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I used to share an office with a colleague. We worked together well but were very different in style, these differences being blatantly obvious to anyone who walked through the door. One desk would be completely clear other than the monitor, mouse and keyboard. The other would have drifts of paper, mugs, post-it notes, coins, pens and books liberally distributed across it. I will leave it to you to work out which was mine...

It's a personality thing mainly, I think, though sometimes training comes into it: neatness. Some of us can't cope with anything out of place and like everything organised 'just so' – I have one friend who puts labels on every plug so that he can immediately tell which belongs to which device. Some of you are thinking 'How OTT!', others, 'Why have I never thought of that? Where's the labelmaker?'. And you actually already own a labelmaker.

Most of us would like life to be neater and tidier in some respects: we'd like fewer loose ends, fewer nasty unpredictable surprises, less heart-ache. But life isn't like that. However neat and tied down we'd like it to be, all of us live with situations which are messy and mixed up. Whether they're relationships or regrets, things aren't always neat.

That's been true for most people for most of human history and it's one of the reasons why the Bible, despite telling us about events thousands of years ago, is still fascinating: it shows us that even people who experience amazing things and blessings, still have messy lives. David, king and conqueror, who had messed-up relationships with his sons; Peter, the great apostle, who wimped out at key moments.

People who belong to Church aren't people who have sorted their lives out and got everything neat and tidy, they're people who rely on Jesus to help sort out their mess and keep going when things are tough. Even when they're as messy as me!

Yours

**Richard Trethewey, Rector of St Peter's Glenfield.
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VILLAGE DIARY

August

25th Church Fete

September

4th Boules

15th Ramblers

17th Friends of Charnwood Forest

29th/30th Scarecrow Festival

30th Harvest Festival

Regular events

Monday afternoon

Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall

Mondays 8pm at the Church

Bell Ringing

4th Tuesday of the month

Gardening Club

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of month

Home Study Group

3rd Wednesday of the month

Ladies Luncheon Club

Thursdays 9.15

Jolly Tots Playgroup, Church

Thursdays 11.15

Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall

Thursdays 6.30

Brownies, Sunday School Rooms

Thursday Eves

Bridge Club 9 Main Street

3rd Thursday

Gentlemen's Lunch Club

Centenary Commemoration of the end of WWI

11th November 2018

As this year sees the centenary of Armistice Day the usual Remembrance Day service in All Saints' will be a special commemoration to mark the anniversary. Our Act of Remembrance will include the names not just of those from the village who fell in conflict, but also those who served and survived. On the same day the Linford Club will also be holding a special event to honour those who served.



Many in the Village will want to mark this. Please note the start of the service in church will be 10.50am, ready for the two minute silence at 11am. Events at the Linford will follow the service. More details next month.

Yours, Richard Trethewey

Rector of St Peter's, Glenfield, and All Saints', Newtown Linford

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Coffee & Cake @ Newtown Linford Village Hall
Thursday Morning 11.15am - Free
All Welcome - All Ages



Coffee and Cake Duty Rota

September

6th	Iris & Peter Sayer	243822
13th	Margaret Bloor & Sue Clarke	245078/242000
20th	Bev Griffiths & Sue Dobby	01509 890264/245366
27th	Jan Densley & Sue Birkett	0116 2700072/244317

October

4th	Felicity Manning/Glenis Meredith/Sue Brown	245298/ 249384/243578
11th	Betty McChrystal/Sue Howard/Carol Ann	244363/ 245373/243433
18th	Ann Scrine, Steve & Dave Pratt	242301/589031
25th	Iris & Peter Sayer	243822

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

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Harvest, 30th September - Grains of Hope, Bread for Life

At All Saints' this year, Harvest is a celebration of God's generosity and we're wanting to give the community the chance to reflect on and share stories of generosity.

As well as the usual chance to try bellringing (Saturday and Sunday afternoons, 2.30-5pm) there will also be some interactive displays in Church with the theme 'Grains of Hope, Bread for Life'. Everyone's welcome to come in from Thursday onwards to try them out.

