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### ***Pastoral Letter from Revd. Louise Corke***

When was the last time you received encouragement from someone which you valued hearing? You may want to think about that for a moment. That question, and your answer, begs another question: when did you last give someone encouragement which they would value receiving?

And is it important anyway? Well, maybe we could start to answer that by looking at what encouragement, or the lack of it, can do. There are quite a few of us who were told by teachers that we were no good at music or sport or art, for example, and as a result we still feel we are useless at it. Many of us who think we really can't do things could, actually, if we had been encouraged. We do have the aptitude, but we lacked the courage and we were not encouraged when we needed it.

A friend of mine recently asked some of his friends and colleagues to give him some feedback on his strengths and weaknesses; one of the weaknesses which emerged was that he was not a great encourager. Since he is a vicar, this wasn't particularly good news and he thought long and hard about why he didn't encourage others. He realised that in his head, he was thinking that anybody can do anything if they put their mind to it; they just need to have a go and the worst thing that could happen is that they fail. Then a friend pointed out to him that most people not only feel that there are some things they couldn't possibly do, but also the prospect of failing is a really fearful one. So they need others to come alongside them and encourage them.

Good encouragement is far from a fluffy hug once in a while, nor is it just about telling people about how great they are. Encouragement comes when we are included in a project which succeeds, or when someone tells us that we are appreciated, or when we are given the courage to do something valuable which may indeed fail but was still worth trying.

Good, regular encouragement stops negativity, and a lot of us know how we can hold quite negative internal beliefs about ourselves. Really good

3 encouragement will also challenge us and change us.

Encouragement has such positive outcomes, it is valuable in every place of life and work, and certainly it ought to be part of the culture of each of our churches. So I wonder: when did you last receive encouragement, and when did you last give it?

**Louise**

## **Team Parish News**

### **Deanery Confirmation Service**

This year's Confirmation Service for the Sparkenhoe East Deanery is scheduled to take place on the afternoon of Sunday 7th November. Within the Bradgate Team we are planning to run preparation sessions beginning in September, which would allow candidates to be confirmed at this special Service.

Confirmation is open to both adults and young people, and we will be running separate sessions for each group.

If you have an interest to explore the idea of being confirmed, please contact either Revd Peter (0116 239 4606) or Louise (0116 231 3090)



### **Celebrating Helen's Ordination as Deacon**

Helen's ordination is on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am at the Cathedral, and then in the evening, she is holding a Ceilidh at Thornton Village Hall from 7.30pm onwards. We are welcome to join her, with family and friends, in the evening

### **Celebrating Marriage:**

An evening service to celebrate the marriage vows couples have made and the years of blessing through thick and thin which couples have enjoyed. Wherever you were married, and however many years of marriage you have enjoyed, you are welcome to join us for this service of celebration and renewed commitment. 6.30pm at St. P&J, Groby on 4<sup>th</sup> July.



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## VILLAGE DIARY

### **July**

3rd Groby Church Fete  
10th Ramblers  
26th Parish Council Meeting  
27nd Gardening Club

### **August**

14th Ramblers  
24th Gardening Club

### **September**

11th-13th Ratby Church Extravaganza of Wedding Anniversary Flowers  
21st Fellowship Welcome Club  
25th/26th Scarecrow and Harvest Festival

### **Regular events**

Sunday Evenings at The Linford - 7-10.30pm Lady Jane Grey Club for  
single people  
Last Tuesday of the month Gardening Club  
1st Wednesday of the month Flower Club  
Thursdays am during school term Toddlers Group  
3rd Thursday Gentlemen's Lunch Club  
Flower Club contact Bea on beadj101@googlemail.com or  
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### **ALL SAINT'S FELLOWSHIP AND WELCOME CLUB**



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Time now for you all to enjoy a beautiful mid summer on holiday or in our gardens.

