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The Bradgate Team Parish



Why is it important for us to outreach?

Here we are in the month of June and our thoughts turn to the annual summer fete at Ratby and then, before we know it, their fun run will be upon us. I have been asked by some people why do we as a Church get involved in these ventures? Shouldn't these type of ventures be left to other groups/organisations?

How we understand and perceive the Church is quite important in determining why we get involved in community type initiatives such as fetes, fun runs, lunch clubs cinema clubs etc

What is the Church? Is the Church a building? Is it the place where believers gather to worship? Or is the Church the people? The believers who follow Christ?

We, God's people, are the Church. The purpose of the Church is two-fold. The church comes together for the purpose of worship. The Church reaches out to spread the love of Christ and the gospel message to unbelievers in the world (Matthew 28:18-20). William Temple, an Archbishop of Canterbury in the 1940s, put it really well when he said, "The Church is the only organisation that exists for its non-members." This sums up the reason why we need to outreach in whatever way possible. Church is not a club for Christians.

Outreach was commanded by Christ. Before His ascension, Jesus told the disciples that their impact on the world should start in their city and expand its influence into the entire world ([Matthew 28.19](#); [Acts 1:8](#); [2 Peter 3:9](#)).

Outreach is important to our Church because it is important to God and that makes it important to every Christian for the following reasons:

Out reach activities give the Church the opportunity to attract many more families and such activities lead to “pleasant dialogue” with people in our community and then evangelistic opportunities. It is such a great opportunity to be a positive force in our community both as individuals and collectively as a Church. We want to share our faith with everyone but unfortunately for one reason or another many people think of the Church as boring and irrelevant.

As a Church, we continue to try all sorts of means to communicate our faith. We believe that a message of love needs to be spread with love. Love is best seen when it’s sincere and demonstrated. We take our start from Jesus’ words, “let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

A great way to demonstrate God’s love is to help people to experience something of Church life without having to come to a church and its best seen demonstrated by people whose life is being changed by God, These type of events absolutely do have a positive effect on people’s perception of Church and gives us a brilliant opportunity to communicate our faith.

Joan Hawkins
Pastoral Assistant



BBC Watchdog comes to Newtown Linford!

On Wednesday 23rd May - part of the BBC Watchdog programme was about Newtown Linford's fight to have our mobile phone signal reinstated! Martin Rumble who has led the fight against Orange was interviewed on 19th May.

The Watchdog programme raised our profile with villagers going for a ramble up the hill to make phone calls and Martin came over very well on the programme.

However the programme looked at getting out of contracts rather than reinstating the signal and enabling villagers to make and take mobile
4 calls and texts in the village!!



VILLAGE DIARY

June 2013

8th Ramblers
13th Choral Society
17th Parish Council meeting
25th Gardening Club

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
3rd Wednesday of the month	Ladies Luncheon Club
Thursdays am during school term	Toddlers Group
Thursdays eve during school term	Brownies
Thursday Evenings	Badminton
3rd Thursday	Gentlemen's Lunch Club



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Damage on the Bob Bown Playing Fields

The Parish Councillors have asked me to write about the following: A resident on the boundary of the Bob Bown Playing Fields is greatly concerned at what they believe to be criminal damage. A second resident has also given similar reports and is most distressed. When the matter came to light a few days ago Ken Waterfall, Chairman of the Parish



Council, visited the site along with the Beacon Officer P.C. Richard Carruthers. It is thought to be eight children under the age of ten, which would make it actual criminal damage. The Head Teacher at the Primary School has been contacted and it has been arranged for P.C. Carruthers to visit the School and talk to the children. A gate, albeit not brand new, was smashed to pieces as seen in the photograph and very sharp knives have been used to strip bark from trees, also seen in photograph. The Playing Field is a very special community facility that all residents have contributed towards and the Parish Council is very disappointed that damage has been caused to other residents' properties on the edge of the playground.

If your children use the Playing Field, please speak to them about how they should value this area and care for it and to tell you if they see anything that would undermine all the hard work and money put into making it such a great place to be outdoors



Pam McMorrان
NHW Co-ordinator



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13th July	Glenis & John (day walk, time to meet to be decided)	01530 242897
10th August	Iris Sayer	01530 243822

Walks are usually between 3-4 miles. Please wear proper walking shoes or boots .

Thank you also, to the Cathedral walkers who have invited us to join them on their most interesting visits Unfortunately the June and July dates clash, hence you have a choice of just a p.m. walk, with the Village Ramblers or lunch, Church visit. and amble with the Cathedral Walkers.

