

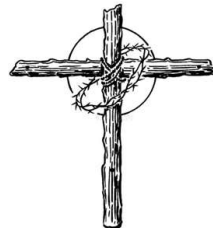
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For Christians throughout the world Easter brings an opportunity to walk again through the last hours of the life of Jesus – touching as much of his pain as we dare, feeling the darkness that comes before light, despair before hope and death before the thrill of glorious resurrection joy on Easter Day.

I can still remember the Good Fridays of my childhood when it seemed as if the world had stopped for a day. With the same eerie strangeness that comes with an eclipse of the Sun; an ordinary weekday turned into a Sunday. For my family then, there was no Church, yet I can still feel the strange stillness; the fish at lunchtime, the closed shops and empty city streets. Even before I knew the story about Jesus dying on a cross, I had a feeling that this was a day tinged with sadness and deep remembrances.

A supply teacher was asked to work for a day in the hospital school. She made a good start with the children in the general ward. Nouns, verbs and adverbs being the set lesson for the day. After lunch, she came to Billy alone in a side ward, severely burned. He seemed far too ill to teach and barely looked up or spoke as she went in. Her first reaction was to creep out again. They should have warned her; but she had come to teach, so Billy, like it or not, got half an hour of nouns verbs and adverbs. A week later someone stopped her.

“ Hey!” he said, “I’ve been meaning to ask you.

Whatever did you say to Billy?”

“ Nothing.” She replied anxiously.

“ He barely spoke. I just gave him his lesson and came away.

Did I do wrong?..... Is he all right?”

“He’s better than he’s been for weeks. He’s really turned a corner, he’s bright and cheerful and making excellent progress.”

Later she found out that after her session with nouns verbs and adverbs, Billy, with renewed hope, had said to the nurses,

“Now I know I’m going to get better – because they wouldn’t have bothered to send a teacher all the way down here especially to tell a dying boy about nouns, verbs and adverbs – would they?”

Easter should always be a story of hope.
A story to thrill us.
A time to encourage us.
An event to challenge us.
A risen Saviour to fill us with his gift of new life.

Why? Well, God wouldn't have bothered to send Jesus to suffer and die for us if there was no hope for the world.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

May this Easter bring you God's blessing.

Rev'd Fred Brodie



Newtown Linford Sunday School

We meet once a month on the first Sunday of the month in the Sunday School Rooms at 10.30 for an hour.

We do a mixture of crafts, bible stories, quizzes, and generally have a lot of fun with friendly staff and students. We spend our last 20 minutes of each session joining in with the Church Congregation for Communion and a final hymn and a chance to show off our latest craft offerings! We return to the Sunday School rooms to be collected by parents

Why not come and join us on 7th April 2013
Contact Katherine or Carole on 244790

VILLAGE DIARY

April 2013

3rd Bradgate Flower Club
13th Ramblers
15th Parish Council
23rd Gardening Club
25-27th Bradgate Drama Society

May 2013

18th Charity Garden Party

Regular events

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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 |
| 3rd Wednesday of the month | Ladies Luncheon Club |
| Thursdays am during school term | Toddlers Group |
| Thursdays eve during school term | Brownies |
| Thursday Evenings | Badminton |
| 3rd Thursday | Gentlemen's Lunch Club |

Bus News

Fifty pence bus journeys are available across the county this spring thanks to money saving vouchers distributed by the County Council.

The vouchers, which are valid from 25th March - 20th April 2013, are available for use on six different services, including service 120 which passes through Newtown Linford.

The 'Spring Saver' booklets contain four vouchers for 50p travel, which simply need to be cut out and handed to the bus driver on the relevant service.

Further information and copies of the voucher booklets can be obtained by ringing 0116 305 0002, emailing stg@leics.gov.uk or by visiting www.leics.gov.uk/transport_promotions.



Thank you to Pam McMorran for this info

Bradgate Drama Society's

next production will be a Comedy,

“Where there's a Will”

by Ian Hornby.



