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# The Bradgate Team Parish

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## In what, or whom, do we trust?

**T**oday, as the media would have us believe, we are living in very difficult times. Huge cash injections are taking place around the developed world in order to maintain the banking system. We hear everyday of jobs being lost, companies closing their doors, houses being re-possessed and so on. The list is seemingly endless and the impact ever wider. Governments around the world are taking action, pushing money into a system that appears to be close to breakdown, trying to keep the flow of money to those who need it in place. People are being encouraged to tighten belts, to control spending, yet at the same time interest rates are being lowered in order to encourage spending – confused?

In what, or whom, do we as Christians trust? Where do we put our faith, our hope? Certainly not into money, or banks, or other institutions; we may use these organisations, may work for them, but our trust, our hope and our faith lies elsewhere.

As Christians, we have come into a relationship with Jesus, the Son of God. He announced himself as “The way, the truth and the life”. We have entered into a new relationship with God through the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus, His Son.

As I write this article, we are half way through Epiphany with its focus of discovering more of God’s Glory as seen through the life and ministry of Jesus. We have  
3 been aided in this through our various bible read-

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ings which have included the visit of the Kings, Jesus' baptism, the calling of the first disciples, the miracle at the wedding in Cana, and the presentation of Jesus in the temple. In a few weeks time we will begin together the journey towards the events of Holy Week by marking the period of Lent in our worship as well as in our own personal devotion. But where does this take us in terms of our sense of Christian Trust?

We do not escape the problems and issues facing our world today just because we profess a faith in Jesus. However, our response can be different to these events as we have placed our faith in a loving God that only ever has our best interests at heart, even if we can't see or understand it at the time. And just as the

financial world seeks to continually support itself through various intervention mechanisms, so we too need to ensure that we are also continually shoring up our faith and trust by adding into our well of understanding and belief. Epiphany, Lent and all the other special seasons in the Church Calendar give us such opportunities to do so; the only question that remains is whether we take advantage of them.

So, with the start of Lent just around the corner (22<sup>nd</sup> February) and the problems of our world unlikely to disappear overnight, what will you do over the next 40 (or 46 days if you count Sundays) to help you deepen your trust and so be better equipped to live with Jesus day in, day out, as The Way, The Truth and The Life?

*Revd Peter*

## *Team Parish News*



*Keeping  
a Holy Lent*

**Ash Wednesday** is on 22nd February and we will have two services on that day: the Mid-week Communion at Groby and an Evening Communion Team Service hosted at Newtown Linford at 7.30pm. Both services will include the repentant theme of ash and the breaking of bread together as we mark the beginning of Lent.

We hope to be able to offer you a selection of possible **Lent books** to see you through the season. These are not yet available so keep your eye on church desks and news sheets for more information!

## VILLAGE DIARY



### **February**

- 1st Bradgate Flower Club
- 5th Sunday School
- 11th Newtown Village Ramblers
- 16th Gentlemen's Lunch Club
- 20th Newtown Linford Parish Council Meeting
- 22nd Ash Wednesday
- 25th Tennis coaching
- 28th Gardening club

### **March**

- 10th Brownies Rummage Sale
- 17th Jazz at the Village Hall

### **April**

- 19-21st Bradgate Drama Society

### **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                         |
| Thursday Mornings                | Welcome Club                        |
| Thursdays am during school term  | Toddlers Group                      |
| Thursdays eve during school term | Brownies                            |
| 3rd Thursday                     | Gentlemen's Lunch Club              |

## **Newtown Linford Village Hall Committee Annual General Meeting**

**Monday 30th January 2012**

**at 7.30pm in the Small Hall of the Village Hall.**

The AGM is an open meeting and provides an excellent opportunity to hear annual reports and express your views.

The Village Hall Committee would be pleased to welcome anyone who attends.

## **Bradgate Flower Club**

Bradgate Flower Club's 2012 meetings start with a guest presentation on Wednesday 1st February.

