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The Bradgate Team Parish



Dear Dad....

As I write, we have just had Father's Day. Unfortunately, my children are scattered around the world at the moment, which means I don't get to see them much. But I did receive some typically "robust" cards, so it was ok. But this reminds me of a conversation I recently had with someone I met who was very interested in faiths of all sorts and could speak knowledgeably on many of them. But she admitted she had a hang up about prayer. She thought it wrong to ask God for anything.

The self-reliance that our society demands of each of us is very constraining, sometimes - "God helps those who helps themselves", and so on. But that is not very Biblical.

Paul, in Romans chapter 8 reminds us:

..... the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

Our relationship with God is just that, a relationship, just like that of Father and son or Father and daughter. We read that Jesus, himself, was in the habit of using the term "Abba," a term not unlike our "Dad" - when he prayed. The point about that is that, like any good father, God delights in spending time with his children (that's us), talking to us, hearing all about what we have been doing and listening to our questions and needs. Which is what we said to our friend.

So, the heart of the gospel is that we can call God "Abba". Now that doesn't mean we are meant to be perpetual children, any more than our *own* children are. Through rubbing shoulders with Jesus, we grow toward a more mature relationship with God.

Peter Scazzero suggests that this necessary movement from childhood to maturity works rather like this:

- For those fortunate enough to be taught as children, our first prayers are simple ones, for example , *"Bless me, Father, for these thy gifts , which we are about to receive through Christ our Lord, amen."* For those like me who become Christians later

in life, that's still where we tend to start.

- We progress through talking *to* God, becoming more used to finding our own words than using the ready-made prayers of our childhoods.
- We learn to *listen* to God and we begin to develop and enjoy a two-way conversation with him.
- And, finally, we simply enjoy being in the *presence* of God. This is far more important than any particular activity we might do with him. His presence makes all of life fulfilling.

If you would like to, try praying this prayer:

*Father, I believe that living a life in your company makes all the difference. I am just not sure how to get there. Help me to get to know you and grow toward a mature relationship with you, so that I may just enjoy spending time with you.
In Jesus' name, amen.*



Keith Wignall



VILLAGE DIARY



July 2014

- 6th & 13th Garden open National Garden Scheme
12th Cathedral Walkers
15th Flower Club Coach trip to North Luffenham
21st Parish Council Meeting

August

- 6th Bradgate Flower Club
9th Ramblers
18th Parish Council Meeting

September

- 27th/28th Scarecrow Weekend

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 (not in July) |
| 3rd Wednesday of the month | Ladies Luncheon Club |
| 3rd Thursday | Gentlemen's Lunch Club |

Service of Confirmation with Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd June saw a special service held at the Church when Leah, Megan, Beth, Anna and Abbie were confirmed. The service was held by Bishop Christopher and the Team Rector Revd Dr Peter Hooper. Afterwards the congregation enjoyed coffee, biscuits and cake.



Newtown Linford Gardening Club

Hasn't it been a wonderful year for rhododendrons? There have been splendid riots of colour in different parts of the village and passers-by have been able to enjoy them as much as the owners of the gardens. The picture shows just one of the many rhododendrons which have enhanced our gardens this year. Now, as I write, roses are beginning to appear and they will give us pleasure for several weeks to come. It is at times like this that the joys of gardening become very apparent.



We all hope the good weather continues over the summer. Mike and Liz Newcombe's garden on Ulverscroft Lane takes centre stage during July, firstly with two open garden days (see details elsewhere in the Magazine) and then as the venue for our annual Summer Garden Party at the end of the month. This is a highly popular event, attracting greater numbers every year.

Another event in the offing is the trip to RHS Harlow Carr near Harrogate in August. This is a lovely garden and well worth a day's visit.

Tickets are going steadily for the visit of award-winning gardener Adam Frost on 4th November. His profile is increasing sharply. He appeared regularly on the TV coverage of the Chelsea Flower Show and has had several TV appearances on other programmes since then. It is not common for celebrities to come to Newtown Linford, so we look forward to the occasion. Ticket for the evening (£10) can be obtained from the Club Secretary

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 6 copy of our programme for the coming year and we will be pleased to send one to you.