Keep well during this period and I hope we shall all meet again on 21st September when our speaker will tell us what it was like to live in The Tower of London.  
**Kathleen Prince**

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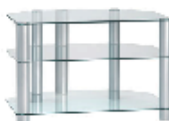
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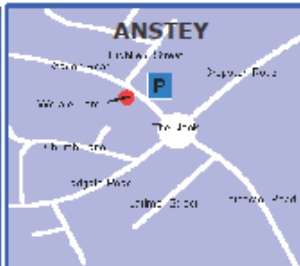
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Entry forms will be available at the Post Office from 4th September (our thanks to Sharon and Tony) and as usual there will be 4 classes and a "People's Choice" of Scarecrow. There is no theme and absolutely no age limit, so let your imagination run riot and have fun. Prizes will be presented by Councillor David Snartt at 4pm in the Village Hall on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>.

As well as being able to enjoy the fantastic Scarecrows all around the village it will be Harvest Festival time in our beautiful Church and why not come along and have a go at ringing a Church bell.

Scarecrow Teas will be available on both days (Saturday at School and Sunday in the Village Hall). There will be a second-hand book stall at the Church on Saturday and in the Village Hall on Sunday. Also in the Village Hall on Sunday there will be a Display of Paintings and Photographs, a jewellery, handbag & skin care stall, Cards etc (all local organisations). We will also have some old village photographs, and the Village DVD which includes film from 1955 will be on sale. On Sunday afternoon there will be live music as the barbershop quartet "Retro" (national semi-finalists) will be singing at various points around the village. Look out for the vintage cycle club "The Desford Pedallers"

Please phone me on 01530 243822 if your village organisation would like to have a stall in the Village Hall in the afternoon of Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September and do think of us when you are tidying your book shelves.

For the timing of all these events please check the Scarecrow Programme which will be available over the Festival Weekend

**Iris Sayer**

### **Fast Broadband for the Village**

Many thanks for the interest shown from villagers interested in looking at bringing faster broadband into the village from our May magazine. Unfortunately despite inter

est from one investor—there was only 10 expressions of interest so for the moment we will have to continue the way we are at present!



**Carole - Editor**

## Lady Jane Park

Residents of Lady Jane Park wish to thank the residents of Newtown Linford for their response in signing the petition against a proposal by the Site Licence Holder to change the status of Lady Jane Park from a permanent residential site to a caravan letting park.

This was to be put before Charnwood Borough Council but already two caravans have appeared one of which has already been let. They are unsightly to the park.

Two and a half years ago the Site Owners removed three caravans, the reason being that they were not in keeping with the park. These were then replaced by holiday home caravans seven weeks ago.

Lady Jane Park is in the conservation area of Newtown Linford and if this proposal is allowed the casual letting of caravans that are unfit for permanent residential occupation can only lead to a deterioration of this area.

We all look after our homes and take a pride in our gardens and feel it is a shame that the Licence Holder has not the same pride in owning the site.

The Park Residents are grateful for the welcome support the village has given us and the two members of the Residents Association Committee who called at your doors were overwhelmed when villagers offered to obtain signatures for us. **Thank you everyone**

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## Newtown Linford Gardening Club

The guest at our meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July is Stuart Dixon, formerly from Nottingham Trent University. He has been to us on previous occasions and has always been appreciated as an entertaining speaker with a wide variety of interesting slides. His subject this time is 'Paradise Found' and we gardeners know that a beautiful garden is akin to our perception of paradise. Even though it is the middle of the holiday season, we are hopeful of a large audience.



### **Pizza, Pasta and all things Italian.**

Our August gathering at 32 Groby Lane is becoming something of a tradition and this year it is on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is Italy and the food will be traditional Italian fare of pasta and pizza plus other Italian delicacies, washed down with wine and soft drinks. There will also be a plant stall for members to buy or swap, a competition and a raffle. We will do our best to arrange Italian weather as well.

We have welcomed several new members over the last three months and are always pleased to see more new faces either as visitors or members. If you wish to become a member, please contact the Secretary (tel. 242452), 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**

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## Brownies

In Brownies, Sammy Neath (past Brownie) came to teach us a dance routine featuring County Dancing, Rock and Roll and Street Dancing. She showed us the dances from throughout the past 100 years as we are celebrating 100 years of Girl Guiding.



Everyone enjoyed it, we even saw Brown Owl's foot tapping. We thought she did very well to teach us the dances and we would like to say a big thank you!