The Club welcomes

**Chelsea Flower Show  
prize winner,  
Judi Cripps  
with her intriguing theme -  
'What's in a Title?'**



On Wednesday 7th March, 'The Golden Girls' will feature demonstrations by our own club members, drawing on their wealth of experience in flower arranging.

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

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

**Geraldine Abbott**

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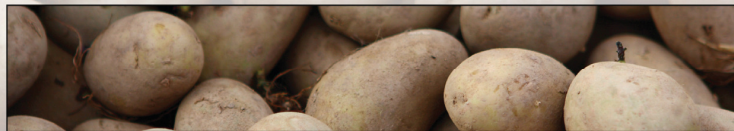


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**ADVANCE NOTICE**

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**NEWTOWN LINFORD BROWNIES**

**Saturday 10th March 2012**

If anyone is having a spring clean and would like to donate items to us, we would appreciate it very much.

More information in next month's magazine

**Brown Owl**



## Newtown Linford Gardening Club

Last winter we had weeks and weeks of frost and icy cold weather; what a contrast with this year! As we write this piece in early January, there are snowdrops showing white heads in our lawn and some of our roses are still in bloom. Our guess is that we shall pay the price for a mild winter with a bumper outbreak of insect pests which have not been killed off by cold weather. Still variable weather is one of the challenges of maintaining an English garden and doubtless we will cope.

Over 40 members gathered together in early December for our annual Christmas Party to celebrate what has been a truly excellent year for the Gardening Club. We have a record number of members and have had some really interesting talks and visits.

The coming year shows equal promise. On January 24<sup>th</sup> Dr. Richard Gornall spoke about saxifrages. Dr. Gornall is a Senior Lecturer and Director of Leicester Botanical Gardens and he is just one of several prestigious speakers we will welcome this year.



On February 28th Mike Webster is talking to us about the many gardens in London which are little known. They are the London Square Gardens which are often privately owned and open only to residents. Some of them are quite splendid and yet hidden from general view. During the early months of the year we will hear about the gardens 'over the pond' and Auriculas. We have visits lined up including some local nurseries and one much further away. It should be a bumper year for our Club.

We are always pleased to see newcomers. If others would like to join us, please contact the Secretary (tel. 242452 or e-mail [01530242452@talktalk.net](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 send one to you.

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New members are very welcome, all you need are a pair of walking boots. Most walks are local, but occasionally further afield when we share car space.

11th February	Joe and Claire Costello
10th March	Pauline Day
14th April	Jan Croft
12th May	Penny Neaves
9th June	Pat Buckmaster
14th July	Carolyn & Peter Lowe
11th August	Iris Sayer
8th September	Glenis & John (day walk) Meet 09:00
13th October	Toby & Felicity
10th November	Gaynor
8th December	Ed Killick
Meet Blue Bell, Rothley	11:00, lunch & AGM afterwards.
12th January 2013	Lesley Baker

**ANY QUERIES** -Ring Glenis Meredith 01530 242897 and for Leaders Tel no. Well-behaved dogs only are welcome . To be under the close supervision of the owner, and to be on the lead where there is livestock or nesting birds. Please check with the leader that dogs are allowed across any access land. Disclaimer.

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## BROWNIES



When we were at the Fire Station, we went to a place where the firemen meet. We sat on some comfy brown chairs near a big television. A man called Roger spoke to us about what we would do if we caught on fire (stop, drop and roll).

The Brownies then got split up into two groups, the smallest and the largest. The smallest went and sprayed the water out of a hosepipe and the largest went and had a look at the fire engine. When the little ones had finished they went and had a look at the fire engine and some brownies dressed up in the firemen's uniform.

Then a man came and drove the little ones in the fire engine back to the place it should be.

