

# Newtown Linford Magazine

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# The Bradgate

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## Good company

About 10 years ago I ran a 10km with Haile Gebrselassie, at that time the world record holder. Well, I say I ran it with him, he'd actually finished about 20 minutes before I even got near the start line. I also used to play football with Gary Breen, who scored for the Republic of Ireland team at the 2002 World Cup, but we were both schoolboys at the time. The other month I was on a plane with Mister Maker, of CBeebies fame. Well, he was sat right in front of me, to be honest I didn't know who he was until I got off the plane and someone else told me.

At various stages in my life I've technically run with, or played with, people who are at the top of their sport. But I've normally been a long way behind or at completely the wrong stage of their career and not really benefited from it. In other words, I'm an also-ran, one of the crowd, never hitting the heights or playing amongst the big boys.

Except in life itself, where, despite being to all extents and purposes an also-ran, I don't just run with but get personal help and support from the world's greatest expert. Where I am not left in the slipstream by a famous face, but accompanied, encouraged and sometimes even carried.

The world's greatest expert at life was a man who managed to live it without ever screwing up; who never put a foot wrong, who demonstrated such strength of purpose, such sense of values and such quality of love that even those who disagreed with his core message have had to respect him. He wasn't a teacher, but he spent time with children; he wasn't a doctor, but he healed the sick; he wasn't a politician, but he knew how to improve society; he wasn't a soldier, but he sacrificed himself for the good of others.

And unlike Haile Gebrselassie, if you get the chance to follow him you won't do it from far behind, anonymously, because he promises to walk alongside all of us, to never be far from us, to give us the chance to demonstrate that no-one is an also-ran, because Jesus gives each of us meaning and significance beyond our own capacities. Want to run with him?

**Richard Trethewey**

## **Thank you!**

Sue and I would like to say THANK YOU to all of our Church family and friends at Newtown Linford who contributed in any way to the wonderful, memorable leaving party you organised for us before our departure. We will treasure the memories of the songs that were written and performed, the poetry that was recited and the oh-so-meaningful little gifts that were offered ... particularly of the triangle chocolate variety! In addition we want to say a separate heartfelt thank you for the extremely generous financial gift we received, we haven't yet decided how we are going to spend most of the money but as a first purchase we have bought a fig tree for our patio. We intend for it to be a reminder of our happy times at Newtown Linford as we pick its fruits... a bountiful harvest we hope!

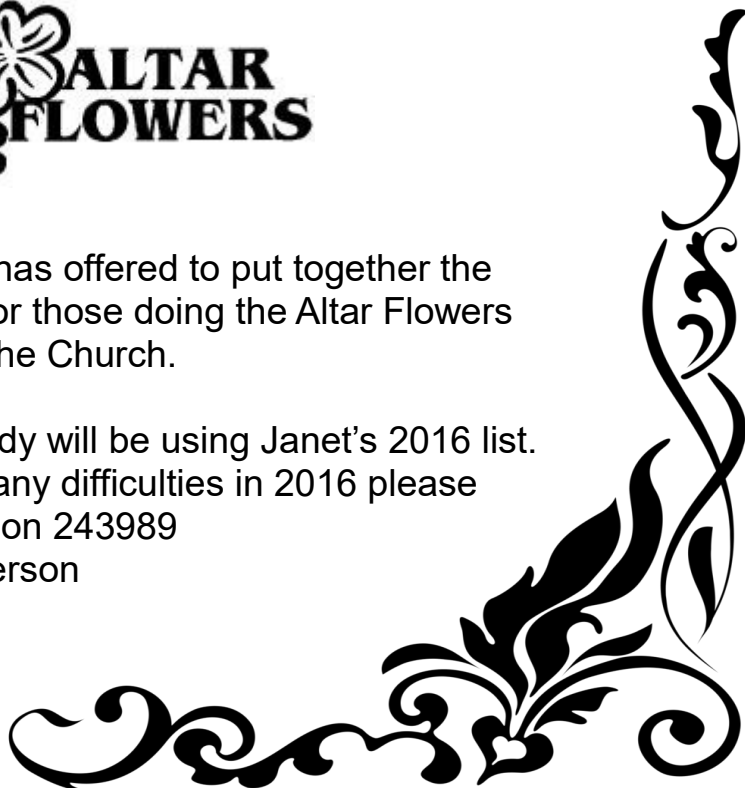
Our move went smoothly, unpacking is largely finished and we can now concentrate on settling in to life in our new home as we begin our ministry here in Framland .

