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Imagine how we'd feel if Germany entered four regional teams into the FIFA World Cup in 2018, or if New Zealand had both South Island and North Island teams representing them in the Rugby World Cup in 2019. Would that be fair?

So how fair is it really that the United Kingdom gets three or four teams in major sporting competitions? England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have all had qualifying games for next year's World Cup in June. England and Scotland even played each other (a close draw, you'll recall)! I can imagine for many countries that doesn't seem entirely fair.

It's an accident of history in some ways: we invented, or played a major role in popularising so many of these sports that we managed to set the rules right from the beginning to allow us extra representation. In fact, for many years the UK refused to enter a joint football team at the Olympics – the individual countries were afraid that if they did it once, pressure would be put on them to join together in all competitions.

Except, every so often, they do come together: it's going on now in rugby in New Zealand, with the British and Irish Lions, the team which only exists every four years with representatives from all four home nations – including Ireland, a team which already includes players from both Britain and the Republic of Ireland as a matter of course. Players who usually engage in fierce rivalry, brought together in something which overcomes the usual barriers and borders. People who, last time they saw each other, were slugging it out to beat each other, now sharing resources, ideas and support. There's something special about the Lions, something special about that cooperation, which forges deep friendships, deep respect, and sometimes astonishing results.

From the earliest days, the followers of Jesus Christ also realised that their community, the Church, newly born by the power of Jesus' Spirit, broke down the old national boundaries in a way which led to something special. Still now, in churches everywhere, we continue to learn that we're better together – that in learning from our different strengths and perspectives, and with everyone contributing their gifts and talents, we can build a community where everyone belongs, everyone is important, where deep friendship and astonishing support flourish.

VILLAGE DIARY

July

- 3rd - 9th Cricket Club Village Tournament
11th Boules
17th Parish Council Meeting
18th Ramblers
22nd Parish Council
25th Gardening Club Summer Party

August

- 6th Leicester Lions Summer Fair, Rothley
8th Boules
12th Ramblers
21st Parish Council Meeting
22nd Gardening Club Trip to Grantham

Save the Date

- 23rd - 24th September Scarecrow Festival
10th November End of Season Dance Tennis Club

Regular events

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

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Coffee & Cake @ Newtown Linford Village Hall

Thursday Morning 11.15am - Free

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Coffee and Cake Duty Rota

July

6th - Amanda Scunthorpe & Vicky Lightfoot	242445/07779123952
13th - Jo & Claire Costello	249613
20th - Janet & David Brunton	242662
27th - Betty McChrystal, Sue Howard & Gillian Bates	244363/245373/224491

August

3rd - Sue Pritchard & Teresa Calvert	243119/482802
10th - Felicity Manning & Glennis Saunders	245298/249384
17th - Carolyn Turner & Charlotte Jackson	249173
24th - Casey Pearson & Jenny Cole	249259
31st - Ann Scrine, Steve & Dave Pratt	242301/589031

September

7th Sue Clarke, Margaret Bloor	242000/245078
14th Iris & Peter Sayer	243822
21st Zoe Renolds & Sue Birkett	0780 3292704/244317
28th Bev Griffiths & Sue Dobby	01509 890264/245366

Coffee & Cake 1st June

Held at 32 Main Street - Carol Ann's House due to a double booking at the Hall.

The weather was fantastic thank goodness as 45 people came. Thank you to Ruth Goddard and her niece Ellie for baking and adapting from the hall at such short notice. It is always lovely to have the youngsters helping

Coffee and Cake 8th June

Thank you to all the children in the Linford Class for coming to sing and a special mention to all the parents who not only came but also baked some lovely cakes. Thank you to Rhian Guppy, Clare Attridge and Natasha Hindocha for helping Judy Rowe with the organisation



Coffee & Cake 15th June - Men's Bake off Competition

7 cakes all cooked by the men arrived to be judged by the ladies. Lots of fun with all the cakes getting some votes. There was a 3 way tie for first prize

Jason Crockett
Phillip Baker - who had the original idea
Chris Scrine

It was the first cake many of the men had baked, some baking as the first burnt! Well done and thank you to all who made the effort they were all delicious!

