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Saying ‘Yes’ this Easter

It is often said that the most popular comment on seeing the Queen for the first time is about how small she is. The second most popular comment is that she looks just like your mum. Well, having seen Queen Elizabeth for the first time at the Cathedral last week for the celebration of her Diamond Jubilee I’m going with the latter.

I sat right opposite Queen Elizabeth on the front row at the side of the Cathedral and all I could think of was ‘she looks just like my mum’. I had this incredible sense that she was just as normal as you and me, no different – the only difference being that she has been called to a place of very public duty serving the nation as our Queen – a role she believes that is given her by God.

As we continue through Lent and head towards the Cross and Easter there is much to reflect on here on the sacrifice the Queen makes in her daily life. Queen Elizabeth does not possess extra gifts or some power that you and I don’t have in order to do her job; she is just like you and me. What she does possess that enables her to do her job (and you and I have it too) is the ability to be obedient and the willingness to say ‘yes’ to God’s calling to each of us, whatever that may be, public or private.

When Jesus uttered those very famous words ‘thy will be done’ he was saying ‘yes’ to being obedient. He was saying ‘yes’ to his calling in standing by the least, the last and the lost and we are called to do the same, whoever we are. Being obedient may not lead to dying on a cross or serving the country in such a public role as the Queen but it may lead to suffering and it certainly will require us to take risks. And the only question we are left with this Easter is – will we say ‘yes’?

VILLAGE DIARY

April

- 4th Flower Club
13th Race Night
14th Ramblers
19-21st Bradgate Drama Society
24th Gardening Club
30th Parish Council



May

- 1st Zumba starting in the Village Hall
12th Live Music in the Village Hall
25th Village Quiz (sold Out)
27th Village Family Day

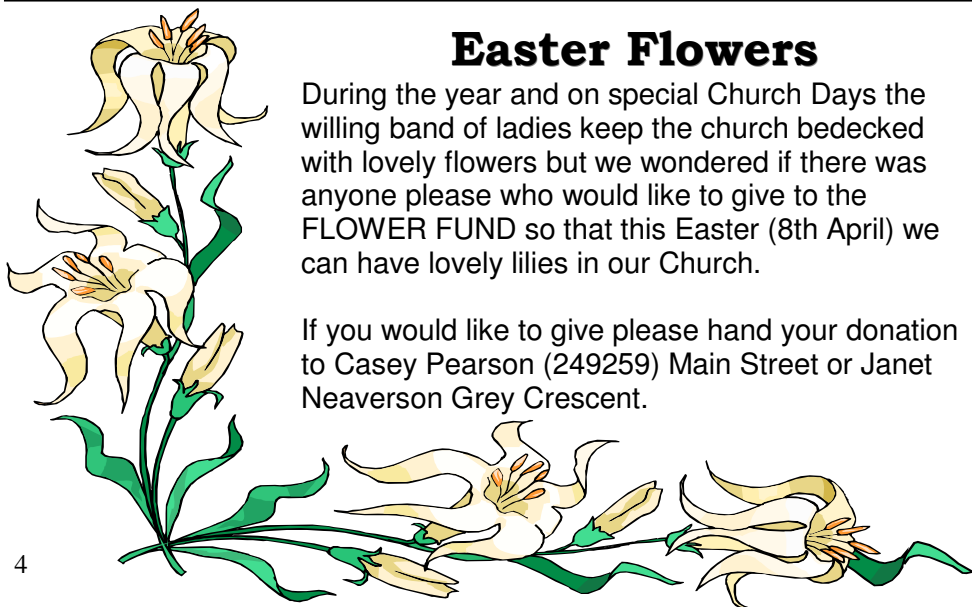
Regular events

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| Monday afternoon | Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall |
| Mondays 8pm at the Church | Bell Ringing |
| 1st Monday of the month | Youth Club |
| 4th Tuesday of the month | Gardening Club |
| 1st Wednesday of the month | Flower Club |
| Thursday Mornings | Welcome Club |
| Thursdays am during school term | Toddlers Group |
| Thursdays eve during school term | Brownies |

Easter Flowers

During the year and on special Church Days the willing band of ladies keep the church bedecked with lovely flowers but we wondered if there was anyone please who would like to give to the FLOWER FUND so that this Easter (8th April) we can have lovely lilies in our Church.

If you would like to give please hand your donation to Casey Pearson (249259) Main Street or Janet Neaverson Grey Crescent.



