

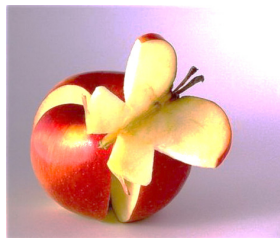
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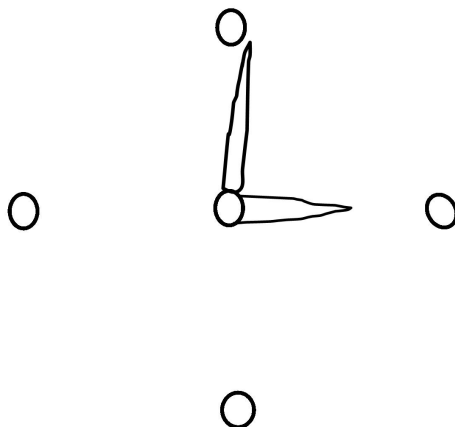
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To explore how creativity works, some employees of Kreativ Magazin went out and found some of the world's most creative people. They were asked to complete this drawing in just ten seconds:

So the class of ten year olds set to work and added to this starter drawing some numbers (no higher than 12), an outline shape around it all, and one or two even had accessories such as an alarm or some pencil shading. None reached for the crayons. The limited time was only enough for the first idea, and everyone had the same first idea.



However when given ten minutes with the same instruction to complete the drawing above, these ten year olds produced a colourful gallery of pictures which included a cat, a kite, a tessellating pattern across the page, the face of an old man with a child giving him a hug, a plate of food, a butterfly, a flower, a cheeping bird. One person in the class did draw a clock, but it was now a very elaborate cuckoo clock.

The light-hearted experiment illustrated some valuable truths, not least that creativity works best in playful environments without immediate deadlines. For you, quick to move on to the next page, it may also have illustrated that you are in danger of assuming only the conventional solution when reading the Church Magazine!

Advent can be a creative season, but it needs a bit of space. It's not just about preparing for Christmas; it's about looking again at what happens

VILLAGE DIARY

December

- 4th Gardening Club
5th Bradgate Flower Club
6th - 8th A Christmas Carol - Bradgate Drama Society
8th Village Ramblers
11th Parish Council
13th Seniors Christmas Lunch
20th Come & sing Carols and Christmas songs

January 2013

- 8th Parish Council
25th-26th Mozart's Requiem

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 |

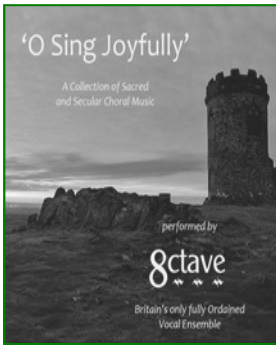
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Can we wish all our readers and advertisers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

A big thank you to all our volunteers without whom there would be no village magazine. Whilst it may be my name you see each month as the editor, there are many more involved in your village magazine.

A big thank you to everyone who sends us the articles, arranges advertising, proof reading, picking up the magazines from the printers, distributing them to our distributors, the committee and especially your distributor who delivers them each month. Many have been doing this for many years, others have joined us this year

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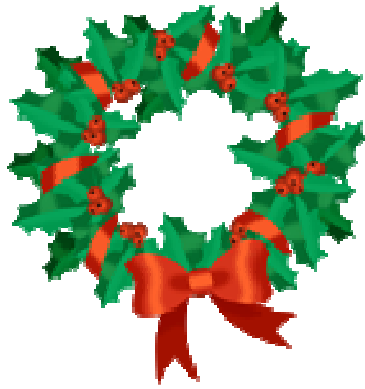
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Friday 7th December & Saturday 8th December
Friday 14th December & Saturday 15th December
Friday 21st December & Saturday 22nd December

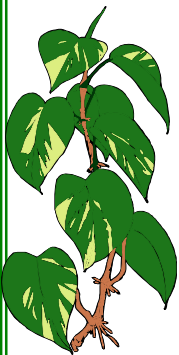
Newtown Linford Gardening Club

The talk we heard in October about gardens in Japan was fascinating. We learnt that gardeners there operate from a spiritual point of view and that attitude ensures complete harmony to the eye and a peaceful atmosphere as you walk around the garden. We also learnt that the Japanese love moss as a ground cover plant and so, we suppose, if our lawns are full of moss we can pretend it is a Japanese lawn!!!!!!



