A.O Yeomanry Association.

CHURCH REGISTER NEWTOWN LINFORD



Weddings

None

Baptisms

None

Funerals

None

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Regular Events - Bell ringer's practice: Monday 8pm

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—May

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

Judy Rowe has offered to take on the Church Flower Rota to next year. I shall be passing on my list of the special dates you like to remember. If anyone else would like to join the list please let her know. If you don't know Judy please let me know and we will fix it.

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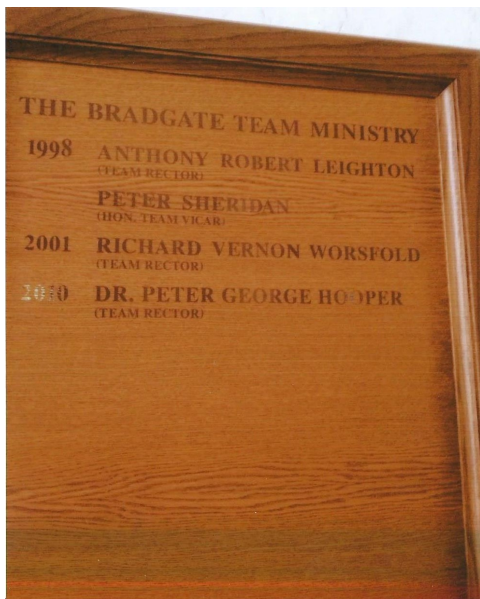
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From the Records All Change Once Again

We face a new chapter in the life of the church and I thought it was worth looking at the boards at the back of the Church to remind ourselves what has happened since we had our own Parish and Vicar, the Revd Harry Fletcher.

After he died we had the "interregnum" and two priests in charge, Revd Jo Hart followed by Rt Revd Godfrey Ashby. We then moved into a Team Ministry (Bradgate Team) Ratby cum Groby with Newtown Linford. In the records we have the Commissioning and Licensing of the Team Rector 1998 Revd Tony Leighton based at Groby, and the Hon Peter Sheridan Team Vicar.



Rector Tony Leighton moved away and in 2001 Revd Richard Worsfold became Team Rector based at Ratby, followed by Dr Peter Hooper in 2010.

2016 finds us with another change. We are no longer joined with Ratby and Groby. We have moved to be with Glenfield, due to the Deanery having been divided into Group Ministries and the Benefice of Glenfield and Newtown Linford created which is also paired with the Benefice of Anstey and Thurstaston with Cropston which is now called the Bradgate Group.

The Revd Richard Trettheway is the new Rector of the Benefice of Glenfield and Newtown Linford and we have a copy of the service of his Collation and Induction on 17th February in our records.



For most of us, apart from having a new Rector with Richard, it will be the only change we will notice. Richard's Vicarage is in Glenfield. The last Vicar to live in Newtown Linford was the Hon Peter Sheridan and the

23 Vicarage here is now a private home.

Scarecrow Time1

Planning is starting for what we hope you'll agree is one of the best village weekends of the year – the last weekend of September, when the village is filled with scarecrows!. We'll be having a meeting in May, and would like to invite anyone to come along, who is interested in being involved and helping to make it what we hope will be another great event. If you'd like to get involved, in a small or big way, as part of a group, or just as yourself, please get in touch with Chris via chris@wroe.co.uk or call 01530 242376 (leave a message if on answer phone).



We look forward to another great village community weekend.

Chris and Beate

LUNCHING LADIES

Last autumn we enjoyed a wonderful variety of talks by a poet, a plantsman, a social historian and a funeral director. Then at Christmas Roxanne Dinsdale came to talk about and demonstrate Belly Dancing! In February David Tideswell delighted us with his humorous talk on garden birds which he illustrated with superb slides. Artist Pollyanna Pickering and her daughter Anna-Louise returned in March to tell us about their adventures tracking wolves. Anna-Louise's photographs were a delight. We have talks coming up by: Caroline Roberts (a Blue Badge guide) on Leicester; Eliza McClland, a many talented actress and embroiderer, with a talk entitled 'A Woman for all Seasons' then Colin Bower who will tell us about working on a cruise ship. And that's not all. Do come along and see what else is on our programme.

We meet at the Forest Hill Golf Club Botcheston once a month on a Wednesday for a three course meal after which we are entertained by a speaker.

