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# The Bradgate

Group Parish



I remember longing for an Airfix kit when I was little. It was definitely a model of an aeroplane I wanted, but I can't remember which one. I also remember getting it, and discovering that making it required a level of skill, attention and patience which I was nowhere near possessing.

So I gave up, and it wasn't for another 30 years that I tried another one. I always kept it in the back of my head as something that seemed wonderful, but always believed I'd mess it up again if I tried, that I just couldn't 'do' models. Now, I wouldn't say my first attempt in my thirties was perfect (nor any of those since) but I did discover that actually I could do it, and not just do it, but enjoy it and get lost in the detailed and careful process of putting one together, and feel better afterwards.

The first thing we learn about God from the Bible is that he is Creator. I don't want to get drawn into the arguments about six days versus science – my position is that the six days account is literature which expresses meaning and doesn't conflict with scientific theories – but I do believe that behind all the beauty that exists is a wonderful artist who has devised it and sustains it. Which is why I think art and creative craft – in all its forms, whether it's painting, music, knitting, computer design, or even Airfix modelling – is a universal human capacity, and one which brings joy. Whether we make music or listen to it, paint portraits or watch films, engaging actively with art expresses part of our God-given nature and therefore gives us life.

At this time of year in the Church we celebrate the Creation God has made. Part of that must drive us to care for it more deeply, to consider how we can protect the environment around us in all kinds of ways, from electric cars to bug hotels. But part of it too must mean giving ourselves to using our own creative gifts. We see this in the flower-arranging which is so much part of Harvest, but if that isn't your forte, let me ask, what is? How will you feed your soul with creativity this autumn?

**Richard Trethewey, Rector of St Peter's, Glenfield and All Saints' Newtown Linford. 0116 2871604**

## VILLAGE DIARY

It feels like a small step to the new normal having the village diary back—let the Editor know of any regular events now back up and running.

### **October**

12th Newtown Linford BioDiversity Group  
18th Friends of Charnwood Forest  
25th Parish Council Meeting  
26th Gardening Club Guest Speaker (must book tickets)

### **November**

19th Tennis Club Music Quiz

### **Regular events**

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## Coffee & Cake Duty Rota - October/ November

How lovely to be back in the Village Hall again, with coffee and cake having starting again on Thursday 23rd September at 11am

### October

7 <sup>th</sup> Casey Pearson, Jenny C, Mandy James, Marie Wilday	249259
14 <sup>th</sup> Joe & Claire Costello with Bakers help	249613
21 <sup>st</sup> Janet & David Brunton	242662
28 <sup>th</sup> School	242370

### November

4 <sup>th</sup> Sue Morran, Sarah Brown, Teresa Calvert	07810116641/07811166161/07469719018
11 <sup>th</sup> Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Josie	07713457414 /242000
18 <sup>th</sup> Sue Birkett & Felicity Manning	244317/ 245298
25 <sup>th</sup> Ann Scrine, Steve & Dave Pratt	242301/589031

If you need help with putting out tables please call the following gents they will help if here please try to give them some notice

Joe Costello 249613

Dick Howard 245373

Alan Birkett 244317

Roger Leech - leechR@sky.com

**Carol Ann**

Come and join us at our  
**Open Evening at 7.30pm**  
on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**  
at **Newtown Linford Village Hall.**



Admission to the event is free. The evening will start with a short presentation about the work of the Group, followed by complimentary soft drinks and nibbles, with glasses of wine available for purchase. There will also be a plant stall.

This event will provide an ideal opportunity to find out more about the Group and to see if you'd like to get involved in any of our activities. If you are able to attend, it would be helpful, though not essential, if you could let me know in advance.

**Claire Costello, Newtown Linford Biodiversity Group**  
**Tel. 01530 249 613**                      **cecostello25@gmail.com**

## Boules

The weather was damp and miserable, the light was failing but we had an exciting finale to our season. Another newcomer won the Chell Cup.