Well done Sammy

Reporter—Charlie Reynolds age 8



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# Newtown Ramblers 2010

10<sup>th</sup> July Jan Croft & Diane  
14<sup>th</sup> August Iris Sayer  
11<sup>th</sup> September Penny Neaves

Unless otherwise notified, all walks **depart** from opposite the Village Hall at 2.00pm

Most walks are between 4-5 miles, but day walks are between 7-8 miles. Toby and Lesley are organizing walking the Leicestershire Round. If you would like further details for July/Aug, please contact Toby (245298).

Ten walkers and two dogs all enjoyed the day walk from Broadway to the pretty village of Snowhill, the views of Breedon Hill, and The Malverns in the distance, were super. After an excellent lunch, some visited the National Trust house and lovely gardens, while the more energetic members and the dogs, returned via beautiful woodland to Broadway, and the traditional Cotswold tea and cakes. We all enjoyed a super day in lovely weather, surrounded by England's finest scenery. I well recommend Snowhill for a visit.

New members are always welcome. All you need is a pair of walking shoes or boots. Dogs are welcome only under the 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.

Any queries, please ring Glenis Meredith, Tel. 242897.

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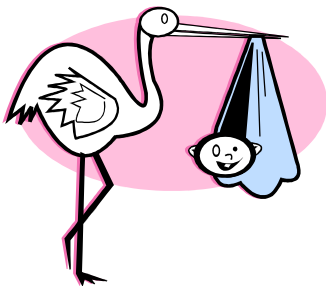
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## Congratulations

Eileen Coombes of Main Street has just welcomed the birth of her 4th great grandchild - all of them boys!

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## County War Memorial Project

Janet Neaverson is hoping for some assistance from villagers on the County War Memorial Project. At the moment Gwen Wakefield and Janet are working on the project but would welcome assistance from anyone who might have a few hours or more to spare.

They are trying to find out

- ❖ Who died
- ❖ Who went to war
- ❖ Which regiments they were in
- ❖ Where the soldiers/airmen/sailors lived

This probably involves work on the computer using the internet to look at war records and the 1911 Census.

They thought this might appeal to villagers of all ages and may be something that school age children/teenagers would be interested in either as a piece of independent work or as part of a Project.

If you are interested contact either Janet direct or the Editor who will pass your details on to Janet.

The [Imperial War Museum \(IWM\)](#) began an extensive project to record information countrywide about War Memorials, including basic data about their condition and they have collected around 900 Leicestershire records.

At present, their database, the UK National Inventory of War Memorials, does not make photographs, names or biographical information available online.

A particular emphasis of our project will be on finding out information about individuals who have died in conflicts, and are commemorated (or not), since WWII.

This is an opportunity to involve people in all local communities in a project of considerable historical significance which



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takes the IWM material further, giving it added value because our project will include more categories of information.

Furthermore, the condition of war memorials in some communities is giving cause for concern – indeed, a pilot survey of Croft’s memorials revealed that all that remains of one particular memorial is a photograph at the [Record Office](#).

This Project will record the condition of local memorials before it is too late to do anything about their preservation.

### Project Priorities

The Priorities for the project are:

**Priority 1:** Recording existing and ‘lost’ war memorials across the counties of Leicestershire and Rutland and the details of local individuals killed as a result of armed conflicts since 1945.

**Priority 2:** Extending the data with grave-stone information and/or personal detail about those persons recorded as desired by the volunteer participants.

The project will be open to any local person but is aimed primarily at heritage and archaeological wardens and will be formally closed only when the primary recording is complete

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## The Years that the Locust has Eaten

I read recently that Australia is bracing itself for a plague of locusts of biblical proportions. A wet spell in New South Wales has enabled the hatching of larvae to coincide with the fresh green crops. Many preparations are in place to cope with this disastrous possibility costing millions of dollars. In a matter of hours locusts can completely clear a field of anything green leaving nothing behind.

The prophet Joel speaks of 'The years that the locust have eaten' Ch2 v25. By this, I take it to mean that where our lives should have borne fruit there is nothing to show only stubble.

No doubt we can all look back on such times. Happy the man who cannot. But God says he will make good those years and that's exactly what Christ does in redeeming mankind. He changes barren sinful lives into those that bear fruit.