Village Ramblers 2012

MEET Opposite the Village Hall, to depart at 2pm.

14th April	Jan Croft	01530 244865
12th May	Penny Neaves	0116 2362660

Thank-you to Pauline for leading a very pleasant local walk in March. Once again we had lovely weather.

From Mick Mcquade, Leic. Cathedral Ramblers.

Hello fellow ramblers

Treasures Unlocked

Treasures unlocked seeks to link local tourist attractions with nearby Churches of interest.

21st April	Ashby de la Zouch
26th May	Bottesford
23rd June	Newtown Linford
21st July	Foxton
18th August	Market Bosworth
22nd September	Lutterworth
20th October	Breedon on the Hill



The format of the walks will generally follow that of 2011 in that we meet at a pub or cafe for lunch, visit the Church and then go for a short walk in the neighbourhood picking up any nearby places of interest.

ANY QUERIES -Ring Glenis Meredith 01530 242897

Well-behaved dogs only are welcome . To be under the close supervision of the owner, and to be on the lead where there is livestock or nesting birds. Please check with the leader that dogs are allowed across any access land.

Disclaimer. Members are reminded that participation in walks is at their own risk, and that the leader(s) accepts no liability for any loss or injury, however caused.

Newtown Linford Gardening Club

Have we really seen the last of winter or is there going to be a sting in the tail and all the spring flowers and buds which are appearing get nipped by the frost?. Whatever happens we need to follow the old maxim that we should not tempt fate and put out plants too early. Nevertheless it's a long time since we heard the sound of lawn mowers in early March!!!!

Our February speaker, Mike Webster, showed us some interesting and varied gardens around the centre of London. It seems that London is one of the greenest capitals in the world and it is part of the British psyche that we like to have some greenery around even in the most built up of areas.



Our April meeting on 24th welcomes Ian Cooke who will be talking about transatlantic gardening and how we have benefitted in this country from the huge range of plants which originated on the other side of the Atlantic. Ian was going to visit us last year but illness prevented it, so we are delighted he will be coming along this time.

The meeting will be prefaced by our Annual General Meeting and so the starting time will be 7.15pm instead of the usual 7.30pm.

We are always pleased to see newcomers. If others would like to join us, please contact the secretary (tel. 242452 or e-mail 01530242452@talktalk.net), or come to one of our meetings to see how you like it before making a commitment (£2 for visitors). Alternatively give us a ring and ask for a copy of our programme for the coming year and we will be pleased to send one to you.

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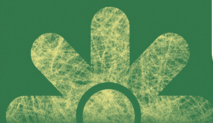
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Youth Club!

On Monday 4th March, once again another Youth Club meeting took place at the Village Hall. As usual, all the kids had a spectacular time, as did I. And the fun got even better when P.E. teacher Paul Barley came in to play a variety of sports with us. These sports included dodge ball, extreme dodge ball, splat, head catch and a lot more...

If that's not enough for you, then if you feel peckish then bring up to 50p and feel free to get snacks and drinks at the tuck shop. I advise anyone who's never been to Youth Club to come along. It takes place in Newtown Linford Village Hall on the first Monday of every month at 6.00pm - 7.15pm. It's 75p to get in so if anyone wants to come along feel free, the next meetings is on Monday 2nd April 2012.

By Jake Johnson age 10





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Charlotte Turner is running the 2012 London Marathon for charity!

I am busy training for this year's London Marathon on 22nd April. I have lived in the village all my life and have worked for many of