We are also celebrating by holding a Bread Festival that collects stories of generosity from around our community. We are asking participants to share these stories in the form of bread. The story can be anything



Celebrating the generosity of the feeding of the five thousand

from a life changing moment, to a small generous encounter to a story of generosity that inspires you.

We would like to invite you to enter the Festival and to share your story of generosity. Don't worry if you aren't a master baker! The bread can take any form ranging from a home baked creation to a creatively cut wrap or an arrangement of rolls.

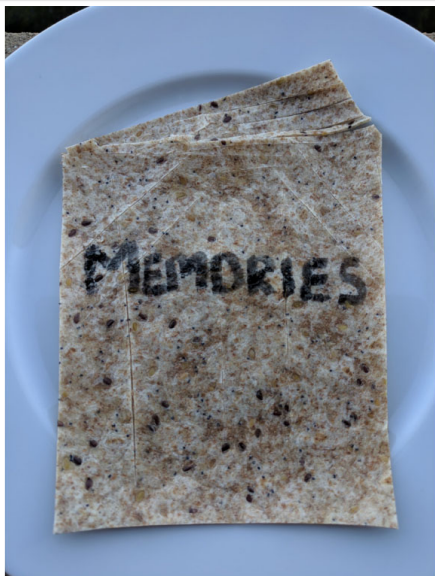
If you would like to take part please drop off your bread creation at the front of Church along with a small card - available from the back of Church - that tells your story in words, during the day on Saturday 29th September. These will then be on display during the Celebration



Celebrating the generosity of a really thoughtful gift

service at 10.30am on Sunday 30th September and throughout the weekend.

You are also welcome to a bring and share meal at church on 12.30pm on Sunday 30 September. No charge, just bring something to contribute and share with others,



Celebrating the generosity of time a Grandma put into compiling a book of all our memories together

richard@allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk or 0116 287 1604

I've attached three images which give examples of what bread creations might look like.

Yours,

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Primary School Fete FROM 11am
Maypole dancing
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Scarecrow
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Sunday at 4pm

**Scarecrow
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50p

SUNDAY

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Scarecrow Festival 29th - 30th September 2018



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Stone the crows it's that time of year again! The children are back at school, nights are drawing in (even if we don't want to accept the fact), the harvest is being gathered in and the scarecrows are back in Newtown Linford for the **Annual Village Scarecrow Festival Weekend** which this year takes place on **29th and 30th September**.

A delightful array of Scarecrows will be on display in the village throughout the weekend (make sure to get your Scarecrows up and ready to go by 10am Saturday 29th September) and a map to guide you around the village on our Scarecrow Trail will be available to purchase for 50p. Vote for your favourite scarecrow and come to the prize giving ceremony taking place on Sunday at 4pm in the Village Hall (everyone welcome to attend), when our ever popular raffle will also be drawn.

There will be lots of exciting things happening over the whole weekend but here's a snapshot of some of the events:

Saturday 29th September:

- Newtown Linford Primary School Annual Fête 11am – 3pm: – includes a selection of Traditional Stalls, BBQ, Refreshments, Cakes, Face Painting and Maypole Dancing (from 1.30pm)
- All Saints Church 2.30 – 5pm: Bell Ringing (also on Sunday 30th September)
- Judging of the Scarecrows
- Refreshments in the Village Hall 11-3pm



Sunday 30th September:

- Harvest Festival All Age Service: All Saints Church, 10.30am
- Bring-and-Share Harvest Meal: All Saints Church, 12.30pm
- Morris Dancing: Outside The Linford, 1.30pm Onwards
- Craft Stalls, Gifts, Cakes & Refreshments: Village Hall, 11-4pm
- Prize Giving Ceremony and Raffle Prize Draw: Village Hall at 4pm

Admission is FREE and proceeds will go to Newtown Linford Primary School.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

For more information find us on Facebook (Newtown Linford Scarecrow Festival) or email: forestfitstudio@gmail.com

Times may be subject to change, please check the facebook page for further details.