In John Masefield's book 'The Everlasting Mercy' he describes how the drunkard Saul Kane changes his life.

*I did not think, I did not strive,  
The deep peace burnt my me alive  
The bolted door had broken in  
I knew that I had done with sin  
I knew that Christ had given me birth  
To brother all the souls of earth*

Then as he contemplated an old man ploughing he says

*That Christ was standing there with me,  
That Christ had taught me what to be,  
That I should plough, and as I ploughed  
My Saviour Christ would sing aloud;  
And as I drove the clods apart  
Christ would be ploughing in my heart  
Through rest-harrow and bitter roots  
Through all my bad life's rotten fruits  
And thou wilt bring the young green corn  
The young green corn divinely springing  
The young green corn for ever singing.*

**Ron Hutson**

## Bradgate Team Sunday Services July 2010

Date	Groby	Ratby	Newtown Linford
4 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00am Holy Communion		
	9.30am Family Service	10.00am Worship for All	11.00am Holy Communion
	6.30pm Marriage Celebration	6.00pm Holy Communion	
11 <sup>th</sup> July		8.00am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion
	9.30am Holy Communion	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Family Service
	6.30pm Evening Prayer		
18 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00am Holy Communion		
	9.30am Morning Worship	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion
	6.30pm Holy Communion		
25 <sup>th</sup> July			8.00am Holy Communion
	9.30am Holy Communion	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Morning Worship
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### Midweek Communion Services

Groby                      Wednesdays at 9.30am

Newtown                Monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month: 1st July  
and 5th August at 10am

Ratby                      Thursdays at 9.30am: 8th and 22nd July and  
12th and 26th August



## Bradgate Team Sunday Services August 2010

<b>Date</b>	<b>Groby</b>	<b>Ratby</b>	<b>Newtown Linford</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	8.00am Holy Communion		
	9.30am Family Service	10.00am Worship for All	11.00am Holy Communion
	6.30pm Holy Communion	6.00pm Holy Communion	
8 <sup>th</sup> Aug		8.00am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion
	9.30am Holy Communion	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Holy Communion
	6.30pm Evening Prayer		
15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	8.00am Holy Communion		
	9.30am Morning Worship	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Family Service
	6.30pm 3SE		
22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug			8.00am Holy Communion
	9.30am Holy Communion	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion
	6.30pm Evening Prayer		
29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	8.00am Holy Communion		
	10.00am CTG at St P&J Urban Saints service	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Morning Worship
	6.30pm Evening Prayer		

## Church Services and Events for July 2010

### **Sunday 4th July– 5<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

11.00am Holy Communion    Revd Peter Hooper

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July- 6<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion    Canon Derek Buxton

11.00am Family Service    David Collins

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July- 7<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

11.00am Holy Communion    Revd Louise Corke

### **Sunday 25th July- 8<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion    Revd Peter Hooper

11.00am Morning Prayer    David Collins

**Thursday Communion**    1<sup>st</sup> July at 10.00am

**Focus Prayer Times**    Tuesdays at 10.00am

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## Church Services and Events for August 2010

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August– 9<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

11.00am Holy Communion Preb John Woolmer

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August- 10<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion Canon Derek Buxton

11.00am Holy Communion Revd Louise Corke

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August- 11<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

11.00am Family Service David Collins

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August- 12<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion Revd Peter Hooper

11.00am Holy Communion Revd Peter Hooper

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August- 13<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

11.00am Morning Prayer David Collins

**Thursday Communion** 5<sup>th</sup> August at 10.00am

**Focus Prayer Times** Tuesdays at 10.00am

### **September is Older Persons' Month!**

September is chosen as Older Person's Month for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland each year. A series of events aimed at 'Listening to Older People' will be taking place across the County throughout September. The launch takes place in Leicester on 26<sup>th</sup> August.

Voluntary agencies, emergency services, health and local authorities will be joining forces to engage with older people in their own communities, providing information and advice on what services and activities are available, and listening to their views on services in their local areas.