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From the Park



Wild Bradgate

I am writing this watching the house martins swooping back and forth to their nest under the eaves of The Lodge. There is a blackbird singing in the fir tree and its song is punctuated by the calls of a cuckoo somewhere on the Park. As afternoon gives way to evening, the peacocks will shortly begin their sunset cacophony from the Ruins. When you stop and listen the peace and quiet of Bradgate is actually a constant riot of noise.

With the exception of the peacocks, this has been the soundtrack to people's lives here for thousands of years and it would have been even louder before the recent decline in farmland bird numbers and the introduction of the distant rumble of the A46.

As I write, we are in the middle of our Wildlife Weekend, which celebrates the incredible diversity of life to be found within these walls and the work of the various County organisations which do such great work in recording it and of our staff and volunteers in conserving wildlife and enhancing habitats.

July sees the start of bracken management season or, to put it more positively, our work to restore the Park's grasslands with their unique assemblage of flora. Unmanaged bracken used to account for around 80% of the Park's area and there is an argument that this is the natural outcome of grazing an area like this with deer for many years and so we should leave it be. The contrary view is that people have been managing this landscape since our Neolithic predecessors began clearing the forest for agriculture and so bracken infestation is the result of the extermination of predators and the keeping of deer in parks at higher densities than would be found in the wild. The undesirable end result is therefore a natural consequence of this human management and it is appropriate for there to be more human intervention to tackle it.

Leaving aside the philosophical arguments, we have undoubtedly made great strides in the past few years in terms of returning a more diverse flora to the Park by reducing the dominance of bracken. In May, there are swathes of Bluebells and in June and July large areas of grass are turned red by the presence of Sheep Sorrel. In between, we are seeing huge numbers of yellow Tormentil and creamy-coloured Heath Bedstraw as well as a growing number of less common plants such as Heath Spotted Orchid. Because we have not allowed deer numbers to increase in

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intensity of grazing across the Park has decreased, allowing more of these plants to flower and set seed. We have also seen the return of small amounts of Heather, which has been fenced off in two areas to protect the plants from the deer while they get established.

One of the ways in which we are attempting to manage, by letting nature takes its course, is in the restoration of the natural hydrology of the Hallgates valley. Part of Bradgate Park's citation as a Site of Special

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Scientific Interest is the fact the Park contains one of the last fragments of wet heathland in Leicestershire. This has been in decline since the 19th century when the area was drained, thus removing the habitat for some very rare plants. In 2010, the Trust experimented with blocking two of the ditches that form the drainage system. This work has now been evaluated and has been shown to have been successful in locally reversing the previous decline so later this year we will be blocking some more drains and extending the wet area, hopefully with similar results.

Summer is an excellent time to explore the Park away from the carriageway and see how many of these different species you can spot.



Heath Bedstraw

Newtown Linford Gardening Club

Brian Fearn, our speaker in May has been nurturing Echinopses for seventy years since he was given some at the age of 10. Now aged eighty, he has produced a large number of new varieties and become one of the world's authorities on these plants. The pictures of the flowers which these cacti produce were really stunning and they made us realise that cacti are not just a mass of green prickly spines.

Our summer events follow the traditional lines. We hold our Garden Party in July, enjoying a two course buffet meal washed down with large quantities of Pimms and other summer drinks. Our August trip (22nd) is to a very interesting garden near Grantham called the Easton Walled Garden. Perhaps not as well-known as other gardens but it is a hidden gem well worth visiting.

