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It seems to me...

That we need to be ready for Christmas

I guess that there are some people who do manage to get super organised for almost everything to do with Christmas. Their cards out in time, presents despatched in the most economical way, meal menus prepared, everything bought in good time, no last minute rushing, etc, etc. But for others, that last minute rush, that burst of adrenalin as the panic sets in, is just another part of the Christmas period and perhaps even contributing to the general excitement of the season as a whole.

Of course there are several other ways of making sure that we are ready for the festival and which having nothing to do with turkey, tinsel or trees.

There is that sense of religious preparation, for example taking the time to pay due attention to the themes of Advent (by definition, a time of preparation) which can heighten the spiritual experience of Christmas itself: John the Baptist and the call to repentance, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the call to obedience, the Shepherds and the Kings and their call to worship, and so on.

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And there are indeed other spiritual preparations for Christmas as well: for example, finding some space, peace and time for yourself and God amid all the busyness and pressure. Also, carving out time for those who are dear to us, and what about allocating time too for those who are in need? Perhaps these sorts of preparations are actually a more important part of Christmas than anything else?

There are all sorts of ways to try and be ready for Christmas, but to be brutally honest we can never be truly ready in every respect and detail. This should not be alarming or surprising for those who pride themselves on their organisational prowess because, in reality, Christmas is actually about the unexpected; the unplanned for surprises of God's work in people's lives. Almost everything about the first Christmas story was unexpected. Mary as a pregnant unmarried young woman, Elizabeth being seen to be too old to have a child, Joseph and his unexpected family, the Shepherds having their quiet night disturbed, the

Kings following a distant star without knowledge of their destination.

Nobody was truly ready; no one had spent weeks getting prepared. Everyone was surprised.

Despite this sense of being unprepared, God still called each and everyone to play their own particular part. And they responded to a God of surprises. And love was revealed as never seen or experienced before. And the world was changed for ever.

Of course we will all do our best to get prepared and to be ready for Christmas in a variety of ways. But let's not forget the surprising, the unexpected, the new life of the Kingdom that lies at the heart of the Gospel, and the surprises that lie ready for all of us to receive. So at this festive season, what will you be ready for and are you prepared to be surprised?

Wishing you a very peaceful, happy and surprising Christmas.

Revd Peter

Open Church Saturday 20th December

This year the Church will be open between 10 and 4pm on 20th December to enable residents and visitors to drop in, view the Christmas Decorations and leave a prayer request and light a candle, for a loved one that will be missed this Christmas.





VILLAGE DIARY

December

- 4th Coffee and Cake in the Village Hall
- 6th/7th Bradgate Park Christmas Fair
- 8th Parish Council
- 11th Village Christmas Lunch
- 13th Santa at Ulverscroft Grange
- 13th Village Ramblers
- 13th Ulverscroft Grange
- 14th Christingle Service
- 14th Carols at the Linford with Ratby Band
- 18th Come and Sing Christmas Carols - Village Hall
- 20th Open Church
- 21st Nine Lessons by Candlelight
- 24th Crib Service
- 24th Midnight Mass
- 25th Christmas Day Service



January 2015

- 8th Coffee and Cake in the Village Hall
- 10th Village Ramblers
- 19th Parish Council
- 26th Village Hall AGM
- 27th Gardening Society
- 30th/31st Choral Society

Regular events

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Monday afternoon | Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall |
| Mondays 8pm at the Church | Bell Ringing |
| 4th Tuesday of the month | Gardening Club |
| 1st Wednesday of the month | Flower Club |
| 3rd Wednesday of the month | Ladies Luncheon Club |
| Thursdays 11.15 | Coffee Mornings for all |
| 3rd Thursday | Gentlemen's Lunch Club |



**CAROLS AND
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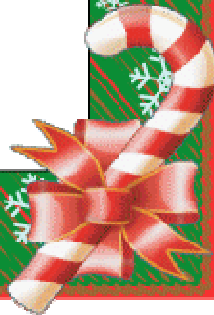
The Linford Committee would like to invite you and your family & friends to celebrate the start of the Christmas festivities with carol singing, accompanied by the Ratby Band. Mince Pies will also be served. We will also be displaying elements of the village and its people.