**Peter Hooper**



Judy Rowe has offered to put together the weekly list for those doing the Altar Flowers in 2017 for the Church.

For 2016 Judy will be using Janet's 2016 list.  
If you have any difficulties in 2016 please  
phone Judy on 243989  
Janet Neaverson



# VILLAGE DIARY

## **April 2016**

8th Valuation Day  
9th Ramblers  
10th Anstey Tennis Club  
18th Parish Council Meeting  
25th Friends of Charnwood Forest  
26th Gardening Club

## **May**

2nd Photography Exhibition  
5-7th Bradgate Drama Society  
8th Bluebell Day  
10th Boules  
14th Ramblers

## **Regular events**

|                            |                                       |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday afternoon           | Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall   |
| Mondays 8pm at the Church  | Bell Ringing                          |
| 4th Tuesday of the month   | Gardening Club                        |
| 3rd Wednesday of the month | Ladies Luncheon Club                  |
| Thursdays 11.15            | Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall |
| Thursdays 6.30             | Brownies, Sunday School Rooms         |
| 3rd Thursday               | Gentlemen's Lunch Club                |
| Boules (restarts in May)   | Phone 01530 245373 for more info      |



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21st Sarah Raynor & Carmel Johnson 249206 - **see item below**

28th Carolyn Turner & Charlotte Jackson 249173

## May

5th - Sue Clarke & Margaret Bloor (At Home 34 Main Street) Hall N/A  
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12th- Iris & Peter Sayer 243822

19th- Zoe Renolds & Sue Birkett 07803 292704/244317

26th- Bev Griffiths & Sue Dobby 01509 890264/245366

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### April 21st

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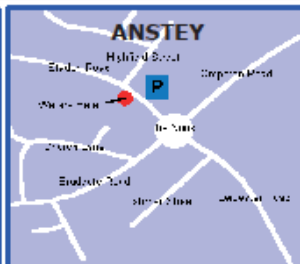
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For this year's Spring production Bradgate Drama Society is presenting a classic 'whodunit', Aldous Huxley's 'The Gioconda Smile'. In 1940's suburbia, Emily, the invalid wife of rich art dealer Henry Hutton, dies in mysterious circumstances. Did she die at Henry's hand to make room for a younger woman? Was the Nurse the culprit or was someone else involved in her demise? Follow the twists and turns of the plot through to its final denouement as the suspect sits in the condemned cell.

## Newtown Linford Gardening Club

Welcome to Spring! We now have daffodils in full bloom, the first signs of green shoots appearing in hedgerows and early blossom on trees and shrubs. Winter has certainly been different this time but I don't suppose many of us have missed long days of snow, ice and bitter cold. We now have to find a way of dealing with all the moss that has appeared in our lawns. Does anyone know of an easy way to dispose of it? It doesn't seem to compost down or even burn easily. All suggestions gratefully received.

Our visit to Ashwood Nurseries and John's Garden in Kingswinford was a wonderful day out. We had a warm sunny day for our trip. John himself was our guide around his lovely garden which is beautifully maintained and contains so many unusual plants. We also went behind the scenes into the greenhouses



where they propagate new species of hellebores. It really is a time-consuming and precise task to grow and develop new species of any plant and the guides who took us round were so knowledgeable. We also spent a lot of money between us, filling the luggage compartment of our coach with plants!

At our meeting on 26th April we have a talk from Alan Solomon on the subject of Developing a Working Greenhouse. This should help us to get much more value out of our greenhouses or other indoor spaces and tempt us to be more adventurous in how we use our plants. The meeting is also our Annual General Meeting so we will be starting at 7.15pm

We have welcomed a large number of new members this year and will be pleased if others want to join us. If you are interested in our activities just contact the secretary (tel. 242452 or e-mail [01530242452@talktalk.net](mailto: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

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**Anne and David Couling**



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Newtown Linford Choral Society

## Newtown Linford Choral Society Summer Concert

Tickets will soon be available for the Choral Society's Summer Concert to be held in Newtown Linford Village Hall on Thursday 9th, Friday 10th and Saturday 11th June. Our theme this year will be songs from films and TV shows. You can therefore expect to hear music from films such as Toy Story, Sister Act and the Bond films, from TV shows including Dad's Army and Morecambe and Wise – and even some featured in commercials! The concert will be compered by the ever amusing Len Matthews.