Anne and David Couling

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Nothing Stands Still



Perhaps it is a consequence of getting older but the seasons seem to pass at an ever-quickening rate and we are suddenly half-way through the year. On the Park, the bracken has suddenly shot up to reclaim its dominant position in the landscape while in the patches where the ubiquitous fern is thinner the tiny flowers of Tormentil and Heath Bedstraw are blooming. This spring we had a wonderful show of Bluebells on the Park, confusing students of botany who know that *Hyacinthoides non-scripta* is a woodland plant, indeed a species that is regarded as being an indicator that a site is ancient woodland.

The reason for this apparent anomaly is that these harbingers of summer are a relic of a time when the Park's landscape was more wooded than it is today and they have survived under the canopy of the bracken, flowering and setting seed before the dense shade cast by the latter once again blocks out the sunlight.

These complex ecological relationships are one reason why we seek to control the dominance of the bracken rather than strive for its eradication. The key to why we need to control it lies in the way in which the partial domestication of this corner of Charnwood Forest has interrupted the natural processes of succession.

Left to its own devices, an area such as Bradgate would eventually become colonised by thorny scrub, which would offer sufficient protection from wild grazing animals to allow woodland to establish, first the 'pioneer' species such as Silver Birch and eventually the forest trees proper such as Oak and Small-leaved Lime. It is unlikely that the area would become continuous woodland, rather a landscape of small groups of trees interspersed with clearings and open spaces. Bracken is a plant that requires sunlight to thrive and would have tended to flourish in the open glades and die back under the denser canopy. Research shows that bracken growth in Britain has accelerated in recent years as a result of atmospheric pollution by nitrous oxides being precipitated in the form of rain that is effectively a dilute nitrogenous fertiliser. It is therefore likely that bracken growth would have been less vigorous than it is today. Attempts by palaeologists to reconstruct the landscapes in which early human settlers – such as those we now know visited Bradgate at the end of the last Ice Age – would have lived show that an area the size of the Park would have supported perhaps a dozen Red Deer together with Reindeer and wild horses. There may have also been a few of the heavy-weight herbivores such as Aurochs and Bison. These grazing animals

⁹ would have been kept on the move by an array of native predators

such as lynx, wolves and bears with the result that the grazing pressure would have been much less than it is today with a herd of 400 or so deer that have no natural predators and are retained within the Park by the boundary wall.

The result of all these departures from the natural order of things is that, while its 800-year history as a deer park has been responsible in large part for the great diversity of plant and animal life that now exists on the Park, two consequences are the absence of naturally regenerating tree species and the resultant dominance of bracken. We address the first by planting cohorts of replacement trees within protective frames to keep the deer off and the latter by various forms of bracken control including rolling, which has been the method of choice since burning ceased, and – a method that we will be using in the future in areas of high wildlife or archaeological interest where rolling could be damaging – targeted herbicide application using a “weed-wiper”, which applies the herbicide directly to the target plant without any of the run-off associated with spraying.

The end of May marked the retirement of Head Ranger Peter Freeman after 28 years at Bradgate. The Bradgate Park Trust owes a great debt of gratitude to Pete and I am immensely grateful that he delayed his retirement, despite not being in the best of health, to ensure that the Park’s first new Land Agent for over 50 years was safe to be left in charge. Pete and Sue have returned to their native Yorkshire and Matt Smith, who has been Pete’s deputy for a number of years, has taken over the reins as Head Ranger.

Whilst writing this month’s piece, I have just been informed that Bradgate Park has been named in the UK’s Top 10 Parks in the Trip Advisor Travellers’ Choice Awards. More on this next month but the other parks in the Top 10 include the likes of Hyde Park, Holyrood Park and Windsor Great Park so we are in illustrious 10 company.
Peter Tyldesley

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News from Stoneywell

I have never been one for writer's block, but sometimes starting an article seems far more challenging than you might think. Perhaps, then, I should start with an introduction: my name is Caroline, and I am the new Operations Manager for the National Trust at Stoneywell. I have spent the last three years working for the National Trust at Coleridge Cottage, in Somerset, but I am excited to have returned to my childhood home and be involved in such an inspiringly beautiful place.



