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The Bradgate Team Parish

*T*his morning I sat in a Diocesan Meeting which began with a reading from the Bible and time to talk about it. It was Matthew 21. 33-46, where Jesus uses a parable about a vineyard owner to illustrate how people reject God. The owner sends his representatives to the tenants on his vineyard when it is harvest time, but rather than give the owner his cut of the profits, the tenants beat, stoned and killed the reps. Even when the owner sent his son, the tenants killed him. You may want to look it up for a more complete version!

When we came to discuss what we particularly noticed in the reading, the man sitting next to me quietly said, 'Sometimes you are persecuted for going in God's name'. I don't know the name of this man sitting next to me, so I'm going to call him Jameel. Jameel is a member of the new C of E Church, All Saints, in Belgrave: a multi-lingual, multi-cultural congregation drawn principally from the local Indian and Pakistani communities. He went on, 'We have people worshipping with us who are Sikh converts and some are Muslim converts. Their families hurt them because they are Christian. And many of us have relatives in Pakistan where the houses of Christians are burned and Churches have been bombed. Like the men the vineyard owner sent, going in God's name brings our friends persecution'. Those of us who heard Jameel had no heart to make our own comments on what the parable was about. Instead we asked him to tell us more about the cost that his people bear as a consequence of their Christian faith.

Hearing people's stories is powerful; it is inspiring and challenging. Personal stories linger in our thinking and our emotions and hopefully sometimes provoke us to action, that is to charity.

Some of you were brought up on the King James version of the Bible, and you will be aware that where modern versions of the New Testament use the word 'love', the King James version used 'charity'. I suppose the most well known is in 1Corinthians 13 :

¹³ And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity (KJV)

Which in a modern translation is:

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (NIV)

I'm glad of the two translations, because it reminds me that I am called to a love which takes action: a charity in its best, old fashioned sense.

Sometimes, when we feel overwhelmed by the story of another, 'charity' can be a more helpful word to describe our response than 'love'.

So my charity today, having heard Jameel, might be to pray; or to look up the Barnabus Fund or some other organisation working to support persecuted Christians; or to send a card; or to send a donation. The love, or charity, that we are called to offer is practical, tangible and real. And as Paul said in 1 Corinthians 13, it's the greatest.

Revd. Louise Corke



The inauguration of the new Anglican Church All Saints, on 11th June 2012

Village Hall Public Access Defibrillator and the Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS)

You should receive a A5 leaflet with this copy of your Magazine if you are a Newtown Linford Resident.

Please keep it or note the number down for future reference. Hopefully you will never need it.

If you do not receive your A5 leaflet re the VETS defibrillator please let Claire Costello know.

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VILLAGE DIARY

February 2014

- 8th Ramblers
17th Newtown Linford Parish Council
23rd Brownies Thinking Day
25th Gardening Club
26th Bradgate Lecture



March 2014

- 8th Brownies Rummage Sale
23rd Beaumanor History Fair

June 2014

- 12th - 14th Newtown Linford Choral Society

Regular events

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| 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 |
| 3rd Thursday | Gentlemen's Lunch Club |

Calling all Ex-Brownies

Please come and join the present Brownies Unit and celebrate 100 years of Brownies in the Girl Guiding movement.



We will be starting our celebrations on
“Thinking Day” 23rd February

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Good News

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The good news is that Sacha was found and had been taken in by neighbours who were happy to reunite Carol and Sacha

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Village Ramblers

The Xmas walk and lunch was enjoyed by eighteen members. Thank-you to Ed. for leading us over the Chitterman Hills and for organising lunch of tasty Pizzas and sandwiches at the Bradgate Pub. We were pleased to see three "retired " members join us for lunch.

11th January 2014	Lesley Baker 01509 890771.
8th February	Claire Costello 01530 249613
8th March	Felicity Manning 01530 245298
12th April	Jan Croft 01530 244865
10th May	Penny Neaves 0116 2362660

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Disclaimer. Members are reminded that participation in walks is at their own risk, and that the leader(s) accepts no liability for any loss or injury, however caused.



8 13 members enjoyed the sunshine on the January walk around the park. Thanks to Lesley who led the walk and afterwards entertained us with hot muffins, cakes and tea.



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News from the Park

Looking Forward to a Busy Year

After a busy and successful 2013 we are busy planning for the coming season. Last year finished on a high note with the Christmas Fair over the weekend of 7th & 8th December. We are most grateful to everyone in the Village who turned out to support the event and to the local businesses who took stalls for the weekend. We had an arrangement with Santa that we would donate half the proceeds from his grotto to Action for Children and were really pleased to raise over £200 for this very deserving Charity.

The Walks & Events programme for 2014 will be published before Easter but there are one or two events coming up before then.

On Wednesday 26th February, the first 'Bradgate Lecture' will be held in the Village Hall when Dr Phil Wilby of the British Geological Survey will give a talk on 'The Geology of Bradgate Park'. Admission will cost £2 for adults and £1 for children, students and OAPs.