An excellent two course supper will be served on the Friday and Saturday nights, On Thursday there will 'nibbles', and a starting time of 8 pm. On all three nights there will be a licensed bar. In previous years there have been capacity audiences for the June concerts, so please make a note to order your tickets early.

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We are most grateful for all the donations, which enabled us to have a most successful afternoon.

Thank you again

**Hilary (Brown Owl) and the Brownies**



## Village Ramblers

| <b>MONTH</b> | <b>LEADER</b>         |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| 9 April      | Penny Neaves          |
| 14 May       | Joe & Claire Costello |

"Nine of us, together with three dogs enjoyed the walk on Saturday, 12th March. We welcomed three new walkers. The weather was beautiful, but because of there being so much water about we took a route along the bridle path from Rothley to Thurcaston. However, we still had to negotiate a very muddy area. As we passed Rothley Great Central Railway Station we stopped for a cup of tea or coffee (some also having cake). Photo taken after we had our refreshments.

The next walk will be on Saturday, 9th April and will be led by Penny Neaves.



# Gynsill Tennis Club, Anstey

## Open Day for Adults, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016

With the new tennis season just round the corner, members of Gynsill Tennis Club have plenty to be excited about. By the end of March the latest upgrades to the courts at the club on Gorse Hill, Anstey will be complete and the members will have 2 new state of the art artificial clay tennis courts. In addition the club has 4 artificial grass courts and floodlighting on 4 courts. With over 200 adult and junior members the club boasts several league teams including 4 men's, 3 ladies, 3 mixed and several age graded junior teams. A full time coach is based at the club to help young and old, novice and experienced players hone their talents .

For those wishing to play socially there are several dedicated mix-in sessions. The atmosphere is always friendly and beyond the tennis, the club organises many activities and social events. New members are always welcome and to encourage new members there will be an

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## News from the Park

And We're Off...

After many years as a pipe dream, several years as a plan and just under two years since we launched the fundraising campaign, work has started on our new Visitor Centre. The project is an all-Leicestershire affair with builders Tanwood Construction from Blaby carrying out the necessary alterations and preparatory work to the building to make it ready for the exhibition installers, Antomic Woodworking of Wigston. The exhibition has been designed and the installation is being overseen by award-winning designers Creative Good of Oadby.



The builders started work on 29<sup>th</sup> February and anticipate having the building ready for the exhibition fit-out to begin in mid-May. Much of the fabrication of this is being carried out off-site so installation should be completed in 3 to 4 weeks, meaning that we should be ready to open to the public in early July.

As part of this project, the old entrance lobby is being converted to a kiosk serving takeaway drinks, confectionery and ice-creams, which will hopefully in the short-term take some of the pressure off the queue for the tearoom until we are in a position to carry out a reorganisation to improve the flow and increase the speed of throughput on busy days.

The over-riding purpose of the Visitor Centre is to encourage our visitors to find out about the Park and to realise that there is more to Bradgate than somewhere to walk the dog and bring the kids to let off steam. Admission to the exhibition will be free of charge and its purpose is to help deliver our second charitable purpose to “advance the education of the public in the appreciation and care of the environment” rather than being a commercial undertaking.

In addition to a small team of paid staff, we will be seeking to recruit a pool of volunteers to help us welcome visitors and to share some of their knowledge and love of the Park. If you would like to volunteer with us but feel that planting trees and building walls is not your cup of tea, then this could be the opportunity you have been waiting for.

Email [rangers@bradgatepark.org](mailto:rangers@bradgatepark.org) to register an interest.

Elsewhere on the Park, we have reached that time of year when things are thinking about growing. The grass has turned that brighter shade of green that gives all the signs of being alive but growth is, as yet, imperceptible. It is at this time of year that we start thinking about the areas for bracken management in the coming summer. We traditionally start

rolling in early July after the end of the ground-nesting bird season with weed-wiping being most effective if carried out a few weeks later. This new technique has been a revelation with dozens of acres of the Park being transformed from barren bracken to diverse acid grassland plant communities. I recently received the report of last year's species recording that was carried out for us by Loughborough Naturalists' Club. One particular highlight was the fact that the Heath Spotted Orchid has gone from being a rarity to an almost regular occurrence, one of a number of plants to benefit from our habitat restoration work.