I have been at Stoneywell for three weeks now, and developments seem to be gathering momentum. The cottage rooms, full of character, have been lovingly presented as the Gimson family might have known them in the 1950s, volunteers wait eagerly in the wings and the car park is now complete, with the final phase of tree planting and landscaping due to be undertaken in the autumn. But the thing that strikes me most is that, every time I visit, a different part of the garden seems to be displaying the most vivid colours imaginable: first a true host of golden daffodils; next, a sea of bluebells; and now, plants and trees show deep oranges and bright greens. I almost wonder what will be waiting for me next time!

It won't be long, now, before we open our doors for the first time and, although the team is geared up and raring to go, we continue to look for additional volunteers to support us at Stoneywell, particularly over the weekends and in our tearoom. If this is something you might be interested in, or if you would like more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch: either email me at caroline.taylor@nationaltrust.org.uk or call 01332 863822.

Caroline Taylor
Operations Manager Stoneywell

Planning Applications in the village

The magazine received an email to ask us to notify other villagers about a planning application that had been made in the village. After consultation we feel this is not the appropriate place to post comments but instead please find below details of current planning applications in the village that you can view on Charnwood website and comment on if necessary.

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Brownie News

On Thursday 5th June, the excited Brownies went to Swadlincote Ski Centre. We were all full of anticipation as none of us had been there before. We all got into groups and waited excitedly for our first activity. Mine was tobogganing. When it was my go I sat in the toboggan happily, then the man pushed me onto an upward conveyor belt. When I got to the top I pushed the lever down and went flying downhill. The Brownies found it amazing. We then went on the viper slide, a bumpy slope. We went in pairs and individually. Finally we went on the big slope all together. It was very exhilarating. We left feeling happy and wet from the sprinklers, after one of our favourite Brownie nights.

**Isabella
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SCARECROWS 2014



Last year's winner (over 18's)
(Millie Mason and Hilary Monk)

While World Cup fever is upon us and the summer weather is starting to kick in (well for a few days at least!) it's hard to believe that the annual Scarecrow Festival is just around the corner. This year it will be during the weekend of

27/28th September 2014.

There will be an exhibition of local artists' work in the Village hall throughout the weekend and, as per recent years, Newtown Linford School will be holding their fete on the Saturday afternoon- so tea and cakes, and a lot more besides, in the school.

On the Sunday afternoon there will be Morris dancing outside The Linford and, in the Village Hall, there will be tea and cakes, art exhibition by local artists, jewellery, cards, plants etc with the all-important prize presentation at 4pm.

All profits from the Scarecrow Committee are donated to Charities and local organisations and the Art exhibition profits go to LOROS. Local clubs and charities also hold their own fund raising events during this weekend.

So start your creative processes early- gaining inspiration perhaps from this year's events - World Cup, D-day commemorations.....or from wherever else our amazing scarecrow constructors find their ideas. (If you have a spare good idea perhaps you could let me in on it!).

Contact Sue Pritchard 01530243119
email:susanpritchard@hotmail.com for further details

Sue and Jan

Newtown Linford Youth Club

After 4 years Patrick Mulvihill and I ran our final Youth Club session on Newtown Linford's Cricket ground. It finished in great style with great weather. Thanks to all who have helped us over the years especially our wives Sarah Raynor and Elaine Mulvihill. Thanks also to Paul Barley for assisting over that time. Picture taken at Newtown Linford Cricket Club.

Scott Raynor



Note from Editor

It is a real shame that the Youth Club has now closed. No one came forward to offer to take over, which means the end of an era.

Girls Cricket

On Sunday 8th June Cropston Girls Cricket Club won the Lady Taverners Under 13's Competition at Houghton and Thurnby cricket ground. They convincingly won both matches to progress to the regional finals. If successful from that, a visit to Lords Cricket Ground will ensue. Five girls from Newtown Linford were in the team which included Abbie Bradley, Lucy Holmes, Beth, Megan and Anna Raynor. Fingers crossed for the next round.

The
Lady
Taverners



Cropston run a successful girls training night at their ground during the summer (yes its started) on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7.30pm. Ages range from 7-15 years old. We have over 20 girls turn up most nights and its a good way to make new friends and try a new sport. A trial of a couple of weeks is free to see if you like it.

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Village Ramblers

12th July Cathedral Walkers, invitation to join, see below for details. You can meet for lunch or just the Church/walk visit.