To request a booklet (booklets), help with distribution and publicity, or just to get more information on what is happening, please contact Liz McGregor, Engagement Officer for Older People, at CVS Community Partnership, Beaumont Enterprise Centre, Boston Road, Leicester LE4 1HB Tel: 0116 2334243 e-mail [liz@ccp.org.uk](mailto:liz@ccp.org.uk)

## **Changes to Local Bus Services. Withdrawal of Sunday Services**

Residents may be aware that the County Council needs to achieve savings of around £66 million over the next four years and is therefore faced with some very difficult choices. As a result the Council has looked at delivering efficiency savings with regard to evening, Sunday and school bus services, with a view to withdrawing services in areas which cause the least impact.

The changes have been designed so they don't affect daytime Monday to Saturday services which provide important links to work, training, education, health and shopping in the County.

### **The service to be withdrawn that affects Newtown Linford is the Sunday Centrebus 121 service between Leicester and Loughborough.**

This service will be withdrawn in mid/late July. I understand that this service raises revenue of just over £3,000 pounds per annum, with a subsidy of nearly £15,000 from the County Council.

Just to keep you informed, the other service that will be withdrawn locally is the evening Arriva 123 service, between Leicester and Loughborough via Anstey and Swithland. There will also be changes to the evening service First Leicester 74, between Anstey and Leicester, which will run commercially up to 9pm.

**Cllr David Snartt**

### **Community Bus Service**

I attended a meeting at Woodhouse Eaves that had been convened for villagers worried about the cuts to services with the removal of evening and Sunday Services.

Obviously the impact on our village will be the end of the Sunday service as it means visitors to the park will have to rely totally on their own transport which may mean even more cars into the village and we shall lose our last public transport link with Loughborough.

Woodhouse Eaves Parish Council has set up a group to look at options which includes the possibility of using a community bus service and the Clerk to their Parish Council has also asked the Local Councils Association to send out a broadcast appeal to find other villages who are also facing or have faced this problem. Hopefully, together with Woodhouse Eaves, we may be able to look at options. One possible option is that John Storer House has a community bus scheme that may be of assistance.





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## Village Records 1968

I arrived in Newtown Linford 14 days before Christmas 1967 and I would like to share with you what I have discovered from the 1968 Village Records, my first year here.

Firstly where was I going to walk my dog, Bradgate Park, The Beacon and Swithland Woods were all closed due to the Foot and Mouth outbreak. Only the Outwoods was open and my salvation for that time. All were opened in March after being closed for 15 weeks.

The newspaper pictures showed snow that January. There was a comment about the cold when the W.I. met. 26 members and 3 visitors braved the elements to listen to a talk about Vegetarian Cookery. That month, the Women's Fellowship had a talk about the Salvation Army. The Drama Society organised a dance and later in the year they produced "Someone Waiting" by Emyln Williams. John Nixon, Lydia Knott, Jack Ayling, Marion Richardson were in the cast. This was excellent because they had pleaded for actors in the December 1967 Church Magazine.

We often have items about the Park and 1968 was no exception. Firstly a Second World War smoke bomb was found and made safe.

There was a Times newspaper article about the first Ranger Mr Haslegrave who was connected with the Park from 1915. His influence spread into the village. He was determined that Newtown Linford, after the sale of the Grey Estate, should not undergo the drastic and incongruous modernisation which was suffered by many "Old World" villages. In a consultative capacity, he was empowered (under the terms of the sale of Bradgate Park) to advise on styles, nature and colour of materials and sites of any new buildings and projects. He must have been a nightmare to builders and architects who came along with other ideas but in spite of frustrations he encountered the village still retains some of the old charm. I am sure he would have been very pleased that we followed his ideals and now have our own DESIGN STATEMENT.

During 1968 there was a notice about land tenancy near Cropston and Roecliffe Cross Roads. On the other side of the Park, the Highways Department forbade the cutting down of any roadside trees. 87 Acres of pasture and arable land between Ulverscroft Lane and Markfield Lane was put up for sale.

Mothers and Toddlers met at Mrs Coleman's, 6 Main Street through the year. There was an Open Air Art Exhibition at Beech Farm, a display of night school work. During 1968, the Church Sewing Group made £66 out of items made.