As we anticipate a busy summer of events, I would particularly mention our **Proms Concert on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July** with the Bardi Wind Orchestra. Tickets are now on sale at the Conservatory Tearoom & Shop on online at [www.seetickets.com](http://www.seetickets.com) I recently had a meeting with the orchestra to agree the programme and it is going to be a memorable evening of music finishing with all the Last Night of the Proms favourites: Rule Britannia, Jerusalem and Land of Hope and Glory accompanied by a light show to illuminate the dramatic backdrop of the ruins of Bradgate House.

As well as the concert, we are staging two theatre productions: **Wuthering Heights on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June** and **Sherlock Holmes & the Hound of the Baskervilles on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August** both with a slightly earlier start time of 5pm. With the **Summer Fair on the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> June** and the **Living History Weekend on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September**, there is something for everyone at Bradgate this summer.

See you on the Park.

**Peter Tyldesley**

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## Brownies



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On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 four brownies said their farewells to Brown Owl and the rest of the Brownie Pack, sad to leave after so many years of serving as a brownie. But we would all like to say a massive thank you to Brown Owl, for all of the hard work that she has put in over the years.

Throughout the years, activities have included; Visiting the fire station, many successful rummage sales, fencing sessions, annual trips to Twin Lakes and much more. I couldn't select one that was my favourite, they have all been as enjoyable as the others. Brown Owl has been so supportive and kind over the years.

By Emma xx



# THE FRIENDS OF CHARWOOD FOREST



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President: Mrs Janie Martin

## **Annual General Meeting and talk 14/3/2016**

There was a large turnout last night for the Annual General Meeting. This marks the completion of 30 years of the society. There were over 60 members present together with 31 visitors.

Mrs Janie Martin, President, presided with Councillor Paul Day, Chairman. His annual report showed a very good year, with over 200 members and a healthy financial position. There had been a very successful programme of talks and walks and there was a full calendar of events for 2016. The Committee and Officers were re-elected unanimously, with the addition of Mrs Marilyn Palmer M.B.E. who was warmly welcomed.

After the AGM there was a most interesting talk by Matt Beamish. He is a Project Officer for University of Leicester Archaeological Services. He has worked as an archaeologist in Leicestershire since 1990.

### **From Ice Age to war games**

#### **Recent archaeological survey and excavation in Bradgate Park**

Mr Beamish explained that there had been a recent LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) aerial survey of Bradgate Park. This had revealed fantastic detail of the landscape which had not been visible from the surface. It had shown medieval field patterns and probable sites for stone age man. They had discovered many tools from the end of the ice-age. This site is of international importance. The survey had led to excavation of many pits where digging had proved extremely fruitful. As well as tools, pottery and other artefacts they had found the foundations of a number of buildings. These had led to many further studies of the park and its history since the twelfth century. Armed with the new data the University has embarked on a series of excavations with the hope of discovering more about this wonderful and perhaps unique landscape.

### **Fracking, our new neighbour? Talk by David Bridge**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm, Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall



David Bridge qualified as a geologist in 1968 and has spent his entire life in the field. He spent many years with the British Geological Survey, at home and abroad. He retired in 2007.

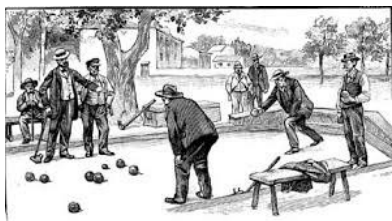
Fracking, the extraction of natural gas from deep in the ground, by various means is a highly topical subject. It is widespread in the United States and is making a major contribution to energy supplies there. The British Government is very supportive of projects here. A licence for prospecting North of Loughborough has already been granted. The subject has provoked major controversy. Our speaker will give the facts and explain doubts by various groups.

Members are free. Guests are welcome, £3 at the door. Refreshments included. Further information: Peter Bertram 01162 100 572 or [www.focf.org.uk](http://www.focf.org.uk)

*Advance notice. There will be a visit to Ulverscroft Woods and Herbert's Meadow led by Neil Pilcher of Leicester & Rutland Wildlife Trust on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Details later.*

### **NEWTOWN LINFORD BOULES**

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**CONTACT. DICK HOWARD 01530 245373**

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# NEWTOWN LINFORD SUNDAY SERVICES

