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Passing on the baton of faith

I wonder if you've been watching the progress of the Olympic Torch around the British Isles on TV? Each day, come sunshine or rain, people have been carrying the lit torch and either receiving or handing on the flame as it travels through the country. Its purpose is to let as many people as possible see the flame and be aware that the Olympic Games will soon be happening. By the time you read this the torch may have passed through Leicestershire (2nd and 3rd July).

But I also wonder if you knew there are other batons and lights travelling around Leicestershire and Rutland? In fact there are ten of them! At a service in the Cathedral last December, a baton and light holder was given to each of the ten Deaneries (ours is Sparkenhoe East). The Board of Education for the Diocese has presented these to each Deanery to be used by Schools and Churches in celebrating our shared learning.

Just as the Olympic torch symbolises working together to pass on the spirit of the games from its original starting point in Greece, the passing on of our baton and light symbolises our working together as Christians in the passing on of faith. For thousands of years faith in God has been passed from one generation to another, to receive, develop, live by and hand on as an inheritance to the next generation.

We may not see visible signs of this but we find the gift of faith in other ways. As we read the Old Testament we learn how the love of God for his people kept and sustained them during the times when they obeyed his commands and the times when they didn't!

We do not know exactly who built our Church, nevertheless it has stood as a witness to our Christian faith for centuries. It has been kept, used and has been passed on to us to care for and hand on to those who come after us.

As we live our lives, each one of us can be a shining example of the love of God to be seen by those around us. Our light shines from what we do and say and, in small ways, is passed to those with whom we come into contact day by day. We are runners in a different but more important

³ race and it is how we run that race which will have a lasting effect

on those who are yet to take part. I hope you enjoy watching the Olympics and perhaps as you do, recall the words of St Paul to the Philippians
“I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

David Collins
Reader

A swinging time was had by over 100 people who attended the Charity Fund Raising evening at Newtown Linford Village Hall on 12th May.

In total £1,120 was raised to be shared between Help for Heroes and Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance. Over £300 of this total came from the raffle held on the night and a big thank you goes to our raffle sponsors:- Bradgate Arms, Grey Lady, Cooks Farm Shop and Field Head Hotel all in Newtown Linford; Brookside Garden Centre, Broughtons, Broughtons Coffee Lounge, Barrie Stephen, Roots Greengrocers and Sykes Jewellers all in Anstey; David North of Rothley; Paul Leary Restaurant and Julia Howard in Woodhouse Eaves; and Quorn Foods of Coalville.

A lively evening's entertainment was supplied by **SOUNDS LIKE SWING** – a local 5-piece band – whose wonderful selection of 40s, 50s and 60s music had many people on their feet dancing the night away. A veritable feast of music for all tastes and ages!

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VILLAGE DIARY

July

2nd Parish Council Meeting
7/8th Art Exhibition
14th Village Ramblers
10th Boules
14th/15th & 16th Sporting anthems
24th Gardening Club - Annual Garden Party



August

6th Parish Council Meeting
7th Boules
11th Ramblers
28th Gardening Club - Annual trip to Kew Gardens

Regular events

Monday afternoon	Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall
Mondays 8pm at the Church	Bell Ringing
1st Monday of the month	Youth Club
4th Tuesday of the month	Gardening Club
1st Wednesday of the month	Flower Club
Thursday Mornings	Welcome Club
Thursdays am during school term	Toddlers Group
Thursdays eve during school term	Brownies
3rd Thursday	Gentlemen's Lunch Club

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Art Exhibition

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Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th July,

10am - 4pm

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Village Ramblers 2012

MEET Opposite the Village Hall, to depart at 2:00p.m.

14th July	Carolyn & Peter Lowe	01530 242877
11th August	Iris Sayer	01530 243822
8th September	Glenis & John (day walk)	01530 242897 Meet 9am

Thank you to Pat for leading the June walk.

A select group of seven of us set out on a 5 mile circular walk from Newbold Verdon to Kirkby Mallory and back. The weather was surprisingly good and the botanists among us were delighted by the variety of wild flowers in the reclaimed fields of the gravel beds. Some were identified whilst others remain a mystery. The ground was very boggy in places but a good time was had by all. Pat



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Leicester Cathedral Walking Group – Treasures Unlocked

If you would like to join the Cathedral Walking Group please note the date in your diary and book in with Mick McQuade. Also shown below are the dates and places of the remaining visits scheduled for this season.