**The Production will be on
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Newtown Linford Gardening Club.

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We begin our new season on April 23rd with a visit to Woodlands Nurseries which is on the Hinckley Road between Ibstock and Hinckley. We have an opportunity to have a private tour around the whole of the nursery and see how this organisation raises and cares for its plants to ensure that we, the customers, can be sure that what we buy is of good quality.



Wood Anemone flowering in April

On 28th May and 25th June we welcome two excellent speakers. Hilary Hutson will talk about the world of climbing plants and Colin Olle's subject is the National Garden Scheme, which spreads the word on gardening all over the country by making available access to many beautiful private gardens.

23rd July is our traditional Summer Garden Party. This is held in the beautiful garden of Mike and Liz Newcombe which overlooks the spectacular Leicestershire countryside and is full of interesting trees and shrubs plus a superb lake at the bottom of the garden. This garden is part of the National Garden Scheme and will be open to the public in late July.

August is the month when we make a visit to a garden further afield. On 20th August we combine two venues – Ashwood Nurseries in South Staffordshire and John's Garden which is close by. Ashwood Nurseries raises a very wide range of plants which are then sold on to the public. John's Garden is a private three-acre garden with many different plants ranging from the common to the rare. This garden has been featured on television and greatly praised by no less an authority than Carol Klein.

The highlight of our year will come on 22nd October when our speaker will be the well-known television gardener Christine Walkden. We are



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opening this event up to visitors and to members of other Gardening Clubs. Tickets for this event will cost £10 and will be available from the secretary. There are a limited number of spaces in our hall and so applications can be made now.

The events are free to members of the club and for an annual subscription of £12 you can enjoy Christine Walkden's talk and take part in all the other activities as well.

To reserve tickets or find out more about the Newtown Linford Gardening Club, contact the Secretary on 01530 242452 or by e-mail on 01530242452@talktalk.net or at 32 Groby Lane, Newtown Linford LE6 0HH.



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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

Bradgate Flower Club

On Wednesday 3rd April, Bradgate Flower Club celebrates the long-awaited arrival of Spring with Gill Mills from Stapleford. Gill's arrangements will reflect 'A New Lease of Life'. The demonstration will be held in Newtown Linford Village Hall (LE6 0AE). We meet at 7.30 and visitors are welcome - a charge of £5 is made. Details from Lilian Coleman on 0116 2363191.



Gill has recently led four workshops for Bradgate Flower Club members and other keen arrangers to extend their range of skills and approach to contemporary design. These were additional to the Club's 2013 programme of monthly meetings which started with two excellent guests - Beverley Artis, a recently qualified demonstrator, in February and Jan Travis in March.

Geraldine Abbott

Pictures from Gill Mill's workshops in February. They represent different interpretations of a diagonal arrangement from those attending as members or guests of Bradgate Flower Club.



Village Ramblers 2013

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

13th April Toby & Felicity 01530 245298

11th May Penny Neaves 0116 236 2660

Our walk on 9th March was from the top car-park at Beacon Hill down to the footpath leading to Broombriggs Farm on the opposite side of the road. We then went across the fields to Maplewell Road and back via Windmill Hill where we did a detour to have a look at the windmill which was burnt down on 15th April 1945. Alan Iliffe can remember being on the school bus and seeing the fire when he was a lad. We then went back into Beacon Hill to the bottom car park and back up the hill. It was a pleasant walk and the weather was kind to us albeit very cold. The best bit was that there were no styles just lots of hills to climb.

Pauline Day

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.



Wildlife at Bradgate



If you asked some typical visitors to Bradgate Park to describe what is special about the place, I suspect that most would mention landscape features - the rocky outcrops, the open spaces, the River Lin – or those reminders of the Park’s history such as Old John Tower or the ruins of Bradgate House. It is less likely that the average visitor would mention wildlife, apart from the deer or the ducks, but Bradgate is truly alive with a wide variety of creatures of all shapes and sizes. The original Trust Deed of 1928 refers to the protection of birds and animals on the Park and the encouragement of wild bird life but the concept of statutory protection of wildlife was still many years away and the everyday buzzwords of modern environmentalists and land managers such as “biodiversity” and “sustainability” would have meant little or nothing to the Park’s first Trustees.