## April 2016

| DATE              | NEWTOWN<br>LINFORD                       | THEME                            |
|-------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| <b>3rd April</b>  |  |                                  |
|                   | 10.30am<br>Holy Communion (JW)           | Our Father in heaven...          |
|                   | <b>Readings</b><br>Galatians 4:1-7       | Matthew 6:5-13                   |
| <b>10th April</b> |  |                                  |
|                   | 10.30am<br>APCM (RT)                     | APCM                             |
|                   | <b>Readings</b><br>Isaiah 40:9-11, 25-31 | Matthew 28:16-20                 |
| <b>17th April</b> |  |                                  |
|                   | 10.30am<br>Holy Communion (JW)           | Your kingdom come...             |
|                   | <b>Readings</b><br>Colossians 1:3-14     | Luke 17:20-25                    |
| <b>24th April</b> | 8.00am<br>Holy Communion (TBC)           | Give us today our daily bread... |
|                   | 10.30am<br>Morning Prayer (TBC)          | Give us today our daily bread... |
|                   | <b>Readings</b><br>Exodus 16:1-15        | Luke 11:5-13                     |

### MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—April

**NEWTOWN LINFORD** Thursday 10.00am on the 7th

**GLENFIELD** Weekly on a Wednesday at 10.45am

# CHURCH REGISTER NEWTOWN LINFORD



## **Weddings**

None

## **Baptisms**

None

## **Funerals**

None

### **Church Contact Details**

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

10th April

Following the 10.30 service we will be holding the Parish Church Council Meeting and election of Church Wardens and some members of the PCC.

**Kathleen Lloyd Prince RIP**  
**10<sup>th</sup> May 1924 – 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016**

Jenny and the Family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages and cards, and those who were able to attend Kathleen's funeral at All Saints Church, and later at Markfield Lane.

Kathleen loved being part of the village over the years and played an active part in Church Life, the Fellowship and Welcome Club, and the Garden Club with Harry. She will be very much missed by us all.

We would like to thank Reverend Peter Hooper for his support throughout and for the beautiful Service.



**William Charles North**

Penny would like to thank everyone who contributed to the collection at Charlie's funeral. It raised £239.15 for Diabetes UK



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**Leicester Schools Welcome Refugees**

One of our supporters, Ruth Sinhal, a teacher at

Glebelands Primary School in Beaumont Leys, has started a campaign to get schools involved in welcoming asylum seekers and refugees to our city. Glebelands Primary is asking children to donate a teddy bear to children affected by the refugee crisis. The campaign also involves teaching pupils at participating schools about asylum seekers and refugees, making welcome cards for them and collecting donations to be used in packs to be given to those people in need. Ruth is doing a brilliant job, and has got a further six schools on board so far.

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## Exhibition 2nd May Sunday School Rooms Worlds Apart'

In today's world of digital images it's so easy to come back from anywhere with hundreds of photographs. So what do you do with all these images that clutter up your computer? Well, local artist, Mike Pratt from Groby, has come up with a rather unusual answer which combines as many as one hundred photos to create one final image.

His 'Worlds Apart' pictures are a result of many hours' work, carefully cutting out and artistically placing the photos before giving them a 360 degree wrap. He started work on the idea in early 2015 and gradually perfected the technique over the summer as he went about adding local villages to his portfolio. He has now added towns and cities to his list and he's sure other villages, towns and cities will be added as and when travel and time permits. They make for a very original and striking picture for your wall – they are simply 'Worlds Apart'!

He is now selling his images through [Etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com) and has a Worlds Apart facebook page (search for 'Worlds Apart by Mike Pratt').

Mike is planning a small exhibition at the Sunday School Room (next to the entrance to Bradgate Park) on **Sunday 1st May, 2 – 5pm.**



All are welcome.

## Look out for Real Eggs this Easter

The Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust is asking you to be on the look out for real 'Easter' Eggs this coming Easter. Traditionally, this is a time when people give their garden a spring clean. However, this is also often the time that many garden birds start to lay their first clutch of eggs.

Neil Pilcher, Senior Conservation Officer, said "Easter is early this year and the winter weather has been remarkably mild which means that birds will also be nesting early. I would urge people to be careful. The Trust has already had reports of blackbirds building nests in gardens. It only takes a moment for a nest to be accidentally destroyed or exposed to predators."

The Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust recommends that you check your garden before starting work. Hedges are the most likely places to find nests, especially dense evergreen hedges such as Leylandii. However, working in the same area for long periods can also cause birds to abandon their nests. People should spend just a few minutes looking through their hedges and shrubs for signs of nests before starting work.

Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act all birds are protected whilst nesting. This protection starts from the moment they start building the nest until the young have fledged. The Trust recommends that if there is any doubt then the work should be postponed until the nesting season is over, which is generally accepted as 31<sup>st</sup> July.

### The Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust

The attached photo is of a linnets nest with eggs. Linnets were common hedge-row nesting birds but are now on the RSPB Red List of endangered species.







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## Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



We recently had a number of power cuts during the wet weather. One or more phases goes off at a time. The phase you are in will not necessarily be the same as your neighbour. It could be alternate or opposite. Contrary to popular believe Western Power does not know about these phases going off without someone telling them. They only know about the main trunk lines. So if you find your power off please call them on **0800 678 3105** and inform them. The men can only start coming after the first call.

Western Power have been very good with letting me know details once reported and they tell me once the men are on their way and an estimate of how long it will take and in each case they have dealt with it sooner. The engineers have shown us how they have to insert a new giant fuse in each phase that has gone. Apparently they cannot permanently fix it until the whole wire goes. The water gets into a pinhole, heats up and swells to block the hole before it blows the fuse.

When the power is off only your main telephone will ring so allow more time for anyone to answer their phone.

### **No crimes have been reported this month.**

This was received by the Bradgate Park Trust and forwarded to me.....

To whom this may concern, Today while myself and my 2 year old daughter were walking through your park we were approached by 3 Indian race young men with a small child. 1 asked me where the deer were, another of the 3 men who was holding hands with the small child held his finger out and ask my daughter if she wanted to go with him. Luckily I was standing with her and told him I don't think so. As they walked away I then heard 1 of the men say she's cute to my daughter. So my advice is keep an eye on young children and do not let them in the park on their own.

Peter Tyldesley from the Trust has also shown me emails from his Wardens fearing for their lives because of abuse and threats from the public recently. Either directly on themselves or when they have gone to protect other members of the public. The situation is getting quite bad since it is no longer an isolated incident but every week to the extent the Wardens may need body cameras etc.

As I write this on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>, the first weekend of the sun coming out, I notice virtually every car parked outside the village shop had a yellow parking ticket on it.

A resident passed me a booklet on scams from Sussex Police which I circulated to those on mailing and have also posted it on the website. Please remember to read the website regularly for updates on all that is going on in the village.

**Pam McMorran**

NHW Co-ordinator – [pam@riverlyn.freeseve.co.uk](mailto:pam@riverlyn.freeseve.co.uk)  
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### How to contact the Police

All incidents are to be reported to the Police and not the Beat Team **by calling 101**

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## From The Records

### Things we forget

Looking at the archives for April 2004, I discovered an item which had been recorded in the WI records for the erection of a Toposcope at Old John in 1954.

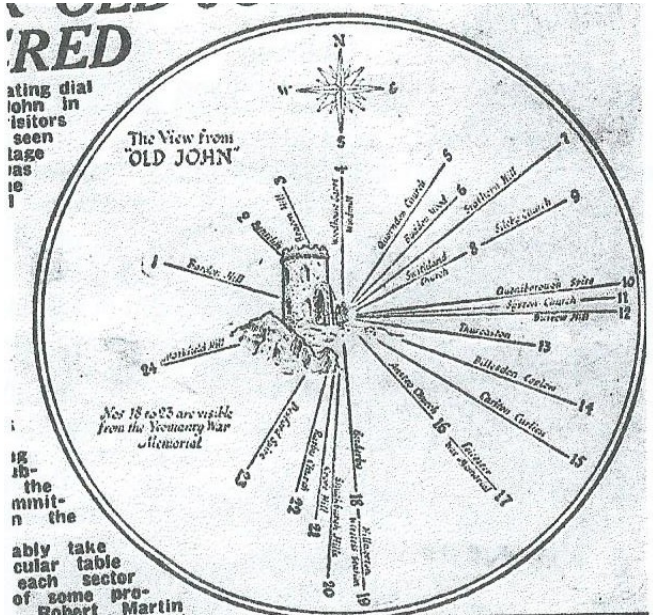
The design was prepared by Mr Harold Nutt and considered by the Bradgate Park Management Committee. It was suggested that it could be paid for

by the money given by the committee of the Village Pageant in appreciation of the use of the Park for the 1953 Pageant.