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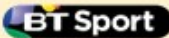
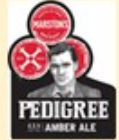
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From The Park

As I look out of my office window this morning, I can see two of our 'Monday Clean-up Squad' of volunteer litter pickers hard at work to clear away the aftermath of the weekend. People often compliment us on how tidy and free of litter the Park is and I always tell them that, sadly, this is because we are very good at picking it up and not that nobody ever drops it. If golf is "a good walk spoiled" then litter picking is "a good walk enhanced" by the knowledge that you are putting something back into this place that we all love. It is also amazing how much wildlife you can spot when your focus is on the ground looking for discarded rubbish.

The summer of 2018 will be remembered for the heatwave and the fact that, for the very first time, we instituted a 'Fire Watch' system with volunteers watching out with binoculars for the slightest sign of smoke. If the latest predictions about the effects of climate change are accurate, this may become a regular feature of future summers at Bradgate and we are extremely grateful to all the volunteers who answered the call for help to keep the Park's wildlife safe when destructive fires were breaking out in numerous other areas both locally and further afield.

I am writing this the day after what I have taken to referring to as "Bradstock" – our weekend of music featuring the Bradgate Proms with the Bardi Wind Orchestra on Saturday evening and the Acoustic & Folk Music Picnic on Sunday afternoon, which this year featured some nationally well-known names in addition to the best talent from the vibrant local folk scene. The weekend was better than ever, in terms of performance, logistics and ticket sales and staff and volunteers worked incredibly hard to support the artists and technical crew in providing a truly memorable experience for the audience on both days. There are some tired bodies this morning among those who worked both days and do not have days-off until later in the week.

Keen-eyed visitors may have noticed the new fence that has been gradually working its way across the far end of the Deer Meadow, dividing the Park from Dimmingsdale, and those who use the Cropston footpath cannot possibly have missed it. This is the only part of the deer park that is bounded by a fence rather than a stone wall and the Rangers have been working hard to replace the original fence that we believe was erected in the late 19th century and which, despite regular patching, had come to the end of its life. We are really pleased to have been able to construct a replica of the original fence from oak from Swithland Wood, milled on site and fabricated by our own staff to include mortice and tenon joints to fix



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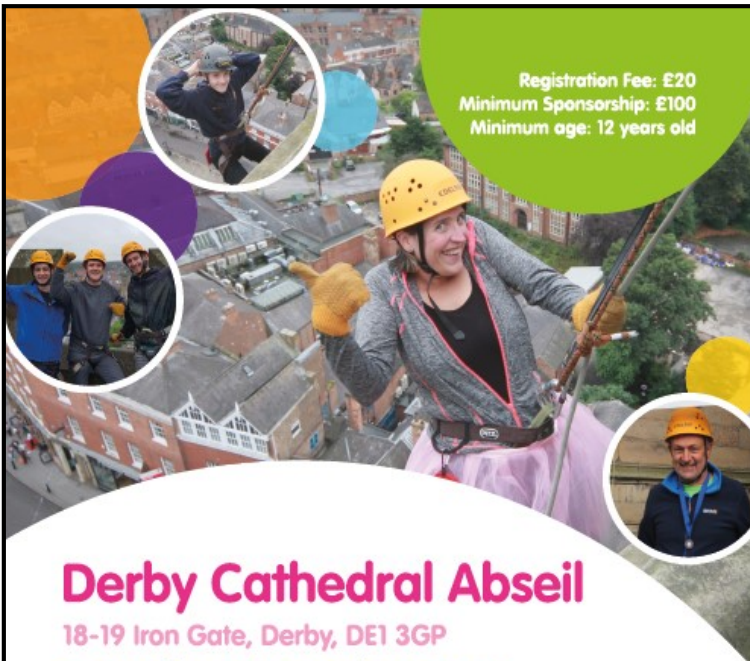
The next event in the programme is our annual Living History Weekend on 8th/9th September, featuring our old friends from Lord Grey's Regiment of Foote of the Sealed Knot together with an expanded cast of re-enactors and activities celebrating more periods of the Park's history with the theme of "Meet the Ancestors".