9th August Ramble, Walk Leader, Iris Sayer. Meet at 2p.m. opp. the Village Hall.

7th September (Sunday) Millers Dale, Derbyshire .Coach pick-up, Markfield Lane,8:45a.m. Must book with Liz,01455 845276, ian@blueapex.co.uk. Cost £10

13th September. This month is a day walk dependant on the weather. Watch this space in the September magazine.

Please wear walking boots/shoes and bring water if hot weather.

The month of June was a very busy time for many of the Village Ramblers. Members have multi-tasked, removed their muddy boots and sung at Weddings, the Choral Society Summer Concert, sung with Loughborough Orchestra, opened gardens for



Orchids at Beacon Hill

the N.G.S., enjoyed the open-air play on Bradgate Park, enjoyed interesting guided walks on the Geology of Bradgate, and Natural History of Bradgate. Some even holidayed in Iceland, Italy, Switzerland and West Runton by the sea.

Our two Saturday walks were in beautiful sunny weather, AGAIN!. The visit to St. Peters Church, Brooke, was very interesting. Begun in the 11th century, most of the original Elizabethan features are intact, and for this reason it is included in Betjeman's top 100 Churches in England. The Church was used in a scene from the 2005 adaptation of Pride and Prejudice. The walk from Brooke had lovely views towards Rutland Water, then "tea" at Launde Abbey.

Our walk at Beacon Hill was from the top car-park (now £2.50). We passed the house made of straw, then along the multi-track through woodland where we saw many wild flowers and Orchids, to the plantation at the lower car-park, where many families were having B.B.Qs, while their children enjoyed the new play apparatus. We explored the rhododendron labyrinth complete with crocodile, before returning up-hill past Alpacca and old breeds of sheep. Again a lovely walk enjoyed in the sunshine.

Leicester Cathedral Walking Group – Even More Treasures Unlocked

Visit 4/14 – **Saturday 12th July 2014** – St Luke's, Gaddesby

The next visit and walk of the 2014 season for the Cathedral Walking Group will be to St Luke's Church at Gaddesby, LE7 4XE, on Saturday 12 July 2014. The visit will follow our established pattern of lunch in The Cheney Arms, Gaddesby arriving at 12.noon for lunch at 12.30pm. After lunch we will visit St Luke's Church at 1.30pm and then enjoy a short walk lasting about 2 hours through the surrounding countryside, we can juggle cars around for a shorter walk if required. Then, if time permits, we will finish with afternoon tea at the Cheney Arms where we will have parked our cars.

The landlord has requested that we pre-order our lunch, the menu is available on the Cheney Arms website at www.cheneyarms.co.uk. Please have your menu choices available when you book in, please contact Mick McQuade on 0116 231 3298, Mobile 07879 67 57 67 or by email to mick.mcquade@ntlworld.com.

Michael McQuade, Leicester Cathedral Walking Group.

Any queries please contact Glenis, tel 01530 242897 or glenis72meredith73@gmail.com

Bradgate Flower Club

There will be no meeting in July



Bradgate Flower Club meets on Wednesday 6th August to welcome Richard Adams, the well known photographer from Oakham. From a lifetime's collection of images and a variety of themes, Richard focus is on 'A Camera in the Garden'. This presentation offers a change from our regular demonstrations and will appeal to gardeners and camera enthusiasts as well as flower arrangers and lovers of the East Midland's landscapes! The meeting starts at 7.30 in Newtown Linford Village Hall.





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BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES—July 2014

DATE	GROBY	RATBY	NEWTOWN LINFORD
6th July	8.00am Holy Communion (RC)	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)	
3rd Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Family Worship (RC)	10.00am Worship for All (PH)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (PH/RC)		
13th July			8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
4th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am Family Service (RC)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (LC)		
20th July	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)		
5th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Morning Worship (LC/KW)	10.00am Family Communion (FB)	10.30am Holy Communion (PH)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (LC/KW)	6.00pm Holy Communion (PH)	
27th July			8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
6th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am Morning Prayer (KW)
	6.30pm 4SE		

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—July

NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10am	3rd				
GROBY	Wed	9.30am	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
20 RATBY	Thur	9.30am		10th		24th	

BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES—August 2014

DATE	GROBY	RATBY	NEWTOWN LINFORD
3rd August	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)	8.00am Holy Communion (FB)	
7th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Family Worship (LC)	10.00am Worship for All (KW)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (LC)		
10th August			8.00am Holy Communion (LC)
8th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (FB)	10.30am Family Service (RC)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (KW)		
17th August	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)		
9th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Morning Worship (KW)	10.00am Family Communion (RC)	10.30am Holy Communion (LC)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (LC)	6.00pm Holy Communion (RC)	
24th August			8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
Bartholo- mew	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (PH/ RC)	10.30am Morning Prayer (KW)
	6.30pm 4SE		
31st August	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)		8.00am Holy Communion (LC)
11th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (FB)	10.30am Morning Prayer (PH)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (PH)		
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MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—August

NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10am	7th			
GROBY	Wed	9.30am	6th	13th	20th	27th
RATBY	Thur	9.30am		14th		28th

CHURCH REGISTERS

*No Baptisms, Marriages
or Deaths recorded in
Newtown Linford*



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Church Ladies With Typewriters

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

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Two weeks ago I heard an exceptionally alarming news story on the radio that Britain's Type 2 Diabetes has increased from 12% in 2003 to almost 35% in 2011. That is an increase of almost 200%. It seems to coincide with our ever increasing weight and waistlines. If you are overweight or obese (a BMI of 30 or greater), you are at greater risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes. Fat held around the tummy/abdomen increases this risk because it releases chemicals that can upset the body's cardiovascular and metabolic systems. On top of increasing your chances for Type 2 Diabetes, you are also increasing the chances of other conditions including heart disease, [stroke](#) and some types of [cancer](#).

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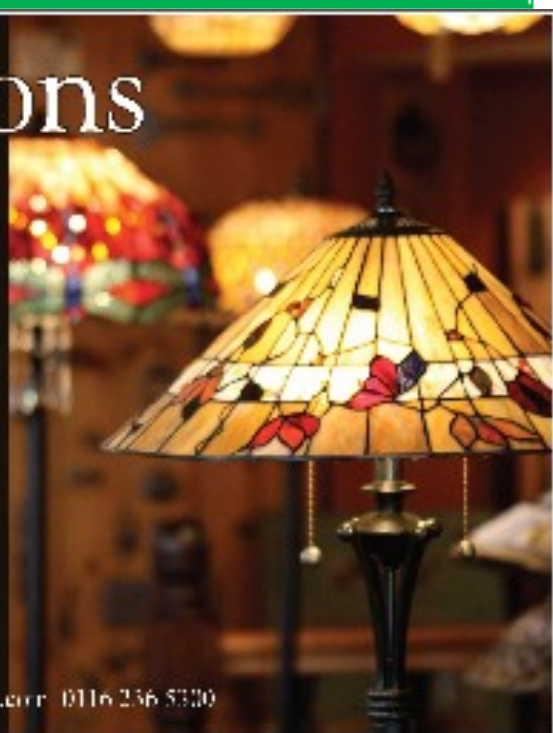
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Vice Chairman, Leicestershire County Council.

It is a great honour for me to be elected at the Annual Meeting Vice Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year. I look forward to supporting the newly elected Chairman, Mr Bill Boulter with his civic duties across the County. May I also take this opportunity to congratulate Councillor Paul Day on becoming the Mayor of Charnwood.



Roadside Parking in Newtown Linford.

I have been supporting a petition brought forward by a local resident requesting the introduction of parking restrictions on Bradgate Road to the eastern side of the entrance to Bradgate Park. Currently on this short stretch of road there is no restriction on vehicles parking in this location which severely restricts the view of drivers of other vehicles travelling in both directions. The proposal is to install double yellow lines to overcome, in my view, a highway safety issue. I have also asked if other areas of the village could be included as more vehicles seem to be parking on the roadside when visiting Bradgate Park. I have asked that restrictions are installed around the area of the Cemetery where parking has increased on the bend and introducing limited waiting during the day time period (8.00am to 6.00pm) on the parking bay opposite the Cricket Field and the parking bays on Groby Lane Service Road with double yellow lines between the parking bays. I am hopeful that residents will support these proposals when they are out for consultation.