At the end of our evening we all play for the Cup, on a Knockout basis, eliminating one player per round. The last two men standing were Stuart Wardle, who won last month, against his next door neighbour, the young pretender, Scott Raynor. As you will have guessed by now the bragging rights went to Scott after a game that went to the wire.

At the presentation, after our meal, an elderly couple misheard and thought Scott had “won the pools” not boules. Having relayed this exciting news she came back to check the fact only to find there were no free drinks!

It was good to have Colin Bushell playing again and holding his own with the rest of us. John Nixon told us that the Boules Club had started at the Bradgate, in the village, about 1970. If anyone has a more precise date we would like to know.

**Dick Howard**



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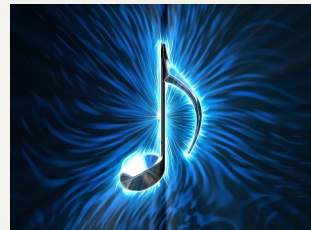
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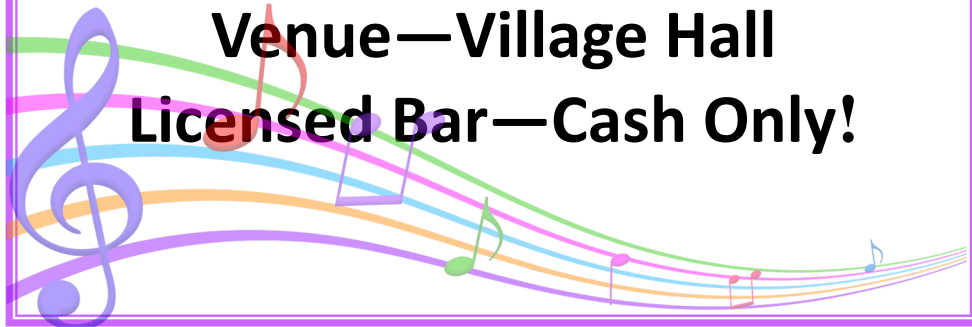
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# THE FRIENDS OF CHARNWOOD FOREST



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Our first in-person meeting since Spring 2020 is taking place in Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall on Monday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. We are pleased to welcome Julie Attard again. She is the Charnwood Forest Programme Manager, from the National Forest Centre. Her title is

***Charnwood Forest, the Unexpected Upland: Update on the First Year of the Landscape Partnership Scheme.***

Despite the pandemic, various projects resulting from the HLF grant to the Partnership are under way and Julie is going to update us on what has been happening, and is likely to happen, in our Forest!

All are welcome – non-members are asked to contribute £3 towards the hire of the Hall. Please do not arrive before 7.15 pm as there is another meeting there before ours and the Committee has to get out chairs and undertake some cleaning before we can open the doors. As is normal now, please do not come if you have any symptoms which might be related to Covid-19. Doors and windows will remain open so you might like to dress more warmly than you might expect. Face coverings are now optional but further updates about Covid precautions will be on the website, <http://www.focf.org.uk/>.



Please check the website of the Friends of Charnwood Forest - [FOCF.org.uk](http://FOCF.org.uk) for the latest information about any Covid restrictions at the venue'.

**Marilyn Upstone**

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## Brownies Report – By Iris Gibson aged 8

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September the Brownies made campfires at John's Lee Wood. We first had to get into pairs I was with Georgina. We then went off to collect the sticks, they had to be small sticks so that the fire wouldn't be too big. Once we had collected all of the sticks we had to start building the fire, the smallest sticks had to be at the bottom and the bigger ones on top. After that the adults then lit the fire for us.



We were all given a marshmallow and two digestive biscuits. We had a skewer as well. We put the marshmallow on the skewer and put it over the fire, to toast them. Once it was all squishy we put it between the biscuits. Then we ate them. After we had finished we moved round the big campfire which was made by Ian (Flora's daddy) and sang songs. We sang lots of guiding songs like Aunty Monica, Cuddly Koalas, Old Mrs Leary and Bingo then it was time to head back to the car park.