We are holding our annual celebrity evening on Tuesday October 24th, when our guest speaker will be the prestigious gardening journalist Helen Yemm. Readers of the Daily Telegraph will be well aware of her work as she has written a regular column in that newspaper for many years. She has lectured on horticulture and written several books on the subject. We will be inviting visitors to join us on this special evening and tickets (£10 each) will be available from the Secretary. The title of her talk is 'Moving Heaven and Earth – a survivor's tale'.



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 (32couling@gmail.com)), 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



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Village Ramblers

The June walk was longer than normal so we met at 11.00am. We parked near Calke and walked through Dimminsdale into the back of Calke Abbey. On the way we were treated to the sight of a Tree Creeper and a Bullfinch. We stopped in the Calke Abbey café to have a cuppa as it was the hottest day of the year so far. The route out took us along a bit of The National Forest Way before we turned right to Staunton Harold reservoir. We were amazed to find that it had a sandy beach which several families were enjoying – why go to Skegness? There is a small café in the visitor centre so we all enjoyed an ice cream. From here we made our way to Melbourne Hall along the road and some back streets. The Deli in the courtyard of the Hall sells some very good sandwiches and we sat beside the pool to eat our purchases. However, one of the Canada Geese thought we should share our food and it took a lot to discourage him. The final part of the walk back to the car park is along a permissive path called The Staunton Harold Ridgeway which features some decorative stiles with poetry carved into them. Unfortunately as we passed a field of cattle we noticed that one of them had a black plastic bag jammed in its mouth. On the way back we managed to tell the farmer. Hopefully it will survive. A good walk and a good day out.

The walk in July (18th) will be led by Penny Neaves. Meet as usual opposite the Village Hall at 2.00pm. The walk on 12th August with Peter and Iris Sayer . **John Castle**



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Village Directory

Please note that there was an error in the middle pages of the Village Directory included in your Magazine last month Janet Green is no longer Members Secretary for the Newtown Linford Luncheon Club - which is it's correct name.

The Members Secretary is June Langford 0116 230 4420.

Also the contact for the Bell Ringers is Iris Sayer on 243822 not Peter Thrower

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Newtown Linford Cricket Club

The Newtown Linford Cricket Club will be celebrating the Club's centenary in 2019. - watch this space for more information!

Village Cricket Tournament for residents of Newtown Linford

**Starting 3rd
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FINAL Sunday 9th July

The first event to help us achieve this is a village cricket tournament just for residents of the village. We are putting together four teams to compete in two 6-aside ten over semi-finals on July 3rd and 5th, with the winners competing in a final on Sunday 9th. With the help of our good friend Scott Raynor we nearly have our teams sorted -

The Grey Crescent Grizzlies,

The Bradgate Braves,

The Main Street Maniacs

The Newtown Knights (for Groby Lane and Markfield Lane).

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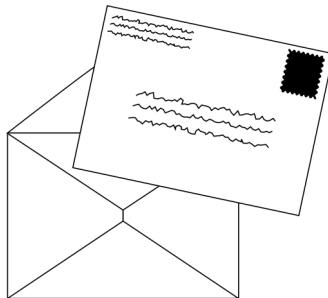
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We are hoping a notice in the magazine will help us track them down?

Do you know Ed or Helen or members of their family - please get in touch and email Ruth on rbrutnall@gmail.com

NEWTOWN LINFORD SERVICES

July 2017

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
2nd July	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
	10.15am Worship as One (RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Evensong (GS)	
9th July		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.15am Holy Communion (RT/BH)	10.30am Morning Prayer (JW)
	6.30pm Compline (RT)	
16th July	8.30am Holy Communion (PH)	
	10.15am Service of the World (BH/GS)	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)
	4.00pm Messy Church (team)	
23rd July		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.15am Holy Communion (CH)	10.30am All Age Service (RT)
	6.30pm Healing Service (RT/FT/MT)	
30th July	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
	10.15am Service of the World (RT)	10.30am Morning Prayer (GS)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (BH)	