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The Brownies

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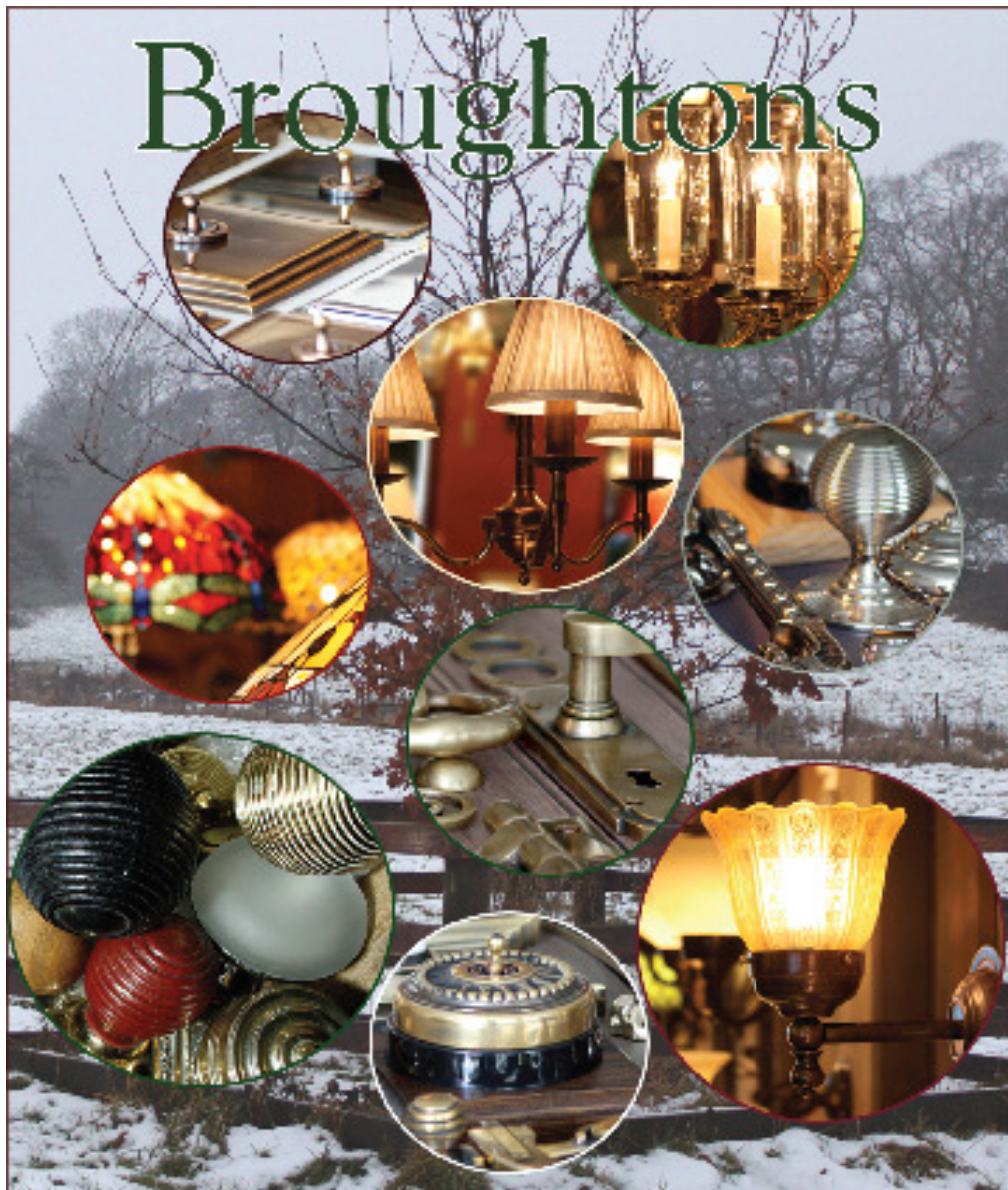
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Village Ramblers 2014/2015

MEET: Opposite the Village Hall,
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Meet 11am, 10th January 2015. Lesley Baker 01509 890771.
The walk starts at Lesley's house, but parking is restricted, hence meet opposite the Village Hall unless you live near to Lesley's. Lesley has kindly invited us for "tea" after the walk .

Thank you to Gill for leading our November walk, on a lovely autumnal day.

On a very sunny Saturday morning in early November, 12 ramblers and 3 dogs enjoyed a stroll through Grace Dieu woods and Grace Dieu Priory. Negotiating the stepping stones was no mean feat. Afterwards a good carvery lunch was enjoyed at the nearby Bulls Head pub. A short walk across the cricket ground then led us to Gillian and Des's bungalow to view their pleasant garden then indoors for tea and cakes. 2 lesser spotted woodpeckers kept us all amused with their antics on the many feeders in their garden.

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News from the Park



Hibernate? Not us!

I am writing this in the middle of November and, after experiencing the driest September on record and the warmest Halloween ever, autumn has well and truly arrived and winter is just around the corner.

The river is rising, the trees are clad in autumnal colours that are being progressively stripped by the wind and the days are getting shorter. The migratory birds have departed for warmer climes and many of us wish we could either do the same or at least follow the example of many other species and settle down to sleep until spring.