Bradgate Park was first designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest in 1956 under the provisions of the National Parks & Access to the Countryside Act 1949 and re-notified under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 in 1987. The SSSI citation (statement of what is special) covers both biological and geological aspects and states that ‘Bradgate Park is one of the finest remaining examples of ancient parkland in Leicestershire.’

Among a long list of accolades, the Park is one of only two sites in Leicestershire where the Green Tiger Beetle is found and we are the only site in the county with recent records of the Snow Flea. If birds are more your thing than insects, the Park is home to all three species of British Woodpecker and three species of Owl are found here. The River Lin contains White-Clawed Crayfish and Brook Lamprey. In fact, it is probably fair to say that most species of Naturalist find something to go wild about at Bradgate Park.

For many years, the Trust has run Guided Walks looking at the history, geology and landscape of the Park as well as our popular Deer Walks. This year, as I mentioned in last month’s column, we will be working with partner organisations to run a number of events and activities to let people get acquainted with the Park’s wildlife, from stream dipping to moth trapping. These two activities in particular will not involve much walking and so will be suitable for the less mobile.

We were really pleased last week to see the release of a Peregrine Falcon on the Park following a stay in the Leicestershire Wildlife

Hospital recovering from a broken wing. The injured bird was spotted by a visitor over the Christmas period and reported to our Ranger team who carefully moved it out of harm's way and into the hands of the experts. The release, on a cold and foggy morning, went according to plan and the female Peregrine was soon seen to be reunited with her mate.

Easter will soon be upon us and it feels as though the Park is coming out of hibernation. The Ruins will be open on Good Friday and the twice-weekly drive-through facility for people with disabilities starts again on the Thursday after Easter. The Visitor Centre will be open from the Easter weekend with Jenny Brooks, a local watercolour artist who also works in acrylics, pen and pencil, exhibiting in the upstairs meeting room. Following successful trials over the last three school holiday periods, I am pleased to be able to announce that we have abolished the admission charge to get into the Visitor Centre.

On the subject of Easter, isn't it about time we saw some daffodils?

Peter Tyldesley

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Badger Baiting Discovered in the Charnwood Forest

The Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust have recently discovered evidence of badger baiting in the Charnwood Forest near Coalville. A badger sett was discovered which had been dug out and then refilled. The disturbed soil contained badger fur which indicated that one or more badgers may have been killed.

Badger baiting has been illegal for over 170 years due the horrendous suffering caused to badgers and the dogs used to bait them. Badgers are normally caught in their setts by blocking the exits and then sending a dog in to corner the badger. The baiters dig down to find the badger. This can often mean digging a hole over 6ft deep. Once found the badger is maimed in order to prevent it killing the dogs too quickly. This usually takes the form of breaking the badger's jaw or legs with a shovel. The badger is then thrown back into the hole or taken to a prepared location and one or more dogs are set on it in a fight to the death.

A spokesman for the Trust said "This is a shocking discovery. This sort of sick blood sport should not have a place in modern life. Unfortunately the people that do this think that digging a wild animal out of the ground, maiming it and watching it fighting dogs is entertainment. To every sane person this would be deemed to be abhorrent. The types of individuals that do this are serious violent criminals. We would urge people to be vigilant when out in the countryside and to report any suspicious activity to the police."

The RSPCA and Police have been contacted and photographic evidence was taken at the scene. The sett in question and those in the surrounding area have been put under regular surveillance and remote cameras will be deployed in the near future.

The Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust are asking people to be vigilant and report suspicious activity including:

- People carrying spades (sometimes fold away spade in bags or rucksacks) when out walking.
- People taking small terrier type dogs near badger setts. Look out for radio collars on the dogs as they use this to locate the dog in the sett.
- Any signs of recent digging activity on a badger sett.

BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES - April 2013

| DATE | GROBY | RATBY | NEWTOWN LINFORD |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 7th April 2nd Sunday of Easter | 8.00am Holy Communion (LC) | | |
| | 9.30am Family Service (LC) | 10.00am Worship for All (PH/HH) | 10.30am Holy Communion (JW) |
| | 6.30pm Holy Communion (LC) | 6.00pm Holy Communion (FB) | |
| 14th April 3rd Sunday of Easter | | 8.00am Holy Communion (PH) | 8.00am Holy Communion (HH) |
| | 9.30am Holy Communion (LC/ KW) | 10.00am Holy Communion (HH) | 10.30am Family Service (PH) |
| | 6.30pm Evening Prayer (PH/KW) | | |
| 21st April 4th Sunday of Easter | 8.00am Holy Communion (PH) | | |
| | 9.30am Morning Prayer (KW) | 10.00am Special (PH) | 10.30am Holy Communion (HH) |
| | 6.30pm 3SE | | |
| 28th April 5th Sunday of Easter | | | 8.00am Holy Communion (PH) |
| | 9.30am Holy Communion (LC) | 10.00am Family Communion (FB) | 10.30am Morning Prayer (PH) |
| | 6.30pm Evening Prayer (LC) | | |

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------|------|--------|-----|------|------|------|
| NEWTOWN LINFORD | Thur | 10am | 4th | | | |
| GROBY | Wed | 9.30am | 3rd | 10th | 17th | 24th |
| RATBY | Thur | 9.30am | | 11th | | 25th |

Baptisms



Newtown Linford

17th March ~ Roxanne Dowell

We welcome them in to the church family



Funerals

Newtown Linford

11th March ~ Dennis Britton, formerly of Turnberry Drive, Nuneaton

14th March ~ John Taylor, formerly of Groby Road, 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.*

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The children made a selection of chocolate chip and fruit cookies on the first session, with cheese straws being on the menu for the second session. With help from Brookvale students, the West Gate children really got 'stuck in' with mixing, rolling, assembling, baking and of course (most importantly of all) tasting the fruits of their labours!

It has always given us a great sense pleasure and fulfilment to see the children from West Gate enjoying being part of a main stream school (albeit for a short time) whilst observing our own students assisting them where they can and forming relationships with children whose needs may be very different from their own.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Budgens of Groby for their donation of various ingredients which we used for these cooking sessions.

We look forward to working with the West Gate students and their staff members again in the very near future.

Elaine Freeman

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Brownies Learn to Fence

On Thursday 17th January, the 1st Newtown Linford Brownies had a very special night. Brown Owl had organised for us to have a fencing evening!

We all had to wear tracksuits and our trainers (not our usual uniform) and a man from Frisby came to show us how to fence.

He talked to us for a while about being safe and we had to do a warm up, which involved a lot of skipping and then we got to

have a go. We used plastic and foam swords to show off our new skills and as we got better we were allowed to actually have a match.

The evening was really exciting and it was great to learn a new skill. There was lots of laughter and surprisingly no injuries! All the Brownies really enjoyed the evening. Lets hope we can do it again soon.

**Grace
Bresnihan
Aged 9
years.**



From the Records

The WI scrap books go back to the early 1950's but I will always receive items about the Village from earlier dates so that we don't lose our Village History.

Where do these boxes and brown foolscap envelopes come from? It is usually family members finding treasures when someone dies and thins before throwing them away because they don't want them.

I have recently had a sort out of bits and bobs that I had accumulated and I opened up such an envelope. What did I find, the records, the newspaper articles and photographs of the first three pageants, 1946, 1951 and 1952.

We already have a good record of the 1976 pageant and our episode Lady Jane Returns in the Leicestershire Silver Jubilee (1977) Pageant "This our life" which was also held in Bradgate Park ruins. Our own Jack Ayling was the Pageant Master. This was a super treasure to open up and now pasted in a scrap book.

A little more information for you all about the earlier pageants

1946. it was written by Jack Ayling to celebrate the 21st Birthday of the Newtown Linford WI and was entitled the "Lady Jane Returns" and held on the afternoon of Saturday 21st September 1946 (admission was 1/-).