## Village Archive

As the current keeper of the Village Archive I occasionally receive ancestry enquiries and recently I received an email from Southern Germany. It is a great help to be able to refer to the "History of the Church and Graveyard " compiled by Mr T Thompson in 1981. It is a fascinating document which is currently held in the Church. The following is a short extract:- Situated near the main entrance to Bradgate Park, All Saints Church has a history stretching back to the early 14th century. Until 1872 it was part of the peculiar of Groby under the patronage and jurisdiction of the Earls of Stamford, and Rectors sent no records to the Diocesan Authorities. The Church records show various services as long ago as the early 17th century, but in the mid 17th century these records are either not very reliable or non-existent. It was not until 1693 that we have an outside example of a commemorative memorial stone, although there are the remains of an ancient stone Coffin to the west of the porch.

The Church Tower was built in the early 14th century and contains six bells, one of which "Tomaset" is reputed to have been acquired from Ulverscroft Priory after its dissolution in 1539.

On the south side of the tower near the base can be seen some of the markings of (photo A) a 14th century incised mass dial. This is a series of radiating lines scratched into the actual stone with a hole in the centre for a peg of wood or iron. Since clocks were not known the illiterate countryfolk could, by noting the position of the shadow, tell when it was time for church services. Below this are traces of a second although some modern stonemason has smoothed away this example of mediaeval history. On the side of the small window to the east of the Church (B) there are lines on the stonework showing the ecumenical hours and high on the south wall of the tower is a Swithland slate sundial (C) dated 1706.

Photo A



Photo B



Photo C



Times and practices were very different and it is believed that the northern part of the churchyard was used for the burial of people who were for various reasons not accepted into the Church, including suicides and people who had not been confirmed or even baptised. The Church Burial Registers give an example of unidentified persons including a "man drowned in Swithland pool", "a very strange woman", "a passenger" and these must have been buried near the Church.

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### **Newtown Linford Primary School PTA**

"Newtown Linford Primary School PTA are appealing for donations of prizes for their Christmas Raffle to raise funds for our School. We hope to extend raffle ticket sales to village residents, as well as the school community.

This academic year, we would like to raise enough funds to provide a term of forest school sessions for all classes which will be held at Bradgate Park; for pupil mindfulness and relaxation sessions, helping children become more resilient and improving their emotion as part of School's Covid recovery approach and for new book titles for our school library.

If you are able to donate a raffle prize, items can be left at the school office during school hours or please contact me via email to [hshaw@newtown.bepschools.org](mailto:hshaw@newtown.bepschools.org)



Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

**Hannah Shaw. Chair of Governors and PTA Lead."**

## Newtown Linford Tennis Club Members & Family Day Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

A fabulous day was had by all at the Club on Sunday. Members, families and friends enjoying fine weather, playing tennis and catching up for the first large gathering since COVID restrictions were eased.

Thank you to everyone who supported. We even had people who came



for a walk in the park and called in when they saw the sign. Steve Dovey did a sterling job on the BBQ helped by our Chair Paul Scrine who was in charge of cheese slice application! Thank you also to Carolyn Turner who did all the shopping and salads and those who made cakes.

Coach Paul Nichols is back and is running a full programme this term. For further information please call him on 07824664935.



All the coaching sessions can be found on the Tennis Club Website -

**<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/NewtownLinfordTennisClub>**

## Village Cricket Day 1

The cricket club at the heart of the village was blessed with two days of keenly competed cricket for locals in August. On the first of the month the annual competition between four village teams took place and with the usual mix of skill and comedy, it was closely fought as ever.

The semi-finals saw the Grey Grizzlies narrowly, and some would say luckily, beat the Bradgate Braves whilst the Linford Lions cruised past the Newtown Knights in front of a sizeable crowd. In the final it was some great batting by the Lions which proved too much for the Grizzlies leading to their first ever win in the tournament. Captain of the Lions, Scott Raynor, shared the player of the tournament award with his daughter Beth.