However for us, as I mentioned in last month's article, winter is the time when much of the work of looking after the Park gets done although, as Robert Burns said, "The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men, Gang aft agley". Bradgate offers a wide range of habitats for a vast array of creatures and this includes some excellent bat habitat. Being mindful of this, we commissioned a bat survey of all the trees that are scheduled for work this winter and also arranged for our consultant ecologist to be on site on the day we were due to fell the only tree scheduled to come down this year, in order to talk the Rangers through the procedure for checking for bats. Everyone was feeling quite relaxed and convinced that this would be a "dummy run" as the tree was an old Norway Spruce in which no self-respecting bat would be seen when there were dozens of ancient oak trees offering prime bat residences a short distance away. The chainsaw operator stood ready as the climber went aloft to "go through the motions" and check the empty holes in the tree for non-existent bats. He looked in the first hole – bat droppings. He looked in the second hole – a bat! There was obviously no way that the tree could be felled with bats living in it but it had been earmarked for felling as it was rotten in the base and potentially dangerous. What to do? In the end it was decided to cut the top out of the tree to reduce the weight and also the propensity of the upper branches to act as a sail in windy conditions, which would make it less likely to blow down. This would kill the tree, as conifers do not re-grow when cut as broadleaved trees do, but avoid the bats being made homeless. To further complicate matters, the time taken on this tree meant that we had missed the "window" for working on trees containing bats and would not be able to do any more until March.

While we are waiting for the “bat window” to open again in the spring, the Rangers have started pollarding some of the younger oak and sweet chestnut trees that were planted 30-40 years ago as replacements for some of the old veterans. This looks brutal when first carried out but pollarding is a traditional form of management in deer parks as it allowed a regular supply of small diameter timber to be harvested from above the point where the deer could reach and eat the new growth. Research has shown that pollarded trees live longer as regular pollarding helps maintain their vigour and so we are hopefully setting our younger trees up to still be here in 500 years’ time.

Having increased the number of Rangers, we are able to get through a lot more work than was previously the case. At the same time that one team are carrying out tree work, another are busy with the deer. Now that the rut is over, culling has started again and will continue until the end of the season in April. We aim to cull steadily over an extended period of time as it minimises the stress on the herd as well as accommodating the extra time required to process the carcasses ready for sale.

We have been very pleased with the way in which Bradgate Park Venison has taken off and are very grateful to all the local residents, butchers and food businesses who have supported us in our new venture.

In between doing all this, we have found time to organise our Christmas Fair, which is taking place on the weekend of 6th/7th December.

With the festive season fast approaching, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and I hope to see you on the Park in the New Year.

Peter Tyldesley



Bradgate Park
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The Mayor's Charities are Exaireo Trust and Canine Partners

The Exaireo Trust was formed to help homeless people to rehabilitate themselves by providing accommodation, education, skills training, advice, support and practical work experience. The Trust currently provides accommodation in 7 houses in Loughborough and 2 in Coalville.

The support given to residents includes helping them back into work. Drug and alcohol related support, including relapse prevention courses and one to one counselling is also provided.

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News from the Brownies

On Thursday 30th of October 2014 I went to the Halloween day of brownies dressed up as a witches cat.

When I got there, there was so many brilliant costumes there was a dead Prom Queen, a witch and so many more. Brown Owl dressed up as a ghost with a scary mask on, I didn't recognise her!

We all sat around a cauldron making a Halloween potion. Brown Owl gave us things to put in after she had put the witches blood in and the ghosts blood in it was so fun. We played spooky games too. Brown Owl brought two of her scary friends too but they didn't say much at all!

I had a great time and I was so glad I could spend Halloween with all of my friends!

By Fenella Reynolds
age 8



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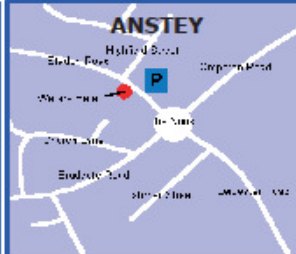
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Newtown Linford Gardening Club

A packed village hall heard a very interesting talk from Chelsea Gold Medal garden designer Adam Frost earlier this month. He told us how he got involved in gardening; how his career developed through landscaping and design and about his project with Homebase to provide scholarships for young people to become skilled in horticulture.



He then gave us an insight into the way his award-winning 2014 garden design went from drawing-board to fruition and we were

able to realise the enormous amount of effort and cost involved in creating a garden which would be on show for only six days.

We are grateful for the support of local businesses in providing prizes for the raffle – to The Bradgate Inn, Cook's Farm Shop, The Grey Lady Kitchen and Deli, The Post Office Tea Room, Elegance in Glass, Loughborough Road Nurseries, Quorn and Hollybeck Nurseries in Southwell.