ANY QUERIES -Ring the walk leader or e-mail
glenis72meredith73@gmail.com or tel 01530 242897

Glenis Meredith

Well-behaved dogs only are welcome. To be under the close 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.

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Leicester Cathedral Walking Group – More Treasures Unlocked

Visit 3/13 – Saturday 8 June 2013 – St Peter’s, Tickencote

Our first two walks of the 2013 season of visits and walks by the Cathedral Walking Group have been superb but if you are thinking that you might like to join us then our next visit is one not to be missed.

On **Saturday 8th June 2013** we will be visiting St Peter’s Church at Tickencote in Rutland. St Peter’s is one of the jewels in the Church’s crown. It is said to have the greatest ‘Wow’ factor of any Church in Britain, and it is small but beautiful! Don’t forget your camera!!!

The visit will follow our established pattern of lunch at the Stamford Garden Centre, Casterton Road, Stamford. PE9 4BB at 12. noon, a visit to St Peter’s Church at 1.30pm followed by a short walk lasting
8 about 1½ hours through the surrounding countryside.

I am honoured and delighted to tell you that our guide for the visit will be the Vicar, the Revd Jo Saunders who will share with us some of the interesting features of the Church and its history.

If you would like to join the Cathedral Walking Group please note the date in your diary **and book in with Mick McQuade**. The programme of walks for the 2013 season are as follows:

13th July Noseley Chapel by kind permission of Lord Hazlerigg,
17th August St John the Baptist, – Kings Norton,
September * St Wistan, Wistow,
12 October St Peter's, Church Langton.

* - Date to be confirmed later.

As usual I will endeavour to provide an information document relating to our visit before each event. 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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Keen-eyed residents may have spotted what looks like an enormous outdoor carpet-fitting operation taking place on one of our overflow car parks recently. In fact, we have been laying plastic mesh in order to increase our ability to use the grass parking areas in wet weather. Whilst it looks quite intrusive at first, the mesh quickly disappears from view as the grass grows through it and provides a firm base for car tyres to grip in wet conditions. We hope that this will enable us to open the overflow car parks at times such as the Christmas holidays and Spring and Autumn half-terms when we would not normally be able to let cars park on the grass and that this will reduce some of the pressure on parking in the village at these times.

On the subject of parking, I have agreed with Newtown Linford Primary School to trial a concessionary parking scheme that will allow parents doing the School run free use of our car park in order to reduce congestion outside the School at the beginning and end of the day. The School will be giving details to parents and issuing permits.

Given that we are a charity, with an objective to '*advance the education of the public in the care and appreciation of the environment*', I am always on the lookout for ways in which we can reduce the environmental impact of our activities. Sometimes inspiration strikes at the strangest times and on this latest occasion it was while looking in the bin in one of the kitchens. We already separate recyclable waste from our general rubbish and, in so doing, have reduced the amount that is sent to landfill by several tonnes annually. While gazing absentmindedly at the rubbish it occurred to me that we get through a lot of teabags in the course of a week and that these were all going into the general rubbish bin: not anymore! Each kitchen now contains an additional bin into which all the used teabags and coffee grounds are emptied along with any vegetable waste. These are then emptied into one of our new composters to rot down and be used instead of having to buy in compost for borders and bedding plants. I hope that the high caffeine content will not have an adverse effect on the plants.

As well as horticulture, we have been experimenting with "horsey-culture" with horse and carriage rides through the Park on one day a month through the Summer. We hope that this will provide our visitors with an opportunity to take a trip back in time as the coachman drives them along the carriageway towards Bradgate House. The money raised from the carriage rides will subsidise the cost of our other venture involving horse

¹⁰ power, which is the use of a heavy horse to perform some of the

tasks around the estate that are usually carried out with a tractor, such as bracken rolling and timber extraction. We hope that this will give members of the public an insight into the way of life on an estate, such as Bradgate, in a bygone age, as well as being more environmentally friendly than the modern diesel-powered approach.

Over the past few weeks, we have hosted a number of events that, whilst they are not Bradgate Park Trust events as such, have a long tradition that we are very pleased to be able to continue. The last Sunday in April saw the traditional Bluebell Service in Swithland Wood, although the late arrival of Spring this year meant that the bluebells themselves were conspicuous by their absence. The annual Leicestershire Yeomanry Memorial Service takes place on the nearest available Sunday to the anniversary of the 1915 Battle of Frezenberg on the 13th May. This year the sun fortunately shone on the soldiers, veterans and cadets who were on parade for the ceremony at the Memorial. In between these two events, the Leicester Morris Men marked May Day in traditional fashion by dancing at Old John early in the morning on the 1st May. They were joined for the final dance by a rank amateur but fortunately I do not think anyone managed to get a photograph.

