

Newtown Linford Magazine

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Christmas is about a thousand things, many of which we are going to enjoy resuming after an unexpected and unwelcome break last year – meeting family, singing carols and Christmas songs, even gathering with others for good food and fine wine!

Whether your Christmas is all about the events – the turning on of community decorations, the fairs and craft sales, the big family gathering, the work ‘do’ – or about your own personal traditions – the house decorations, the advent calendar, the Christmas morning bacon and egg sandwich (just me?) – this year we get a renewed chance to appreciate them together. I heard the other day about someone who starts their Christmas in August by getting the classics album on in the car. That’s a bit early for me, but it is nearly time for the annual dose of Slade and Wizzard in all the shops (other Christmas artistes are available).

Last year we had to celebrate a Christmas stripped of our customary patterns. And what was left? Did it feel like Christmas for you?

For me it did, not just because we had a brand-new baby boy in the house, but because even without all those other wonderful things, the heart of Christmas still felt very real and necessary: that 2000 years ago God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, born to bring peace, joy and hope.

This new family, living so many years ago, contains what we need this year, as every year: the chance to meet God and know his love for ourselves. However you celebrate – with traditions old or new – may I invite you to make sure you have space to connect with the real and lasting heart of Christmas: Jesus Christ, born for you?

At the heart of Christmas



Richard Trethewey, Rector of All Saints' Newtown Linford

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.

December

- 1st Christmas Fayre at Primary School
11th Ramblers
22nd Carol Singing round the village
26th Cricket Club Duck Race—Cricket Ground

January

- 7th Jolly Tots
8th Ramblers
29th Choral Society Emmanuel Church Loughborough

Regular events

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mondays 5.30-7pm | Brownies at “The Linford” |
| Mondays 8pm at the Church | Bell Ringing |
| 4th Tuesday of the month | Gardening Club |
| Thursdays 11.15 | Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall |

Christmas Greeting from us all at the Magazine to the Village.

Can I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and peace to you all from the Village Magazine Committee.

We now reach the end of 19 years in this format where we evolved from being the Church Magazine that villagers had to pay for, to one that all villagers would receive free of charge. At the time there was no other Village Magazine delivered and we have continued as before with us all as volunteers producing and delivering the Magazine—even through the recent very unusual times!

Can I say a big thank you to all the volunteers who deliver the Magazine come rain and shine in all weathers—you are really appreciated. As a Village we have managed to evolve through COVID with remote Church Services, coffee mornings, choir practice, garden clubs etc with many of our normal village activities curtailed. It is lovely to see things gradually coming back to a new normal as the village adapts.

Best wishes and I hope a promising 2022. Keep safe!
Carole and the Magazine Committee

Coffee & Cake Rota Dec 2021/Jan 2022

December

2nd Xmas Gathering Turkey Sandwiches. Carol Ann, June Hallam,
Sue Howard 243433/Leic 2304808/245373
9th Glennis Meredith, John & Mary Clarke 242897/0116 3190211
16th Bev Griffiths & Sue Dobby 01509 890264/245366
23rd No Meeting - HAPPY CHRISTMAS ALL
27th No Meeting - HAPPY NEW YEAR

January

6th Maria Simms, Vicki Kerr, Janice Cook 07974085434/07904123603
13th Lesley Cook, Chris A, Gay R 242214/242432/Leic 2351625
20th Casey Pearson, Jenny C, Mandy James, Marie Wilday 249259
27th Joe & Claire Costello with Bakers help 249613

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

Rota Volunteers - If you are struggling with putting the Tables and
Chairs out for your duty the following have offered to help if around
just give them a call

Roger Leech	0116 3480192	Wes Raynor	243042
Joe Costello	249613	Arthur Harrison	0116 2213845
Alan Birkett	244317		

Caroline from the Playgroup at the Hall has kindly offered to put on the
dishwasher every week apart from school holidays. She has too much
milk for the playgroup so she would like us to use it for coffee and
cake from now on (School holidays not included)

Carol Ann

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



From The Park



After a rather unusual 2020 to say the least, 2021 has seen a return to a more normal year on the park. Visitor numbers have been consistently steady, even without the usual busy programme of events and activities that have been seen in previous years.

Following a comprehensive review, the Interim Director, Steve Palethorpe, left in June this year and thanks go to him for steering the Trust towards a very positive future. The office team now includes vital new posts including a Grants and Fundraising Manager, Learning and Engagement Manager and Volunteer Administrator. These are all helping us to put the Trust on a sustainable footing and ensure it meets the needs of all its visitors as well as the wildlife that call it home. The Ranger and Warden teams continue to be the backbone of keeping the estate well managed and safe.

Walks and talks, led by Rangers, Wardens and volunteers have been popular as ever this year and give people a real insight into the park's amazing history and ecology. The ruins and Old John have re-opened for tours and visits and school groups have returned with visits led by our amazing education volunteers. It's also been great to see the Visitor Centre back open at weekends and school holidays and the tea room back open for indoor seating.

As always, huge thanks go to our volunteers. I am astounded by the sheer number of individuals that give their time to the park and woods and their amazing enthusiasm – from July to September alone, over 5,000 hours of volunteer time was gifted to the site. If you're interested in helping out, be it dry-stone walling, litter picking or something in between, volunteer recruitment will begin again in Spring 2022!

Looking ahead to 2022, we hope to re-establish our full educational visits, resume a modest events programme and will also be submitting funding bids for a number of works to help maintain and improve the estate – ranging from path repairs through to new woodland planting for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We're grateful for funding opportunities from the Charnwood Landscape Partnership Lottery bid and National Forest that we hope will allow these projects to go ahead. Early 2022 will also see a full refurbishment of the Deer Barns tea room – keep an eye on our social media channels for details.