All that remains in the programme this year is the Christmas Party on 2nd December which is again hosted at the home of our Vice-Chair Sue Pritchard.

We have a full programme prepared for next year.

27th Jan	R.S.P.B. Garden Birds	<i>Dr Chris Edwards</i>
24th Feb	Timeless Styles—Gardens of the Middle Ages	<i>Matthew Haddon</i>
24th Mar	Propagating with Seeds	<i>Caroline Tait</i>
28th April	Gardens of Europe	<i>Alan Mason</i>
27th May	Visit to Baracca, Earl Shilton	
23rd June	Poison in the Garden	<i>Richard Woods (Lilies and Chillies)</i>

28th July	Summer Garden Party
25th Aug	Visit to RHS Hyde Hall
22nd Sept	Plants of the Season <i>Paul Green</i>
27th Oct	An Open Evening with Chris Beardshaw (<i>Chelsea Gold Medal Garden Designer</i>)
1st Dec	Christmas Party

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) , or come to one of our meetings to see how you like it before making a commitment (£2 for visitors). Alternatively give us a ring and ask for a copy of our programme for the coming year and we will be pleased to send one to you.

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Stoneywell Update: November 2014



What a varied couple of months we've had at Stoneywell, and now I find myself both looking back at the weeks gone by, and looking forward to the weeks ahead of us.

There's no doubt that Stoneywell has undergone significant change recently – perhaps most notably in the Stables with the setting up of the Office and the creation of our Tearoom.



We have now also opened the 'Stables' room itself – with snippets of information handwritten on slate, and a board for visitors to share their comments and suggestions for how they would like to see us develop the space over the future months. We're hoping that, in time, this will become a really flexible space where we can present exhibitions and host events, perhaps even a craft weekend or two! Work continues, too, to the dry stone walling in the Stables, with part of the entrance already removed, and a volunteer dry stone waller due later this month to further improve the somewhat 'challenging' space for our daring shuttle bus drivers!

We've welcomed our very first visitors to Stoneywell this year: firstly for local groups and then to local National Trust members. We've been open for almost two months now, to provide us with the opportunity to find our feet before we fully open in February 2015. It's been a great time to practice our tours of the house, perfect our baking of the Gimson family's flapjack recipe, and master the lighting of the inglenook fire in the Sitting Room! With some really positive feedback both online and in person, there's much that we can do while Stoneywell is closed for the winter to prepare ready for the new year.

Of course, we couldn't do half of what we do without the invaluable support from our team of volunteers. However, we're still looking for additional help – particularly in the roles of shuttle bus driver, tearoom volunteer and conservation volunteer. If this is of interest – why not give us a call on 01530 248040 or email Stoneywell@nationaltrust.org.uk?

TIS' THE SEASON – of over indulgence

Hello everyone! As we gear up for the festive season, the foods filling up the supermarket shelves are filled with sugar and fat. Selection boxes, giant tins of sweets, biscuits and other such items that have, somewhere along the line, come to define Christmas. Now I'm not going to be a stick in the mud, Christmas Day is Christmas Day after all and I want you to enjoy that beautiful dinner with friends and family. However, I'd like to offer some nutrition and fitness tips to help you deal with, and stave off, the excess.

Stay Hydrated with 2-3 litres of water per day. Try to avoid fruit juices, sugar laden sodas, anything with the word 'frappe' in the title. J Water, Green Tea, Tea and Coffee are fine.

Eat little and Often – your metabolism works the same way a fire does, the more you feed it with the right foods, the harder it works. Do not over feed yourself the wrong foods, and try to stick to 3 meals and 2 healthy snacks per day so you don't find yourself going hungry.

As much as possible, stick with chicken, turkey and fish for your protein sources. Keep red meat to a minimum. Make good carbohydrate choices – brown rice, sweet potatoes, veggies, fruits and whole grain bread.

Healthy Fat is Your Friend – Omega oils, nuts, avocados and olive oil. Alcohol stores very easily as fat because of the way it's processed in the body. There are a lot more social activities during this time of year so watch your alcohol intake and make sure your extra drinks don't end up on your waistline.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Village Hall News

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The Agenda will be:-

1. Apologies for absence.	7. Booking Secretary's report.
2. Minutes of last A.G.M.	8. Bar Manager's Report
3. Matters arising.	9. Notification of representative members.
4. Chairman's report.	10. Election of Elected Members
5. Treasurer's report.	11. Any Other Business
6. Social Secretary's report.	