On Wednesday 15th July 1954, many people gathered at Old John to see Mr Stopper, Chairman of the Parish Council and a member of the Pageant Committee unveil the Toposcope. It is made of Bronze and standing on a stone plinth. Round the edge is recorded the fact that it was paid for from the Pageant profits (1953)

The design of the top is shown. Unfortunately I have not walked up to Old John recently so I have not been able to check the current state of the Toposcope. Perhaps someone would let me know the answer

**Janet Neaverson**



## The River Lin

The River Lin flows through Newtown Linford, through Bradgate Park then feeds Cropston Reservoir, then Swithland Reservoir and flows

away to join the River Soar at Quorn. Although normally only inches deep, during wet weather the river can become a raging torrent and flood. The area at risk of flood is shown on the Environment Agency flood map, available through their website.

As an example of a flood: a photo '[The tennis courts flood in 2007](#)'

taken out side  
34 side



## The tennis courts flood in 2007



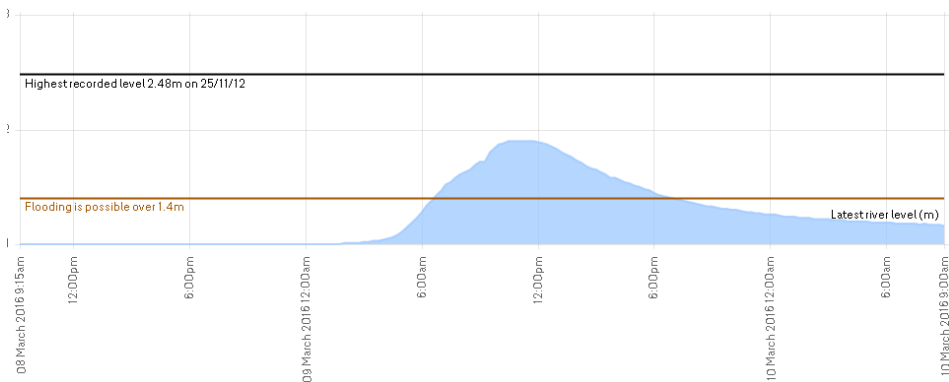
our kitchen window at the crack of dawn before we were up and about can be seen on the Village Website!.

Recorded at 9:00am Thursday 10 March 2016

The latest information recorded at this location indicates the river is within its typical range.

### 5-day information for this station

This station's data feed was recently interrupted. Normal service resumed at 11:15am on Monday 07 March 2016.



### **River Level on Internet and Flood Warnings are available**

From early March 2016 the river level became available to be viewed over the internet. The link is:

<https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/station/9016>

Webpage showing effect of rain 09-Mar-16

The measurement is by radar, situated at 521 Bradgate Road and provided and maintained by the Environment Agency. This has only become possible through new technology; the non-contact radar takes a measurement every 15 minutes and this is stored for a daily wireless trans-



mission over the internet – this infrequent transmission is to conserve the battery

when the river level is low - however at times of high river level the frequency of data transfer is automatically increased. Clever stuff.

This does provide the opportunity for anyone to register with the Environment Agency's 'Floodline Warnings Direct' service. As I understand it, the system will call the specified 'phone number when triggered by the river reaching a certain height.

### **River measurement in mAOD???**

The river level shown on the webpage is not the river depth but the height of the water **Above Ordnance Datum (AOD)**, measured in metres. In our case the datum is 103.78 mAOD (Ordnance datum Newlyn). If you want the river level relative to sea level then add the gauge datum to the gauge reading. Typically when the river is at low level the gauge reads, say, 1.0m. Therefore the river may only be inches deep but the water surface is  $103.78\text{m} + 1.0\text{m} = 104.78$  meters above sea level. For those of my age; this is nearly 344 feet above sea level. The webpage 'highest level' is shown at 2.48 metres AOD 25 November 2012. The depth of the river would have been about 1.5 meters however in 2007 (as the photo) the level was somewhat higher than that!

Just to put water power in perspective; when in flood the river speeds along at about running pace. In reality, near the banks the flow will be slower but let us estimate the average flow speed is 20 metres per minute. Where the water is 1.5 metres deep (as 25 November 2012) and the width of the river is, say 2.5 meters. The rate of water flow is therefore  $20\text{m}/\text{min} \times 1.5\text{m} \times 2.5\text{m} = 75$  cubic meters per minute. Equivalent to two articulated lorries going down the river each minute.

At the risk of stating the obvious... but lets do that anyway... when the river is in flood it is deep, fast, dangerous and destructive. Technological progress now means we can now see how the river level changes from the comfort of our PC; and get automatic flood warnings direct to our 'phone.