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—July 2017

NEWTOWN LINFORD Thur 10.00am 6th

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—August 2017

NEWTOWN LINFORD Thur 10.00am 3rd

August 2017

NEWTOWN LINFORD

6th August

10.30am

Holy Communion (JW)

13th August

8.00am

Holy Communion (RT)

10.30am

Morning Prayer (JW)

20th August

10.30am

Holy Communion (RT)

27th August

8.00am

Holy Communion (RT)

10.30am

All Age Service (RT)



CHURCH REGISTER **NEWTOWN LINFORD**

Weddings

None



Baptisms

11th June ~ Harry Jonathan Jorgensen

18th June ~ Lilliann Jayne Middleton

23rd July ~ Francis Jackson-Barradale

We welcome them in to the Church family

Funerals

26th June ~ John Patrick, formerly of Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends, and pray that they may find peace through faith in Jesus



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We were blessed with some fabulous weather as we set off from the car park. All the girls were very excited to be out in the fresh air heading up to Old John. We all managed to reach the top tackling some difficult steps along the way where everyone sat and enjoyed their delicious picnic.

Brown Owl presented the girls with bubble tubes, much fun was had by all the girls watching the giant bubbles drift along the park.



LEICESTER LIONS SUMMER FAIR

6th August 2017

Leicester Lions will hold their annual Summer Fair at 34 The Ridgeway, Rothley LE7 7LE on Sunday August 6th from 11am to 3pm. As always this enjoyable event will feature music by the Hiss and Boo band (until 1.30pm) as well as a barbecue, refreshments including teas, coffees, cakes etc, children's games, raffle, tombola, bric-a-brac, craft stalls, book sale, plants and produce stall, and a chance to catch up with your old friends.

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Members' visit to Herbert's Meadow and Poultney Farm Wednesday June 7, 2017

The first week of June is the best time of the year to find our native orchids in the Ulverscroft Valley. On a fine sunny morning 30 members of the Friends of Charnwood Forest set off from Poultney Farm on Priory Lane led by Kim Turner. To help us identify the local flora we were accompanied by Uta Hamzaoui, a conservation officer, and botany expert from the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust.

The first part of our walk was around Ulverscroft Pool, the source of the River Lin. The Pool was created by the Earl of Stamford as a fishing lake some 200 years ago by damming up the natural springs. The River Lin flows through Newtown Linford, Bradgate Park and into Cropston Reservoir. It is the shortest river in Leicestershire and home to brown trout and even lamprey.

Amongst the ancient wetlands surrounding the water are many rare species quite unique in the county including Pale Sedge and Flea Sedge. We strolled towards the SSSI sites which surround and include Herbert's Meadow owned by LRWT. These natural grasslands contain a rich biodiversity of wildflowers, including three species of orchid. We first saw the reddish pink Fragrant orchid and then the paler common spotted orchid followed by the Heath spotted orchid. It is interesting to think that these fields are exactly as they would have been seen in Medieval times. Other good indicators of old grasslands are Great Burnet, Greater Bird's-foot-trefoil and Devil's-bit Scabious. This area of Charnwood Forest, with areas of acid soil, is home to Matt-grass which again is unique in Leicestershire.

Our morning walk concluded with some light refreshments kindly provided by our host Kim Turner.

If you are interested in any of the plants mentioned above, or wish to identify any wild flowers you find in Leicestershire and Rutland go to www.naturespot.org.uk/ Further information Peter Bertram 01162 100 572



fragrant orchid

Newtown Linford Boules

BEGINNERS LUCK !!

We were all delighted to welcome two new members, Simon James and Andy Barlow, to the monthly boules match on Tuesday 13th June. It was a perfect evening and our 15 strong group were able to play until 9.00pm.

The evening always concludes with an individual play-off for the Chell Challenge Cup. This month one of our newest members Andy Barlow, beat Barry Cook in the final end. Congratulations to Andy, as far as I know this the first time that a new member has won the Cup at the first attempt. At the start of the evening he didn't know the rules. Beginners luck? We will have to wait and see.