Many congrats to the Lions, and thanks to all of the players and spectators, umpires, scorers and bar staff who made this the best tournament yet. The Club is also grateful to the many sponsors, particularly overall sponsor The Access Group, whose support will help fund new practice nets which will be installed in the Autumn.



## Village Cricket Day 2

The Linford Ex-Servicemen's Club threw down the gauntlet to the winners of the village competition and a motley crew of pub regulars turned

up on 22<sup>nd</sup> August to take on the Linford Lions. True to form, the Linford Club actually played like a pub team, and making up for their lack of talent with enthusiasm and good humour, and with the help of a lenient umpire, they managed a competitive total. The Lions however proved too strong and won the match on the last batting pair, winning the newly created Phoenix Cup. It was another great day for the village, creating and cementing friendships which may be tested over the winter when the Linford will host a re-match featuring traditional pub games. **Scott**



**Thank you to all you came to  
the  
Newtown Linford Tennis  
Open Day & BBQ.**



**It was a fabulous fun family day.**



## Computers

Windows 10 updates have long been the single biggest problem people have with their computers; typically running cripplingly slow.

The last update, 21H1 was in May and caused all sorts of problems primarily because it took so long to download and install, many people interrupted the process believing it completed and seriously impeded the process. The future is confusing even for the experts on the internet. The next update was scheduled for 14 Sept., presumably 21H2 but Windows 11 is due for release on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Whatever name they give to it the significant aspect is the security overhaul. Introducing TPM (Trusted Platform Module) this is a physical chip incorporated onto CPUs, but only the latest ones. Intel or AMD chips earlier than 7<sup>th</sup> generation do not have this and will be unable to run Windows 11 that is any computer or laptop three to five years old. We can avoid Windows 11 at least until 2025 but Windows 10 has removed our ability to disable automatic updates. In other words any future updates will be imposed upon us. Updates can however be delayed. Here is how to do that:

Right click start button

Go to Apps and Features

In the "Find a Setting" box (top left) type "Windows update setting"

Go down to "Advanced Options"

At the bottom click "Select Date" pick the furthest.

You cannot do this again.



When your computer starts an update do not interrupt it, it may take 24 hours or more.

If you have delayed updates and receive a warning try to impose on a friend with super-fast broadband and do it there. If it's still chuntering after 48 hours call me.

As well as computer help I am offering a free service for the design and making of repair bits, for want

of a better name. An example is given below of lugs from a Connect four game. Belonging to a village celebrity couple the retaining lugs on the stand were broken and lost, measuring the remaining lugs, copies were made and glued on. Any 3D shape up to the size of a small loaf can be made and printed off. This is in the hope of reducing the need to buy more "stuff" by repairing instead.

**Joe Costello**    <mailto:joecost1846@gmail.com>

# SUNDAY SERVICES October 2021



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
3rd October  <b>Eighteenth Sunday of Trinity</b>	8.30am Holy Communion	
	10am Morning Prayer	10am Holy Communion
10th October  <b>Nineteenth Sunday of Trinity</b>		
	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer
	6pm Praise Service	
17th October  <b>Twentieth Sunday of Trinity</b>		
	10am Morning Prayer	10am Holy Communion
	3pm All Age Service	
24th October  <b>Bible Sunday</b>		
	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer
31st October  <b>All Saints'</b>		
	10am Morning Prayer	10am Holy Communion
		4.30pm Remembering with thanksgiving

# CHURCH REGISTERS

## WEDDINGS

*28 August ~ Robert Marsh and Jacqueline Smith*



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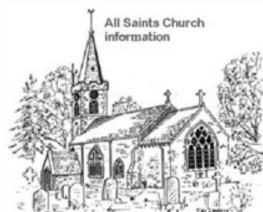
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### **COVID**

Appropriate measures will be taken to help keep social distance for those who wish to.