Peter Tyldesley

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Newtown Linford Gardening Club

Our April visit to Woodland Nursery was truly awe-inspiring. The enormous greenhouses, which all can see when arriving at the Garden Centre, a few miles north of Hinckley, but cannot visit, were opened to a large party from our Club and we were given a guided tour. Some four million bedding plants are raised in these greenhouses and then sent out to the many garden centres in the Wyevale Group. It was eye-opening to see the huge array of plants. We learned of the ways in which the 30 gardeners, employed on the site, ensured that all the plants were kept healthy and made to grow well enough to be sold to the public. Imagine pinching out over 20,000 fuchsia cuttings, or regulating the temperature in the greenhouse, sometimes on an hourly basis, or watering twice a day, or protecting the plants from pests and diseases and it will give an insight into the methods used to maintain the quality of the plants they sell. We were all greatly impressed.

On 25th June our speaker is Colin Olle who is talking to us about the National Garden Scheme which encourages people to open their garden to the public and raise money for charity. This event is timely because one of our members will be doing just that towards the end of July.

The visit of Christine Walkden on 22nd October continues to cause a lot of interest. Tickets are being ordered at a steady rate and we have had a lot of interest both from our members and from people who are members of other Clubs but wish, on this occasion, to join us for this memorable evening. Tickets at £10 or membership for the year (£12) can be obtained by contacting the secretary (tel. 242452 or e-mail 01530242452@talktalk.net), or by coming 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.

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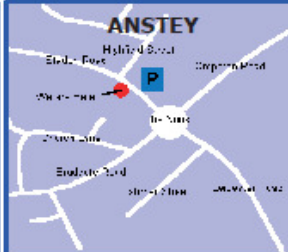
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Brownies

On Thursday 2nd May, Brown Owl arranged for the whole pack to visit All Saints Church and we met with the Church bell ringers. First we all had a go at ringing the hand bells and we were shown how to hold the bell up against our shoulders to help get the best sound from the bells. We then moved onto ringing each of the 5 big bells. We were shown how to pull the rope and it made us jump up as the bell swung back. I thought the lightest bell was still hard to ring.

Everyone had great fun.

Thank you to the Bell Ringers and to Brown Owl.



Coral age 8

Newtown Linford Sunday School

In June we are meeting on the **SECOND** Sunday in the month so that we can avoid the school holidays. This means we are looking forward to meeting you all on **9th June** at the Sunday School Rooms at 10.30 for an hour.

We do a mixture of crafts, bible stories, quizzes, and generally have a lot of fun with friendly staff and students. We normally spend our last 20 minutes of each session joining in with the Church Congregation for Communion and a final hymn and a chance to show off our latest craft offerings!

We return to the Sunday School rooms to be collected by parents.

Contact Katherine or Carole on 244790

Hello all - I'm sure, like me, your fingers are crossed for a delightfully warm summer. In the meantime, I want to help you all stay as healthy as possible and here are a few nutrition and exercise tips.



BEST SPICE

Cinnamon not only tastes DELICIOUS but it is an absolutely amazing spice for your health. Many studies have shown it to assist in the regulation of blood sugar. Therefore, add it to your porridge in the morning and put it on top of your cappuccino instead of cocoa powder. Anything that helps to prevent a spike in your blood sugar is worth its weight in gold, particularly if it assists in keeping Type II Diabetes at bay.

HYDRATE

If we are fortunate enough to enjoy sunny days, it's very important to stay hydrated and that means LOTS of water. Everyone should try to drink at least 2 litres a day. Keep a glass on your desk at all times. Buy a water carrier from a camping store and carry it around with you, filling it up as you need. Please try your hardest to drink it as it comes (i.e. without the addition of cordials)! Even at the gym, for most of us, water is adequate hydration. Sports drinks and coconut water are only necessary means of hydration for serious athletes, otherwise they contain too much sugar. If you're heading to the gym for your usual cardio / weight workout, all you really need is plain, simple water. Just make sure you keep drinking it throughout your workout.

EXERCISE OF THE MONTH – THE GLUTE BRIDGE

The Glute Bridge is important for improving core stabilization. This is important in the prevention of lower back pain, because the lumbar spine must be stabilized during lower body extension to reduce strain on the lower back. Lie on your back on an exercise mat or the floor in a bent-knee position with your feet flat on the floor. Place your feet hip-width apart. Contract your abdominal muscles to flatten your low back into the floor. Attempt to maintain this gentle muscle contraction throughout the exercise. Gently exhale. Keep the abdominals engaged and lift your hips up off the floor. Avoid pushing your hips too high, which can cause hyperextension (arching) in your low back. Inhale and slowly lower yourself back to your starting position.