There are certain responsibilities in winning the Cup particularly for us older players.

Remembering that you won the Cup last month.

Remembering to bring it with you for the next month's match.

Remembering where you put it for safe keeping.

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Boule facts.

Petanque is the original game of boules. In the local south western French dialect of Occitan it means "feet fixed, or feet together". In France it is

common to see a plastic ring in which a player must stand for his underarm throw. When we play we are more relaxed and just scrape a semi circle in the ground with the toe of our trainers.



Our next

boules evening is on Tuesday 11th July, meet at the Village Hall at 6.20pm. In my absence the evening will be organised by Mike Newcombe 01530 242178. New members are always made very welcome at this enjoyable evening.



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There have been two burglaries reported in May. At one address in the Markfield Lane area, entry was gained but fortunately no property was taken. The other was in the Bradgate Road area and property was taken.

There have been two thefts from motor vehicles. In one case a van was entered and tools stolen. The other report was of the theft of a number plate from a car on the owner's driveway.

On Main Street, there was a report of damage after hedging was cut down next to the footpath. This followed an altercation between two residents.

Finally, if like me, you have had to change from your freeserve email, please let me have your new email if you wish to remain on the NHW mailing list. Alternatively, if you are on Facebook you can click to join the Neighbourhood Watch closed group. The latter has 75 members and is working well. Please remember to only comment on a particular topic. If you wish to start a new topic, please email me with it.

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Bob Bown Playing Fields: - Unfortunately the new football nets that we had ordered need to be a larger size (ours are non-standard) so the new nets could not be fitted. We are still working on this. In addition to the annual inspection carried out by an independent company the playing fields will now have an operational check by the same company quarterly thus the site will be inspected every three months. Our own Councillors will continue with a full inspection monthly and quick inspection weekly. If you see anything untoward please contact the clerk immediately.

Insurance: - This has been renewed on a contract for the next three years.

Cemetery: - The new driveway is nearly finished. The County Council has still not painted the SLOW sign on the road but we continue to chase them.

Planning:- There is a continuous stream of applications and the Councillors continue to deal with them as diligently as possible. If you have any concerns about an application near to you, please contact the Clerk who will pass your concerns to the Councillors.

Planters on lamp posts: - For the last few years we have had two planters on five posts in the centre of the Village. County Hall needed to ultrasound test them to make sure they are safe to take the weight. They informed us that two could not have planters as they are concrete (*we are working on this as we have no concrete ones*) and one of the other three has failed the test. We may be short on planters this year and it may be next year we need to look at other posts spread through the village.

Troughs: - These are looking good having been planted out by our Chair Sue Pritchard. Residents are watering these but our Chairman is carrying water in her car so she can do regular topups in dry spells.

Anstey: - The Grampian Order is now being implemented. i.e. the roundabout at the Nook is being rearranged. Hopefully when completed it will make life easier when travelling through Anstey.

County Councillor: - David Snartt has now retired as County Councillor but remains our Borough Councillor. Deborah Taylor has been elected our County Councillor and we hope that she will be able to assist our Parish Council in matters with the County Council as well as David Snartt did. We wish David well in his partial retirement.

Highways:- We have been told that County Hall is currently working on the proposals for changes to parking in the village, to be funded by the Bradgate Park Trust. If so, this should soon be coming out for consultation. A number of residents from Grey Crescent have independently had a meeting with Stuart Bullen, a Senior Engineer with the County Council and have let us have their observations. Sadly the problems keep escalating and we will be continuing to pursue this matter.

Councillors:- The Councillors have been issued with a copy of the 2017 Good Councillor's Guide.

The next two Council meetings are the 17th July and 21st August. Both commencing at 7.15. We meet in the Small Hall at the Village Hall

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