## **Information from David Snartt.**

### **Political Map for Charnwood.**

There is an opportunity to have your say on a new political map for Charnwood. A press release has been issued by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England about the new boundaries being proposed for Council Wards in the Borough. The Commission wants to hear what residents and local organisations think about the proposals. A ten week consultation on the proposals will run until 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

The Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It is reviewing Charnwood Borough to make sure Councillors will represent about the same number of electors, and the Ward arrangements will help the Council work effectively. It is proposing that there should be three single Councillor Wards, 14 two Councillor Wards and 7 three Councillor Wards. All but two of the existing Ward boundaries will change under the proposals.

My Ward of Forest Bradgate which includes the Parishes of Newtown Linford, Ulverscroft and Woodhouse has a proposed small change to the boundary and will still be represented by a single Councillor. Since the development of Grange Park a small part of the estate encroached into Woodhouse Parish. Therefore, it is proposed that the 25 properties are realigned with the rest of the estate in the neighbouring Ward. I am pleased that the Forest Bradgate Ward largely stays the same, in my view, it reflects the nature of the rural communities within the heart of Charnwood Forest.

The Commission has a dedicated section on its website where people can see the detail of the proposals and comment on the names of the Wards and their boundaries. People can give their views by e-mail at [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk) and by post, Review Officer (Charnwood), LGBCE, PO Box 133, Blyth. NE24 9FE. There is also information on the Charnwood Borough Council website.

### **Council Explores Options.**

Charnwood Borough Council is looking to explore the feasibility of creating a more efficient and environmentally-friendly replacement office base in Loughborough. The Council has identified a potential location for new offices with a long term plan to move to new premises to reduce running costs and prioritise funding on services. It would also reduce the Council's carbon footprint. A report has come forward to Cabinet, seeking approval to explore the feasibility of creating new offices on Southfield Road Extension car park, about 50 metres from the current offices in

Southfields Road.

The creation of any new building would enable the sale of the existing office complex. The site is identified as having potential for 163 homes in the Charnwood Local Plan 2021-37 Pre-submission Document.

### **First Bells for Covid-19 Memorial.**

A memorial to mark the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on local communities in Charnwood is starting to take shape. The first three, quarter bells of the planned Hope Bell project were cast at Loughborough's iconic John Taylor and Co bell foundry during a heritage open weekend in September. The Hope Bell project will see the creation of a clock chime installation comprising four quarter chime bells and the main Hope Bell to sound the hours. The four quarter bells will weigh between 3 cwt and 8cwt and the main Hope Bell will weigh 1 ton 5cwt, sound the note D and measure 4ft 4ins in diameter. It is anticipated the memorial would be located in Queens Park, Loughborough.

The Hope Bell will be a lasting memorial to all those in Charnwood who have lost their lives in the Covid-19 pandemic and be a tribute to NHS and key workers. It will also be a beacon of hope for the future.

### **Freedom of the Borough.**

Charnwood Borough Council at a Special Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at Loughborough Town Hall granted the Freedom of the Borough to Leicester City Football Club. This in recognition of the Club's incredible success in recent years and its connection to Charnwood. The FA Cup winners and the 2015/16 Premier League Champions opened a £100 million training facility in the Borough in 2020 at Seagrave.



The Freedom of the Borough is the highest honour the Council can bestow. It does not carry any privileges or powers but is only awarded in exceptional circumstances where the recipient rendered eminent service to the Borough. They will have demonstrated outstanding achievement in

the Borough and/or on the international stage which has brought pride and satisfaction to the Borough.

I was pleased to support conferring the title of Honorary Freedom of the Borough to Leicester City Football Club. I was Chairman of the County Council during the 2015/16 season and Mayor of Charnwood when they won the FA Cup. During those years I was able to hear first hand from local residents how much pleasure and joy these remarkable achievements have given people, especially through the recent difficult times we have all experienced. Winning the FA Cup certainly lifted spirits enormously within our local communities.