Now that the season has opened, Bradgate Park Venison is once again

available in the freezers at the Visitor Centre and Conservatory Tearoom. We are also taking orders for firewood deliveries, so plan ahead for winter and book yours now by calling the Estate Office on 0116 236 2713. Delivery is free within a 5-mile radius of the Park.

As the schools go back, the crowds thin out and there is once again a chill in the early morning air, I look forward to seeing you on the Park.

Peter Tyldesley



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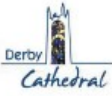
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Lingdale Ladies Leap for Laura

This year, in addition to my duties as Parish Council Chairman, I have been fortunate enough to be the Ladies Captain at Lingdale Golf Club. A major part of my duties there has been to raise money for my chosen charity, The Laura Centre. This is a charity based in Leicester founded in 1989 by Gail and Harry Moore following the death of their 5 year old daughter. The Centre provides dedicated bereavement counselling and support to parents who have lost children and children who have lost parents. I chose this charity as a friend of mine was helped immensely by the Centre following the sudden death of her husband leaving her with 4 children. It relies on donations for its funding and everything I can raise will make a difference.

In addition to running raffles and fund raising within the Golf Club (which has already reached £1,000+) myself and Sharon Scott (a local GP and another lady golfer) are planning to do a sponsored tandem parachute jump at Langar Airfield on Thursday 13th September. All donations will go to the charity - we are funding the jump. Both of us have never done anything like this before (and probably won't again!) and both of us absolutely hate heights!

Please consider making my abject terror worthwhile, donations can be made online at

<https://mydonate.bt.com/teams/lingdaleleapforlaura> and just click on my page. (BT My Donate do not charge any commission). Thank you for any amount you see fit to give.



Hopefully I will make the October Parish Council meeting !!

Sue Pritchard

Do you know what happens to your recycled items? Are you confused about what you can recycle?

A visit to the recycling facility Casepak (near Braunstone) is planned at the end of October. If interested please contact Jane Woolmer (ejwoolmer@gmail.com)



Date to be confirmed later

Newtown Linford Cricket Club will welcome a Lashings World XI to Main Street next year to help mark their spectacular Centenary celebrations.



The show-stopper is scheduled for 30th June 2019, in conjunction with the Club's annual President's Day, and is expected to generate substantial interest from the Leicestershire community and beyond.

Household names such as Sachin Tendulkar, Brian Lara, Jimmy Adams, Muttiah Muralitharan, Rashid Latif, Wasim Akram, Allan Donald and Sir Viv Richards have all worn the Lashings kit. Currently the Lashings squad includes Monty Panesar, Devon Malcolm, Wasim Jaffer, Charl Wil- loughby, John Emburey, Nick Compton, Usman Afzaal, Fidel Edwards and Tino Best.

Legendary radio broadcaster Henry 'Blowers' Blofeld OBE will also be present and will commentate on the T20 match's first innings. Last year, Blofeld announced his retirement as a BBC Test Match Special commen- tator with his last test commentary being when England played West In-



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dies at Lord's on 9th September 2017.

The day will also comprise some junior coaching, a corporate lunch for guests as well as an auction, Q & A and raffle. Club Chairman Jon Dale believes the spectacle will be a fitting way to celebrate 100 years of action at one of the most picturesque grounds in the country. He said: "I have been associated with our great Club for over 30 years and it is testament to the hard work of Committees past and present that we continue to flourish as a local Cricket Club during difficult economic times. "Club members, Life Members, Vice Presidents, Patrons and Sponsors have been, and continue to be, extremely supportive and proud of their association with NLCC and I'd like to think that welcoming a side the calibre of the Lashings is a way of saying thank you. "It will not only be a great occasion for everyone associated with the Club but for the community of Leicestershire as well."

The Lashings game will come just four years after Newtown welcomed a Professional Cricketers' Association Masters XI to Main Street as part of their prize for winning the Yorkshire Tea Great Cricket Tea Challenge. Almost 1,000 people packed into the ground that day and the Club is hoping for similar numbers next June.