The Village Hall is leased (from Everards) by the Parish Council, but its day-to-day management is entrusted to the Village Hall Committee. This comprises a number of elected members (including the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) and representatives from the major Village Societies who use the Hall – Choir, Drama, Flower and Gardening, together with the Parish Council.

We were pleased to welcome Amanda Sculthorpe onto the Committee last year, and she is running a couple of exciting events in 2015, starting with the Storytelling evening on 14th February: please support her.

However, some of the existing members have served for many years, and would appreciate a break. In addition we always welcome additional "new blood" onto the Committee. So if anyone is interested in joining us, please come to the AGM or speak to me on 245298.

**Toby Manning,
Chairman, Village Hall
Committee.**

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Family Services over Christmas and the New Year

Christingle Service - 14th December

We would like to welcome all families and villagers to our family Christingle service on **Sunday 14th December at 10.30.**

Christingle celebrations include Carols, prayers and a collection in aid of The Children's Society, which helps them to continue their work with disadvantaged children.



This year the Christingles are going to be made by the Brownies

What is the meaning of Christingle?

- + The orange represents the world
- + The red ribbon indicates the love and blood of Jesus Christ
- + The dried fruit (or in our case the sweets) are the fruits of the earth, symbols of Gods love and also represent the four seasons of the year.
- + The lit candle symbolises Jesus, the light of the world, who brings hope to people living in darkness



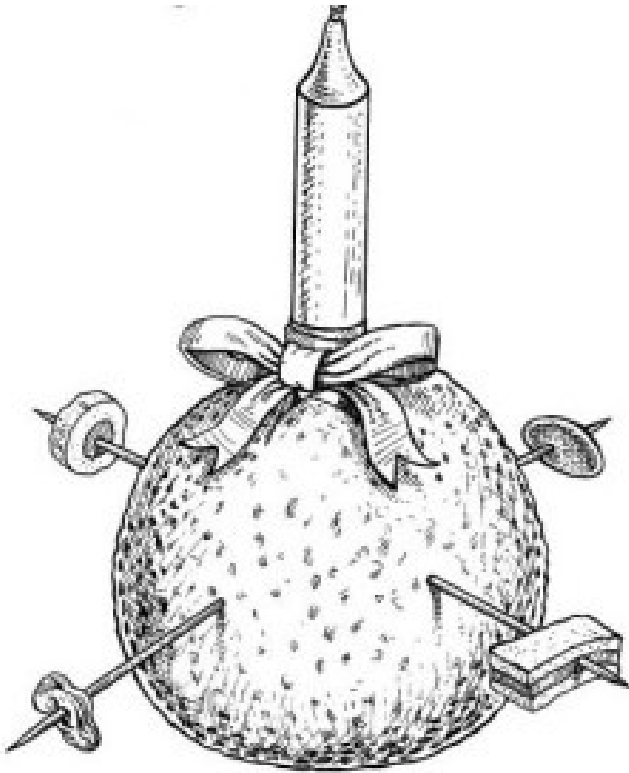
Crib Service - Christmas Eve - 5.30pm

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MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—December 2014

NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10am	6th				
GROBY	Wed	9.30am	3rd	10th	17th	24th	n/a
RATBY	Thur	9.30am		11th			n/a

BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES—December 2014

DATE	GROBY	RATBY	NEWTOWN LINFORD
7th December 2nd Sun- day of Advent	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)	8.00am Holy Communion (PH/ RC)	
	9.30am Family Communion (Group)	10.00am Christingle (PH/RC)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (LC/RC)		
14th December 3rd Sun- day of Advent			8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (FB)	10.30am Christingle (PH)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (KW)	6.30pm Carol Service (PH/RC)	
21st December 4th Sunday of Advent	8.00am Holy Communion (PH/RC)		
	9.30am Nativity Play (LC)	10.00am Morning Prayer (KW)	10.30am Holy Communion (PH/RC)
	6.30pm Carol Service (LC/KW)	6.00pm Holy Communion (RC)	6.00pm Carol Service (PH)
24th December Christmas Eve	No service	No service	No service
	6.00pm Christingle (LC)	4.00pm Crib Service (PH/RC)	5.30pm Crib Service (PH/RC)
	11.00pm Midnight Mass (LC)	11.30pm Midnight Mass (KW/RC)	11.30pm Midnight Mass (JW)
25th December Christmas Day	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)	
	10.00am Christmas Celebration (LC)	10.30am Christmas Celebration (PH/RC)	9.15am Holy Communion (PH)
	No service	No service	No service
28th December 1st Sunday of Christmas	10.00am Family Communion Parish Service held at Groby		

BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES—January 2015

DATE	GROBY	RATBY	NEWTOWN LINFORD
4th January Epiphany	8.00am Holy Communion (RC)	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)	
	9.30am Family Communion (RC)	10.00am Worship 4 All (PH)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (PH/ RC)		
11th January Baptism of Christ			8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
	9.30am Holy Communion (KW/ RC)	10.00am Holy Communion (FB)	10.30am Family Service (PH)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (RC)		
18th January Christian Unity	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)		
	10.00am Special Service at URC	10.00am Special Service	10.30am Holy Communion (RC)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (KW)	6.00pm Holy Communion (PH/ RC)	
25th January Conversion of Paul			8.00am Holy Communion (LC)
	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am Morning Prayer (KW)
	6.30pm 4SE		

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—January

NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10am	n/a			
GROBY	Wed	9.30am	7th	14th	21st	28th
RATBY	Thur	9.30am	8th	22nd		

20th December

Church Open 10 - 4pm

We are opening the church between 10 and 4pm to give you an opportunity to come into church to light a candle and leave a short prayer or just a name for a loved one that will not be with you this Christmas.



Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight

21st December

Nine lessons and Carol Service at 6pm followed by home made mince pies and mulled wine.

Every one is welcome to come along and join in with celebrating the birth of Christ as we prepare for Christmas. An opportunity to listen quietly to the nine lessons telling the story of the birth of Jesus and enjoy the carols and candlelight. The Church is dimmed for this service and afterwards everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy refreshments and the fellowship of their friends and other villagers.



Thank You. Betty would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who agreed to bake and supply the home made mince pies for us all to enjoy. Thank you very much.



24th December Midnight Mass

We would like to welcome you to church at 11.30pm to celebrate Midnight mass, to celebrate the birth of Christ.

25th December Christmas Day Service

Everyone welcome to our Christmas Day Service at 9.15 for Holy Communion.

CHURCH REGISTERS



Weddings

22nd November ~ Peter Elwood & Tracey Charlton

Baptisms

None

Funerals

5th November ~ Victor Leslie Wain, formerly of Ulverscroft Lane, Newtown Linford

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There will be no meeting on the 11th Dec due to the Christmas Lunch and we can't have the Hall on the 18th Dec. Therefore our last meeting will be 4th Dec until Jan 8th due to Christmas

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I plan to run 12 Half Marathons over the next 12 months, the first one being the Leicester Half, to help raise MUCH needed funds for Loros Hospice. So far family and friends have helped raise over £11,000 including Steve Ball's London Marathon, Gregory's girls, Emily Bowles Loros Twilight Walk, OLCS, and many more donations for which I am so grateful.

This December 15th, would have been Sharon's 40th Birthday and I know she would of wanted a Half or two..... so please help by sponsoring me and celebrating Sharon's 40th Birthday Year .

In October 2012, Sharon suddenly started to feel un-well/bloated, after dropping the children to School, she decided to attend the walk in centre, which referred her to the Royal Infirmary for tests. Sharon was diagnosed with a rare peritoneal cancer. Nine days later the consultants told Sharon it was terminal and her end of life expectancy was between 24hrs - fourteen days.



Sharon calmly asked me to call as many family and friends to the hospital as soon as possible and Sharon agreed to the end of life treatment offered by the Loros Hospice. The care provided by Loros for Sharon enabled her to spend as much precious time as possible with her family and friends during her final days. The doctors, nurses, volunteers at the Loros Hospice provided amazing care and treatment, even enabling us to take Sharon and our family on a special day trip through Bradgate Park in a Hummer Limousine. This was one of Sharon's final wishes and wouldn't of been possible without the support of staff and a volunteer nurse from the Loros Hospice who helped make this special day possible.

We all lived in hope that Sharon might make Christmas, from leaving the Hospital Sharon looked as if she might not make another day, but the treatment and care given by the Loros Team gave Sharon more time with her Family and friends - a further fourteen days.

Sharon sadly succumbed to this awful disease and passed away peacefully and with dignity with her family and friends by her side on November 7th 2012, aged just 37.

If it wasn't for the Loros Hospice we wouldn't have managed to share private moments together at the Hospice, special memories of her final days that we all look back on with a heavy heart.

Sadly this won't be a similar story you will probably never hear again, so please let's have a half on Sharon and help us celebrate Sharon's 40th year and raise some much needed funds for the Loros.

Cheers ! X

David Gregory

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Christmas has arrived at Ulverscroft Grange!



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The Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation is delighted to announce that Christmas has arrived at Ulverscroft Grange Community Support and Wellbeing Centre! The charity shops are now stocking the new Christmas selection which offers a wide range of festive items – gifts, decorations, stocking-fillers and much more!

Santa will be making a very special appearance at Ulverscroft Grange on **Saturday 13th December 2014**, between 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. There will be a small selection of Christmas stalls and a magical hand bell performance commencing at 2.00pm. Admission to Santa's Grotto is £5.00 per child (including a small gift).