### **Newtown Linford Gardening Club**

Our first indoor meeting was held in August and it proved to be very successful. We had an excellent presentation from the members of the Newtown Linford Biodiversity Group who outlined the results of their surveys and their plans for the future. These have already been published in the Magazine so I will not expand on them further.

The centrepiece of our programme is our annual Celebrity Evening on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October, when we welcome the gardening journalist Helen Yemm as our speaker. Readers of the Daily Telegraph will know her well as a highly knowledgeable and experienced horticulturalist. This is, actually, the third time we have invited her to the Village. The first occasion was lost when she had to go into hospital and the second visit was cancelled because of Covid. We hope for third time lucky.

As is customary, we offer non-members the opportunity to join us on these occasions. Tickets to hear Helen speak will be £12 and can be obtained from the Secretary. There will be a limited number of guest tickets available, so we recommend an early response.

The final event of the year will be our annual Christmas Party which will be held in the Village Hall in early December. We are delighted that, after 16 months, we are functioning again and resuming our regular programme, with, of course, certain limitations to protect our members.

Happy gardening.

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

Anne and David Couling

## **Barry Cook (Charles)**

Barry Cook was born on 19th February 1945 at Chorley Road, Shephed and spent his childhood in Swithland with his parents and seven siblings. They moved in to Newtown Linford in 1961 when his dad took on the tenancy of Lane End Farm, which was then situated at the bottom of Markfield Lane. He worked alongside his dad and some of his brothers, later being joined by his son Patrick who became his partner.

Barry married Lesley in 1966 and moved into a cottage in Woodhouse Eaves then moving back into Newtown Linford into a cottage near the farm. They had two children, Patrick and Helen. Barry and Lesley threw themselves into village life and joined various clubs and societies such as the Tennis Club, Cricket Club and PTA. He loved living in Newtown Linford.



Barry joined the Bradgate Drama Society in 1981. He had a real talent for acting and he performed on and off for over 20 years. He also was asked to do some after dinner speaking at golf clubs and other events.

Barry sang in the Church Choir several times. He loved to sing and had an incredible voice.

Barry was a real family man and he worked hard to give them a good life. He was very supportive and took great interest in everything his children and grandchildren did.

Barry was diagnosed with cancer five years ago. Since then he has had operations and treatment and always coped with his illness with great dignity.

Unfortunately last October he was told the treatment was no longer working and that the cancer was terminal. Barry passed away at home on 22nd June having been cared for at home by his family.

Barry was a true gentleman in every sense of the word and touched so many people.

He leaves a huge hole in his families' lives and will be so greatly missed.

## Didn't we have a lovely time the day we went to Althorp....

A small group of pilgrims from Newtown Linford went to Althorp late August, the home of the *only* painting that exists of Lady Jane Grey, painted when she was alive. (However, I must admit that we didn't know that, until we actually got there).

We were met by Andrew, the duty manager who explained where the second most important room in the house was (the loo's) and then gave us a good but brief background to the house, gardens, and layout. We were able to park our vehicle a few yards from the house as we had Tony with us who, aged 95.5 years, cannot walk too far. Andrew met the car, gave us a talk, and assured us he was only 2 minutes away at any time should we need anything - just ask the staff. And as Tony couldn't visit all the house, he would also ensure that he was looked after whilst the rest of us visited upstairs. We felt pretty much like royalty with such a wonderful welcome.....

After a trip to the second most important room in the house and a coffee, we had a tour of the exhibition, which housed, amongst other things, a truly astounding array of books of condolences regarding the death of Diana, from all over the world. We proceeded to the house and as Tony





could not get up the stairs, he was indeed looked after, treated to his own personal guide to talk him through the parts he missed, and a hard copy book of the house signed by Earl Spencer himself! In fact, Tony was offered a job as a guide as he was so knowledgeable by the time we collected him from our up the stairs visit.