The Christmas party traditionally ends our year. This bring-and-share evening will be held at Sue Pritchard's house on Tuesday December 4th starting at 7.00pm and then we will take a short break until activities begin again at the end of January.

The New Year brings a whole series of interesting events. Our early season talks include perennials, conifers, hanging baskets and climbing plants. Our Spring visit will take us behind the scenes at Woodland Nurseries near Hinckley. They are part of the Wyevale group and so play a large role in keeping all gardeners supplied with the things we need.



Finally, don't forget that all those leaves, which are falling to the ground, make wonderful leaf mould if they are raked up and superb winter quarters for slugs and snails and other pests if they are left on the ground. It is your decision as to which is best for your garden!

We have welcomed several newcomers this year and are always pleased to see more. 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.

David & Anne Couling

Bradgate Flower Club

Bradgate Flower Club's December meeting will be held in Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall on Wednesday 5th, when we can promise a "Christmas Extravaganza" with guest demonstrator Julie Woods from Great Eversden, Cambridge. We meet at 7.30 and visitors are welcome - a charge of £5 is made. Details from Geraldine Abbott on 01530 415378.

Our next demonstration meeting will be on the first Wednesday in February (06/02/13) more details in the February Magazine.

Best wishes for Christmas and New Year. Thank you for your support in 2012.

Geraldine Abbott



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Village Ramblers 2012

Meet opposite the Village Hall, to depart at 2pm unless stated otherwise.

8th December Ed Killick 01530 249 589 Meet Blue Bell, Rothley 11am, lunch & AGM afterwards.

12th January 2013 Lesley Baker 01509 890771

Our walk in November was from the village past John's Lea Wood, Sandwells Lodge and over the new National Forest woodland past Lea Wood to emerge on to Ulverscroft Lane, finally arriving at Jan's house for a welcome cuppa tea. The views from high above Lea Wood were lovely in the Autumn sunshine.

Last summer I noticed a problem with many young Oak trees on the plantation. Unfortunately we noticed the trees are now much worse, with leaves covered in powdery mildew typical of the disease described below.

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Powdery mildew of oak is caused by the fungus *Erysiphe alphitoides* (also known as *Microsphaera alphitoides*) and it is a common foliar pathogen of oak trees across Europe. First found in England in 1908, it is thought to have been a factor in an oak dieback episode in the 1920s. Scientists today believe that it may one of the factors that is contributing to the decline of our oak trees.



The mildew attacks young leaves and soft shoots of oaks, covering them with a felty-white mycelium (fine white threads). It causes eventually the leaves to shrivel and dry out or turn brown.

It seems that the disease thrives when we have mild overcast weather, which usually appears in summer during warmer conditions.

Read more about the Powdery mildew of oak on the Forestry Commission website.

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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. Why not come and join us on 2nd December & 6th January 2013.

Contact Katherine or Carole on 244790

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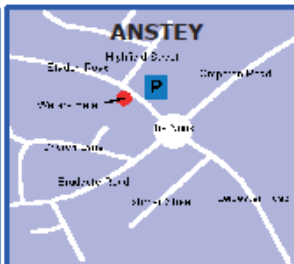
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10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Alan Norman, Chief Executive of the Foundation, said "This is a wonderful opportunity to bring the children along to see Santa, whilst relaxing in the Tea Rooms, browsing the charity shops and enjoying the magnificent views."



**Admission to Santa's Grotto is £5.00 per child.
Ulverscroft Grange, Whitwick Road, Ulver-
scroft, Leicestershire, LE67 9QB**

Church Contact Details

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BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES - December 2012