Finally, after 13 years of managing a whole City's worth of parks in Nottingham, I am delighted to be focussing on Bradgate Park and Swithland Woods and am constantly learning what a special place it is! Thank you to the groups and organisations I have already met and who have been

so welcoming. If anyone reading this wants to know more about anything above or get involved with the Park, please do get in touch with us at estate-office@bradgatepark.org Enjoy your winter on the Park – we hope to have the Deer Barns café open every day except Christmas Day this year.

James Dymond, Director, Bradgate Park Trust.

From the Records

Editors note—this month we are starting something slightly different as David Snartt recently found a stapled A4 Document that had been produced by **A.J. Harrison FRICS in October 1994**. At the time he was 92 years old and typed up notes **Life in Rural England before and during the War (1914– 1918)**. We cannot reproduce everything in one Magazine so will start below and continue in our February magazine. (Editors note).

I was born in 1902 in Newtown Linford, a small village, part of the Bradgate Estate, adjoining Bradgate Park in Charnwood Forest about 7 miles from Leicester. Lady Jane Grey (the nine days Queen) lived at the house in the Park (now a ruin) in about 1500's—the oak trees in the Park were beheaded when she was beheaded.

The village was a closely knit community (almost like a tribe). Everyone helped everyone, with harvest, getting in the crops, potatoes, hay, bracken from the Park for Winter bedding, acorns for pig food. There were about 30 cottages, several farms in the village and several, outlying farms; 'All Saints' Church, adjoining the Park gates; 'Bradgate Arms' public house rented by Everards' Brewery; the Vicarage; Estate House and office. One cottage opposite the Church had one room used as a shop for sweets, cigarettes, etc and a recently built school of two rooms, which replaced the old school adjoining the park gates, which became the Sunday School. The school teacher in my early days (1907-1909) was Miss Williams, a very stern lady, who had a local girl as assistant.

There was no water carriage drainage system, gas or electricity. Heating was by wood (mostly) or coal, if one could get a miners ticket. Lighting was by paraffin lamps and candles. There were no street lights in the villages, no public transport, some farmers had a pony and trap, or rode horseback, but most always walked. Until the new school was built, boys always walked to school at Groby about two miles away. All the cottages and farms were rented from the Estate until it was split up and sold by auction in Lots about 1925. Toilets were pan closets, generally in the yard or down the garden, which the night soil men emptied after

dark, about twice a month, accompanied by every barking dog in the village.

There were very few foot pavements, one walked on the roads, which were granite, when the first motor vehicles came after the War, the roadside hedges were covered in dust until tar-macadam was invented to spray on the roads. There were gas street lights in Leicester. Men went round morning and evening with a long pole to turn the lights on or off. There were electric trams with open tops and wood seats from the Clock Tower to several terminals, charging one penny each way with children half fare with a driver and a conductor to collect the fares. I remember until about 1910 there was one horse drawn tram from the Clock Tower along Churchgate, Sanveygate, Northgates to Fosse Road corner until an electric tram track by the new Great Central Railway Station was built.

There was no radio or television and no telephone in the village. The nearest phone was at Groby Post Office. Mr Georges Spencer the postman brought the letters each morning from Groby and on Saturday mornings three or four copies of the Leicester Advertiser for the vicar, Estate Agent (Mr C. T. Garrett), the public house and my Uncle Jim Crooks who had a large farm—they were passed around the village and farms. The children from the outlying farms walked to school (anything up to 2 miles) and brought a packed lunch and their parents arranged for them to have hot drinks in the Winter at 'Z' Cottage. About once a year, we had a Missionary with a magic lantern and slides (lighted by oil lamp or candle) in the old school, where we also had Christmas School parties and on Boxing Night a Whist Drive and Dance in the old wooden restaurant (now a Village Hall) proceeds for the Royal Infirmary. There was no Welfare State or pensions. Some of the men and boys leaving school worked at the Groby Granite Works or Ellistown or South Leicester Coal Mines, near Coalville.

Miners were paid four to six shillings per shift (10 hours, 7 to 5) if not on the last cage going down just before 7 he lost a day's pay. If the loud steam siren at the pit sounded at 5 o'clock there was no work next day and miners tried to get some work - anything to earn a shilling. If the quarry men could not work because of frost, they ground skates for skaters on the pool, provided hot drinks and had a long ladder to rescue those falling in. A few men and several girls and women worked at Palmer's - a boot and shoe factory in Anstey. They worked on piece rates per dozen (the faster they worked the more they earned (there was a lot of short time).

More next month!

Information from David Snartt.

Loughborough Business to run Outwoods Café.

A Loughborough business will be the operator for the new café at the Outwoods which is being created as part of the new Visitor Centre. Charnwood Borough Council can reveal that Olivia's Coffee and Bakery will be running the café in the Outwoods Visitor Centre. Work to convert the former ranger's cottage started earlier this year and following a rigorous contract tendering process, the Council has chosen Olivia's Coffee and Bakery.

The artisan bakery and eatery which is owned by Jose Diaz opened in Market Street, Loughborough in 2018 and will be known to many residents and visitors to the town. I understand it is hoped to open the café at the Outwoods during November.

I know many local residents visit the Outwoods especially at the time when the bluebells are in full bloom. The Outwoods is 110 acres of ancient woodland and is one of the oldest surviving woodland sites in Charnwood. It is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest by Natural England, which means it is protected by law to conserve its wildlife and geology.

Veterans Breakfast Club.