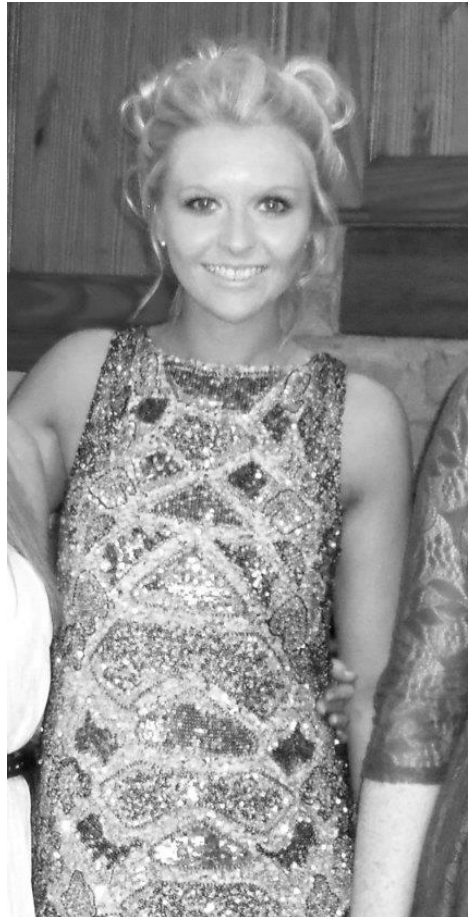


the local businesses. I'm currently studying Mathematics at the University of Leeds, but in my spare time I love going to the gym and am a keen runner. I will be running the Marathon in aid of Nottingham and Lincolnshire Air Ambulance, in memory of Natasha Jackson.

Although I enjoy keeping fit in my spare time this will be my first marathon. I have been busy pounding the pavements and local footpaths in preparation for the gruelling 26.2 mile race. My training has consisted of completing the 20 mile Ashby road race, which I completed in 2 hours and 39 minutes. I have a target of raising £2000 for the Air Ambulance. If you would like to sponsor me to run the London Marathon in aid of the Air Ambulance, please get in contact with me at: 17 Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford, Leicester (email: charlotte.turner09@hotmail.co.uk) or visit my just giving page: <http://www.justgiving.com/Charlotte-Turner4>.

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Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Come along and celebrate the Diamond Jubilee Village family day on Sunday 27th May with you family and neighbours. As you can see from the photo's above (VE day



17 years ago) the village really knows how to celebrate a special occasion.



17 Can you spot yourself or your neighbour in the photos. The little girl in the black coat is also on page 15!

Newtown Linford
Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012

Village Family Day
On
Sunday 27th May



Time 12.30pm Gates open for picnics
Venue Marsden Meadow
at the bottom of Sharpley Hill and Corner of Ulverscroft Lane

1 - 2pm Games for the family
1.30 - 2pm Results of the Cake Competition
and Fancy Dress.
RED, WHITE & BLUE THEME

Teams from Groby Lane, Main Street Upper
Main Street Lower, Grey Crescent
Bradgate Road, Markfield Lane (Bottom)
Markfield Lane (Top), Ulverscroft Lane



Games

A Village Family Day for all
please call if interested in being in a team

The Team Organiser for each Street will be calling to
inform you of the planned Jubilee Events



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012

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Flower Arrangements fit for a Queen

Bradgate Flower Club's 7th March meeting was held the evening before the Queen's visit to Leicester at the start of her Diamond Jubilee tour. The day before, a team of Club members joined other accomplished flower arrangers of the Cathedral Flower Guild to enhance the setting ready for the televised Jubilee Service.

The theme of the evening meeting - "All Our Own" - was chosen to celebrate the skills and experience in floral decoration within the Club. Three of the six presenters had been part of the team that worked on the Cathedral, indicating the standard of the completed arrangements. The evening was appropriately well attended. The contributors were Ann Jacks, Ann Entwistle, current President Jan Geary, Helen Smith, Mary Smith and Founder President Lilian Coleman.

As a reward for their work on the previous day, the Jubilee team was afforded a chance to meet Her Majesty as she approached the Cathedral accompanied by the Bishop of Leicester.

Images:

Opposite Flower arrangers from Bradgate and Birstall after they greeted the Queen. (President Jan Geary, centre and Founder President Lilian Coleman.)

Opposite page btm right and right - Distinctive display at Cathedral entrance (and detail) by Ann Entwistle.

Opposite page bottom left
Detail of window display –
Jan Geary



Bradgate Flower Club

On Wednesday 4th April, Bradgate Flower Club's guest demonstrator is Janet Cooper from Daventry, who will explore the theme 'Nature's Bounty'.

The meeting on 2nd May will welcome Lynda Stamp of Market Harborough whose theme is 'Inspired By'.

Both meetings start at 7.30pm in Newtown Linford Village Hall (which will be the venue each month except in December). The Flower Club's events are open to existing and new members and to visitors, for whom an entry charge of £5 is made.

Further details of both meetings can be obtained from Geraldine Abbott on 01530 415378.



NEWTOWN LINFORD CHORAL SOCIETY A Concert of SPORTING ANTHEMS

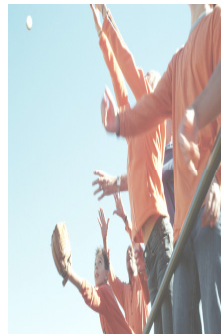


Our Summer Concert will be on 14th, 15th and 16th June in the Village Hall, Newtown Linford.