DATE	GROBY	RATBY	NEWTOWN LINFORD
2nd December	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)		
1st of Advent	9.30am Family Service (LC)	10.00am Christingle (PH/HH)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (LC)	6.00pm Holy Communion (PH)	
9th December		8.00am Holy Communion (PH)	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)
2nd of Advent	9.30am Civic Carols (LC)	10.30am Nativity (PH)	10.30am Morning Prayer (HH)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (KW)		
16th December	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)		
3rd of Advent	9.30am Nativity (HH)	10.00am Family Communion (LC)	10.30am Holy Communion (PH)
	6.30pm 3SE (LC/Team)	6.30am Carol Service (PH/FB)	4.00pm Carol Service (PH/HH)
23rd December			8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
4th of Advent	9.30am Holy Communion (PH)	10.00am Family Communion (FB)	10.30am Morning Prayer (LC)
	6.30pm Carol Service (KW/LC)		
24th December	6.00pm Christingle (LC/HH)	4.00pm Crib Service (PH/HH)	5.30pm Christingle (PH)
Christmas Eve	11.00pm Midnight Mass (LC/KW)	11.30pm Midnight Mass (PH/FB)	11.30pm Midnight Mass (HH)
25th December Christmas Day	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)	8.00am Holy Communion (HH)	
	10.00am Family Service (LC/HH)	10.30am Family Service (PH)	9.15am Holy Communion (PH)
22 nd 30th December	10.00am—Parish Service held at Groby church Family Communion (FB)		

BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES - January 2013

DATE	GROBY	RATBY	NEWTOWN LINFORD
6th January Baptism of Christ Epiphany	8.00am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy communion	8.00am Holy Communion
	9.30am Family Service	10.00am Worship for All	10.30am Holy Communion
	6.30pm Holy Communion	6.00pm Holy Communion	
13th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	8.00am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion
	9.30am Holy Communion	10.00am Morning Prayer	10.30am Family Service
	6.30pm Evening Prayer		
20th January Week Prayer Christian Unity	8.00am Holy Communion		
	10.00am Special at URC	10.00am Special at Church	10.30am Holy Communion
	6.30pm 3SE		
27th January 4th Sunday of Epiphany			8.00am Holy Communion
	9.30am Holy Communion	10.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Prayer
	6.30pm Evening Prayer		

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES December

NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10am	6th		
GROBY	Wed	9.30am	5th	12th	19th
RATBY	Thur	9.30am		13th	

CHURCH REGISTERS

Weddings

None

Baptisms

Ratby

4th November ~ Kai Peter Merry
11th November ~ Holly Rose Bailey
18th November ~ Lyndon Robert Astle

Newtown Linford

None

Groby

4th November ~ Roman Hector Whitbread

We welcome these children in to the church family

Funerals

Ratby

26th October ~ Stephen Concar, formerly of Faire Road, Glenfield
30th October ~ Leonard Mouton, formerly of Gynsill Lane, Anstey
9th November ~ Theo Williamson, formerly of Wesley Close, Ratby
16th November ~ Denise Cooney, formerly of Centurian Court, Ratby

Newtown Linford

16th November ~ Harry Prince, formerly of Markfield Lane,
Newtown Linford

Groby

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Christingle means 'Christ's Light' and it is a symbol of the Christian Faith. Lots of Churches hold Christingle services around Christmas time. The custom of giving out lighted candles in these services originates from the Moravian Church in Germany in 1747 but they weren't introduced to the Anglican Church in England until 1968.



In Newtown Linford we will be celebrating our Christingle and Crib Service on the 24th December at 5.30pm

It is a perfect opportunity for you and your family to share in a unique festive occasion. Sharing the candlelit celebration is an ideal way to share the key messages of the Christian faith, while helping to raise vital funds to help vulnerable children across the country.



The Children's Society relies on the vital funds raised through Christingle celebrations to fund their work with vulnerable children and young people in the community and across the country.

Symbolism of the Christingle Orange

- The orange – represents the world
- The red ribbon – indicates the love and blood of Christ
- The dried fruits and sweets – symbols of God's creations
- The lit candle – symbolises Jesus, the light of the world

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He died on October 25th very peacefully and without pain.

I would like to thank you all for your constant good wishes during this period.