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We last opened our gardens two years ago and this year we are offering you two extra gardens including one on the opposite side of Main Street, with markedly different terrain and views

So on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday 30th May, from 11am until 5pm, at Woodlands (86 Main Street), Lin Croft (88), Bank Cottage (90), Dell Cottage(92), Dingle House (94A), Pilgrim Cottage (97), Meadow Cottage (98), and Apple-tree Cottage (114) owners will be welcoming you to enjoy their gardens. Depending upon the early Spring this year we should have stunning displays of Rhododendrons and Azaleas, Wisterias, a prolific Exochorda known as The Bride, and maybe some displays of tulips. You will be invited into a colourful courtyard garden, see a small lily pond, and gardens on many levels and on both sides of Main Street

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The National Garden Scheme has been raising money for nursing and caring charities since 1927.

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Entrance £5 adults, children free, for all 8 gardens.

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If you wish also advise our NHW coordinator who will circulate if appropriate. The Beat Team can no longer respond directly





Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



The Police have apologized for the April Council meeting but have given me the following Report:- Field Gate lock damaged on Groby Lane; Un-occupied premises, copper pipes and sink removed on Groby Lane; Attempt to force garage door, no entry gained on Ulverscroft Lane and Window broken on a car whilst at a beauty spot car park on Bradgate Road.

I recently met our new P.C.S.O. Fiona Lacey. My how they say the Police look younger as you get older. She was not aware that she had access to the Sunday School for meetings and surgeries and had been trying to decide what to do. She is going to look for the key back at the Police Station – I hope they have not lost it. Anyway watch this space for dates of her beat surgeries and please go along and say hello. We must give her some encouragement.

I have appointed Councillor Holly Cross as NHW Co-ordinator for Roelcliffe since she has been working very hard on behalf of her fellow residents and their issues are slightly different to the village. Her report follows mine.

Don't forget to vote for your new County Police and Crime Commissioner on 5th May.

Finally a reminder that the Speedwatch dates for both the Village and Roelcliffe are the 30th May and the 29th August each for two weeks. Volunteers still required.

Roelcliffe report from Councillor Holly Cross.

The residents of the Roelcliffe Road side of the Parish continue to voice concern about motorists failing to adhere to speed restrictions along the road. Speedwatch enables the community to be proactive in measuring the speed of motorists, obtaining evidence, and raising the awareness of conscientious motorists regarding speed limits. During the 2015 Speedwatch approximately 16 hours of volunteer time resulted in numerous vehicles being reported to the Speedwatch Team for driving in excess of the 46mph that Speedwatch volunteers are asked to record. The fastest recorded speed was 67 mph. An example of the results of one hour of Speedwatch between 8.20am to 9.20am on a weekday was 24 cars being driven in excess of 46mph (25% of whom were driving at speeds between 50 and 60mph) and 13% driving at more than 60mph.

28 To gain a view of the opinions of residents in respect of this issue

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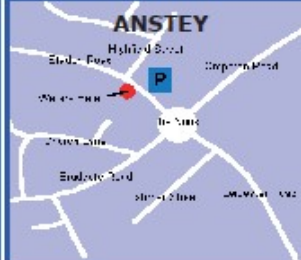
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questionnaires following the 2015 Speedwatch questionnaires were sent to the houses on Roecliffe Road and 70% responded.

The responses indicated that the residents of Roecliffe Road use the footpaths but in some circumstances (such as rush hours, at the bend of the bottom of the hill, when walking with children or in groups, or when the hedgerows are overgrown) do not feel safe when doing so. However the main reason cited for not feeling safe was the speed of the motorists. Many residents would support further decreases to the speed limits along the entire stretch of the road from Lingdale Golf Course to the Parish Boundary along the Cropston Reservoir.

In terms of enforcement, or management of speed, most respondents are in favour of the use of Speed indicator signs, half would be in favour of speed cameras, more than two thirds would be in favour of occasional visit of Police speed cameras and a minority would be in favour of the use of sleeping policemen.

The Parish Council has been asked to consider once again purchasing a Speed Indicator Sign. In neighbouring Parishes these are being used to positive effect, enhancing the lives of parishioners and visitors using the paths or roads to walk, run, cycle or ride horses.