27 The Crusaders held a coffee evening and showed a film about their activities for the young in the village. It is good that we once again

have a Youth Group.

The Seniors were not left out. The Ex Servicemen's Social Club organised an outing and tea. The 25th year of the event was celebrated when 3 coaches left the Club. The mystery trip took them as far as Trent Bridge and they returned to the Club for their tea.

The WI had a Produce Show when Mrs C Buthaway won the President's Cup, 2nd Mrs Florrie Anderson, 3rd Mrs M Foulds. The Thompson Cup was won by Miss Mitchell, 2nd Mrs Hewitt, 3rd Mrs D Freer.

The County WI did well winning the Denman Cup at the Royal Dairy Show. The team included our Lucille Thompson and Mrs Gibson.

The Church celebrated the installation of a new treble bell on 11th March, and later in the year a 14 peal was rung at the induction of the new Vicar.

The Rev HP Hargreaves MC MA had been the Vicar since 1949, retiring in July. Canon Harris Evans was appointed and inducted in September.

The village relaunched their Good Neighbour Scheme which had been started in 1965. Help, regular visitors and car lifts were being sought for the house bound. Our Neighbourhood Watch still keeps a list of "vulnerable residents".

Through the year there were mentioned births, weddings and deaths as well as academic achievements. At the time there were 66 children on the Sunday School List.

The Parish Council was not idle. They had to deal with a farmer who ploughed up a footpath between Anstey and Newtown. They wrote to the Bradgate Park Trustees asking them to provide more parking to help the village. That was before we had double yellow lines. The park was having problems with litter. The wardens collected 17 cwt after the Whitsuntide bank holiday.

The Parish Council reported that the drainage in the cemetery had been completed and they were going to plant more shrubs.

8 people attended the Annual Parish Meeting when they were informed that the Precept was equivalent to a 3d rate and was the same as the previous year. Early morning lighting had been refused by the planning department. They had talked to the Midland Red Bus Company to ask them to move the bus turn round from Markfield Lane corner to Ulverscroft Lane corner. The present corner was very busy since the opening of the M1.

**Janet Neaverson**

**Ps there was nothing in the magazine about the Brownies that year but we believe that Brown Owl Hilary was running it at the time!**

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By the time you read this the new Chief Constable for Leicestershire will have taken up the reins at Force Headquarters. We wish Simon Cole all the best and hope he does not find it necessary to make too many stringent cuts to affect our neighbourhood policing. Also, our new CPSO Alex Ritchie has taken up his position.

Here are a few matters to be aware of: -

Copper is popular with the thieves at the moment so do not leave that odd roll of copper wiring about. Some went missing from a farm on the Main Street recently.

We are experiencing too many break-ins at the moment. The glass in a front door on a house on Bradgate Road was broken leaving behind a trainer. The noise disturbed the occupants so nothing taken.

A resident returned from holiday on Grey Crescent to find the rear kitchen window forced open and cash and jewellery taken. They had closed the window again after them and although they left drawers open they did not make a mess.

A huge concrete planter was taken from outside the village shop.

Three hooded men seen on the roof of a Church in the County.

Lead panels taken from a roof of a partly built house on Benscliffe Road. The lead on our Church is marked with Smartwater.

If you leave charity bags of clothes or have a skip outside your premises, they may be taken away or emptied by people other than the correct people. This is a theft or a crime but cannot always be deterred by the Police.

Please remember if you want to report anything you have seen and remain anonymous, then call Crimestoppers. They have just released their figures for 2010.

74,474 criminals arrested and charged.

£17,907,824 worth of illegal drugs recovered

£6,028,880 worth of stolen goods seized

89,683 calls received with useful information

Charnwood LPU has had good success in apprehending criminals in April. Five burglars were arrested within 24 hours 3 in the Cotes area, another in Thurmaston and one in Sibleby. One of those will also be charged with other burglaries but no details of which area.

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### **ATM PIN NUMBER REVERSAL - GOOD TO KNOW**

If you should ever be forced by a robber to withdraw money from a ATM machine, you can notify the police by entering your PIN number in reverse. For example if your pin number is 1234 then you would put in 4321. the ATM system recognizes that your PIN number is backwards from the ATM card you placed in the machine. The machine will still give you the money you requested but unknown to the robber, the police will be immediately dispatched to the location.