Dave Fitzgerald, Lashings Company Director, added: "We are delighted to be bringing Lashings World XI, packed with top international cricketers, to Newtown Linford. My fellow director, Scott Charlton and I visited the club recently and met some wonderful people in a very picturesque setting. "We have huge confidence that together we will host an excellent event. We are excited about being part of the Centenary celebrations and I, for one, am looking forward to a Newtown Linford cricket tea!"

Corporate ticket prices, which will include a three course meal in the marquee, the T20 match, Q&A and auction, are currently being finalised. Sponsorship opportunities including perimeter boards, programme advertising and the chance to face an over from a Lashing player with the bat or bowl an over at a Lashings player will also be available.

If you wish to express an interest in booking a table/s at the corporate lunch or taking up a sponsorship opportunity on the day please contact

**India Hopkins on 07446 014662 or
email: indiahopkins@hotmail.co.uk**

BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES September 2018

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
2nd Sept		
14th Sunday after Trinity	10.15am Worship as One	10.30am Holy Communion
	6.30pm Evensong	
9th Sept		8.00am Holy Communion
15th Sunday after Trinity	10.15am Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Prayer
	6.30pm Deanery Confirmation	
16th Sept	8.30am Holy Communion	
16th Sunday after Trinity	10.15am Service of the World	10.30am Morning Prayer
	4.00pm Messy Church	
23rd Sept		8.00am Holy Communion
17th Sunday after Trinity	10.15am Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion
	6.30pm Holy Communion	
30th Sept	8.30am Holy Communion	
18th Sunday after Trinity	10.15am Service of the World	10.30am All Age Service
	6.30pm Evensong	

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—September 2018

GLENFIELD	Wed	10.45am	5th	12th	19th	26th
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11th August ~ James Malone & Victoria Bampton

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Rain at last! Whether it's come in time to resurrect some of our plants which have suffered so badly remains to be seen, but we can live in hope. Lawns are already returning to the green colour we are used to and maybe by the middle of September we'll be back to normal.



The annual Summer Garden Party was again a great success. No fewer than 103 members and friends gathered at our Chairman's house on Ulverscroft Lane on a clear sunny evening. The meal of chicken, quiche and salad, cake and cheese and plenty of Pimms and wine made it a very convivial evening. A kind donation of several dozen gardening gloves found plenty of buyers and there were around 80 prizes in our speed raffle.

After our trip to Thornbridge Hall in August we return to the Village Hall with a speaker from Wildegoose Nurseries. This nursery is well known for their prize winning violas but Jack Wildgoss will be helping us to extend the flowering season of our garden by suggesting plants which will fit that purpose.

Our celebrity evening is again in October and our special guest is the writer and broadcaster Bunny Guinness. Ticket sales already ensure that we will have a full hall on that occasion which will be a grand climax to a very successful year when our membership has reached new heights.

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 email 32couling@gmail.com), 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.

Anne and David Couling

Butterflies in Swithland Wood

Argynnis Paphia Silver washed Fritillary



Silver washed Fritillary



Last year, for the first time, I saw a few Silver-Washed Fritillaries in various parts of the wood. They are rarely recorded in Leicestershire but were having a very good year further south. This year I have seen them most days when walking in Swithland wood.

One patch of bramble near the stream hosted three females and two days later the same patch had two males. It is possible that a colony is being established - probably due to climate change which is causing many butterflies to spread to the north and the excellent coppicing of the woods which encourage their breeding-plant - dog violets and other related viola.

It has also been a good year for the beautiful little Purple Hairstreak which is easily seen on low-lying oaks near the main quarry and which seem to be laying their eggs in many parts of the wood

Purple Hairstreak - Swithland Wood

John Woolmer



Appeal for plants for the Church Fete

Jan Croft is running a plant stall for the garden party on 25th August in aid of Church redecoration - has any villager plants they can donate. Contact Jan on 244865 if you can assist.