**Brownie Anna Raynor age 8.**





*40th Leicester (Anstey & Newtown Linford) Scout Group Newsletter*

Beavers (6-8 years) Thursday 5.45-6.45  
Leader Tracey Thornton Tel 0116 235 0754  
Leader: Mandy Jordan Tel 0116 2219251  
Email: [mandy\\_jordan@cuk.canon.co.uk](mailto:mandy_jordan@cuk.canon.co.uk)



Cubs (8-10 1/2 years ) Tuesday 6.30-8pm  
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Baghera: Heather Savage Tel 0116 2202376  
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Scouts (10 1/2 –14years) Wednesday 7-8.30pm  
Assistant Leader Claire Brunskill Tele 07949 420615  
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Assistant Leader: Alison Folland Tel 07890 373171  
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Our Bonfire Night at John's Lee Wood was a great success. Not only was the night fairly dry, but it was well attended by both 40th Leicester and Mountsorrel Scout Group. With songs by the campfire, Guy Fawkes and games, fantastic fireworks and then followed by hot dogs and drinks.

Our programme over the next 6 months is already being planned and is full of lots of exciting activities and things to do. This includes a Group Scout Camp on 27-29th April with our first ever Beavers sleepover. We have lots of activities planned such as canoeing, climbing, boulder wall and archery. Our annual duck race will be in June/July.

We also need an additional Scout Leader due to Alison Folland who is moving on to run an Explorer Unit from January 2012. You do not need to have any previous experience, just be willing to have a laugh.

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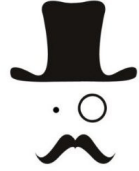
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## Newtown Linford Gentlemen's Luncheon Club

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The Luncheon Club has been meeting for over twenty years, initially at the Johnsccliffe, and more recently at The Village Restaurant. Some members have been with us for most of that time, but the majority have joined in more recent years as the demands of daily work slow down or come to an end.

We are a very lively bunch, as the staff at the restaurant will testify, although, of course, impeccably behaved, sharing conversation and repartee along with a convivial drink and meal.

When I first joined as a newcomer to the village, I was able to get to know a large number of residents in a short period of time and it played a major part in my becoming involved in the life of the village.

We will always welcome new members and if there are readers who might consider joining us, we would be delighted to hear from them. A telephone call to me at 242452 will help to provide more details so you can decide whether to give us a try. We look forward to hearing from you.

**David Couling**

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**Friday 3rd February**

**The Smurfs (U)**

**Friday 17th February**

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**Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Times may vary—please keep a check on the Church's website**

### **Harmony Show with a difference**

For an entertaining night out with a difference, why not try the Grand Central Chorus's 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Show on Sat 9 March, at 7 pm? The Grand Central Chorus is a harmony chorus which has won the UK Barbershop Chorus Championship four times, represented the UK in the world championships in the USA, and sung with great success at various music festivals in Europe.

The show will be compered by the amusing and witty comedian Len Matthews, who many of you have seen at summer concerts in our Village Hall. It also features 'Dale Divas', winners of the 'Don't Stop Believing' Channel 5 TV show, the 'Great British Barbershop Boys', which is a gold medal winning quartet under contract with Sony Records, and 'Yesteryear' a group which performs harmony songs in a variety of styles. The show's venue is the Derby Theatre, at Westgate in the centre of Derby – just a short journey up the motorway. Tickets are available at 19 £12 each from me by ringing 01530 243822.

**Peter Sayer**

## BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES— February 2012

DATE	GROBY	RATBY	NEWTOWN LINFORD
5th Feb	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)		
	9.30am All Age Worship (Team)	10.00am Worship 4 All (Team)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (LC)	6.00pm Holy Communion (PH)	
12th Feb		8.00am Holy Communion (PH)	8.00am Holy Communion (HH)
	9.30am Holy Communion (PH)	10.00am Morning Worship (LC)	10.30am Morning Prayer (HH)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (HH/LC)		
19th Feb	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)		
	9.30am Morning Worship (KW)	10.00am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am Holy Communion (LC)
	6.30pm 3SE (Team)		
22nd Feb Ash Wed	7.30pm Team service for Ash Wednesday, with Holy Communion		
26th Feb Lent 1			8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
	9.30am Holy Communion (LC/DC)	10.00am Holy Communion (KW/ HH)	10.30am Family Service (PH)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (PH/DC)		

### MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES

<b>GROBY</b>	Wed	9.30am	1st,	8th	15th	22nd
<b>NEWTOWN LINFORD</b>	Thur	10am	2nd			
<b>RATBY</b>	Thur	9.30am		9th		23rd

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Team website: [www.bradgateteam.org.uk](http://www.bradgateteam.org.uk)

## Regular Events

Bell ringer's practice: Monday 8pm



## Newtown Linford Sunday School

We normally meet on the first Sunday of every month, The next session will be on **Sunday 5th February** between 10.30 and 11.30 in the Sunday School Rooms. Suitable for children of all ages.

Contact Katherine/Carole on 244790

## Bell Ringing in Newtown Linford

If you ever wish to experience the joys of bell ringing, want to find out more, or just want to socialise, you are welcome to pop in at any practice at Newtown Linford Church; **Monday nights, 8-9pm**. All are welcome to enjoy the bell ringing and the church.

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

## **THE TEAM**

The majority of the current team began in March 2004, when an advert in the magazine requested a new team of bell ringers for the village. The church bells had been silent for nearly 10 years (with the exceptions of weddings and special occasions) so it was long overdue to bring the traditional sound back into the village!

Since then, we have held weekly practice sessions to teach the skill of ringing, and many people have come along to try it. Some only have a 10 minute session with one of the experienced ringers, some stay for a few months, and some stay for years!

## **Make 2012 the year you finally stop your weight problem – permanently**

The season of cheer has flown by in a blur of mince pies and chocolates and has left you feeling run down, fed up and overweight. But that's ok, because 2012 is going to be the year that you finally start eating healthily and working out to get the body you know you should have.

Or is it?

We're all guilty of it. Making New Year's resolutions on the 1<sup>st</sup> January but then using every excuse possible to delay it one more week. Then before you know it, it's December again and you're no closer to your goal. If anything, you're further away from it.

But imagine how you would feel if you did actually make this year different. Imagine buying a smaller clothes size or being on the beach without covering up. Imagine having the confidence – and the energy – to do all of those things that you've always wanted to.

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Katie Hollingsworth said, "Being a member of Results Weight Loss hasn't just changed my dress size. It has changed my appearance, health, confidence and in fact, my outlook on life. I am also stronger emotionally than before."

David Nicholls said, "I lost weight immediately with Results Weight Loss, and really noticed a difference in my size. The guys really know what they're talking about and I trust them so much. They push you hard, but never too far. I've never once walked out of the gym and felt unchallenged, and I love that."

Helen Robbins said, "Results Weight Loss for me is not just a normal gym where you go and do exercise because you need to. I actually enjoy it! And all of the coaches are really encouraging and motivate you to keep going, even when you have that negative day."

To help kick start your New Year's resolution in 2012 we are offering a 30 day trial for just £75 (usual price £399). To find out more, and to read more member case studies, visit [www.2012weightloss.co.uk](http://www.2012weightloss.co.uk).

## CHALLENGE YOURSELF FOR RAINBOWS

Take to the road. Take to the water. Or take to the hills! Whether you want go to great lengths or something more modest, Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People has a challenge for you.

You can help raise much-needed funds by taking part in a challenge in the UK or further afield. From a stroll to a marathon, a skydive to a mountain climb there is something to suit adventurers of all levels of fitness and bravery.

Intrepid fundraisers can visit the events page on the Rainbows website to find a suitable challenge [www.rainbows.co.uk/challenges](http://www.rainbows.co.uk/challenges). With almost 30 challenges listed there should be something for anyone who wants to get involved.

Walkers can do the Walk of Life on 27 May, as part of Children's Hospice Week.

Runners can take part in the Great North Run on 16 September.

Skydivers can leap out of a plane at a time to suit.

For those looking for something more extreme, there's the chance to climb Kilimanjaro next January.

Those with a taste for travel might also be interested in challenges in Brazil, Spain, Sweden and even the Sahara Desert.