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A DAY OUT TO BURGHLEY HOUSE

Reputed to be the largest and grandest house of the Elizabethan age, Burghley House and Gardens is a superb venue to consider seeing when planning a day's visit to the Stamford area.



Built between 1555 and 1587 by William Cecil, the Lord High Treasurer to Queen Elizabeth I, this magnificent building boasts eighteen state-rooms. Over the centuries Burghley has undergone several restoration and modernisation programmes and many works of art, including a vast array of pictures, are there to be admired. The ceilings are something else! Truly amazing!! With finance playing a very important role in the history of Burghley House (yes, it was a problem in those days it seems, as it is now), it was in the 'better' times that the services of Capability Brown were employed and unfinished rooms could be completed and work concentrated on the park and gardens.

Many noble visitors of the realm have crossed the threshold over the years and one of the most notable is probably the visit of Queen Victoria in 1844. Her Majesty must have been very much impressed by the magnificent Great Hall.

The Gardens of Surprise are an absolute delight with mazes, water and mirrors. This area is an achievement of which Burghley can be justifiably proud. With sculptures, and some surprises, this is a most relaxing area, which I found delightful.

If you need some interactivity then the Brewhouse is the place to go. With an audio-visual programme, this will keep various ages interested for some time. The learning spaces in the Brewhouse can actually be pre-booked by schools and organisations, so increasing the knowledge of various aspects can be undertaken.

The Orangery Restaurant provides welcome foods and beverages when a break is required. With a Gift Shop, Garden Shop and Garden Café there is plenty to do for everyone, in addition to the main house's admirations.

With many events taking place throughout the year, a visit can be timed to coincide with perhaps a craft fair, game fair, food event, concert, or the Land Rover Burghley Horse Trials, to name just some of the items on the programme of events taking place at Burghley.

Check out www.burghley.co.uk Tel: 01780-752451.

As always, enjoy!

Trevor Langley

BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES—June 2013

DATE	GROBY	RATBY	NEWTOWN LINFORD
2nd June	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)		
1st Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Family Service (HH)	10.00am Worship for All (PH)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (HH)	6.00pm Holy Communion (PH)	
9th June		8.00am Holy Communion (PH)	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)
2nd Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Morning Prayer (KW)	10.30am Family Service (PH)
Environment Sunday	6.30pm Holy Communion (LC/KW)		
16th June	8.00am Holy Communion (HH)		
3rd Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Morning Prayer (KW)	10.00am Family Communion (PH)	10.30am Holy Communion (HH)
Father's Day	6.30pm 3SE		
23rd June			8.00am Holy Communion (LC)
4th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am Morning Prayer (FB)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (HH/PH)		
30th June	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)		8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
5th Sunday after Trinity		10.00am Holy Communion (FB/HH)	
18	6.30pm Evening Prayer (LC)		

CHURCH REGISTERS



Weddings

4th May ~ Martin Barry Beattie and Philippa Ann Whinyates

25th May ~ David John Clorley and Katherine Jane Gallagher



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Regular Events

Bell ringer's practice: Monday 8pm

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES

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From the Records

LEST WE FORGET

The Bradgate Team Sunday Services for May, which were printed in the Village Magazine, stated that on Sunday 5th May at 11am the Service was the Yeomanry Special and would be taken by the Team Rector Revd. Peter Hooper.



How many of you know the history of the service? It is a service for the Leicestershire Yeomanry, but why that date? It is held annually on the Sunday morning closest to the date of the Battle of Frezenberg which took place on 13th May 1915 near Ypres in France. The battle is of significance to the Yeomanry who suffered very heavy losses during the six days fighting.

The Yeomanry Service takes place in Newtown Linford Church at 11am on the Sunday Morning and is followed by a service in Bradgate Park at the Leicestershire Yeomanry War Memorial, which stands close to the Old John Tower. It records information from the Boer War through the First and Second World Wars.

The Memorial is a 10 metre tall concrete and granite obelisk with attached metal plates standing on a square of consecrated ground. It was unveiled on 3rd July 1927 by Lt Gen Sir Charles Kavanagh and is a landmark that can be seen right across the County.

So what happens at the Church Service? Two soldiers guard the Lychgate and two soldiers guard the Church Entrance through which the congregation pass. The service members include retired soldiers, members of the TA and cadets.