We shall be performing well known anthems, from a variety of sports including the Olympics, football, cricket etc. Songs will include "Nessun Dorma", "Annie's Song" etc.

A supper will be served on Friday and Saturday with nibbles available on Thursday. Musical Director is Dr Sue Ford, and accompanist John Fletcher. Tickets are sure to sell quickly so make a note in your diary now!

Contact Peter Sayer on 01530 243822, or any member of the choir. Full details in next month's Magazine



Iris Sayer

Bishop Tim's Parish Visit

29th April, 10am in Ratby Church

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Diocesan Assembly Saturday 26th May

Fun for all the family

This year's Diocesan Assembly will be held on Saturday 26th May, at the Samworth Enterprise Academy in Leicester.

This year's Assembly is quite different in style and focus from previous Assemblies in that, as well as provision for adults, there will also be significant opportunities for children, young people and the whole family to engage and explore more of the Christian story.

The whole day is free and no booking is required. The ribbon cutting is at 9:30am and the Festival service finishes at 4pm. People are welcome to come for some or all of the day as suits. Further details will be available in May's Magazine

**Maundy
Thurs-
day**

Holy Communion with Blessing of Oils

Leicester Cathedral - 5th April at 11.00am

Bishop Tim warmly invites anyone who would like to join him in being part of the Chrism Eucharist in the Cathedral. In recent years a number of people have told him that they would have liked to have come but were either unaware of the Service or assumed that it was a 'clergy only' occasion.

He states that he passionately believes that it is not appropriate for this service to be confined to clergy, but it is an occasion when all the people of God are warmly invited to part of a sharing in the gift of Christ's presence in bread and wine at the heart of Holy Week. He experiences, from these occasions, a strengthening and renewing of his ministry and it is his wish that it might become a major diocesan event.

BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES - April 2012

DATE	GROBY	RATBY	NEWTOWN LINFORD
1st April Palm Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)		
	9.30am All Age Worship (Team)	10.00am Worship 4 All (HH/DC)	10.30am Holy Communion (PH)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (LC/ HH)	6.00pm Holy Communion (PH)	
8th April Easter Day	7.00am ~ At Old John 8.00am Holy Communion (HH)	5.45am Holy Communion (PH)	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am Holy Communion (HH)
	6.30pm Easter Praise (LC)		
15th April 2nd Sunday of Easter	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)		
	9.30am Morning Worship (KW)	10.00am Family Communion (HH)	10.30am Morning Worship (LC)
	6.30pm 3SE (Team)		
22nd April 3rd Sunday of Easter St. George's Day		8.00am Holy Communion (PH)	8.00am Holy Communion (HH)
	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Special (PH)	10.30am Holy Communion (HH)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (LC/DC)		
29th April St. Philip & St. James	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)		8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
	10.00am Holy Communion (Team) with Bishop Tim		
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (PH/KW)		

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES

GROBY	Wed	9.30am	4th	11th	18th	25th
NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10am	5th at the Cathedral			
RATBY	Thur	9.30am		12th		26th



Contact Details

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The Rectory, 23 Ferndale Drive, Ratby, LE6 0LH
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Team Vicar Revd Louise Corke 0116 231 3090
58 Pymm Ley Lane, Groby
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Team website: www.bradgateteam.org.uk

Regular Events

Bell ringer's practice: Monday 8pm

Baptisms

18th March ~ Peter Lofthouse

We welcome them into the church family.

Funerals

27th Jan – Joy Hancock of Main Street, Newtown Linford

7th Feb – William Austin of Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford

16th March ~ Audrey Johnson, formally of Main Street, Newtown Linford.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends, and we pray that they may find peace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Weddings

4th Feb
Damian Fulljames and
Amanda Morris

Newtown Linford Sunday School

We meet on the first Sunday of every month, The next session will be on **Sunday 1st April** between 10.30 and 11.30 in the Sunday School Rooms. Suitable for children of all ages. A warm welcome to our new 25 members Contact Katherine/Carole on 244790

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Mr Terry Austin

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He never missed a single meeting in all the years he was in office. His service to the Council and to the Community was greatly appreciated. We shall always remember him with great affection.