Register to Vote is Changing.

The way we register to vote is changing, this is the biggest change in more than 100 years. From June 2014 individual electoral registration will require each member of a household to register to vote. previously one person was able to register everyone in their household.

For the first time, people will be able to register online by providing a National Insurance Number and Date of Birth which is designed to make the electoral register more secure. Most people who are already registered will not have to do anything, but some residents will need to take action to join the new electoral register.

I understand Charnwood Borough Council will be writing to residents to tell them about the change and is urging residents to look out for a letter between August 4th & 15th. This letter will let know people if they need to

26 take action.

David Snartt. Borough and County Councillor.

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Lilian Clarke 1923 to 2014.

This obituary has been compiled from the bullet point notes that daughter Helen used at her Mum's funeral. This was held on 3rd June at All Souls Chapel Loughborough Crematorium. A collection being taken for Dementia UK.



My mother Lilian was born on 23rd February 1923 - to

George and Sarah Blackburn. She had one older sister Daisy and four brothers - Ron, Jack, Sid and Peter. She Lived in Leicester all her life, initially in Newfoundpool and sometime before the Second World War moving with her family to run The Grange Hotel.

After leaving School, Mum worked in the office at Frears and Black's bakery in Leicester. One day a young bread roundsman came in to the office with his takings and saw this beautiful shy sixteen year old girl whose red cheeks matched the red dress she was wearing. This was the start of a great romance between Alan and Lilian and they were married on 24th January 1942. During the war Dad was in the RAF as an aircraft engineer, Mum spent the war years split between working at Frears and Blacks and at the Grange looking after Italian PoWs who were billeted there.

She told me that she wanted to join the ATS but because she was a woman she had to get permission from her next of kin. She was not allowed firstly by her father and then her husband! (Before the days of equality!)

Following Dad's leave my sister Hannah was born at the Grange in January 1945 whilst Dad was still in India with the RAF and he did not see her until she was about eighteen months old.

After the war Mum and Dad took on the Branting Hill near Groby which

work to bring it up to scratch. The winter of 1947 was one of the coldest winters. They eventually gained the status of 'Hotel' where my brother Jim was born in 1949 and I myself in 1954.

Mum and Dad built up the business working together using different strengths. Mum's flair for interior design and colour was reflected particularly in the decor of the hotel. The eye catching fresh flower arrangements and everything had to be co-ordinated and just right.

They worked hard but found time to play and Mum loved to be with a crowd of friends and if they weren't throwing a party large or small, they were frequently attending one such as after the bar closed at 10.30pm - picnics with friends at Groby Pool and Bradgate Park or even more adventurous late night car journeys to London Clubs - no M1 or drink driving laws in those days

It was important to Mum that we had a home of our own and didn't live at the Hotel so when I was about two, we moved to the Lodge nearby. Mum was a first class homemaker and using her interest in antiques she filled our home with interesting items often bought at auction sales with her good friend Leo. She was an adventurous cook and not afraid of experimenting with flavours, herbs and spices which in those meat and two veg days of the 50s and 60s was unusual. She was an excellent dress-maker and made most of Hannah's and my clothes as well as her own.

For many years Mum was part of a Committee which raised many thousands of pounds for Cancer Research this must have been in the 60's and 70's when charity giving was not so common place as now. She organized Cheese and Wine Events, Dinner dances and Raffles which raised thousands of pounds

We had many lovely family beach holidays. Hannah and Jim can remember often being bundled into the back of the van after the bar closed and driven to the seaside, often to Mrs Williams' farm in North Wales. Later Mum and Dad had more adventurous holidays including cruises and an unforgettable holiday in Russia. They loved caravan holidays in later life and took the van to Europe as well as all over England. After the tragic Hotel fire Dad retired, letting Jim take over the Brant Inn. By that time they had moved to Weavers Cottage Ulverscroft where they started a new business with Mum making pressed flower pictures and Dad framing them. These were sold at Craft fairs. They moved to Main Street Newtown Linford in the 1980's and became greatly involved in village life. They made many friends.