Katie Baxter, community and events manager at Rainbows, said:

"Rainbows challenge events raised more than £200,000 for the charity last year.

Challenges can be undertaken by individuals or groups, so why not get your work colleagues or sports team mates involved too? The Cooper Parry Business Team Challenge to run the Derby 10K on 2 April is a great way to raise money and prove your fitness within the business community."

For further information on Rainbows Challenge events, please contact the Rainbows fundraising team on 0800 952 1133 or [fundraising@rainbows.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@rainbows.co.uk).

Rainbows first opened its doors in 1994 and in April 1995 HRH Prince of Wales officially opened the Hospice, which was founded by Gail and Harry Moore whose daughter, Laura, died of Leukaemia in 1989.

Since then hundreds of life-limited children, their families, siblings, relatives and friends from across the East Midlands have been cared for and supported by the hospice. They come to visit for specialist respite, palliative and end-of-life care.



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



Several emails have been bouncing back as not available. If you have not received NHW emails within the last few months and if you have changed your email, please let me know and include your new email address.

I am informed that the power cut in 2011 was due to thieves trying to take metal from the transformer in Burgin Street in Anstey although I cannot see why it put Newtown power out.

P.C. Ed Stephenson has been to a couple of Parish Council Meetings and will have had a Beat Surgery by the time you read this. Details of these are sent out in the NHW emails and placed on the Parish Council notice boards.

Recent crimes have been a garage door forced in Grey Crescent but nothing taken. Theft from a vehicle in the car park and someone found with possession of cannabis in the car park. Rear windows in a house in Groby Lane smashed but the alarm went off and nothing was taken.

The Parish Council is having discussions with P.C. Stephenson about the borrowing of the Community Speed Watch gun and in that case we will require volunteers willing to stand with the gun and write down car numbers etc. Letters will then be sent out. If you are willing and bold enough to face your fellow citizens who are in the wrong and do not like to admit it, then please let us know.

This is a press release issued on the 12<sup>th</sup> January  
*POLICE across the country ARE ISSUING A warning about a website calling itself neighbourhood watch.*

*The website, [nhwo.co.uk](http://nhwo.co.uk), was launched on 14 December and we would like to stress that it is not supported by the Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network (NHWN) which is the official national body representing ALL Neighbourhood Watch members in England & Wales.*

*The site pitches to Neighbourhood Watch members to register their scheme to obtain membership resources. It sells a 'co-ordinators pack' at £39.99 which includes two street signs, stickers and a high visibility vest with Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator on the back.*

As I am sure residents are aware our NHW scheme is part of the Parish Council and in turn part of the National Neighbourhood Watch



which is free to all members. Every house is automatically a member.

The eagle eyed amongst you will have noticed that all metal on the Sunday School has been treated with Smartwater and signs erected accordingly. The Church has been treated for several years now.

Whilst not Newtown, but not far away, we have a report of suspicious males in Rothley, around Grangefields Drive area. They were knocking doors offering a “free prize draw” but were thought to be very suspicious. Three white males, two 17-19 years, the other older. 5’7”-5’9” tall, nothing more given and no vehicle seen.

**H.T. Solutions of Nottingham** - This Company appears legitimate but they are causing concern to some residents in Loughborough by cold calling. They are claiming you have won a raffle and/or offering free carpet cleaning. They then ask for telephone numbers so they can contact you. Obviously they are trying to sell something which presumably is carpet cleaning equipment. So if you are not interested, do not give them your personal details.

**Pam McMorrان,**  
**NHW Co-ordinator**

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## **FROM THE RECORDS**

### **Newspaper Snippets from the Archives**

#### **“Old Charlie” A long time resident of Newtown Linford Long Gone**

Charlie died in February 1981 at the age of 46. He was a heavy work horse and belonged to Bradgate Woods, having been bought originally for drawing out timber.

He had been retired many years and lived in a field in Ulverscroft Land near the wood yard. He was well looked after by the owners although in Winter he tended to look sad and morbid! Once the Spring came, the weather brightened up and he had the sun on his back - he looked much happier especially when the cattle were in the next field.