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Many thanks,
Kathleen & Jenny



Youth Club Quiz and Update

Scott Raynor and Paddy Mulvihill, current organisers of the Newtown Linford Youth Club, would like to thank everyone who helped with the fundraising Quiz held in the Village Hall on 2nd November. As question-master, Gary Barsby put together another entertaining quiz and with the help of Darren Cook, Richard Cook, Claudia Goddard and her son Max, as well as Sarah Raynor and Elaine Mulvihill, the evening was a great success. In total, some £500 was raised to fund Youth Club activities in the Village and a further £400 was raised in support of the projects at the local School. Many thanks to everyone who attended the event, and those who donated raffle prizes including Broughtons, the Post Office Tearooms, Studio J in Groby, Sixhills Golf Club, the Blue Bell in Hoby and the Bulls Head, Ratby

Help Required

Scott and Paddy will be stepping down as organisers of the Youth Club in July 2013 and would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in helping out. The Club meets just ten times a year and willing volunteers can offer to take on every session or share the load by assisting at two or three meetings a year. The Club is a lot of fun for 7 to 11 year olds and the Christmas gathering on 10th December will feature a hands-on experience with snakes, lizards and giant snails in the function room of the Linford. All welcome. For more details contact Scott at scottraynor@btinternet.com.

Help Wanted - missing photo.

I have been approached by a resident of Markfield Lane on behalf of her elderly neighbour who is looking for a photo she lent to the village hall for a display many many years ago. When she went to collect her photos this particular one was missing and is of great sentimental value.

The photo was taken outside the Club (British Legion) and showed Red Cross/St James Ambulance volunteers just before the Second World War about to go on parade. If you are able to help with either the original or a copy of this photo - it would make her very happy.

If you can help please contact the Editor Carole (info on page 42).

MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE IN THE VILLAGE



Thank you to everyone who has contacted me regarding the lack of mobile phone coverage in Newtown Linford.

I had a phone call from a relatively new villager who required an ambulance shortly after moving in before they had their land line connected! There was no mobile phone coverage. That they, the rest of the village and visitors should be in such a situation is ridiculous in 2012. Another villager could get good reception when skiing in the Alps miles from any village but none in Newtown Linford.

Suggestions made

Vodafone sell a Sure Signal, at a cost of £50, which works via wifi near the computer - but not in the garden. You need a GS phone to be able to use this.

Martin Rumble got in touch to say he has been in regular contact with Orange. They admit that they have decommissioned a mast in June & have no plans to replace it. This has caused the lack of signal. They say the one that fell down in the tornado would make no difference & they also have no plans to replace it.

It seems we have to either accept it, or insist that they release us from contracts with no penalty. Martin is happy to fight the cause to get the mast recommissioned but we think that we have to have significant numbers to achieve this.

If you would be willing to get behind us in the fight to get signal back in the village could you please contact him by email with your name address and mobile number at martin@martinrubble.co.uk hopefully we can change the situation

Regards

Carole Heubeck Editor

Arthur Thorpe

I am sorry to say that Arthur Thorpe has now moved out of the Village and is residing in the Marwood Residential Home in Shepshed. Arthur is a lovely character and member of the Village Church and we will all sadly miss him in our day to day village life. Our loss will be the gain of the residents of Marwood Home.

I wish him well in his new home

Carole (Editor)

Rainbows Calls for Support for its Twinkle Little Star Christmas Appeal.

This Christmas, Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People is launching a Twinkle Little Star appeal to raise much needed funds and spread the word about the work of the charity and the children it supports.

On their Twinkle Little Star appeal webpage, www.rainbows.co.uk/twinkle, beautiful singing from a child at Rainbows, who was never expected to speak, is topping the bill; it is guaranteed to warm the hearts of everyone who listens to it. For all the children who use Rainbows, we cannot be sure of Christmas times to come. The charity is hoping that people will spare a thought for those children whilst they are still with us and make a donation to make Christmas really special.

They said that the video's little star, Charlotte Blissett, would never talk, but she has overcome all the odds and is singing an emotional version of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star to support Rainbows. Charlotte will not have an easy life and there will be many frustrations and heartaches along the way, but for her parents, Alison and Michael Blissett, Rainbows is one of the few places they can come to for support.

Charlotte's mother, Alison comments: "Rainbows is absolutely fantastic. When I need someone to talk to, Rainbows is there. They care for Charlotte, but they also do so much more than that for our family and all the other families they look after. Christmas is a special time for children and I really hope people will be kind and donate to Rainbows at this time of festive giving." As a special thank you, Rainbows are giving everyone who donates more than £6 online a special Twinkle Wish Star product.