Charnwood Veterans Breakfast Club is back and is welcoming members, new and old, to meet up for breakfast. Members meet at the Toby Carvery on Forest Road Loughborough on the second Saturday every month 9.30am until 11.30am. Family members and carers are also welcome to come along. The group is friendly and are always looking to welcome new members. Breakfast costs £5 with unlimited tea and coffee. More information is available on the Charnwood Veterans Breakfast Facebook group or call Victoria Coomber on 07540 454838. Please check the latest details out before attending.

Charnwood Borough Council is committed to supporting the armed forces personnel and veterans as part of the Armed Forces Covenant. A scheme which encourages understanding and awareness of the issues affecting veterans and their families within the local community, and promotes better help and support for existing and ex-armed forces personnel and their families.

More information about the covenant can be found on the Armed Forces Covenant website.

Let's Get Back Campaign.

Let's get back to doing what we love in Charnwood. A campaign to highlight Charnwood's fantastic high streets, great attractions, top places to

eat and drink and outstanding open spaces has been launched by Charnwood Borough Council. The campaign is encouraging people to support their local area, businesses, and communities by taking time to go and visit them. The Council wants people to share what it is that makes Charnwood a great place to live, visit and work in.

To share your thoughts of the best places to visit and why, search the hashtag on Twitter #OurCharnwood; visit the Council's Facebook page www.facebook.com/charnwoodbc. If you have an event you would like the campaign to share use the hashtag, tag in the Council on social media or e-mail communications@charnwood.gov.uk. Keep an eye out for the campaign and get involved if you can. You can also visit, www.charnwood.gov.uk/getback.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kindness through a difficult time for myself and family. I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

David Snartt

Newtown Linford Choral Society Concert

At 7.30 pm on Saturday 29th January 2022 the Choral Society will be presenting a concert in Emmanuel Church, Forest Road, Loughborough. The Church is spacious, warm and comfortable, with good car parking facilities, and we hope that our concert of stirring and inspiring pieces of music will interest you in buying tickets. The choir will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra, and also featured will be the highly accomplished Fortissimo orchestral quartet, and talented soprano soloist, Ella McNamee.

Two of the pieces to be sung by the choir, Vivaldi's Gloria, and the Pergolesi Magnificat, were composed in the eighteenth century, and much performed over the years since then. The choir will also sing two recent songs by the living Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo, which were included in his Winter Songs collection. In addition the Fortissimo Quartet will be playing the Bach Double Violin Concerto.

Details of how to purchase tickets can be found on the copy poster on page 23 in this Magazine.

Peter Sayer



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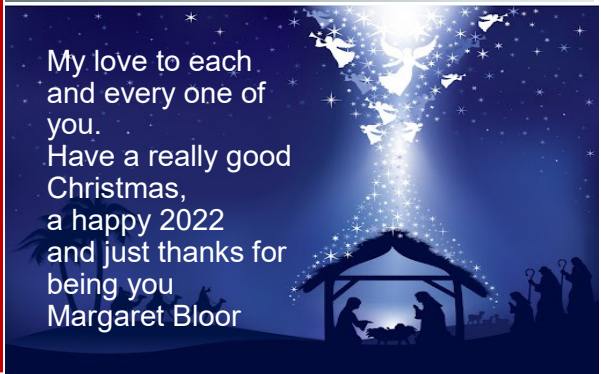
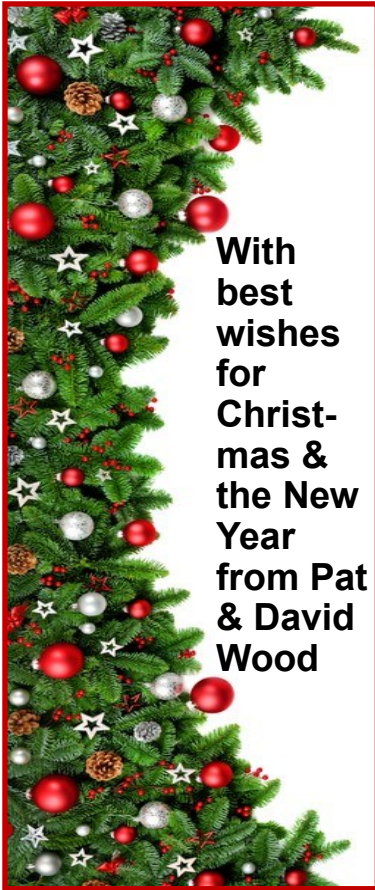
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Clark



*Wishing all my friends and neighbours a Merry
Christmas and a very Happy New Year
Janet Green*



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22nd December 2021

Carol Singing round the village

A group of singers, partly from Newtown Linford Choral Society, will be singing carols around the village in the early evening of Wednesday 22nd December, hopefully following the Advent Window trail around the Village. We will start at the Church and finish at Meadow Cottage, 98 Main Street. A collection will be made for Loros.

If anyone is interested in joining in, could they let me know via upstonema@gmail.com

All ages and abilities welcome!

Marilyn Upstone.



Newtown Linford Advent Windows
Thank you to Ruth Brutnall who is again organizing our Advent Windows for December. Starting on the 1st December, a village home will be lit up each night upto Christmas Eve when children can help decorate the Church window at the Crib Service at 4pm. I am sure that the full list will be put on our village Facebook page but if you do not have Facebook I am sure that you can contact Ruth by email (rbrutnall@gmail.com) for the full list.



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Memory of Nina Longe

This is a photo of us sitting on our bench in the Newtown Linford Cemetery.

We had it put in the cemetery in memory of our daughter and sister, Nina.

Over time, the bench had become covered in bird droppings and looked very sad indeed!

Hannah Shaw, our Parish Council Clerk organised its cleaning and re-oiling and Pete Haddon carried out the work.