**Peter Thrower**



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## Community Planting week at Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation

The Foundation are delighted to have been awarded a grant by the National Forest Company under its Changing Landscapes Scheme to plant 2,000 broadleaf trees and shrubs creating new wildlife habitats and parkland areas for visitors and users at the Foundation to enjoy. Established in 1990 the Foundation has been providing support care and Friendship to the elderly and adults with disabilities for 25 years, with over 200, 000 visitors to date and numbers growing year on year.

Charlotte Turlington, Principal Manager at the Foundation said 'We have planted numerous trees and created a new pond area at our Ulverscroft Grange site. New Bat and Owl boxes will also be installed shortly providing nesting opportunities for the diverse wildlife that reside in the Ulverscroft area'. She added 'The scheme has also enabled us to invest in new picnic benches and increase access to our field walks enabling more visitors to benefit from enhanced wellbeing through increased physical activity and the enjoyment of the natural environment'.

Helen Baxter, Activities Coordinator added 'Throughout the week we have welcomed different groups to join us in planting trees at Ulverscroft Manor. Participants have included some of our wonderful volunteers and service users, who enjoyed planting trees overlooking Charnwood Forest and Bradgate Park. We also had the opportunity to work with a local Primary School from Stanton Under Bardon who were visiting our Yew Trail Outdoor Classroom, the children were delighted to take part in planting trees and also enjoyed educational activities such as shelter building and mini beast hunts as part of their visit to our superb Yew Trail'



Access to the newly planted areas will be 10.00am - 4.00pm Monday - Friday. If you would like more to know more about the scheme or the activities and services that the Foundation has to offer then please contact Helen Baxter on 01530 244914 or visit [www.shuttlewood-clarke.org](http://www.shuttlewood-clarke.org)



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Our Campus Orchestra were recently given the wonderful opportunity to play with the Ratby Co-operative Band. We hope you enjoy reading Emily Woodall's (Year 12 student) account of the evening below:

“On 10<sup>th</sup> February the Campus Orchestra took part in a joint concert with the Ratby Co-operative Band. This was a huge opportunity for us to play with an experienced band and to showcase the pieces that we had been working on. It was inspirational to hear the Ratby Band play their own pieces which have personally given me some inspiration for my AS level composition.

The best part of the night was playing with the Ratby Band and to sit among professional players while playing fun, well known pieces. I would like to thank Miss White for organising such a brilliant concert and also a big thank you to Mike and the Band for a really fun and inspiring evening.”

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## Newtown Linford Parish Council

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As many of you will know I have been having serious treatment for quite a while now. The side effects are quite debilitating but it is all worthwhile and I feel I am beating it. I appreciate all the good wishes from residents. After some considerable thought by myself and the Councillors it has been agreed to divide the Parish Clerk job. As from this month, April, Pam McMorrان will be the Assistant Parish Clerk with her main duties being Planning, Minutes and Magazine copy. I remain your Parish Clerk and Registrar for Burials. Pam will resign as a Parish Councillor which leaves a casual vacancy for a Parish Councillor. We already have one applicant and if you are interested in applying please contact me as soon as possible. Our Annual meeting is on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall commencing 7 p.m.

**Highways, footpaths and traffic:** A resident has contacted us regarding the flouting of the 7.5 weight limitations. In addition to the normal heavy vehicles a vehicle is passing through the village several times during the night. It is causing disturbance to houses near the speed bumps. Another resident has written in support of the complaint. If you wish to let us have comments please write as soon as possible.

We continue to grapple with the problem of parking all over the village in particular Bradgate Hill. We are conscious that every time we add more yellow lines and take out bays we are pushing the problem to another part of the village. It has been suggested that we red line outside the Sunday School to stop the disabled using it and white lining a few sections on the hill to allow for cars to pass on busy days when cars park all the way of Anstey.

**Parish Councillors:** The Councillors are moving into the electronic age and have commenced dealing with Planning Applications on screen rather than running round the village with an envelope with everything printed out. This is where Pam's assistance comes into its own.

**Parish Council website.** Remember you can look at the site and click on Planning and look at applications yourselves. You can let us have your comments or put them directly onto the Charnwood Planning Explorer site. Our site is: - [www.newtownlinford.org.uk](http://www.newtownlinford.org.uk)

The next meeting will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April. All meetings at 7 p.m. in the small room of the Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

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## Contributions to Village Magazine

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