To book in or for further details, a copy of the information document or to add your name to the 'Future Walks List', please contact Mick McQuade on 0116 231 3298, Mobile 07879 67 57 67 or by email to mick.mcquade@ntlworld.com.

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Newtown Linford Gardening Club

The experts tell us that what plants need more than anything else is to be warm and wet. Presumably that is why everything is growing at such a terrific pace. Some of our plants have really enjoyed the conditions and have grown and flowered profusely. At least they haven't needed watering!!!!

Our visit to Thornton Nurseries in May was very successful with many of our members touring the centre, spending lots of money on fuchsias and other plants and enjoying the hospitality of the owners.

By the time this Magazine is published we will have enjoyed a talk on orchids from John Spires, a judge for the British Orchid Council and we then embark on our outdoor season.

24th July is the date of our Annual Garden Party. This year we shall be gathering at the beautiful house and garden of Mike and Liz Newcombe on Ulverscroft Lane. Many of our traditional activities will go on, including a plant stall, a raffle and summer eats and drinks.

On 28th August we make our annual long trip and this year we are going to Kew. Our tickets will include access to both the Gardens and the Palace.

In September, we return to the Village Hall when Geoff Hodge, a TV and radio presenter, will try and educate us on the art of pruning. This is something which many of us are very wary of, but the title 'Pruning – Making it Simple' suggests we might be able to get the hang of it.

We are always pleased to see newcomers. If others would like to join us, please contact the Secretary (e-mail 01530242452@talktalk.net or 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
9 pleased to send one to you. **Anne and David Couling**



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

What a celebration the Village had all starting from an idea way back last November. 6 Volunteers came forth from a Village Magazine request to form a Committee. We were off!

The general idea was to have something for every age group in the Village, not an easy task so it was agreed we would do 3 events to hopefully appeal to every household. Posters and flyers were printed and street organisers were asked to knock on everyone's doors to invite them to get involved with one or all of the celebrations and welcome those new to the Village and some who perhaps had children who had left home and had not been to any village events for a while

Diamond Jubilee Quiz Friday 25th May

A super evening themed with royalty. Queens Heads as Jokers and Prince Phillip Heads to halve your points, all run by Quiz Master Gary Barsby with a Fish and Chip Supper. A good time was had by all with the brightest and most royal of teams, 'The Older Youth Club', as victors and Betty McChrystal's team who knew very little getting the booby prize!

Thank you to all who supported and helped with this event.



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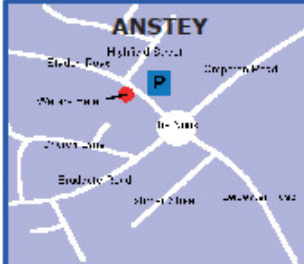
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Family Day Sunday 27th May

Who said it would rain? What an amazing day. The sun shone from start to finish. From 12.30pm bunting and flags, marquees and gazebos were all erected at Marsden's Meadows by kind permission of Malcolm Brewin.

Grass cut, cows temporarily evicted and the fun began with It's a Knockout and Tug of War competitions between 8 village streets and Brownies teams. Tug of War saw more testosterone in evidence than normal and a few competitors who needed oxygen after just one pull! The winning team, Toonies Warriors, (Bottom End Markfield Lane) successfully defended their title held since the VE Celebrations (there was a rumour that a tactics meeting had been held and hobnail boots were part of the uniform!)

Huge barrels of water filled from Malc Brewin's lake finished the It's a Knockout Games with all competitors getting soaked. Great fun was had by all with



the team from the bottom of Markfield Lane - this time led by Charlotte Turner - once again winning.

Fancy Dress and cake stalls and competitions run by the Brownies, who sold the cakes after judging, raising £200 for Help the Heroes and Brownies. The cakes were amazing, with



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a Royal theme. Picnics were brought and enjoyed by all the family from babies to granny and grandpas with many youngsters who had grown up in the village coming home to be part of their family, and some bringing their own young families.

The children played games and football set up around the field by Scott Raynor all finishing with children enjoying trailer rides on Malc Brewin's quad bike

A great day bringing 300 + people together that will be remembered with affection by all

A bucket collection in aid of 'Wishes for Kids' raised £200 to add to the 'It's a Knockout' organisers who donate their running fee of £200 to this charity

Bradgate Party Tents also made a generous donation of £150 to the same charity £550 in total so far.