As the photo shows the bench is now looking superb.

Our grateful thanks to Hannah and Pete.

Carole Longe and Sam Longe-Thomas



Brownie report

We had a great time at brownies in the lead up to Halloween. At the Brownie fancy dress party, people had dressed up as witches and ghosts. We played a game with party poppers and skittles made out of toilet rolls that had ghost faces on them. Then we made a witch out of a wooden spoon and the witch had been decorated with a starry dress, broom, hair and a hat. The room was decorated with creepy mannequins, spiders and cobwebs. It was really exiting!



A helper from the Guides came to Brownies to teach us about volleyball. Before she came, we warmed up by playing some games like port and starboard. We turned our room at the Linford into a volleyball court and using a beach ball, we hit the ball over a ribbon with two teams competing against each other. It was really fun! After the volleyball, we played some more games





On Remembrance Sunday, the Brownies paraded in the Village Church with a flag, and carried a cross that Maddison and Sloan's dad had kindly made for us. He had even engraved Newtown Linford brownies and the Girl Guide emblem on the

back. The Brownies had decorated the cross with poppies and leaves containing little messages. Some of the brownies read prayers during the service and when we had the two minutes silence. My Mumy said it was the quietest a group of Brownies had ever been!

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Brown Owl & Snowy Owl

07432 302983 (Hilary—Brown Owl)

Services for all ages over Christmas

Christingle Service, Sunday 28th November at 10am

Everyone is welcome to come and start preparations for Christmas with a Christingle service on 28 November. Christingle is a longstanding tradition with a rich set of symbolism and meaning for Christmastime. The service



will include carols, prayers and a collection in aid of The Children's Society, helping them to continue their work with disadvantaged children.

Crib Service, Christmas Eve at 4pm

An opportunity to put the story of the birth of Jesus at the heart of your family Christmas celebrations. For all ages, but particularly appropriate for children, come dressed as your favourite characters from the Nativity story to take part in our re-telling of the events over 2000 years ago as we celebrate with songs and carols. Help decorate our window as the final contribution to the village Community Advent Calendar.



Christmas Events and Services

**Light a Candle,
Saturday 18th
December,
12 noon - 4pm**

On the afternoon of Saturday 18 December we invite you to come to light a candle and remember a loved one who will not be with you this Christmas.



Lessons and Carols by Candlelight, Sunday 19th December at 7.30pm

A traditional celebration of Christmas through readings, carols and choir pieces. All welcome to come and join in favourite carols and appreciate the atmosphere of a

darkened church lit by candles and festive lights as we follow through the story of God's saving work which found its fulfilment in Jesus.

Midnight Communion, Christmas Eve at 11.30pm

For many the only way to see in Christmas Day is with a Communion service finishing shortly after midnight. Rejoice in the deep joy and mystery at the heart of Christmas



Christmas Communion, Christmas Day at 9am

Start the day with a celebration of Jesus' birth. All welcome as we celebrate the feast with a traditional Communion with carols together.

NEWTOWN LINFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

Vivaldi's Gloria
Pergolesi Magnificat
Gjeilo Winter Songs
Bach's Double Violin Concerto



Soprano : Ella McNamee

Fortissimo Quartet

Musical Director: Sue Ford

7.30pm, Saturday 29th January

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Peter Sayer 01530 243822

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SUNDAY SERVICES December 2021



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
5th December	8.30am Holy Communion	
Second Sunday of Advent	10am Baptism of Thomas Trethewey	10am Holy Communion
12th December	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer
Third Sunday of Advent	3pm Family Carols and Christingle	
19th December	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday of Advent	5pm Carols by Candlelight	7.30pm Carols by Candlelight
24th December		4pm Crib Service
Christmas Eve	11.15pm Midnight Communion	11.30pm Midnight Communion
25th December	10am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion
Christmas Day		
26th December	10am Holy Communion (Group Service)	
Boxing Day		

SUNDAY SERVICES January 2022



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
2nd January	8.30am Holy Communion	
Epiphany	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion
9th January	10am Holy Communion	10am Baptism of Alfie and Archie Jackson
Baptism of Christ	4.30pm Compline	
16th January	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion
Second Sunday of Epiphany	3pm Worship for All Ages	
23rd January	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Worship
Third Sunday of Epiphany		
30th January	10am Holy Communion, Benefice Service held in Glenfield	
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany		

Online Services

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsnewtownlinford/live>

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CHURCH REGISTERS

No Church Registers this month

Church Contact Details

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richard@allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk

Hayley Moore (Church Administrator)
0116 239 3768

office@bradgatechurches.org.uk
www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk

Church Wardens: Michele Petty, m.petty@ulverscroft.co.uk,
Jane Woolmer, ejwoolmer@gmail.com.

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

Website: www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk



Jolly Tots

Good news is not just for Christmas! On Friday 7th January 2022 Jolly Tots, the stay and play group for pre-school children and their parents/grandparents/carers re-opens after a loong break. From now on it will meet on Fridays 9.30-11am, with familiar activities and helpers but with some new faces and aspects too.

Contact Caz on 07896 960 676 for more information, or message via our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Jolly-Tots-Playgroup-Newtown-Linford-162713710972604>



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Remembrance Sunday

This year Remembrance Sunday was held on 14th November when we remembered the fallen by observing a two minutes silence. Have you ever stopped to think who originated this moving ceremony and where did it come from?