1951 A much enlarged pageant was written by Jack Ayling and the Village gave a performance at the end of June on three nights and a matinee on the Saturday afternoon still at a cost of 1/- for the 2 hour performance. Basil Gimson from Stoneywell was the Pageant Master as well as playing the Court Jester.

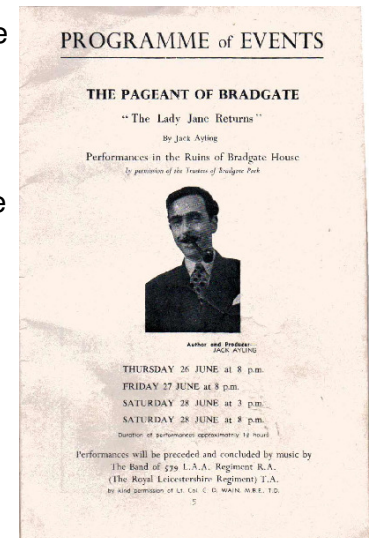
1952 Once again the Village provided 3 evening performances and the matinee at the end of June "still 1/-". As before Basil Gimson was the Pageant Master as well as playing the Court Jester.

(see copy of programme of events with photo of Jack Ayling Author and producer).

Once again we are making Village History by producing the collage for last year and recording its production - a reminder of who was involved

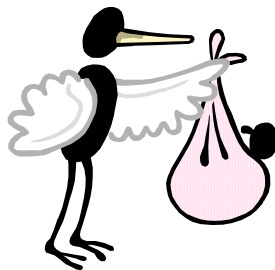
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and for the future to enjoy.



Janet Neaverson

Congratulations



To Terry and Nikki Cook who have just had twins Georgia Rose and Harriet Rose on the 25th February, a double celebration as it was Terry's 40th Birthday on the 2nd March.



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Dennis Trevor Britton was born on 28th May 1931 in Westcotes Maternity home in Leicester, the son of Arthur Percy Britton and Annie Dobbs. He was the younger brother to Edna and Eileen.

Dennis grew up in Leicestershire but the Navy influenced much of his life. At the age of 12 he was sent to Watts Naval training School in Suffolk after his father died, going on to HMS Ganges Naval training school at the age of 16. The strict life style consisted of training in seamanship with daily parade drills and climbing the 142 foot mast to 'stand on the button'. He most likely would have joined the Navy but was invalided out after

contracting Tuberculosis. It was whilst convalescing that he met his wife Jean and they were married at All Saints Newtown Linford in 1953. Son Steve was born in 1955 following by Andrew in 1957.

Dennis was firstly an apprentice at Oris watches in Leicester but after a few years changed direction to follow his true passion of motor bikes. Initially he worked in a small garage in Leicester and subsequently became proprietor of Verdon Garage in Newbold Verdon. The garage customers did not always have the money to pay for their repairs and his sons remember him taking 'goods in lieu' such as an antique bed on one occasion and a Great Dane on another. Cherry as the Great Dane was known took a full Christmas Turkey off the table when no-one was looking and managed to completely conceal the evidence.

After selling the garage Dennis passed on his lifetime's experience to the next generation by lecturing in car maintenance at Charles Keene College in Leicester. Dennis and Jean lived here in Newtown Linford until Jean's death in 1996 after 43 years of marriage. They spent many happy years walking their French bull dogs Suzie, Jennifer and Mini in Bradgate Park.

Subsequently Dennis met Joy and they married in 1999 moving away to live in their bungalow in Whitestone Nuneaton entertained by their rescue dog Deano. During his retirement he found time for cycling, golfing and pottering around the garage repairing motorbikes and tinkering with cars. He collapsed at home on 5th January and passed away in hospital on the 24th February. His funeral was here at All Saints Church on Monday 11th

28 March followed by burial in the Cemetery on Groby Lane.

[Information supplied by son Andrew.](#)

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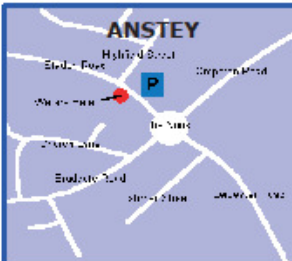
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John Walton Taylor was born in Kirby Muxloe in July 1928. He went to school at the Wyggeston Boys then onto Denston College in Staffordshire.