We had lunch in the courtyard, Earl Spencer walked casually past as we ate our sandwiches in the late summer sunshine. Of course, we visited the lake and the wonderful gardens including the arboretum with 36 oak trees planted as an avenue because Diana was 36 when she died. Whilst we were there, we were thrilled to see a caterpillar emerging from its chrysalis and smell the beautiful lime trees planted by the lake where Diana is buried. It is a very peaceful place.

The purpose of this article is to say, it's a great place to visit, almost on our doorstep and not overrun with people (we went on a bank holiday weekend). It's closed until next summer but make a note in your dairy and pay a visit. Hopefully you will be met by Andrew and have yourself a lovely day too.

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This month's Neighbourhood Watch update comes from our colleagues in the LCC Trading Standards Service....

### Scams and doorstep crime

#### Covid scam

Trading Standards have been made aware of a Covid-19 Vaccine Passport scam email that purports to be from the NHS and informs recipients that they can apply for their 'Digital Coronavirus Passports'.

Clicking on the link within the email takes you to a convincing but fake NHS website that asks for personal information and payment details for an administration fee.

The website has been taken down, but it is likely that another will appear, therefore, be wary of any emails you receive regarding Covid-19 passports. Your vaccination status is obtained FREE through the NHS App, website or by calling the NHS on 119.

#### Rogue traders

Reports have been received of traders in the Markfield and Ibstock area of the County cold calling residents offering roofing and driveway work. It is likely that they will try to obtain work in other areas of the County, so we are warning residents to be aware.



Whilst you may have received a 'good price' and been advised that work can start straight away, always be on guard. Traders often working in this way may over charge, increase their prices and the work is often substandard.

They may provide you with some form of paperwork, but is their address correct, can you get hold of them afterwards if you have any issues? Remember, rogue traders do not want to be contacted after they have your money.

Any agreement for work between you and a trader at your home that is

over the value of £42 requires the trader to give you certain information including your cancellation rights. They should not then start the work within 14 days unless they have express permission from you to do so, or if the work is an emergency. The advice is to obtain a number of quotes, not to agree to anything there and then, never pay in cash and never pay in advance. If you're not sure, don't open the door.

For emergencies please call 999. For further free advice and guidance or to report a matter, please contact 0808 223 1133

### Holiday fraud

Don't get caught out by holiday fraudsters!

Be aware of holiday fraud as travel restrictions ease.

When paying for a holiday, consider paying by credit card as it offers better buyer protection in case anything goes wrong. Always do your research, check whether the company is an ABTA member and always be wary about paying directly into a private individual's bank account as this could be a scam.

### Scam alert!

Fraudsters continue to use fake vehicle tax emails to obtain sensitive information. Vehicle tax phishing emails are a tried and tested method for scammers.

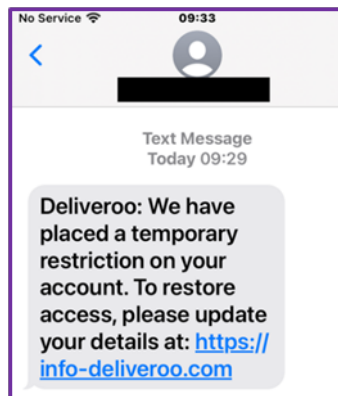
Be cautious of fake DVLA emails. Do not click on the link provided in the email if you are unsure of the email.

If you receive one, report it to: Report@phishing.gov.uk

### Fake Deliveroo text messages

The fraudsters are obviously aware that we have enjoyed a takeaway or two during the pandemic and are using a well-known delivery service to get our attention.

This type of fake text is a 'phishing' message and its purpose is to obtain your personal and financial information. Don't respond and if in doubt always contact the legitimate company using contact details via their website or a receipt. #ThinkQuickNeverClick



### Fake Asda vouchers scam

Action Fraud have received reports about an Asda gift card scam. The

links in the email lead to malicious websites that are designed to steal your personal information. Report suspicious emails by forwarding them to: [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk) .

Wishing you all a safe and crime free month ahead.

Keep 'em peeled.