In January 2020 I was on holiday in South Africa staying at the Elephant Hotel, Addo, with friends from our village. Clive Rowe and Chris Scrine had decided to spend an extra day at the Port Elizabeth Test Match so Ann, Sue and myself had a free day. The owner of the Hotel, who also owned an extensive citrus farm, offered to take us for a visit to the local township where most of his employees lived. We climbed into a very well used and battered land rover and en route he took us through his orange groves to an isolated spot where we got out. He set off through some overgrown scrub with the three of us struggling to keep up. The purpose of this walk was to show us the graves of James Percy Fitzpatrick and that of his wife, buried in this now neglected spot.

"I bet you are not aware that James Fitzpatrick was the originator of your two minutes silence" he boldly stated as we looked down on the gravestones. We had to admit that we did not, but as I now know he was absolutely correct. So how did this South African become responsible for the two minute silence on Armistice Day?



The practice of a Two Minute Silence pause of Remembrance originated in Cape Town in May 1918 with the daily firing of the noon day gun on Signal Hill. The first minute was time for thanksgiving for those who survived, and the second minute to remember those who had fallen. As the city fell silent a bugler sounded the Last Post and the Reveille played at the end.

Percy Fitzpatrick had a personal interest in the observance of a silence, as his son had died in action in France in 1917. Through his contacts he

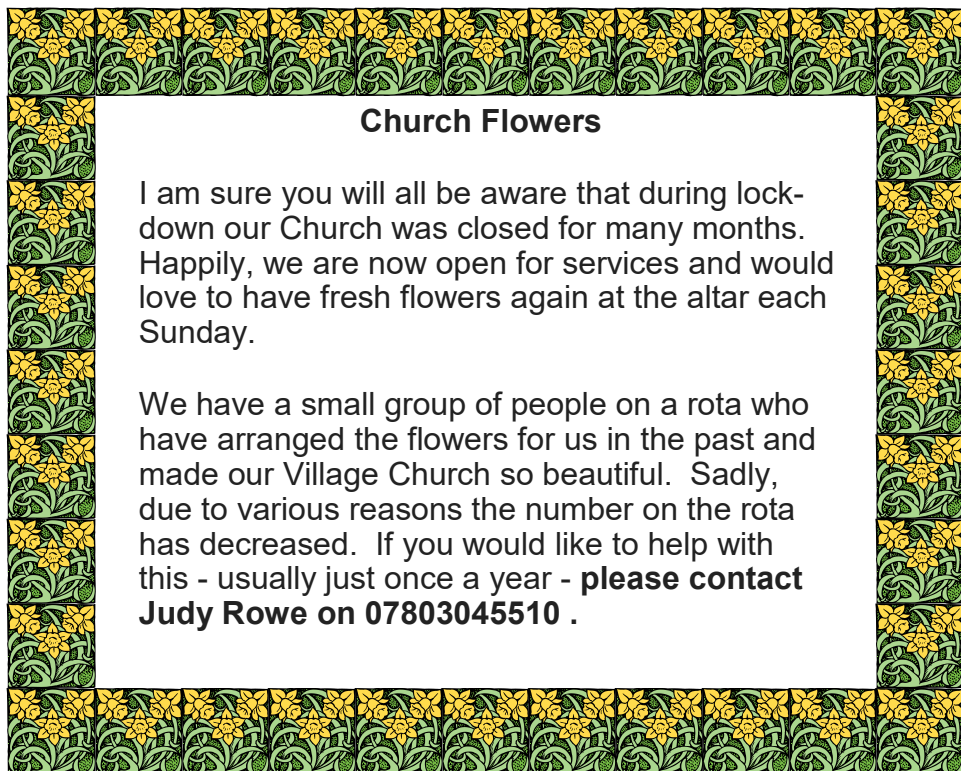
initially proposed to Lord Northcliffe, founder of the Daily Mail and Mirror, to campaign for this to be observed annually throughout the Empire. The idea did not find favour, so he persisted with his idea by contacting the Colonial Secretary, Lord Milner, who in turn raised the idea with King George V.

The King was enthusiastic and sought approval from the War Cabinet. His letter dated 5th November 1919 was immediately accepted on 7th November and on the next Tuesday 11th November 1919 at the 11th hour Remembrance Day two minute silence began.

To Fitzpatrick's great delight he read " The whole world stands to attention. Cables from every part of the world show how the King's message had been accepted and interpreted. From Indian jungles to Alaska, on the trains, and the ships at sea, in every port of the globe where British are gathered together the two minute silence was observed."

We were glad to have been shown his grave and to reflect on the influence that he has had to never forget those who have died in defence of our Country.

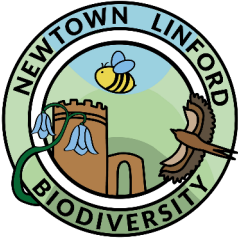
Dick Howard



Church Flowers

I am sure you will all be aware that during lockdown our Church was closed for many months. Happily, we are now open for services and would love to have fresh flowers again at the altar each Sunday.

We have a small group of people on a rota who have arranged the flowers for us in the past and made our Village Church so beautiful. Sadly, due to various reasons the number on the rota has decreased. If you would like to help with this - usually just once a year - **please contact Judy Rowe on 07803045510 .**



The Holly and the Ivy

Following on from last year's Magazine article about helping wildlife in gardens over the winter, I thought I'd explore the biodiversity benefits of those festive British natives, the holly and the ivy.

Holly

- + Berries are a vital food source for birds and small mammals.
- + Flowers provide nectar and pollen for bees and other pollinating insects.
- + Food plant for the Holly Blue butterfly and several moths.
- + Leaf litter is often used by hedgehogs and small mammals for hibernation.
- + Provides shelter during the winter months for invertebrates such as ladybirds.
- + Provides good nesting opportunities for birds.