At the age of eight years his parents enrolled him as a very junior member of Kirby Muxloe Golf Club where they both played. The interest in the game stayed with him all his life and eventually he played for Leicestershire.



He went to the Leicester Technology College doing textiles and his working life was in Textiles, manufacturing fabric in the family business. He married in 1958 at Kings Norton Church.

In 1988 he left Markfield Lane and came to live in Newtown Linford. When he retired John enjoyed travelling, for many years in a motor home. Most of Europe was visited also America and another time Alaska. He spent the last twelve years on and off in Spain where he made many friends and went to many places. His last trip two years ago was to the Arctic Circle to see the Northern lights which was an unforgettable experience.

He always had time for people and was very caring and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.



**Newtown Linford Neighbourhood
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Once again quiet on the crime front. Locks on stables on Main Street were cut but nothing was taken. A jemmy was found at the front door of another house on Main Street. The culprit presumably was disturbed.

Over 110 metal road signs have been stolen from the Utilities workmen in the village. Even the plastic barriers have been taken. I guess these are being taken to be rented out again. Metal kissing gates and tubular steel gates at Woodhouse Eaves were taken off the hinges or cut ready to take but not actually taken. This is happening all over the County. A white van has been spotted probably checking out farms.

Trading Standards warns of door to door workmen asking for gardening jobs. They do the work but high sums of money are being charged.

A reminder of how to contact the Police in non-emergencies.

Dial 101. The Voice message will tell you they are connecting you to Leicestershire Police unless you press 1. Wait and the next set of options are:-

- 1 – To speak to an operator and report your matter.
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- 3 – If you know the extension of the officer, tap it in. I do not have this information to give you.
4. By holding you will get an operator just as if you had pressed 1.

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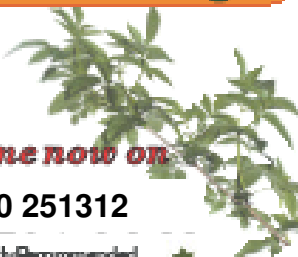
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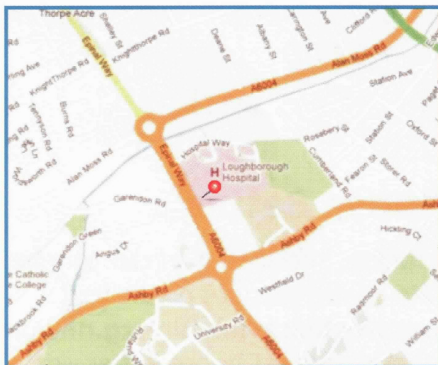
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Bradgate Lions Club News

In late February and all through March it was a very busy time for us, what with our Easter fund raising efforts and Social events.

At the end of February we held a 'Night at the Races' at Botcheston Village Hall, which was a very well attended event, enjoyed by all.

March saw us doing our annual 'Easter Egg Prize Draw Baskets' in local pubs and restaurants throughout our area. We placed 12 baskets in all, and they all achieved their targets. We also held a bucket collections in Anstey village centre, with one of our number dressed as 'Easter Bunny', and also a collection in Glenfield Co-operative's Superstore. This one was specifically for the DLR Air Ambulance. Our Easter Bunny Float was also out and about during this period, touring the streets of Anstey, Kirby Muxloe and Ratby, assisted by members of various school and youth groups. On Good Friday we conducted a pub crawl with Easter Bunny and collecting buckets around pubs in Glenfield, Markfield and Ratby areas.

Whilst all this was going on we found time to hold a social skittles match, with a fish and chip supper, against Swag's, a local group of special needs young people. This is an annual event, and is looked forward eagerly by our members and the Swag's group.