Diamond Jubilee Ball
Saturday 2nd June

This was a sold out event of 100 with the ladies dressed in beautiful dresses and 15 the men in black



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tie or lounge suits.

Entertainment was provided by the band 'Stone Park' who were excellent, playing tunes from across the ages. Once again it was lovely to see some old village faces who had come home for the event.

Hog Roast, salads with new potatoes and to finish 'The Newtown Linford Sweet Trolley' with wonderful deserts from volunteers throughout the village.

A basket sent round the tables raised a further amount of money to add to the charity's many thanks to those who have given so generously

A fabulous evening thank you to all who supported

A note from the Committee

The three events above may have been planned by a Committee of 6 over the few months prior to the Jubilee but could not have happened without a massive village effort from many people

We have been very lucky to have such a committed Committee to which I can only offer thanks for their enthusiasm. It was very exciting to be part of it as it was made up from a varied age group.

The determination to knock on doors and invite every household to the events paid off with many newcomers to the Village coming along and meeting others in the Village. It was also nice to see so many elderly residents at the family day with their families

If anyone has any photos from any of the events please could they let Scott Raynor have them as we are planning to make a DVD of the Jubilee as a memento for the village and its records.

We are still collecting for the two charities so if you were unable to give a donation on the Family Day and wish to please drop it in to Gable Cottage 32 Main Street.

The following people and organisations contributed

The Committee – Scott Raynor, Pat Wood, Carolyn Turner, Gary Barsby, Ruth Goddard and Carol Ann Sugden

Bradgate Party Tents – Free Marquee and Charity Donation

It's a Knock Out Team – Fee donated to Charity

Malcolm Brewin – Preparation and loan of the field for Family Day

Village Hall Committee – Insurance Help and Setting up of events

Quiz Master – Gary Barsby

Brian Anderson

John Nixon – Quiz board painter

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Vanessa – Ball invite design and help with Quiz

17 Teresa Barsby – Quiz Helper

Mary Raynor – Ball Cloth Washing
Adam Perkins - Tug of War organiser
Gary Turner, John Sugden - Quiz Bar
Residents of the court yard – Allowing cooking of the Hog Roast
All the Newtown Linford delicious dessert makers
Janet Neaverson – Photographer
Street Organisers – Rex Harrison; Janet and David Brunton; Paul Toon;
Scott Raynor; Pat Wood; Pete Wilday; Waddy Jadoski and Carol Ann
Sugden
Brown Owl and her Brownies for running the Cake Stall
Scott Raynor and Youth Club – Kids Games

**A thank you to anyone who we have forgotten! And most of all to
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NEWTOWN LINFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

The winners of the Quiz at our recent 'SPORTING ANTHEMS' con-
cert were as follows.

Thursday	Clive & Jenny	12/16
Friday	Mike & Liz	12/16
Saturday	G. Wood	10/16

The tie - break questions were not used

Iris will post the answers on the Choral Society website

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BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES - July 2012

DATE	GROBY	RATBY	NEWTOWN LINFORD
1st July	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)		
4th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Family Service (HH)	10.00am Worship 4 All (LC)	10.30am Holy Communion (PH)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (HH)	6.00pm Holy Communion (PH)	
8th July		8.00am Holy Communion (HH)	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
5th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion (HH)	10.00am Morning Prayer (PH)	10.30am Family Service (LC)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (DC/PH)		
15th July	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)		
6th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion (HH)	10.00am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm 3SE (Team)		
22nd July			8.00am Holy Communion (LC)
Mary Magdalene	9.30am Morning Worship (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (FB)	10.30am Morning Prayer (DC)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (LC)		
29th July	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)		8.00am Holy Communion (FB)
James the Apostle	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (FB)	10.30am Morning Prayer (DC)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (DC)		

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - July

NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10am	5th			
GROBY	Wed	9.30am	4th	11th	18th	25th
RATBY	Thur	9.30am		12th		26th

BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES - August 2012

DATE	GROBY	RATBY	NEWTOWN LINFORD
5th August Transfiguration	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)		
	9.30am Family Service	10.00am Worship 4 All (LC/	10.30am Holy Communion (JM)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (LC)	6.00pm Holy Communion	
12th August 10th Sunday after Trinity		8.00am Holy Communion (LC)	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Morning Prayer (PH)	10.30am Family Service (FB)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (PH)		
19th August 11th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)		
	9.30am Morning Worship (HH)	10.00am Holy Communion (LC)	10.30am Holy Communion (PH)
	6.30pm 3SE (Team)		
26th August 12th Sunday after Trinity			8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am Morning Prayer (DC)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (LC)		

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - August

NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10am	2nd				
GROBY	Wed	9.30am	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
RATBY	Thur	9.30am		9th		23rd	

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Weddings

Newtown Linford

2nd June ~ Neil Owens and Hayley Robinson

4th June ~ Lee Blount and Kimberley Looms



Newtown Linford Sunday School

We meet on the first Sunday of every month, The next session will be on **Sunday 1st July** between 10.30 and 11.30 in the Sunday School Rooms. Suitable for children of all ages.
Please note there is no Sunday School in August.

Contact Katherine/Carole on 244790

Proposed Alterations to Newtown Linford Church

We are looking into the possibility of improving facilities in Newtown Linford Church by adding a toilet and kitchen. The proposed drawings are on page 24 and 25. More detailed architects drawings are in the Church, if any villager wishes to see more detail.