Ivy

- + Berries are a nutritious food for birds, including winter migrants, such as the Red-wing.
- + Many insects, including hoverflies and bees, rely on the sugar-rich nectar of its flowers.
- + Food plant for butterfly and moth caterpillars, including the Holly Blue butterfly (again).
- + Provides shelter for insects, birds, bats and other small mammals.
- + Provides good nesting opportunities for birds.
- + Supports at least 50 species of wildlife.

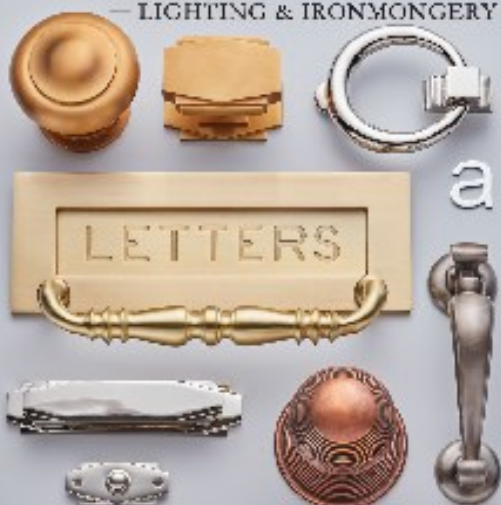


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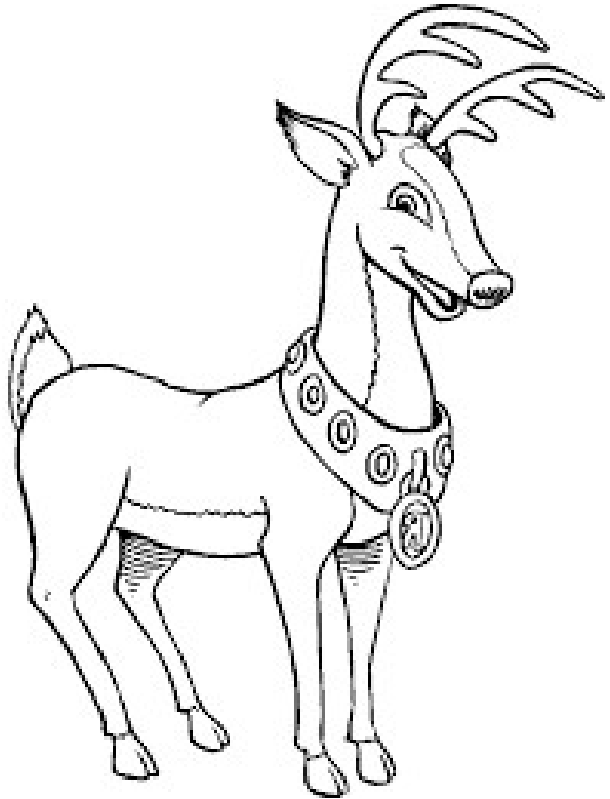
REINDEER

because I am one”.

It doesn't matter what you call me as Reindeer and Caribou are the same animal (species).

Reindeer is derived from the Norwegian word, reinsdyr. Caribou, which is used in North America, comes from the French meaning snow shoveller. Reindeer use their large hooves to scrape away snow to search for their favourite food, lichen as well as grasses, fungi and mosses.

Uniquely both male and female reindeer have antlers and shed them annually. The males shed theirs after rutting and the females after fawning. They are the only female deer to have antlers. Their antlers are the largest, relative to body size, of any deer.



Reindeer are one of the only mammals to have survived the last Ice Age, but also adapted to a warming climate. So how do they survive extreme cold? You can think of them as a very inefficient hot water bottle, no heat gets out. They have a dense inner woolly coat covered with a long haired overcoat which is so thermally efficient they hardly lose a calorie. Their hollow air filled hairs keep them so warm they can sit out a week long blizzard. Thermal imaging can only detect one feature the reindeer's nose. This may have led to saying “red nose reindeer”.

Life in the Arctic has extreme seasons from total inky darkness in winter, to 24 hours of daylight in summer. So reindeer's eyes have evolved to have a wider wavelength than ours to include ultra violet. This enables them to see in the dark and avoid wolves, and gives them

greater sensitivity and contrast in snowy landscapes when searching for food.

Everything in a reindeer's life is to conserve energy. Their hooves are very large so they compact the snow when walking, and if you look carefully you will notice that the rear feet step into the footprint created by the front feet. They do not communicate verbally, again to conserve energy, but by clicking their knees as they walk.

For arctic dwellers, such as the Sami, the reindeer has become domesticated. They rely on them for meat, milk, hides, clothing and transport. No other species of deer have been domesticated. The vast majority of reindeer live in the wild, but numbers in North America are declining from hunting.

In 1823 the story of Father Christmas's sleigh pulled by eight reindeer became established. Their names are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen. They still manage to get around the world on Christmas Eve and visit all the children.

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO LEAVE ME A MINCE PIE,
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Resuscitation Evenings Village Hall

Monday evenings 8th/15th November 2021

The postponed Resuscitation evenings from 2019 due to the COVID outbreak were held in the Village Hall.

More than fifteen people each session joined the training which included how to resuscitate, use the Defibrillator Machine and how to cope with Babies and children choking.

The evening was run by Angela Blackmore who has



spent her working life saving many lives, she now does these sessions alongside Rotary on a voluntary basis. The feedback from those taking part was that they were excellent evenings with Angela's training very clear and inspiring. Donations were given back to the group to enable the funding for batteries for the equipment.

Those attending were from different groups and societies in the village. Further sessions may be organised in the New Year

Thank you to the Village Hall Committee who allowed the use of the Hall for free due to the importance of the event.