And just as if his wasn't enough, on the 16th. March we donated and planted over 120 trees in Desford, with the help of the local parish council personal and parents and children from Desford Primary School On April 27th. we are holding a 'Gala Night for St. George' at Markfield Community Centre, featuring the Croft Silver Band, who will be playing a selection of brass band and music from the shows before a finale' of proms music, (Jerusalem, Land of Hope and Glory etc); with plenty of flag waving and rousing singing. Tickets for this event are £8.00pp. and include a ploughman's supper. Admission is by ticket only, (as we must know how many we are catering for!) and can be obtained by ringing 01530 242912.

All of this is achieved by a small but dedicated and enthusiastic group of people working for the community, to provide help where needed, and to raise funds for charities and deserving causes. We do need more members to join our club, to help us not only with these worthy efforts, but also to enjoy our social life which include meals out, barbecues, club meetings with speakers etc;

If you would like more information about Bradgate Lions Club or how to join us, please call Roger on (01530) 24912 who would be pleased to hear from you and to assist.



Welcome to
Salt of the Earth

CHARITY GARDEN PARTY AND SALE

We will be holding a garden party and sale on **Saturday 18th May at 444 Bradgate Road** in aid of Salt of the Earth. Salt of the Earth is a Leicester based charity, run entirely by volunteers, which funds work in the Southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu to improve the social and employment conditions for communities in the area, including those who work in the salt pans in the Eastern coastal areas.

The event will include stalls selling Indian jewellery and art along with others selling books, CDs, toys, plants, cakes and bric-a-brac. Refreshments will be available, including home-made cakes and Indian snacks. Entrance is £3 (or £5 for two) with children free, including tea or coffee and cake. The sale is on between **11.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.** We've arranged for the sun to shine so why not drop in to see us on your way to a walk in the Park?

Should you want further details or would like to help or make a donation, please contact us on 01530 249257 or petergupton@btinternet.com.

Lynne and Peter Upton

NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

I am writing this on the second day of Spring. Ha Ha Ha! Instead of glorious daffodils I am looking out at a winter wonderland yet again, thanks to a heavy snowfall last night. Snow means thaw, and thaw means floods for somebody. So please remember that I have a supply of gel-filled 'sand' bags should you need them.

Police and Neighbourhood Watch: At our March meeting we met our Police Community Support Officer Laura Grimbley, who brought us up to date with crime figures in the village. Pam McMorrان will have all the details in her Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch section in this Magazine.

Playing field: The tree work necessary after the damage done by the tornado has now been completed. Because of the weather the goal-mouths on the football pitch have not yet been repaired, but the rest of the equipment continues to provide a lot of fun.

Planning applications: You can view these on our Parish Council website: <http://www.newtownlinford.org.uk/>

You do not have to be closely affected by a planning proposal to make your comments known to Charnwood Borough Council. It is your right to voice an opinion on any application within our parish, so long as you are within the deadline set by Charnwood.

Bonfires: We have had a number of complaints from very upset residents whose washing has been spoilt by black 'bits' and who have not been able to enjoy the little sunshine we have had in their gardens, because somebody else took the opportunity to have a bonfire. Unfortunately there are no laws, not even byelaws to prevent people from having garden bonfires or specific times when they can be lit. However, Charnwood Borough Council can take legal action against the person responsible if the smoke causes a statutory nuisance by "being either prejudicial to health" or "a nuisance that causes a substantial interference with the average person's use and enjoyment of their own property". Most of the time bonfires are not intended to cause upset, but rather through thoughtlessness. So, tell your neighbours that you are having a bonfire and that you will do your best to minimise smoke and finish burning quickly. Choose a site where least nuisance will be caused to neighbours, not just yourself. Don't light a bonfire if neighbours have washing out. **Don't have a bonfire at weekends, bank holidays or on sunny days when people are outside enjoying their gardens.**

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 15th April 2013 at 7 pm in the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome and the Chairman is happy to give them an opportunity to speak.

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