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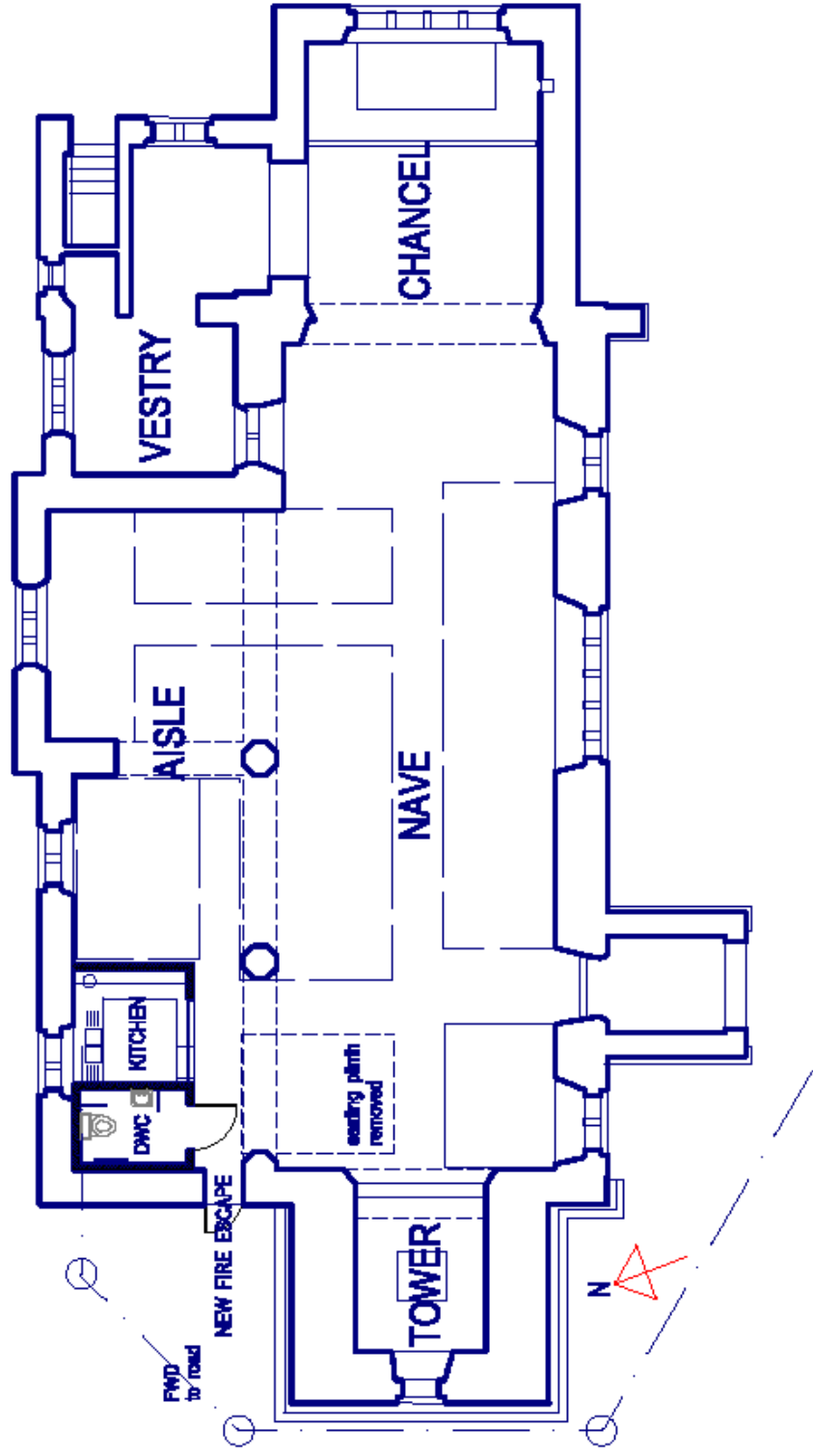
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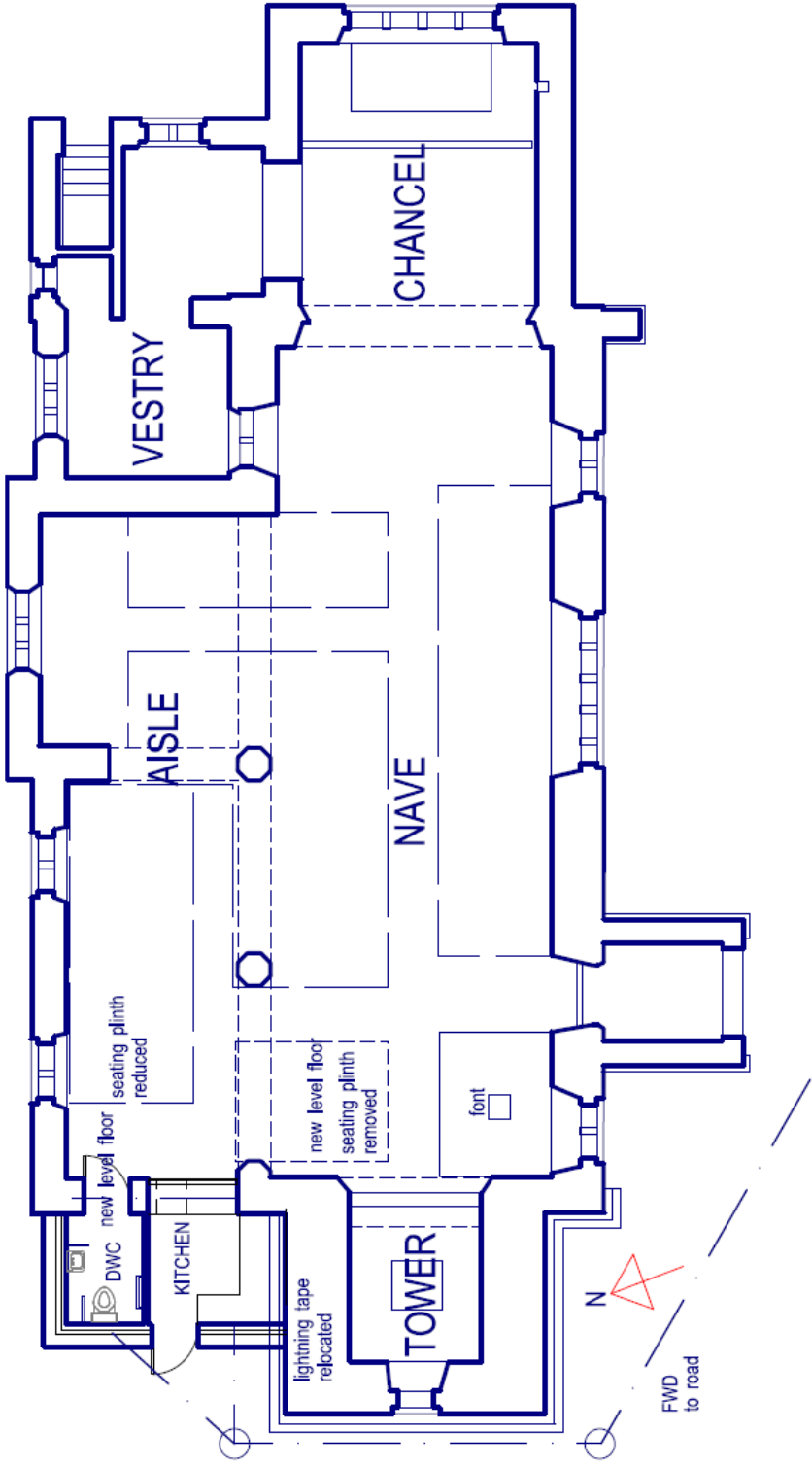
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All Saints' Church at Newtown Lindford -- Scheme 1