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Well the intelligent man was both right and wrong as boules and pétanque are played to the same rules. The modern game of boules originated in Provence and it was known as pétanque which means feet together, or fixed feet, in the local Occitan dialect.

One of the rules of boules is that you stand inside a circle with your feet together when you pitch the boule. Previously players used to run. Boules terrains, or pistes, can often be a bit dull and featureless but at the Blue Bell at Hoby we have wonderful pastoral views across the Wreake Valley. Once again we had a warm sunny evening, it was a pleasure to play there.

Unfortunately Colin Bushell was unable to defend the Cup that he won last time we played. A few old members returned for the first time this season with David Snartt reaching the playoff for the Cup. At the end of a three ball final David Woodward proved a worthy champion.

Our next boules evening is on Tuesday 4th September, meet at the Village Hall at 6pm. New members welcome, free tuition.



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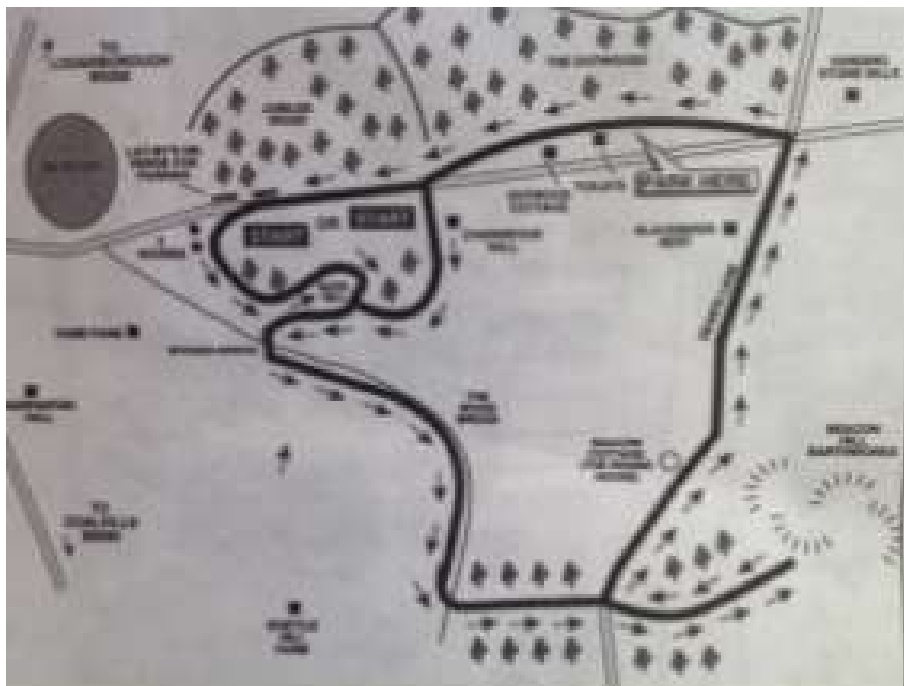
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Village Ramblers Walk ..

On the hottest day in July I led the village walk. I chose to walk in the cool of the Outwoods, following the map published in the Leicester Mercury Country Walks. This is my favourite Charnwood walk, as it has lovely views from Buck Hill. The view opens out over Loughborough with Ratcliffe Power Station in the far distance and below us was Nanpantan Hall. We made our way down through the cool of the pine trees, then to the bridge and stream where we returned via Charnwood Hall. In the past, the Hall was a boarding house for Burleigh College, now used as a residential home. We crossed the road back into Outwoods and walked back via the "Men of the Woods" stone, founded quite a few years ago by my late neighbour Maurice Pettifor.

We returned to the car park, where we enjoyed welcome ice creams. Maurice had planted many unusual trees in the paddock behind his house, 23 Grey Crescent, giving me a lovely view at all times of the year.

Glenis Meredith



On the 11th August We had lovely easy 3 mile ramble from Hoby , across agricultural fields. One with sugar beet growing, one with ridge and furrow, over bridges, across the railway line (after the freight train had passed) past the church at Rotherby, (where Jan took a splendid

photo of a few of us with heads and hands through holes in the gate then promptly lost them from her memory card when downloading onto her iPad!!) past Brooksby College, viewing an old lock from 1935, past Hoby allotment (see



photograph Jan managed to save), then to Myles Garden Centre for some to spend money on plants before finally ending at The Blue Bell Inn, Hoby, for refreshments.