Our thoughts are with Janette, Thelma and Ian and their families.

Lydia Knott, Clerk to the Council

Neema Crafts (Neema Crafts.com) is a project founded in 2003 by the Diocese of Ruaha, to employ severely handicapped people (nearly a 100) many profoundly deaf and normally unemployable. There is a great stigma attached to having a disability in Tanzania and the centre provides dignity and hope for many people who previously relied on street begging or were hidden away at home, unable to support themselves and their families. It is situated in Iringa in central Tanzania. It makes handicrafts: jewellery, cards, ...a guest book with paper made from elephant dung was signed by those attending a special party at the High Commission for the Royal Wedding.

The centre also includes a physiotherapy unit for disabled children, an award winning cafe entirely staffed by deaf people and a smart new guest house. It is strategically placed on route to the Ruaha Game Park. Katy and Ben Ray travelled out in May 2011 and took over the running in October. They expect to be there at least six years. Katy (John and Jane Woolmer's daughter) specialises in art work, jewellery. Ben is a fine woodwork teacher and a physics teacher. If you would like to support the centre - you could contact John Woolmer through the Church or donate directly through the website www.neema.crafts.com





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From the Records

Fifty Years Plus

Recently I have read that there is a possible change to Anstey Martin High School - the age range is to alter. The school was built in 1957 and named after Sir Robert Martin the former Chairman of the County Education Committee and accepted youngsters from 11 - 14. they then often moved onto Rawlins at Quorn (correct me if I am wrong).

The records contain an item from June 1978 when the School celebrated its Coming of Age. First came a Cheese and Wine evening when tasks were allocated for the Fete to be held on Saturday 24th June.

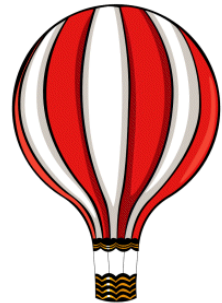
The 17th June was the evening when they held a Ball in the School Hall in the presence of former pupils, parents and teachers and Colonel Sir Andrew Martin, the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire was the guest of honour. He ceremoniously cut the special birthday cake.

These celebrations were followed the next Saturday by a Fete which was to contain an aerobic display, the Seaforth Highlanders Pipe Band and for the first time, a preparation and launch from the school grounds of a FULL SIZE HOT AIR BALLOON - all in aid of School funds. The year before, in 1977, the Queen's Silver Jubilee year, they had raised over £1,000.

Also in the records is a welcome letter and information for a Newtown Linford pupil who was moving to Anstey Martin that Autumn. It contained what was to be taken on the first day, dinner money (45p) or a packed lunch. Those pupils living in Anstey can go home for a midday meal. A pen, or a biro, a pencil, rubber, ruler and a small note pad were also required. It also contained the weeks timetable and the classroom number and the class tutor.

A nice glimpse into the past.

Janet Neaverson



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James Bentley the son of one of our Rotarians has gained a place on the London Marathon through Kidney Research UK.

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Audrey Joy Johnson passed away on the 4th March 2012. Joy, as she was usually known, was born in Leicester on the 5th February 1925. She was the eldest of three and is survived by her two brothers Ray and Don. She was educated at St. Barnabus School and took up her first job as a Comptometer operator for Steels and Busks Engineering Company in St. Saviours Road in Leicester. During the war two land mines fell on the factory when Leicester was briefly attacked.

At the age of 17 she joined the Band of Hope and one year was voted May Queen which involved her singing Ave Maria as a solo in front of a packed De Montfort Hall. She was very keen on amateur dramatics and became a member of the Little Theatre.

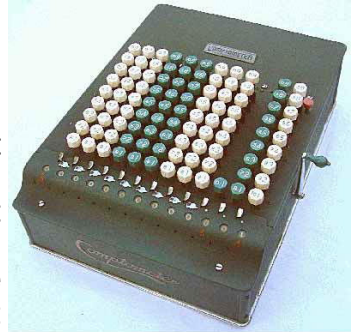
It was here that she met Alan her husband of fifty two years. They married in 1954 at St. Mary's Church, Old Humberstone. Alan and Joy lived in Melton where Alan was a Police Constable. Their two sons Christopher and Timothy were born in 1957 and 1962 respectively. They later lived at Western Park followed by Stoneygate where they worshipped at St. James the Greater Church by Victoria Park. Here Joy perfected her flower arranging skills which she carried on at All Saints when they came in 1984.