All Saints' Church at Newtown Lindford -- Scheme 2



Scarecrows weekend 29th/30th September 2012

Don't ditch the bunting from the Jubilee, or your Olympic souvenirs - they could supply the inspiration for a scarecrow! It's the last weekend in September, so join in the fun and mark the end of summer (that's if it actually gets started!!). Entry forms from the Village Store from early September, last entries by Friday 28th; judging from 2pm on the Saturday and prize presentation in the Village Hall at 4pm on the Sunday.

All profits from the competition are donated to local causes, and there are individual fund raising activities over the weekend run by local organisations and charities.

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From the Records

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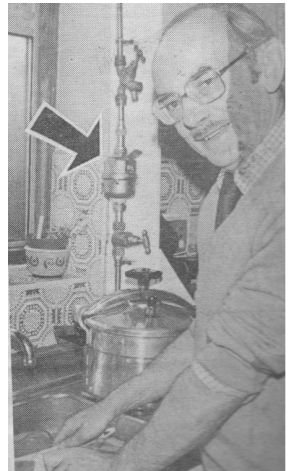
We have heard a lot about water recently. We all know about the amount of rain we have had and how many reservoirs are full. Unfortunately the ground water level is still low because of two dry winters and a summer. This has resulted in the fact that they have not lifted all the hosepipe bans. Severn Trent has stated that installing water meters in all the properties will not prevent drought conditions. Eventually they want water meters to be the norm. We have been told that long term careful management of supplies of water by all is the answer. Severn Trent have a programme to deal with leaks and an education programme on how we might use our water carefully.

What prompted me to write this article is a newspaper cutting in the Village Records about the availability of Water Meters by Severn Trent in November 1981. They had 1500 inquiries and the first meter to be collected from the stores was by Mr Donald Maggs who lived in Grey Crescent. The advantage was a saving in the water bill. Up to then it had been based on the rateable value of the property. Mr Maggs was hoping to save about £144 in a year.

Severn Trent said the water supply charge and part of the sewage charge would be based on the meter reading. The rest of the sewage charge and the environment services would continue to be based on the rateable value of the property.

My husband and I went ahead and had one installed when Severn Trent had a free offer and saved quite a few pounds on our bills.

It is especially helpful for those living alone with houses with high rateable values as the bills will drop. There are charts to calculate if you will save money by having a meter installed.



Janet Neaverson

Jubilee Photographs for the VILLAGE RECORDS

A reminder for you to supply me with your photographs. Please bring them to 6 Grey Crescent not forgetting to supply the names of those in the pictures along with your name and address..

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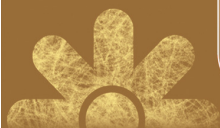


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Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



This is the time of year to check you have a good lock on your garden shed. Do not leave windows open day or night.

Catalytic convertors are popular again although usually vans as they are higher and easier to get underneath to reach the pipes.

Reported crimes: - Damage to gate on Groby Lane and gaining entry into quarry to probably steal things.

A black 4 x4 number KE 52 YBG was seen on Markfield Lane acting in suspicious circumstances.

A digger was taken from a building site on Warren Hill but subsequently recovered.

Two pairs of trainers have been stolen from a doorstep in the last few months from a house on Bradgate Road.

A bike was taken from the shed at the bottom of the garden of a house on Bradgate Road.

30 year birthday. Neighbourhood Watch nationally celebrated thirty years on the 16th June. I believe I am correct in saying that Newtown Linford NHW was started by the late Arthur Gibson and then taken over by the late Tony Enderby.

A friend of someone in the village has approached me to see if I know of anyone able to rent out a garage for an expensive car. He would not be coming and going very often. Please contact me if you know of anyone here or in Anstey.