The next Village Walk will be led by Jan Croft and Penny Neaves on 15th September @ 1.30pm. Meet opposite Newtown Village Hall for car share.

PLEASE NOTE START TIME 1.30pm

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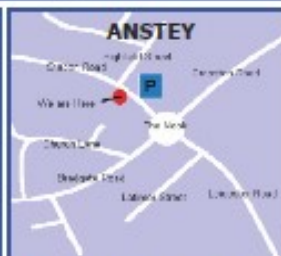
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Frequent visitors to Bradgate Park may well have observed, over the past four years, field schools excavating various sites. These range from Stone Age remains around Little Matlock, to the Deer Keeper's House, various sites within and around Bradgate House and in this last year the possible stable block. These excavations have been organised by the School of Archaeology and Ancient History at the University of Leicester. In this talk, Richard Thomas, one of the project co-directors, will summarise what has been learnt so far, and present the results of this year's excavations which focussed on finding the stable block to the south of Bradgate House, just over the bridge.

Richard Thomas is a reader in Archaeology at Leicester University where he has been based for 15 years. He is co-director of the Bradgate Park Fieldschool so who better to explain what we can find of interest and to answer all your questions. **Visitors welcome £3 on the door.**

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Parking In Newtown Linford By Visitors To Bradgate Park.

Following on from the section "From The Park" about on street parking in the village by visitors to Bradgate Park in the July/August edition of the magazine.

I'm sure the short stay parking tariff debate will continue and yes, some people will park inconsiderately "because they can".

However one of the underlying reasons why they do in the first place is the fact that they struggle to find somewhere to park in the winter and spring months because the Trust doesn't always open the overflow car parks, as they are not truly "all weather".

I've witnessed the car park gates being closed at Newtown on several occasions in January, February, March and April as early as 11.15am on a fine Sunday whatever the temperature, as the overflows aren't open.

Surely the Council and the Trust need to develop special solutions to the parking problems considering that probably no other visitor attraction in Leicestershire and beyond has to close their car park gates due

to full capacity late morning on an average Sunday - let alone Christmas/ New Year, Easter and Bank holiday weekends? I guess the Park is unique in its combination of a relatively small natural landscape and its close proximity to a small village and major city.

It's understandable that on certain busy days and holidays even with the overflows open the car park won't be able to accommodate all visitors but it would certainly alleviate some of the inconsiderate parking and driving up and down residential roads if the overflows were available to use all year round when required.

Considering the Trust has said in the past that too many visitors to the park when it is too wet can damage the ground, it's probably not suitable to increase capacity beyond the overflows when it is wet.

The lack of parking in the winter and spring when the overflows aren't open is evident by the three days so far this year when the parking in the village was out of control, admittedly not always helped by the lack of adequate restrictions and enforcement by the Council.

The closing of the car park gates is also evident when we witness an annoyingly regular flow of cars driving up and down Bracken Hill, a small cul de sac, looking for somewhere to park and turn around.

I agree that smarter restrictions and enforcement is required and I believe that message is getting through to the Council.

The new brown tourist signs highlighting Hunts Hill car park are a step in the right direction, however why did the trust remove the mention of the other car park on its A Board which says "car park full" that it puts out when it closes the gate? Not everyone will look up and back to see the brown signs.

Surely for the consideration of the residents of the village and for its own visitors the Trust should ensure someone is constantly in front of the gate advising and perhaps directing visitors if they have to close due to full capacity, not just closing the gate and walking away as does happen.

It's easy to just say visitors can go somewhere else, but in reality once visitors have arrived they probably won't go elsewhere.

More work needs to be done by the Trust and Council to find solutions and to manage the situation, especially with all the extra housing being built nearby in the county and city.

Richard Palmer

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Brownies

An evening of fun...