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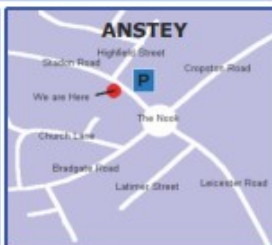
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Junior Tennis Inter Club Friendly Match Day

Sunday 1st October 2021

Our first friendly inter club Junior Matches were held at Newtown with



teams from Gynsil and Charnwood Clubs

A great afternoon was had by all the children with the weather being very kind to us. Thank you to coach

Paul Nichols and our Junior Representative Steve Dovey for organising it. The Children played a match against 4 other children learning how to score etc

Well done to our 4 Junior boys - Josh Booker, Brandon Clanchy, Tim Dovey and Rupert Harrison who represented Newtown. You all did very well.

Hot dogs and cups of coffee and tea for parents were welcomed at the end



NEWTOWN LINFORD RAMBLERS

After a gap of many months, the Newtown Linford Ramblers are planning a pre-Christmas walk on Saturday, 11th December. This will be a short, local walk, meeting outside the Village Hall at 11.00am and then returning for lunch at the Bradgate around 12.30pm.



This will be followed in the New Year by another short walk on Saturday, 8th January. If you are interested in joining either walk, please drop Sarah Fane-Forester an email at foggo1@virginmedia.com.

New walkers and well-behaved dogs are very welcome.

Sarah Fane-Forester



Macmillan Coffee Morning A massive £656 was raised Thanks to you!

A big thank you to the 'Linford Ladies Group' for their great team effort and hard work in helping to make this worthwhile charity event a huge success.

We were overwhelmed by the amount and extremely high standard of the delicious cakes donated by so many people. Thank you to The Linford for donating the beverages and many more essential items needed to assist in the smooth running at this event.

It was lovely to see so many locals and visitors supporting this charity . A great atmosphere was created, with much fun and laughter enjoyed by all.

Thank you to everybody who attended and to those who contributed— your generosity was greatly appreciated. Hope to see you all again next year!

Ann Jackson

Please feel free to come and join us at 'The Linford'. New members are always welcome

Newtown Linford Gardening Club

Doesn't our Village look lovely at this time of the year. We still have colour from the flowers which keep on blooming until the cold weather finally finishes them off, and we have the trees changing their leaves from green to all shades of red and yellow. Autumn is truly a wonderful time for anyone who loves to see mother nature in all her glory. We are truly lucky to live in such a beautiful Village,

We were unable to restart our activities until the year was half over, but once we had begun, things went very well. We had 100 people at our annual summer garden party in July and it was great to see again people whom we had not seen for nearly eighteen months.

Our first indoor event was in August when the Biodiversity Group told us about their activities. Around 50 members were confident enough to come to an indoor event. There were around 75 members who came to hear Steve Budding in September and, by the time Helen Yemm from the Daily Telegraph came in late October we were back to full strength.

We now feel that things are getting back to normal, and we look forward to 2022 when, we hope, we can function as we have done in previous years.

Our final event of the year is our traditional Christmas Party which we are holding in the village hall on 7th December . A meal of jacket potatoes with accompaniments followed by chocolates and mince pies are always well-received on this occasion.

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Carbon Reduction Course

I have been running a Carbon Reduction Course for 5 weeks from the end of August and through November. This was timed to coincide with the COP26 Conference in Glasgow.



It is easier to change our habits if we are supported by others who are doing the same thing. The topics we have looked at include:

1. What causes **climate change**, and why does more CO₂ in the atmosphere cause global temperatures to increase. We also had to find out what our current carbon footprint is.



2. **Home energy** use. Over 27% of the UK's CO₂ emissions come from the residential sector so the course looked at ways to reduce our home energy footprint now and in the future.

3. **Water and Waste**. We discussed how water can be used more sparingly as surprisingly on a global scale the UK is at a level of fresh water vulnerability. For waste we considered the 5 R's: Refuse, Re-use, Repair and Recycle. Although we are familiar with recycling in the UK recycles only about 45% of waste.

4. **Food**. All food has a carbon footprint from production, processing packaging and Transport. To reduce this we need to choose to buy locally produced food, eating less processed foods, cutting down on food with a high carbon footprint – red meat, cheese, butter, fish and reducing food waste.

5. **Consumerism**. Every object we buy took energy to make so the more we buy the higher our carbon footprint. This session looks at practical ways to reduce our consumption footprint and shared ideas of how this could be done.

After Christmas the group will return to complete session 6 (transport) and session 7 (reflections and moving forward).

If there is anyone else who would be interested in being part of another course, contact Jane Woolmer: ejwoolmer@gmail.com; 0116235237

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This month's update comes from Action Fraud.....

23m People Used 123456 AS A Password

Whether it's your Facebook, Amazon, or Netflix account, the explosion in popularity of online apps and services means more and more of us have to remember an increasingly long list of passwords.

Unfortunately, some of us cope with this challenge by resorting to practices that leave our data, devices and money at risk - by using the same password across multiple accounts, or by creating simple passwords that could easily be guessed by hackers. Bad password practice is more prevalent than you might think - the UK's National Cyber Security Centre carried out analysis of passwords leaked in data breaches and found that more than 23 million users worldwide used 123456 as a password. You can read more about it at:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/news/most-hacked-passwords-revealed-as-uk-cyber-survey-exposes-gaps-in-online-security>

Here are some top tips that will make your life easier and your online accounts more secure:

1: Creating memorable passwords

A good way to create strong, memorable passwords is by using 3 random words. But remember, don't use words that can be guessed (like your pet's name). You can include numbers and symbols if you need to. For example, "RedPantsTree4!"