Joy cared for Alan as his health failed until it became necessary for him to live in Markfield Court where he passed away in 2006. Their son Timothy says he would like to express his thanks to everyone who helped and particularly close neighbours. Joy's sight hampered her leaving home in the last few years of her life but she had happy memories of the Luncheon Club, coffee mornings and many other things that she did to sustain her and never lost her cheerfulness.

Joy's funeral service was taken by the Rev. Peter Sheridan at the request of Timothy and her body laid to rest in Saffron Hill Cemetery. Donations in memory of Joy may be made to VISTA. A charity which improved the lives of people with sight problems in Leicestershire and Rutland. Joy was one of the people who benefited from a copy of the large print version of this magazine printed by David and Anne Couling by kind permission of the Village School. If anyone would like to receive this,

On writing Joy's obituary it caused us to consider two things from long ago and we thought that our younger readers would like more information. For older readers it may bring back memories that you would like to share with us. If so, please contact Carole or Pam.

The **Comptometer** was invented by the American Dorr Eugene Felt and was patented in 1887. It was manufactured by the Felt and Tarrant Manufacturing Company of Chicago. It was the first successful key driven adding and calculating machine. 'Key driven' meaning that by just pressing the keys numbers, are added to the total. Nothing else has to be done. The total can be cleared by pulling the handle at the side. They proved very successful and were produced in large numbers in the early 1970s. The company changed its name a couple of times and eventually became Sumlock Comptometer and the Bell Punch Company in England produced the machines and shipped them back to the States.



Courtesy of Dave Nichols

They were very fast in operation and the specially trained operators could press all the digits in one go using all fingers as necessary at once. Although designed for addition it was possible to perform subtraction, multiplication and division. Successful manufacturing companies would be issuing invoices all day long for goods to sell in this country and shipment abroad. An efficient comptometer operator would be kept busy for the entire working day which would be longer than the hours worked nowadays.

The **Band of Hope** was a temperance organisation for children. It was founded in Leeds in 1847. All members took a pledge of total abstinence and were taught the 'evils of drink'. Members were enrolled from the age of six and met once a week to listen to lectures and participate in activities. Music played an important role and



32 competitions were held between the different Band of Hope choirs. above is an example of an elaborate membership card.

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Springtime at the Village School

This month some of the children at Newtown Linford Primary School have been telling us about what they like best about their School:

The School had lots of fun on World Book Day on 8th March. All the children dressed up in costumes representing their favourite books, and one child from each class received a prize for the best costume. The children took part in lots of fun book-related activities, and had a special school assembly. Pictured overleaf are interim head teacher, Mrs Chorlton (or is it Piglet?!), presenting

"The teachers, they are fun and caring and we learn a lot from them. Also, because the school is small, which means there are not loads of children in a class, everyone gets some time with the teacher", Jade, aged 10.

35 prizes to two of the prize-winning children, one who came as Goldi-

"We are all like a big family and the lessons are fun when Miss Binks is teaching us".

Robyn, aged 7

"I like everything really, for example my friends, learning and the teachers".

Alex, aged 8

locks with her three bears, and another who came as Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, with Toto in her basket! The other prize, in Jupiter class, went to Mr Stink.

On 16th March, the children in Jupiter class went on a school trip to Birmingham, to the NEC, to take part in The Big Bang, billed as the largest celebration



of science, technology, engineering and maths for young people in the UK. Aimed at encouraging children to develop an interest in science, there were lots of interactive workshops and fun activities for the children to take part in.

In the meantime, following on from their class topic on China, years two and three were continuing to look for the golden dragon, which

had been spotted in the vicinity of Newtown Linford. Children took a walk to Bradgate Park and found all sorts of exciting signs of this shy creature, who had got lost as it tried to escape from its hunters! The children have been learning about a variety of different endangered creatures, from tigers to golden monkeys, as part of their discovery of the vast culture and country of China.

"All of the people are very kind. I like DJ club, There is no bullying and no bullies. I like the small class sizes and lots of attention. They do fun stuff at my school".
Flynn, aged 9



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The Police will be holding two beat surgeries this month in the Sunday School: - Tuesday 10th between 1 pm and 2.30 pm and Thursday 19th between 10 am and 11.30. P.C. Ed Stephenson will be pleased to see you and deal with any queries you may have. Ed has been busy in the village during March. At the request of the Parish Council he visited the School to discuss problems with the parents parking in inappropriate places. Notes were printed and put in the children's bags to take home. Ed along with two colleagues (because they had been elsewhere together – not overkill as one mother suggested) came soon after that to police the area. Naturally there were no parents incorrectly parked that morning – keep it up please.