Newtown Speedwatch:-

Since the last issue we have been able to enter the first stage to trial the Community Speedwatch. So far we have 10 volunteers willing to hold the gun plus our Police Beat Team who have said they will attend when on duty (*this gives the scheme a good boost*) We need 175 residents to sign the pledge that they would like the scheme. We can accept signatures electronically so if you have been sent the form and not sent it back, please do so as soon as possible.

Brief details of the scheme.

31 Volunteers will monitor speeds in accordance with the Chief Police

Officers guidelines of 10% + 2mpg e.g. 35 mph and above in a 30 mph limit.

The Police will retain the right to maintain control over the number of letters sent out.

Volunteers will work in pairs and keep a log of the offending vehicles. This log will be passed to the Police who will send out warning letters to registered keepers.

The Police will target persistent offenders for future enforcement.

Volunteers must not attempt to stop cars or step into the road.

If approached by a driver they are to be handed a ready prepared letter.

Training in basic conflict resolution techniques will be provided. This will be for approximately two hours in the Sunday School the week prior to the speed gun being provided for a four week session.

There will be a number of copies of the pledge sheets around so if you would like to pledge your support and/or volunteer please only sign on one sheet. Please email me as well if you are prepared to be a volunteer. At the time of going to press I have just over 40 signatures. Not sure about anyone else.

It would be appreciated if you can go to the sheet rather than Lydia and I having to do too much foot work knocking doors.

Tony and Sharon in the village store have kindly said they will hold a sheet.

The following have a sheet

Pam McMorran @ 76 Main Street

Lydia Knott @ 34 Groby Lane

Sheila Langton @ 221 Markfield Lane

Dick Lowe @ 464A Bradgate Road

Phil Baker @ 44A Roecliffe Road

Virginia Toon @ 45 Markfield Lane

Janet Neaverson @ 6 Grey Crescent

Ken Waterfall @ 112 Main Street

If anyone else meets with other residents (i.e. mums at school) and would like a sheet, please contact me and I will send you one by email or through your door.

Finally, this can only be signed by residents in this village on the electoral roll.

Award Winning Gym Owner Encourages Dieters to Dine Out in Leicester

An award winning Leicestershire based gym owner



is encouraging dieters to dine out without worrying about eating bad foods.



Results Weight Loss (RWL) owner Joe Hanney is promoting healthy eating in Leicester through an aptly named 'Come Dine with RWL' project. Gym members dine out at a different restaurant each month and benefit from inspirational talks with restaurant owners and chefs on healthy eating.

The 'Come Dine with RWL' project has already visited stylish Italian bar Timo, popular fine dining Indian restaurant Mem-Saab, French restaurant Le Bistrot Pierre, and the

new Five Thai restaurant in town.

The next restaurant that members will visit is The Old Bulls Head and Joe is offering two non-gym members the opportunity to sample some of the county's finest cuisine and learn more about healthy eating.



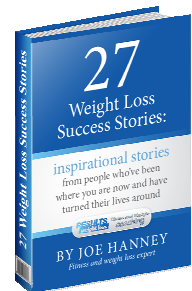
The Old Bull's Head
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He said: "The Come Dine with RWL project has been fantastic so far; all of our gym members are getting first-hand experience of food preparation and have the opportunity to find out more about the healthy foods that are on offer when they dine out. "The experiences are helping them to develop their own recipes and develop their healthy eating plans in confidence. "It's important that people realise eating out doesn't mean a calorie filled evening, quite the opposite in fact; it's all about eating the right foods.

"I now want to offer two lucky people the opportunity to join us at The Old Bulls Head for an all expenses paid meal and talk on healthy eating; they'll taste some incredible food and find out just how healthy dining out can be."

By visiting www.eatmoreexerciseless.co.uk and requesting Joe's book 30 Weight Loss Success Stories, non-members will be entered into a prize draw for the opportunity to join the team at The Old Bulls Head in Woodhouse Eaves.

The 'Come Dine with RWL' team will visit The Old Bulls Head on July 24th at 7.30pm. Joe added: "I'm looking forward to listening to the advice and healthy eating ideas that the team at The Old Bulls Head will give to us. "Their food is exceptional and I'm sure that we are all going to discover new and improved ways of creating our pub meals."