Best wishes,

**Hannah Shaw**

**Parish Council Clerk**

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### **Diane Vann**

Diane Vann passed peacefully away at home after a long illness. John and family would like to thank everyone for their cards, letters and kind words.

**John Vann**

## News from Newtown Linford Parish Council



**Have you looked at the website recently?**  
**[www.newtownlinford.org.uk](http://www.newtownlinford.org.uk)**

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Hello everyone!

As reported previously, following on from the completion of the Traffic Management Scheme, LCC are carrying out a further consultation with residents of Upper Main Street, with regards to identifying a possible solution for those properties with limited off road parking. Once the consultation has ended and agreed works are complete, this will indicate an end to highways improvements in Newtown Linford. However, the Parish Council continues to work on addressing speeding issues across the Parish.

As some of you will know, Cllr. Deborah Taylor has been awarded £25k of Highways funding for use across her division. Thank you to everyone who submitted ideas. The following list has been submitted for consideration for Newtown Linford Parish:

- Mobile VAS Unit and associated works for use along Bradgate Road and other areas;
- Re-siting of Bradgate Road VAS Unit to Markfield Lane;
- Wooden posts to prevent verge parking on Benscliffe Road;
- Speed table alterations on Main Street, by Tyburn footpath;
- New Parish Welcome signs with planters;
- Consideration of speed prevention measures for Bradgate Road (30mph) and Roecliffe Road;
- Birds Mouth Style Fencing or similar for urban wildflower verge on Markfield Lane;
- In liaison with Woodhouse Parish Council, warning signs on Joe Moores Lane at the Golf Club crossing.

In August, consultation letters were sent out to some residents of Groby Lane with regards a small area of the central reservation, becoming an Urban Wildflower Verge. Mixed comments both positive and in objection were received and therefore, I will now consult further with Parish Councillors and LCC to determine whether this will be taken any further.

Thank you to those who entered our Newtown Linford in Bloom 2021 competition. Gardening Club Chairman, Mike Newcombe, very kindly judged anonymised (as far as possible) entries and the winner is.....

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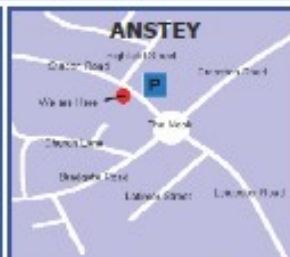
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Nigel's winning entry was closely followed by runners up, The Linford. Well done and thank you to everyone who participated and many thanks to Mike for judging the competition.

We had some wonderful entries. I hope we can expand on this idea further in 2022 and please watch this space for details of the 2021 Newtown Linford Advent Windows.



On with more news....

### **Bob Bown Memorial Field**

Those who use the access track to the Bob Bown Memorial Field and garages at the rear of Grey Crescent, will have noticed the large Sycamore tree has been felled. During a recent tree inspection, this tree was found decayed at the base and colonised with Brittle Cinder Fungus.

Further tree works will be carried out at the park in the first week of November.

I hope all children have been enjoying the new park equipment. We hope to continue making improvements at the play park when funds allow.

### **Cemetery and Churchyard**

We are soon coming to the end of the grass cutting schedule for this year and are reviewing our grounds maintenance contract for 2022 to ensure best value.

Tree works will also be carried out at both the Cemetery and Churchyard during the first week in November. A multi stemmed poplar tree will be felled at the Cemetery due to safety concerns and we are looking into whether sculptor, Peter Leadbeater, can work his magic to create an appropriate sculpture similar to the stag's head on Bradgate Road. Watch this space!

Happy Halloween to all our trick or treaters. Please remember, the unwritten rule is to only call at houses which have a lit pumpkin on display or by prior arrangement. I have a few Trick or Treat 'Welcome' or 'No Thanks' posters in stock too. Please contact me via the usual channels if you would like one.

Stay well, stay safe.

Best wishes,

**Hannah Shaw,**  
**Parish Council Clerk**  
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