Apparently the County Council will no longer be providing funding towards PCSOs but Charnwood Borough Council will. There is currently a PCSO in training and it is hoped that he/she will be appointed to our beat.

Reported Crimes this month:-

- Part of greenhouse roof taken in Groby Lane.
- A purse taken from a table at the Field Head Restaurant whilst the owner went for cigarettes!!
- Rear patio doors smashed on Markfield Lane and keys, car and other items stolen.
- At least seven victims sitting in restaurants or bars have been approached by men selling greetings cards in Leicester and Wigston. The men then strategically display the cards to the victim so that they cover their mobile phone. When the men leave they discreetly pick up the cards and the victim's phone. The suspects are described as being of Asian or Eastern European appearance, approximately 30-years-old and they spoke very poor English. *Strange the victims did not know the difference between Asian and Eastern European.*
- The slats in the seat which stands in the memorial garden of the Churchyard were all kicked out. This seat had been donated by a former resident in memory of her husband.

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Scam Warning

Elderly householders have been receiving phone calls from con-artists selling a plug-in gadget which is claimed to cut electricity use. Officials say the gadget is unsafe, and now a bogus claims management company has been calling to offer compensation. But victims never receive the compensation and end up paying about £300 for "administration" costs.

When the scammers call they seem already to know the householder's name and address, energy supplier and even their credit card or debit card details. The victim is instructed to purchase a money transfer voucher of approximately £300 to cover administration fees and to call the claims management company back with the voucher code. Those who have purchased the voucher have failed to receive their compensation cheque. The company claims to have an address in London, but these premises are vacant.

Cashless Scrap Metal Trade - Amendment to Scrap Metal Merchants Act 1964 – there is still time to go on line and complete the petition. This is to prohibit cash transactions and hopefully deter metal thefts. The 8th August is the deadline so far 56, 866 people have signed the petition.

Pam McMorrان NHW Co-ordinator

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Leicester gym owner is shortlisted for two international fitness awards

A Leicester gym owner has been shortlisted as a finalist for two International Fitness Showcase awards.

Results Weight Loss owner Joe Hanney is shortlisted for the Personal Trainer of the Year and Health and Fitness Manager of The Year 2012 awards.

He will go head to head with some of the worlds most renowned and successful gym owners, with the winners set to be announced at a special gala dinner on Saturday 24th March. Joe is delighted that his dedication and hard work has been recognised and can't wait to attend the gala at The Winter Gardens in Blackpool. He said: "I'm thrilled. To be acknowledged as a finalist for two well-known international fitness awards is unbelievable.

"I've worked really hard and it's great to see that my peers recognise the contribution myself and the team at Results Weight Loss are making to the fitness industry.

"It should be a fantastic evening at The Winter Gardens, I'm very excited and fingers crossed I'll be making my way to the stage to pick up an award or two."

In 2008, Joe picked up the award for Personal Trainer of the Year at the International Fitness Showcase awards and was voted as Leicester's most loved business in 2011.

He started working as a personal trainer in 2000, and is now considered to be a leading weight loss expert in the fitness industry thanks to his ability to design programmes with pre-determined results, and his wealth of experience.

He added: "I've worked with some fantastic people around the world and I use the experiences I have with them to improve and create my own personal style of fitness training.

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Bob Bown's Memorial Field: You will see from the photo opposite that some people, we don't know if it is children, youths or adults, are 'litter-bugs'. Let's not spoil this great facility by covering it in rubbish. There are plenty of litter bins, none of them are a long way from the equipment. So please, show some pride in the place which was created to give pleasure to everyone who visits it and put the litter where it belongs - in the bins!

Tree work : Just a reminder to everyone considering work on trees, particularly in the Conservation Area, i.e. Main Street, Grey Crescent, and part of Bradgate Road. Please consult the Landscape Officer at Charnwood Borough Council 01509 634928, before you get the chainsaw out, or you could ring Dr. Lowe, who is not only a Parish Councillor but also our Tree Warden. His telephone number is 01530 242126, and he will be glad to help.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 30th April 2012 at 7 pm in the small hall of the Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you.

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