I am always on the lookout for new ways in which the Trust can fulfil its charitable purpose of advancing the education of the public in the care and appreciation of the environment. Some readers may have come across the film 'Project Wild Thing' and the associated movement that it seeks to build. The film addresses the increasing disconnection of children from the natural world and, although very entertaining, carries a hard-hitting message. Having initially intended to organise a community screening of the film in association with Leicester Friends of the Earth, I was delighted when the Phoenix Arts Centre agreed to include it in their programme on the 19th and 20th February. The screening on the 19th will be followed by a panel discussion of the issues raised. Further details and timings can be found on the Phoenix website:

www.phoenix.org.uk

Dog behaviourist and trainer Steven Havers will be leading walks on the Park on the last Sundays in January, February and March. Details on his website: <http://www.haversdogbehaviour.co.uk/>

Having completed all our paperwork for the Environmental Health Officer, we began retail sales of venison in November. The venison boxes have proved extremely popular and Bradgate venison also now appears on the menu of a number of local establishments including The Grey Lady and our own Conservatory Tearoom. Details of venison boxes are available in the Tearooms and on our website. If you are concerned about where your food comes from, it does not get more

Anyone visiting Swithland Wood recently will have seen our Rangers carrying out coppicing work in an area near the north car park.

Much of the wood was historically managed in this way to give a constant supply of small diameter timber for a range of purposes. As well as the wildlife benefits that coppicing brings by providing a wide variety of habitats, we are pleased to be able to recreate the practical and economic benefits of managing the wood in this way. For example, in the current coppice area we are producing Ash rails that will be used for

fencing and Hazel stakes and binders that are used in laying hedges, either on the Bradgate estate or elsewhere. Other small lengths of Ash and Silver Birch will go into the kiln and be sold as barbecue charcoal. The Bradgate Park Trust has joined the newly formed National Coppice Federation, which aims to raise awareness of the benefits of coppicing and to stimulate demand for its sustainably produced products.

Also on the theme of woodland management, over the next few months the first comprehensive survey of the Park's veteran trees will be carried out. The information gathered will enable us to better care for these incredible specimens, some of which are 800 years old and are real pieces of living history.

We are also investigating the Park's archaeology. We know that there is evidence of human occupation here going back to the end of the last Ice Age but to date only a very incomplete picture of the intervening 12,000 years has been assembled. Volunteers from the Charnwood Roots project have been carrying out field walking in the arable fields around the edge of the Park and specialists from the University of Leicester Archaeological Service are evaluating the archaeological resource that exists on the Park itself. I expect to have more to report in future columns. From the distant past to the present day: the Bradgate Park Trust is now ¹² on Twitter. Those of you interested in such things can follow us by searching for @BradgatePark

“The Bradgate Lectures”



The Bradgate Park Trust presents ‘The Geology of Bradgate Park’

A talk by Dr Phil Wilby of the British Geological Survey

Wednesday 26th February 2014

At

Newtown Linford Village Hall

Start time 7pm

**Admission £2 Adults;
£1 Children/Students/OAPs**

Everyone welcome!

Peter Tyldesley

A TASTE OF... PLUM AND SPILT MILK

The Great Northern Hotel, first opened in 1854, has now been magnificently restored. This very fine, luxury, boutique hotel, in London, evokes all the glamour and sophistication of the iconic building's history. The Great Northern Hotel stands proudly between St Pancras and King's Cross train stations, with direct access to/from the concourse of King's Cross station and houses the superb restaurant, 'Plum + Spilt Milk' (referring to the nickname of the original LNWR Dining Car, No 5159 – the oldest dining car in the world – the colours of which suggested thoughts of plum and spilt milk.



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Highly-acclaimed chef, Mark Sargeant, has created menus for Plum + Spilt Milk, using wonderful ingredients. One of their signature drinks is '1854' (aptly-named because of the year of the hotel's opening). This is very popular, as are numerous others, including, 'Oriental Express', 'King's Garden' and their 'Classic Champagne Cocktail'. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, enjoy the ambience, hand-made furniture and floor-to-ceiling windows, along with superb service. All dietary requirements can be catered for, plus celebrations, events and conferences, accommodated. The venue can be booked online, too. Top Tip: Advanced booking is always advisable, to avoid disappointment. An exceptional experience.

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The Gentlemen's Luncheon Club has been meeting for well over twenty years, initially at the Johnsclyffe, and more recently in the village centre. 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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Newtown Linford Gardening Club

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Our full programme for the year is as follows:-

28th Jan	Gardener's Quiz	Mick Eaton (Leic. City Parks)
25th Feb	Delightful Daisies	Dr Andrew Ward
25th Mar	Healthy Eating with Fruit and Veg	David Thornton (Nat. Veg. Society)
22nd April	Geraniums	Mike Darch
26th April	Plant Fair	
27th May	Visit to Glebe Garden Centre	
24th June	Cyclamen in Cultivation and Wild	Vic Aspland
22nd July	Summer Garden Party	
19th Aug	Visit to RHS Harlow Carr	
23rd Sept	So Very Versatile Perennials	Ian Cooke (RHS Judge)
4th Nov	An Open Evening with Adam Frost	(Chelsea Gold Medal Garden Designer)
2nd 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.



Anne and David Couling

**Spring is just around the corner.
Look for the first shoots this month**