A newspaper article from the Leicester Mercury which is in the village records suggested that when passing by, we should say hello to the old chap and offer him a piece of bread.

Who can remember Charlie? Please let me know

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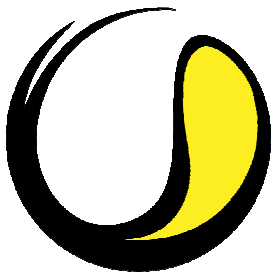
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# News from The Village School

The children have had lots of treats towards the end of term to support their learning, with panto-mimes, parties and activities.

The whole School went for a trip to Warwick Castle and discovered the delights – and some of the scary bits - about living in a medieval castle.

Back at school, the children are given lots of opportunities to be involved in clubs and extra learning. Some of the clubs running at the moment include cross country running, multi-sports, gardening, craft and street dance, and drama will be starting next term.



Junior children by the ballista at Warwick Castle

Parents were recently invited in for an assembly where the pupils showcased their amazing street dance skills. One parent commented: “The best bit is seeing just how much fun the children are having!”

Teachers encourage children with their individual talents too. One junior pupil has been running a DJ club for other children, teaching them skills and developing confidence. The school welcomes parents and other members of the community to come and share their skills with the children.



As well as having fun themselves, children from Newtown Linford School gave something back to the community in December when they sang carols at the Christmas lunch held for the older residents in the village. This is an annual event, which both the children and village residents enjoy.

# Newtown Linford

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012

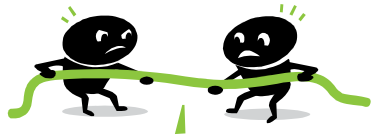


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## NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Police:** At the December meeting the Chairman welcomed P.C. Stephenson ('Ed'), who has taken the place of P.C. Rhodes. We know that he will give us all the support he can.

**Village Hall:** As lease holder the Parish Council is in the middle of negotiations with Everards Breweries, who have presented us with a revised level of rent, rather more than we had expected. No doubt a mutually acceptable figure will be arrived at.

**Churchyard:** A flowering Cherry Tree for the churchyard was very kindly donated. It was planted recently and is expected to flower this year. No doubt in time it will look as spectacular as the one it replaces.

**Highways:** County Council Highways Department tidied up around the notice board at the bottom of Markfield Lane. This is on the pavement level, not by the brook. The notice board was damaged whilst the work was being done, but by the time you read this, it will have been repaired. The Parish Councillors thought a show of primroses, cowslips and daffodils would be attractive in this



36 area. So, watch this space. Charnwood Cleansing Department did

a good job clearing leaves on the wide pavement leading from the corner of Groby Lane to the School. They promised to keep an eye on this particular stretch, as it is much used by parents and children. You may have seen three posts in the pavement opposite Marion's Cottage. They were placed there by Highways to keep pedestrians safe from cars coming down the hill. We have been told that the posts are not quite in the right place. This will be checked. If you want to comment, please let me know. You may have seen the removal of a number of trees in the small wood on Markfield Lane. Unfortunately, despite efforts from Charnwood Borough Council, this could not be stopped as the applicant's appeal was upheld. However, this does not mean that any kind of development will be automatically permitted.

**Planning:** The Parish Council was consulted on a number of planning applications. Mostly they were for extensions (large and small) and tree work. Brief details are always listed in the Minutes. More detailed information can be obtained from the Planning Authority at Loughborough. I should emphasise that the Parish Council is only consulted, the final decision rests with the Charnwood Borough Council Planning i.e. the Planning Authority.

**Determination of Precept for 2012/2013:** Thanks to prudent 'housekeeping' the Parish Council has been able to keep the precept at £38,000 for the seventh year. It is possible, of course, that Council Tax will change because of requirements by the County Council and Charnwood Borough Council, in other words because of increases over which we have no control.

**Next Parish Council meeting:** Monday 20th February 2012 at 7 pm in the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

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