Alan Norman, Chief Executive of the Foundation, said "this is a wonderful opportunity to come along and enjoy the festive spirit; whilst relaxing in the Tea Rooms, browsing the charity shops and enjoying the magnificent views. He added 'Groups and individuals are welcome to book during the week for a Christmas Lunch, served in the Tea Rooms. These are available subject to availability on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2nd December 2014 and pre-booking is essential.

For more information please contact the Helen Baxter on 01530 244914 or via email at hello@shuttlewood-clarke.org

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Newtown Linford Primary School



A very enjoyable time was had by both children and adults at our Halloween Disco. This was organised for the school by 'Friends of Newtown Linford Primary School'. We were very grateful to The Linford for enabling us to hold it there and for the White Family in providing the musical entertainment. The Linford's decorations were superb and the children made a great effort in dressing up.

A considerable profit was made which will be added to the funds already held by the Group and this will be the School Council's next big decision - to decide how some of the money will be spent!



Our children took part in a Remembrance Service on Tuesday 11th November at the Grave of Private Joseph Spence in Newtown Linford (All Saints) Churchyard. Private Spence served during WWI in the Durham Light Infantry and returned home but sadly died in 1919 of Spanish Flu.

It was a very moving service as Mr Terry Spence, his grandson, also joined us. He was unaware of our plans as we didn't have contact details for him and so it was a total surprise for us all. He was thrilled to hear about the work we have been doing at the School and was



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very grateful that we had honoured his grandfather in this way. He laid our wreath at Private Spence's grave which included all of the poppies the children had completed at home with their families and also those written by people visiting our Scarecrow Display.

I was very proud of the level of respect the children showed in this very important year and the knowledge they have gained as we have looked at this important date in our work for the Scarecrow Competition earlier in the term. Each class also spent the day completing activities linked to Remembrance Day and all of our assemblies that week were based around resources provided by The Royal British Legion. Mr Spence will be coming to School so we can share with him our work and he can share with us information about his Grandfather. He has already lent us a photograph of his Grandfather and we can clearly see the family resemblance.

We have exciting plans for later in the year, in which we will be keen to involve the whole community, linked to this theme. More details to follow soon!



Our children also took part in a special day within School for 'Children in Need'. Children and staff alike came to School dressed in either PJ's or Sports Kit as decided by the School Council. They also requested that children should bring a minimum donation of £1 for this. To help raise even more funds the School Council also organised and held a cake sale after school. As can be seen this was a roaring success and a cheque has been sent off from school for £155.



Our whole School has also taken part in a competition organised by ENRICH which is a partnership between all the Primary Schools which feed into South Charnwood High School, Brookvale High School and Groby Community College and the Secondary Schools themselves. Talk the Talk is a competition for our eldest classes to find three children to rep-



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resent the schools at a presentation evening at Groby Community College. The children had to speak about a topic of their choice for two minutes just using brief notes. In our School over thirty children aged four all the way through to eleven chose to 'Talk the Talk' in our assemblies. The standard was really high and showed an immense amount of confidence and attention to detail. We were proud to watch Elizabeth Goddard talk about Princess Katherine, Bailey Jenkins-Hurn inform us about Off Road Biking and Robyn Harrison explain Why Parents Tell Fibs in the Theatre at Groby Community College.

Christmas is now drawing fast upon us and we are looking forward to sharing our musical abilities with you over this period.

A group of children will be singing at the Thursday December Coffee Morning in the Village Hall. A group will also be performing at Bradgate Park's Christmas Fair in December as will some of our children who are learning how to play a brass instrument. All school's now have a requirement to provide free lessons for **a term** on a musical instrument whilst they are in KS2. At Newtown Linford Primary School we have made the decision to offer considerably more than this and children have weekly free brass lessons for **two years** whilst they are in KS2. Our current group of children have been having lessons since September and are making very good progress. Our previous group of children thoroughly enjoyed their two years and as they have moved onto Secondary School we have been pleased to see some of these children continue to play.

We will also be holding our Christmas Church Service on Thursday 18th December at 9.30 and all are welcome to join us and then for drinks and mince pies back at School afterwards.

The children are busy making decorations for the Christmas Tree in the school front playground which will also join the Village's Christmas

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Tree displayed outside the Village Hall. The placement of the village Christmas Tree was discussed at a Parish Council meeting myself and Mrs Blythe (Chair of Governors) attended. Whilst we offered to place the tree in our playground, the Parish Council have decided to once again display it in the same place as last year. I hope you agree it means the village gets additional displays.