The Parish Council has repeatedly raised this issue with the Police during Parish Council meetings and has sent a written request for support be given by occasional Police presence to enforce the speed limit. We have also requested that the relevant County Council Senior Engineer meets with us to walk the stretch of road to re-evaluate the road safety issues raised.

If you are able to offer some time to volunteer to assist with the Speedwatch scheme during the two weeks it will run in the Parish please be in touch with the Assistant Parish Clerk. She can be contacted on member@riverlyn.freeseve.co.uk.

Pam McMorran

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Newtown Linford Brownies

On Sunday 6th March 2016 the Brownies went to Church to belatedly celebrate Lord Baden Powell's birthday . We wore special hats that represented different countries. Then we said hello in their language. At the end the Brownies said their thinking prayer and gave out flowers to



all the mothers because it was also Mothering Sunday
Ruby Hawkins age 7

GUTTED.

This post is about sleeping in hospital. I was prompted to write this after reading the late Professor David Mackay's blog. David was Physicist and Chief Scientific advisor.

For me, sleep is so crucial for health, but in our surgical ward of about 20 women, everyone has to be checked in the night for blood pressure, oxygen saturation and pulse, so I never had a nights sleep in the last four and a half weeks in hospital. It is not just the personal checks that wake one up. The ward is always full of lights going on and off, doors opening, beds that make noises and machines each with their own bleeps, pings, and even the photo-copier. One night, my neighbour's mouth was full of "thrush", but at 3am she managed to describe the bleep situation as "Chinese torture".

So, this is about coping with the sleep deficit. Basically, I didn't cope, and I often spent minutes, just crying with the cumulative sadness of being stuck in a sweaty bed and unable to sleep. Have you ever had to sleep with one sheet on a plastic mattress and a plastic covered pillow? Unless incontinent, a protective pad under the sheet was "not allowed". I was not "allowed".

Even with eye shields and ear plugs the bleeps and lights could not be extinguished. I declined to stay for a further four weeks and "understandably" have temporarily returned home. I am enjoying the luxury of, not having to share a bedroom and toilet facilities with so many other rather ill patients.

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At the March meeting it was decided to write about the increase in the Precept this year. The Councillors are aware that it was perhaps not best practice to retain the Precept at the same rate for so many years. This created a precedent without taking into consideration the way the economic climate was going. For this error of judgement they apologize.

In the late 1950s the burial ground at the Church was closed. The Parish Council then became liable for the maintenance and upkeep. i.e. no longer the Church. In 1955 the land for the cemetery on Groby had been purchased by the Parish Council in readiness for a new Parish Cemetery. In 1961 burials began on part of the land. Most of the spaces you can see have been sold. The remaining piece of land left as field will now be developed. On the 28th January 2015 Planning Permission was granted to carry out the work on the extension. This work has to be commenced within three years or will have to be reapplied for. In order to obtain Planning Permission we had to comply with the Leicestershire County Council's requirements. This calls for In and Out gates and a small number of parking spaces within the grounds. This will enable the hearse and following cars to be all off the road. This additional work had not been expected and it had always been thought that Grants would be available for most of the work. Sadly this is no longer the case, although Councillor Dr. Sue Pritchard is going to explore what possibilities are still available. We are currently going out to tender and then Councillor Pritchard will deal.

So to recap in addition to the preparation of the new cemetery the expenses for maintenance for the Bob Bown Memorial Field, the closed Church cemetery and the Groby Lane Cemetery have all risen tremendously. The expenses for checking and repair-



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ing the climbing and play area on the Bob Bown remain quite high. Some years back the Parish Council provided additional street lighting for which the charges have steadily increased each year to now being well over £4,000. The old gravestones in the Churchyard often require maintenance and at the very least annual inspection by the Stonemason in order to comply with the Churches Insurance Policy.

Finally it is hoped to proceed with the purchase of up to three speed signs but definitely one for Roeclyffe Road. This proposal was put on hold in 2010 but hopefully we will now have enough funds to implement.

As we go to press our Vice Chair Janet Neaverson writes - "Some may

At the April Meeting Tara Pickles from Markfield Lane was co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill the vacancy left by Pam McMorrان becoming Assistant Parish Clerk. Councillor Dr. Dick Lowe retired from his position as Councillor and Tree Warden. This leaves two casual vacancies for anyone interested in being co-opted onto the Council at our May meeting. If you would like to know more about what is involved or apply to be considered, please contact the Clerk, Lydia Knott.

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