Sadly, Dad passed away in 2003 leaving a deep hole in Mum's life. It was very difficult time for her having to manage on her own after more than 61 years of marriage but in typical Lilian fashion she got on with it

She moved to a lovely bungalow at Markfield Court and made new friends. During her time at Markfield Court she developed dementia and with her hearing deteriorating it made socialising very difficult. Two years ago following a long spell in hospital, Mum decided she couldn't cope with living in her bungalow anymore and moved to Devonshire Court, a care home run by the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Here mum made new friends and was looked after with great dignity, kindness and affection.

Above all Mum was a strong, determined gregarious lady who always looked a million dollars. Being indulged by loving parents and then by a devoted husband you could almost say she had a charmed life.

Mum's prime concern was for her family. She welcomed new members into the family whether they be wives, husbands or step children. She adored all her grandchildren: Debbie, Mike, Sarah and Tom. They all have special memories of her, often involving food: cheese balls and chips, chicken in a basket, a seemingly endless supply of shortbread always kept in an ice cream tub. As well as holidays by the seaside. And walks around Groby pool and Bradgate Park She was proud of their achievements: Debbie's success as a teacher: Michael's army career: She thought Sarah was a fabulous mother and always wanted to know what Tom was doing with the Scouts, if he was enjoying the rugby and how he was getting on at school

She was pleased that Chloe her great granddaughter, had inherited her gift for colour and design and planned to study this at University. I think if Mum had been born in a later age this is what she would have done. When I visited her at Devonshire Court she would often talk about the

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lovely 'little ones' and point to photographs of Henry, Kathryn, Edward, Toby and Harry.

Of course Hannah, Jim and I knew that she always loved us and was always there for us during our lives. She gave us her help and support in any way she could.

There is such a lot that I have missed out or maybe forgotten in sharing these few memories of Lilian, and I am sure that we all have special memories of this lovely lady and will miss her greatly.

From the Magazine Team: - Lilian and Alan (Nobby as he was known to everyone) were friends to many in the Village. Lilian was Chairman of the Ladies Luncheon Club in the 1980's and Nobby was involved with the Village Hall Committee. Lilian was the instigator of the Loop system in the Village Hall and the Bridge Teams could not have done without them. Lillian's flair for colour and design together with the ability to be able to actually produce clothes and soft furnishings was admired by many ladies who visited her homes. This photograph was taken quite recently and it bears out the theory that she always looked a million dollars even at 91.

NEWTOWN LINFORD OPEN GARDENS

Under the National Garden Scheme (NGS) six reasonably adjacent properties in Main Street:- Woodlands, Lincroft, Bank Cottage, Dell Cottage, Dingle House and Appletree Cottage opened their gardens for charity.

On a wet and drizzly May Bank Holiday Monday we were delighted that just over 700 people came to visit our very varied gardens. We all enjoyed the day as well.

I would like to thank everyone from the village and their friends who supported us to raise a magnificent total of £3,478 for the NGS charities.

The teas at Bank Cottage and Meadow Cottage organised by Jan Croft, and Michael and Rosemarie Upstone, were a great success and added to the occasion. A special thank you to their helpers and to all of you who made the cakes.

In addition we were very grateful to The Linford for use of their car park and also to Malcolm Brewin for use of his Top Field also for parking. The next local NGS Open Garden is at Mountain Ash, 140 Ulverscroft Lane by invitation of Mike and Liz Newcombe on the 6th and 13th July.

Dick Howard

A beautiful local garden is opening to the public again in July under the National Gardens Scheme to raise money for several worthwhile NGS charities.

Last summer, during two Sundays, Mike & Liz Newcombe welcomed 500 visitors to their Newtown Linford garden and were able to raise £2500 for the NGS charities.

The interest in and the enjoyment of this garden has resulted in several local Groups, including Gardening Clubs, arranging private visits to the garden this summer.

The Newtown Linford Gardening Club will also, once again, use this venue for their Summer Party on Tuesday 22nd July.



On both Sunday 6th and Sunday 13th July the garden, which is situated halfway along Ulverscroft Lane between Newtown Linford and Ulverscroft, will be open to the public from 11.00am – 5.00pm.

The 2-acre SW facing garden has stunning views across Charnwood countryside. Near the house are patios, water features, flower and shrub beds, fruit trees, greenhouses and vegetable plots. Lawns then slope down to a gravel garden, a large wildlife pond with waterfall and three small areas of woodland, with pleasant walks through many species of trees. The lower two thirds of this garden has been created since 2004, with over 160 conifers and deciduous trees planted. There are several places to sit and relax around the garden.