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Miss Hall

HANNAH COX After a busy summer of orienteering, Hannah Cox, year 12 student, competed for Great Britain in the Junior European Cup in Belgium at the start of October. Hannah came 7th in the W18 category of the sprint, putting her track and road running experience to good use, and was the top performing British runner across all age groups.

Hannah followed this up with an 8th place finish in the relay races, after finishing 3rd at the end of her leg.

You can also hear an interview from Hannah whilst competing in

Belgium by using the following website link:

<http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/>

Well done to Hannah on your continued success!

Lewis Kerrod; current year 10 student at Groby Community College; is a serious swimmer and trains a massive amount of time including 3 early mornings. He has had a terrific season with 3 national events and 3 relay team events at the British championships July/August 2014. These swims have led to him being ranked in England as 2nd for 100m butterfly and 3rd for 1500m.

The ASA select swimmers on their performance and rankings to join the England Talent development programme. As a top 3 English swimmer Lewis has been invited to join this programme. He will initially attend an Amateur swimming association (ASA) England programmes education and development day (EPEDD) on 2 November 2014. These events form part of the overall approach to the development of the swimmer pathway in England. On the day he will take part in a number of sessions which will aim to assist the

development of skill and knowledge which the ASA believe to be critical to performance swimming.



Well done Lewis, this is a testament to your determination and hard work!

LUCY WHITFIELD

Lucy Whitfield (from Newtown Linford) , 2013 WIKF Karate World Champion in the Kata, competed in the 17th WIKF European Karate Championship in Nicosia, Cyprus at the start of October. Lucy picked up the silver medal in the Kata and followed that up with a gold medal in the team individual fighting.

Lucy is on the left in the picture above wearing her GOLD medal!

Well done Lucy on both medals, fantastic achievement!



From The Records

Last month I gave you the progression since 1928 of visiting Bradgate Park and the parking problems as car ownership grew and bus usage went down.

This time it is a method of transport not mentioned.

There was an article in the press in December 2000 about electric trams (no reference as to where the information came from).

“Travel plans which might have been are always fascinating to contemplate whatever their probable success”

Certainly a great boon to tourism, would have been two local railway lines, if they had got past the planning stage.

The Leicestershire, Groby and Bradgate Park Railway, a scheme proposed 101 years ago, a railway which would have been a branch line of the Great Central, running from the main line at Rothley (now part of the preserved Great Central of course) to Newtown Linford and Groby Pool.

“Bradgate Park has been a popular destination for centuries so it is not surprising that it was also a planned terminus for an electric tramway known by its title and planned routes - the Leicester, Anstey, Groby and Newtown Light Railway”. Such plans came to nothing. They were just too late to cash in the development of railways.

I heard a tale that this railway would run parallel to the road from Anstey to Newtown Linford and finish at the top of Groby Lane Hill.

Janet Neaverson



Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch -
A member of the Parish Council



Firstly may I wish you all a happy and crime free Christmas. Remember to keep all those lovely presents out of sight. Crime was still low during November. A shed was broken into and tools taken on Roecliffe Road at the end of October. A handbag was stolen from a car in Swithland Woods and the café on the Markfield bypass was broken into and confectionary stolen.

The Police Beat Team continues to send regular Crime reports and P.C.S.O Steve Quinn visited me in October. He gave me a few of the Yes or No leaflets for Trick or Treat. I just wonder who pays for all those lovely glossy leaflets and whether the expense is really necessary.

Steve did attend the October Parish Council meeting and reported that a number of motorbikes had been stolen from driveways in his area and asked that if anyone saw someone with a 'new' bike that they may not have purchased to either let him know or report it anonymously to Crimestoppers. He was presently having to go to Syston where there is an enormous amount of theft from cars most of which have been left unlocked.

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Newtown Linford Parish Council

Police and Neighbourhood Watch: We were pleased to see P.C.S.O Steve Quinn at our meeting. He and his colleagues have been very busy dealing with crimes but fortunately not in our village.

Bob Bown Memorial Field: The top rail of the fencing around the five a side football pitch should have been replaced by the time you are reading this Magazine. A considerable amount of mud has been thrown onto the special tarmac under the play equipment. Please ensure that no-one in your family is responsible for this as it is very dangerous. It impedes the safety of the ground under the equipment.

Highways, footpaths and traffic: We continue to request the clearing away of the leaves on the footpaths. The small sweeping unit did come but the leaves fell again instantly. It would be helpful if residents could clear the paths in front of their own properties.

Planning: No permissions have been granted at the time of going to press.

Can I on behalf of the Parish Council wish all residents a Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.



The December meeting will be on Monday 8th December. The January meeting will be on Monday 19th. Both meetings at 7 p.m. in the small room of the Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

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