2: Saving passwords in your browser

Saving your password in your browser means letting your web browser (such as Chrome, Safari or Edge) remember your password for you.

This can help:

- make sure you do not lose or forget your passwords
- protect you against some cybercrime, such as fake websites

It is safer than using weak passwords, or using the same password in more than one place.

Here are some useful links on how you can start saving passwords in your browser: Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Firefox, Safari.

3: Email account passwords

If a hacker gets into your email account, they could:

- reset your other online account passwords
- access personal information you have saved about yourself or your business

Your email password should be strong and different to all your other passwords. This will make it harder to crack or guess.

For more of the government's latest advice on how to stay secure online, visit the Cyber Aware website at:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware>

In other news there has been a rise in burglaries across Charnwood recently, including one burglary to a business reported in Newtown Linford during October. Charnwood West Police Beat Team continue to investigate this and Sgt. Chris Wharton sends the following message:

"Across Leicestershire and indeed Charnwood, we are seeing an increase in house burglaries. The modus operandi is to either access the property via an insecure ground floor window or by smashing a window to be able to open the door. The most common time for these burglaries is between 2200hrs and 0300hrs.

High value jewellery items have been stolen at locations in Barrow, Quorn, Mountsorrel and Loughborough town centre.

The local beat teams are working with CID colleagues to develop intelligence subjects.

Please could I ask that if you see any suspicious activity you call us so we can send officers to check the area and conduct appropriate stop checks of the individuals?

Please use available security devices such as timer lights, security lights, set alarms and remain vigilant.

Also ensure that properties are secure now the nights are drawing in.

Get in touch with your beat team if you require specific crime prevention advice or head to the www.police.uk website for some further advice and useful links.

Stay safe

Sgt Chris Wharton

Charnwood NPA"

Wishing you all a safe and crime free month ahead.

Keep 'em peeled. Best wishes,

Hannah Shaw, Parish Council Clerk

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News from Newtown Linford Parish Council



Have you looked at the website recently?
www.newtownlinford.org.uk

Season's Greetings!

The festive season is upon us and I am very much looking forward to seeing all the advent windows around the Parish. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to take part and to resident, Ruth Brutnall, for coordinating the initiative. A full list of participating houses will be published on the Parish Council Facebook page once received.

I am also looking forward to attending the Newtown Linford Primary School Christmas Fayre on Wednesday 1st December between 5 and 7pm. **Newtown Linford Choral Society will be singing carols around the Christmas Tree in the front playground between 5.30 and 6pm and it would be lovely to see you all there.**

I have been enjoying attending the Thursday Coffee and Cake meetings once again. It has been lovely to see so many familiar faces I've not seen since the first Covid lockdown when the weekly in person get together was paused. The cakes are as delicious as ever and I would encourage anyone who might be feeling isolated to attend. Mums and tots, families and residents of all ages are very welcome. Coffee and Cake is held in the Village Hall every Thursday morning from 11.15am. Thank you to Carol Ann and all the volunteers who make it happen.

At our last meeting, a number of residents attended to speak with Councillors regarding the impact the speed hump by Tyburn footpath and speeding vehicles are having on both properties and homeowners and we continue to investigate possible solutions to the problems experienced with the support of County Councillor Deborah Taylor.

We have yet to hear a further update following the most recent traffic management consultation carried out on Main Street, between the junctions with Markfield Lane and Ulverscroft Lane, to address the issues raised by residents who have limited off road parking and hope to hear more soon.

On with more news....

Bob Bown Memorial Field

We hope our younger park users are enjoying the new equipment installed earlier in the Summer, funded by the National Lottery Community Fund: Awards for All.

We will continue to look at further improvements to the play area when funds allow and are currently addressing the issue of the wet pour surface shrinkage.

Following our Duty of Care Tree Inspection carried out earlier this year, I am pleased to report that all issues raised across the three Parish Council maintained sites, have now been attended to. The total cost of all tree works was £1950 plus VAT. A further interim tree inspection will be carried out in another 18 months' time.

Cemetery and Churchyard

As previously reported, Chairman, Sue Pritchard and I met with sculptor, Peter Leadbeater, regarding the multi stemmed poplar tree at the Cemetery, which has now been felled due to health and safety concerns. Peter has been provisionally booked to attend in March 2022 to carve the remains of the tree stump into an appropriate abstract art form resembling an eternal flame. The total cost of the sculpture will be £1,025 and we continue to appeal for donations towards the cost of the sculpture. Councillors have approved the expenditure for 50% of the total cost and so far, donations have been pledged to the value of £150. We would be very grateful if there are any residents who would like to make a donation towards the £500 we need to raise for the work to go ahead. Please contact me via the usual channels if you would like to make a donation.

The grass cutting schedule for all three sites has now ended for 2021 and our current arrangement is under review to ensure best value.

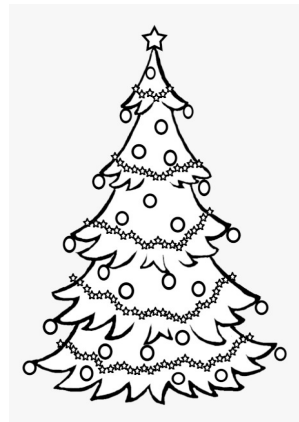
Chairman, Sue Pritchard, will be planting the parish troughs for winter about the same time this Magazine Issue will be delivered to households. Thank you, Sue for all your efforts.

Our sincere thanks also go to Steve and Gill who have adopted a trough on Main Street, close to the Groby Lane junction. All the troughs have looked a picture over the Summer months and we are grateful for the time and care that goes into them.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a bright New Year.

Stay well, stay safe. Best wishes,

Hannah Shaw, Parish Council Clerk
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