Joe was recently awarded health and fitness manager of the year at the International Fitness Showcase awards.

At his Results Weight Loss gym, Joe teaches members that by eating more and exercising less they can obtain the body that they aspire to - and they can maintain that body too.

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print
magazine. It is much appreciated**

THANK YOU YET AGAIN

I continued to receive many more Tesco vouchers for David's special school - Dorothy Goodman in Hinckley. Villagers gave them to me at the Village Family Day and many more were posted through the door. It is much appreciated both by myself and the school.

Thank you

Carole Heubeck

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NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Meeting of the Parish: This took place on Monday 28th May 2012 at 7 pm in the Village Hall. This meeting acts as an overview of what has happened in the past year.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman, Mr. Ken Waterfall thanked the Parish Councillors and other associates of the Council for all their efforts. These included attending meetings (and providing reports where necessary) at the Borough and County Councils, Police Authority, Road Safety Committees, Quarry and Landfill Committees, Neighbourhood Watch liaison, Playing field inspections, Planning Consultations, Website Management, Village Hall, Village Magazine input and contributions, planting of planters, hanging baskets, Tree and Heritage Warden duties, churchyard and cemetery maintenance. He extended a special thank-you to P.C. Ed Stephenson (our new 'Bobby') and his P.C.S.O. Alex Beirne for their regular input to us and for working with Mrs. Pam McMoran, our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Together they do a great job and keep us well informed and aware of potential hazards. The Police's use of the Sunday School is still working well, and we are pleased to see a Police presence in the Village. He thanked the Clerk for the efficient and clear presentation of the Accounts year ending 31st March 2012. The precept has been held at £38,000 for the seventh year, which is excellent in these times of continuing inflation. Ongoing projects include additional equipment for the playing field to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, and the extension of the cemetery. The Chairman thanked Borough and County Councillor, Mr. David Snartt for all his guidance, support and advice and for the efficient way he deals with our queries.

Police Report: P.C. Stephenson presented a detailed comparison of crime, April to April, within the Parish, for 2010/2011 and 2011/2012, which showed an overall decrease, but particularly for thefts from motor vehicles which had dropped from 17 to 5. Speeding has been made a Beat Priority for Newtown Linford. More details will be made available in the Neighbourhood Watch section in the Magazine.

Village Hall Report: Mr. Michael Upstone made a comprehensive report covering all aspects of the Village Hall and its running. He thanked too many people to mention here, but he made it clear that the Village Hall could not function without them. If you would like a copy of the report, please let me know.

Clerk's Report: As Clerk I prepare minutes, notices, reports and preparatory work for 13 weeks each year. As Registrar of Burials I prepare
35 deeds and records for graves, ashes plots and monuments. I liaise
with families of the deceased, Funeral Directors, and Stonemasons. I

mark plots for burials and stay in contact with our grounds maintenance team and the gravedigger. As Responsible Financial Officer I deal with all aspects of the Parish Council's finances, including the Annual Accounts, which have to be approved by the Parish Councillors, our Internal Auditor and the External Auditors. I want to thank the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Parish Councillors and our Borough and County Councillor, for their courtesy, advice, help and support.

Accounts 2011/2012: These were studied, discussed and approved. A very satisfactory balance of over £50,000 will be carried over to the next financial year, thanks to carefully budgeting by the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for the clear presentation of the accounts.

That ended the Annual Meeting of the Parish. The **Annual Parish Council Meeting** followed on immediately. The main purpose of this annual meeting is the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Ken Waterfall was nominated, seconded and duly elected as the Chairman, there not being any other nominations. Mrs. Janet Neaverson was nominated, seconded and duly elected as the Vice-Chairman, there not being any other nominations. The Chairman signed the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'. The remainder of the meeting followed the agenda points of an 'Ordinary Meeting'. All our minutes can be seen on the Parish Council website

<http://www.newtownlinford.org.uk/>.

There is a Parish Council meeting **in the Sunday School** on Monday 2nd July 2012 at 7 pm. The meeting on Monday 6th August 2012 at 7 pm will be back **in the Village Hall**. Visitors are always welcome.

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank the many people who have been involved in making the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in the village such joyous events. A huge amount of work goes into them and they were perfect reflections of wonderful village life. No wonder people want to live in Newtown Linford!



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