At the Ski Centre we went on the dry ski slope. I will tell you all about it...it was amaaaaazing! We had big rubber rings that we had to sit in, we went down the slope in groups of six... one, two, three, four, five...six brownies in rings all going down together! Wait, stop a minute, did I just say six brownies?! That is a lot of brownies! I



loved the dry ski slope, it was so cool.

Next up was the tobogganing. If you were under the age of 8 you had to go on with your parents... there was a few scared parents! We all went super fast! Me and my Dad went on six or seven times. All my friends at brownies loved tobogganing too. We can't wait to go back!

by Zara Edwards, age 7.



Village Cricket

A terrific night on 11th July as the Village Cricket Challenge came to an end. In front of a great crowd first up was the third place play-off between the Lions and the Braves. Batting first the Lions reached a challenging 84 off their 12 overs thanks to good batting (and the odd dropped catch) throughout the team. With a couple of absentees, youngsters Cameron and Kieran started the run chase very well for the Braves, oldster George Reynolds kept up the momentum (despite his kneecap going AWOL) and needing 3 off the last ball Paddy Mulvihill and James Jelley scampered for two runs to secure an exciting and honorable tie. The Knights batted first in the Final and good hitting from Steve Guppy, Rev'd Richard, Jason Skinner and co led them to a great total of 90. Under pressure from the first ball the Grizzlies couldn't keep up with the target, thanks in part to Darren Hunt taking three wickets and getting a run out in one over (though no one seemed to notice). Big hitting from Rex and Jay at the end couldn't salvage the match and the Newtown Knights were crowned champions. Big thanks to everyone who made the event such a success:- sponsors; supporters; scorers; umpires; bar staff; players; captains and groundsmen; to Scott Raynor for his huge efforts and to Rex Harrison for the team shirts. And with Rev'd Richard having won the event two years running with different teams we are expecting to have a bidding war for his services when the tournament returns in 2019.

Paddy Mulvihill





Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



During July the County Council and the Bradgate Trust experienced serious problems with the travellers taking up camp firstly on the Beacon Car Park managed by LCC and when being moved from there, onto Hunts Hill Car Park managed by the Bradgate Trust. I think the Park had quite a lot of damage. Action was taken through the Courts which seemed to me to be quickly implemented but I am sure caused a lot of stress to those involved. Two of the Police Beam Team attended, and they reported that the travellers left without causing them any trouble. It is understood that they moved to a park in Hugglescote

Crime has been quiet. A donation box was broken into on the Bradgate car park. Amount in it unknown!

The traffic on Markfield Lane has been very busy during July and August. Farm machinery, from not just the local farms, has been having difficulty passing parked cars particularly at weekends. Residents are asked not to park in the street if they can park on their own drives particularly on blind bends.

I have written about NHW Roecliffe Road new VAS sign in the Parish Council copy.

**Pam McMorran – Neighbourhood Watch
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How to contact the Police

All incidents are to be reported to the Police and **by calling 101**

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This summer's extreme heat has not been kind to the Parish Council when it comes to maintaining the village assets. Thanks goes to quite a large number of Councillors and residents who have helped water the young trees in the Churchyard, Cemetery and Bradgate Road. At the time of writing it looks like we have won but please keep your eyes on everything.

Cemetery – The maintenance men have levelled, filled and reseeded the last five graves that have been waiting for the appropriate time. It can take up to a year for a grave to drop.

Bob Bown Memorial Field - The fencing round the five a side football pitch has been repaired. The equipment is steadily being brought up to standard after each of the quarterly Inspection Reports. The wet pour under the equipment will be repaired on the 31st August and another red waste bin has been ordered. It is amazing how quickly the bins are filled.

Stag – Hopefully by the time you read this he will be looking pristine and complete within his new fence and bearing a sign.

Rocliffe Road – Since there has been another accident we have asked the Police Camera Van to come and monitor the situation. We have ordered a VAS which should arrive any day now. Interested residents will be asked to attend a meeting to discuss where best to site it. The sign can be programmed to say different things.

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