Light refreshments will be available. There will also be plant sales, a book stall and a craft stall, selling jewellery, scarves etc.

Admission for adults is £3.50, children are free and dogs on leads are welcome with well-behaved owners. **PLEASE COME AND JOIN US.**

The full address is – ‘Mountain Ash’, 140 Ulverscroft Lane, Newtown Linford, LE6 0AJ. For further details and some photographs of the garden see the NGS website – www.ngs.org.uk – put either Mountain Ash or LE6 0AJ into the garden finder.

Amongst the many charities supported by the NGS are Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Help the Hospices, Carers Trust and, this year, Parkinsons UK.



Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch
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All seems quiet here in the Village - well at least crime wise. At the time of writing I am receiving complaints about the tractors towing high sided trucks speeding through the village every five minutes or so. There were many complaints last year although I thought they were going up the Sharpley Hill but this year apparently they are going down Ulverscroft Lane. I guess they are farming contractors as opposed to local farmers. They are very noisy particularly today which is a Sunday.

I think thanks to the weather (not being brilliant) the two Bank Holidays passed off without too much aggravation with the parking.

I have received several emails telling me my account has been suspended and I need to click to reinstate. Naturally I have immediately deleted.

Recently a local resident had their computer sending out the usual 'I am stranded abroad, send me money' scam. Again delete immediately although I think the only computer damaged is the sending computer which is usually a write off.



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From the Records

Bradgate Park

The story of Bradgate Park produces plenty of copy for our Village Records. Letters from readers, ongoing moans, interesting articles on many topics connected with the Park, (over and above the Lady Jane story) and photographs all appear in the Leicester Mercury and the Loughborough Echo.



I was prompted to look in the Village Records this week when the National Press printed an item which stated that Bradgate Park was 8th in the list of the “Top Ten Parks in Britain”. The Park is now the “Jewel in Leicestershire’s Crown”.

What do we want in 2014? In 1998 there were worries about commercialisation of the Park with the proposed café/take away at the Deer Barn. The first plans were refused but but as we all know the later plans fro the café went through and now it is accepted. We all hate change but we do have to move on without ruining the beauty of the Park. It is a very fine balancing act.

Janet Neaverson

The Three Amigo’s

Rumour as it that the Three Amigos struck Newtown recently. They had spotted that the bus shelter near to the pub was looking a little shabby and decided to launch an attack and paint it!

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Thanks also to the unnamed hero who is spotted on a regular basis on Markfield Lane walking along with a little picker and rubbish bag.





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NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Police: We were very pleased to welcome Police Community Support Officer Steve Quinn to our meeting tonight (23.06.14). You may remember that we were rather concerned over the possible traffic problems which might be experienced last Bank Holiday when 6 private gardens were open to the public. Apparently it all went very smoothly. People parked sensibly and although it took a little longer to get along Main Street in either direction, there were no displays of 'road rage'. PCSO Quinn said that there was no need for Police action all day.

Bob Bown Memorial Field: We do not generally get vandalism in the village. However, somebody took it into their head that they did not like the tail on one of the toddlers' rocking animals, and smashed it off, making what is left rather dangerous to children. It will be repaired as soon as possible. There are a few other items which require attention but none of them are safety issues. Charnwood Borough Council has been asked to clear the verges on both sides of the little road leading up to the playing field.


Planning: There have been some controversial planning applications in the village recently. I want to remind you that you have the right to comment on them, negatively or positively, whether you are a neighbour or not. You can do this either by writing to the Planning Department of Charnwood Borough Council, or you can send your comments to the Parish Council addressed to me either via email: lydia.knott@hotmail.co.uk or by letter to Lydia Knott, Clerk to the Council, 34 Groby Lane, Newtown Linford, Leics. LE6 0HH, and I will pass them on to Charnwood.

The Magazine covers two months this time. So I am giving you the dates for both forthcoming Parish Council meetings. Monday 21st July 2014 and Monday 18th August 2014. Both at 7 pm in the small hall of the Village Hall. We would love to see you.

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