To listen to Charlotte sing and to donate and to children like Charlotte this Christmas, visit www.rainbows.co.uk/twinkle, call Rainbows on 01509 638000 or post cheques to Rainbows Hospice, Freepost NAT 13561, Loughborough, LE11 2BR.



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From the Records

A message to walkers - Leicestershire now a County not to be ignored.

I found this article in the Records for August 1993.

It stated that it was not before time, because hill and country walking was a force to be reckoned with and we should redress the fact that many travel writers gave Leicestershire a miss.

Back in the 1940's Charnwood Forest was originally scheduled as one of the first official Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty to be designated in England although in the event this claim was rejected.

Today things are very different, people from outside the County come along, tempted by various walkers guides and the internet to acquaint themselves with its unique hills and valleys which boast amongst other features some of the oldest rock formations known to man.

For city folk it is Bradgate Park whose ruined mansion was the childhood home of Lady Jane Grey and the quiet waters of Groby Pool. Others venture beyond to the secluded valley of Ulverscroft Priory or up to the bracken covered slopes of Beacon Hill and the neighbouring Outwoods, both of which provide marvellous views of Loughborough.

The woodlands of the Forest nestle cheek by jowl with dramatic hilltops and unusual buildings, which include the strange hunting lodge at St Bernard's Abbey and the remains of the centuries old nunnery of Grace Dieu beside the main Loughborough to Ashby Road.

The villages of Charnwood, besides offering sustenance to the walker, are varied in layout and rich in domestic and cottage architecture. Each reader will have their own personal memories of this beautiful part of Leicestershire but living in one of the villages do we take it all for granted? We should treasure it.

Another article two pages away gave some interesting facts about Bradgate Park which you might like to think about next time you are there.

Mr Charles Bennion in 1928 bought the 828 acres and presented it to the County of Leicestershire to be administered by Trustees for the purpose of public access for recreational purposes. In 1970 the Park was approved as a Country Park by the Countryside Commission. In

1976, Marion's Cottage was converted into a Visitor Centre. The article states that 3 good car parks were provided. However the large numbers of visitors, due to the result of publicity and visitor mobility, have had a negative effect on the footpaths and plant life, which have to be monitored closely for erosion. The house was built in 1510 for the Grey Family who moved from Groby Hall. Bradgate House was one of the first unfortified country houses in England and unusually was built of brick made from local clay. Near the house is the walled pheasantry and another walled area that could have been the kitchen garden. The lake at the back of the house supplied water for the fish ponds, washing tanks and for flushing sewage away from the house. There was also a water mill. Where the water was taken away from the river Lyn and the channel can still be seen today, as well as the outlet from the mill. Look next time you are there.

If Charles Bennion was alive today I think he would be interested to see how his gift helps to refresh us all in our busy lives.

Janet Neaverson.



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The only crime reported is the theft of front and back number plates from a car on Bradgate Road.

A new card scam, in which people are tricked into handing over their bank card details and pin numbers, has seen customers duped out of £1.5 million since the beginning of 2011.

The scam works by the victim being telephoned by the fraudster to renew their debit or credit card owing to a fraud on the account. The owner is told to key in their pin number on the phone and a courier is sent out to collect the card. The card is then sent direct to the criminal who also has the pin number.

The majority of victims are older adults and the scammers often give an alternative number for people to call back on to ensure the call is genuine. But instead of hanging up many people are tricked into thinking the call is from their bank and stay on the line.

£1.5 million has been lost to this type of crime and £750,000 of this was taken in the first four months of the year - the same as the whole of 2011. The UK Payments Council has urged people never to hand over their card to anyone who has come to the door, never to enter their pin number over the telephone and to always speak to their bank securely by making sure there is a dial tone when calling and only ever using the bank's advertised number.

Community Speedwatch has now finished and the results are set out below. Elsewhere in the Magazine you can read a report from the Roecliffe Road co-ordinator. I would like to thank Councillors Sue Pritchard, Virginia Toon and Phil Baker along with Peter Rose, Michael Upstone, Maurice McMorrان, Jeni McMorrان, Paul Toon, Felicity Manning, Dave Clifford and Vicky Lightfoot for turning out in cold weather to man the gun.