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The Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation; Leicestershire's unique registered Charity, is celebrating after world renowned watercolour artist and Emeritus Professor of Fine Art at De Montfort University Peter Welton, and TV and Radio celebrity gardener Ady Dayman, of Derry's Nurseries and Charnwood Chillies, agreed to become Patrons of the charity.

The Foundation which is based in Ulverscroft, on the edge of the Charnwood Forest, was established in 1989 by the late David Clarke and has since provided support, care and friendship to the elderly, adults with disabilities and young people. During the past 20 years over 100,000 residents of the county have benefitted from the wide variety of innovative projects and support services offered by the charity.

Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation Chief Executive Alan Norman said "We very grateful that Peter and Ady have agreed to become Patrons. The Foundation is one of Leicestershire's hidden gems. Its dedicated staff team with the support of over 100 superb volunteers work for the benefit of all sections of society and to have Peter and Ady join us is fantastic. They are both wonderfully outgoing personalities who are committed to helping support and promote this unique organisation"

Having accepted their new roles with the Foundation, Peter Welton stated "I was delighted to be approached to be a Patron of this fantastic Charity. I freely confess I have never done anything like this before and I anticipate the challenge it presents to me with relish"

Whilst Ady Dayman said "how honoured, delighted and excited I am to become a patron for such a brilliant Charity like The Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation"

The Foundation entertains elderly visitors, adults with disabilities, carers and those who are housebound and socially isolated at its two country properties near Markfield. In addition it operates outside visiting and mobility aid loan schemes and an outdoor classroom and forest school facility for mainstream schools, special schools, youth groups and disadvantaged young people.

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## NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

I'm very pleased to say that I am back attending to my duties! My thanks to everybody who helped out and kept the Parish Council work moving along. I jumped in at the deep end with two Meetings in one evening.

These were the Annual Meeting of the Parish and the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 18th May 2010. The Annual Meeting of the Parish only happens once a year. The Chairman (Mr. Ken Waterfall) and the Clerk give a report summarising all the matters dealt with by the Parish Council in the past year. They also thank the Police, the Parish Councillors and our Borough and County Councillor, Mr. David Snartt for their time, help and support. P.C. Rhodes makes a report on behalf of the Police, which usually includes a review of crimes in the village and a comparison with previous years. He also lists initiatives which have resulted in more criminals being caught and fewer crimes committed. The Chairman of the Village Hall, Mr. Michael Upstone reports on the success of the Village Hall including the fabric of the hall, enjoyable events and organisations who hire the Hall on a regular basis. It is only let to people who are connected with the village. Another regular report is from the Newtown Linford Primary School. We were very pleased to hear that despite the complicated and disruptive staffing problems, the School now has a new Head Teacher and that teachers and children are happy and things are back on an even keel. The final report at this meeting concerns the finances of the Parish Council. Thanks to careful budgeting the Parish Council was able to keep the Precept for 2010/2011 at £38,000 for the fifth year.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting followed on. This is like an ordinary Parish Council Meeting (there are 12 held in a year), except it starts with the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year. Mr. Ken Waterfall and Mrs. Janet Neaverson were unanimously elected. The Chairman officially accepted his duties by signing a 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'. The other Parish Councillors remain the same: Mr. Philip Baker, Mr. Nigel Blythe, Dr. Richard Lowe, Mrs. Pam McMorrnan, who is also our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, and Mrs. Virginia Toon. The Agenda contained the usual items: Police and Neighbourhood Watch, Planning, Highways, Bradgate Park Trust, Cemetery and Churchyard, Playing Field, Correspondence and Finance, which is split into a report on balances held by the Parish Council and signing of  
37 cheques approved by the Council. If you would like to see details in full, there is always a copy of minutes at the Village Store, or you can

contact me and I would be very happy to show them to you at a mutually convenient time.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday 29th June, and then on Monday 26th July 2010; both at 7 pm in the small hall of the Village Hall. We are always very happy to see residents and with the permission of the Chairman you can have your say!!

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