Total Vehicles sent to the police. (All speed limits all roads)

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Bracken Hill 30 mph

Total	55
Average Speed	40.1
Highest	48
35 to 39mph	31
40+mph	24

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Bradgate Road 30 mph

Total	20
Average Speed	39.8
Highest	47
35 to 39mph	8
40+mph	12

Bradgate Road 40 mph

Total	8
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Groby Lane 30mph

Total	4
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Main Street 30 mph

Total	108
Average Speed	41.1
Highest	55
35 to 39mph	45
40+mph	60
50+mph	3

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Main Street 20 mph

Total	4
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Markfield Lane 30 mph

Total	22
Average Speed	40.1
Highest	43
35 to 39mph	1
40+mph	21

Roecliffe Road 40mph

Total	644
Average Speed	50.5
Highest	72
46 to 49mph	324
50+mph	298
60+mph	20
70mph	2

23 people were recorded twice and 2 people 3 times.

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It was not easy to co-ordinate the teams as everyone had different times when they could be available. We also had the gun at very short notice. We now have to decide whether we wish to participate again next year. With more notice it may be possible to co-ordinate volunteers better but I am not convinced.

Pam McMorran
NHW Co-ordinator – pam@riverlyn.freeseve.co.uk
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SPEEDWATCH

Residents on Roecliffe Road have long been concerned about the speed of traffic along their stretch of the road; three years ago, a limit of 40mph was set from just after the golf course to just before the Waterworks. However, accidents continue to occur at the Roecliffe crossroads, with alarming regularity; a significant number of vehicles appeared to be travelling well in excess of the 40mph limit making it dangerous for residents to pull out of their drives and for pedestrians along the narrow pathways.

SpeedWatch has evidenced our concerns. In all, we manned the speed-gun for some 40 hours, over a four week period. Rush hour was relatively steady, with the traffic self regulating by and large, but during the day, when the roads were less busy, it was clear that a large number of drivers either did not know the speed limit or plainly ignored it.

Our results have been processed by the 'SpeedWatch' Team at County Hall, and have come back to us as follows: 46 to 49mph - 324 vehicles; 50 to 59mph - 298; 60 to 69mph - 20; 70mph - 2. Two were recorded at 72 mph.

This gave a total of 644 vehicles, which is an average of 15 per hour. Anecdotally, a tremendous number also slowed down as they approached and before they were 'caught', there were also a significant number of cars which are not included in the data because they were travelling too fast for us to be able to observe their make and registration number accurately.

All things considered, our concerns that traffic continues to travel at dangerous speeds along Roecliffe Road are clearly justified.

Jan Stewart



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Our November Parish Council meeting was attended by Richard Bennett, the Head of Planning & Development at Charnwood Borough Council. We had asked him to come to clarify Neighbourhood Planning for us. It is an exciting (their word) but complex initiative, which was introduced by the Localism Act in November 2011. A Neighbourhood Plan would be formulated by the Parish Council with the help of residents, and under the umbrella of the Borough Council. Without wanting to pre-empt such a plan, I would say that it concentrates on communities, who actively seek more development of housing and/or businesses for their village. Luckily, as housing requirements stand at the moment, additional housing is not planned in our Parish by Charnwood Borough Council. Therefore, the Parish Council does not have to make a decision regarding a Neighbourhood Plan, but discussions will be kept in abeyance. The Parish Council's main concern at the moment is the status of our Village Design Statement. It had been adopted as a bona fide Planning Document by the Borough Council a few years ago, equal to their own statutory Documents. This is no longer the case, but Mr. Bennett assured us that our Village Design Statement, which is our vision of Newtown Linford, now and in the future, is still being consulted when planning applications are considered. If you are interested I would be happy to let you have a copy of the details of Neighbourhood Planning as explained by the Rural Community Council.

Playing Field: The goalmouths of the football pitch have taken a bit of a bashing over the last few months. One reason is the enthusiastic use by our youngsters, which is great; the other is the weather. New turf and seed will be placed on the worst affected areas soon but that means that the pitch will have to be closed for a time.

Flooding: I am writing this after yesterday's horrendous rainfall. I just want to remind you that I have a number of 'sandbags', should you need any.

Next 2 Parish Council meetings: Tuesday 11th December 2012 and Tuesday 8th January 2013, both at 7 pm in the small hall of the Village Hall. Visitors are most welcome.

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