Two flags are carried into Church one being the Yeomanry flag. They are both laid on the altar. The service begins with the National Anthem and ends with a trumpeter playing the last post. The colonel reads the lesson and a minutes silence is held for the fallen. The flags are paraded out with due solemnity which ends the service in the Church. The Revd. Peter Hooper then travelled to the War Memorial with the army personnel where an act of remembrance and the laying of a wreath takes place. The booklet at the Church War Memorial contains two photographs

1 The guard outside the Church

2 At the Park War Memorial during the service.

Janet Neaverson



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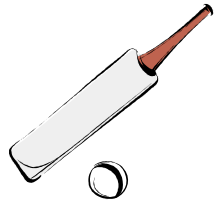
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8th A	Lutterworth	1.30pm
15th H	Langtons	1.30pm
22nd A	Cropston	1.30pm
29th H	Rothley Park	1.30pm



Saturday Second XI

1st A	Bitteswell	1.30pm
8th H	Stoughton & Thurnby 2	1.30pm
15th A	Lutterworth 2	1.30pm
22nd H	Electricity Sports	1.30pm
29th A	Billesdon	1.30pm

Sunday XI

2nd H	Nomads (Also Village Cup R3)	2pm
9th H	Old Wyvernians	2.30pm
16th	(Village Cup Regional Finals)	
23rd H	Newbold Verdon	2pm
30th A	Laughton and Mowsley	2pm





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I received a telephone call from an Oriental sounding lady who informed me that my Windows operating system on my computer was transmitting faults. Now I know her next stage would be to offer to rectify it by entering a code to allow them access to my computer then presumably they would look for bank account details and passwords etc. Those of you who work in companies with computers will know this is how their IT departments fix their machines for them. A quick code and away they go but in the wrong hands this is lethal. This scam has been going awhile but can be convincing so please stop and think and never allow anyone access to your computer.

A house on Main Street reported intruders in the back garden on the night of 4th May. Their fencing had been badly damaged and footsteps were found. No attempt had been made to gain entry to the house. About three weeks previously a house on Bradgate Road reported footprints all along the bottom of the garden. I guess the same culprits.

A resident at the top of Markfield Lane tells me that there are cars racing each other on the lane. The drivers are also showing signs of anti-social behaviour, flashing and honking at other drivers and residents. Has anyone else experienced this on the lane?

The May session of Speedwatch had to be cancelled due to two of our major operators being on crutches and myself taking a week's holiday. We really need some more volunteers for the September session.

Whilst deaths on the road in Leicestershire are coming down, the number of young drivers killed has increased. The Road Policing Unit, in association with the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland road Safety Partnership, has produced the Young Driver's Guide. It is full of useful hints for new and young drivers including looking after your car, insurance and safety tips. The back page is for you to complete if you are unfortunate enough to have an accident. I have fetched fifteen of these from Force

25 Headquarters and if anyone would like one for a family member,

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The Road Policing Unit, in conjunction with the Fire Brigade, has equipped a car with a DVD showing two fatal accidents. I believe the car tips up but I am not too sure how it works but it is to be taken to schools to educate young would-be drivers before they get in the driving seat. Paul Speight, who heads up the team of 5, should be coming to speak to the Charnwood Crime and Safety Forum's next meeting on 24th June so I should have more information then. It would be good to have it go to all the Senior Schools that our children attend in this area.

Diane Tillotson, the Anstey NHW co-ordinator has asked whether Newtown Linford is interested in joining with them for their next Cycle Hub. I guess it will be next year. It is a two hour event when Beat Police and Traffic Management attend. In April, free back packs were given to the first fifty people to arrive on their bikes. Lights, locks and other accessories are on sale with free MOT's for the bikes. Security marking is probably available as well. I am not sure whether we have many cyclists in the village. Please let me have your comments on this.

I am writing this on Bank Holiday Monday. The village is gridlocked. I called the Police at 1.15pm and they had already received another call. They said if it was just too much traffic on a sunny day there was nothing they could do. I explained that the verges all the way to Anstey were littered with cars in front of and behind yellow lines and hanging over people's driveways. I said there was no way an emergency vehicle could get through. The traffic lights were not helping as they were only letting two cars through at a time heading towards Leicester. Obviously they did do something because the Charnwood traffic wardens came and put tickets on many cars. I personally think the way forward is to publicise that the wardens do come out and ticket on bank holidays and indeed arrange for them to do so beforehand. Watch this space!!!!

Pam McMorran
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Gardeners are being urged to take extra care this spring. The promise of warmer weather gets many of us thinking about trimming or removing garden greenery, but at the same time our feathered friends are busy building their nests, laying their eggs and munching their way through caterpillars and other pests.

Although all nesting birds have legal protection under the Wildlife and Countryside Act from the moment they start building the nest until the young have fledged, it only takes a moment for a nest to be accidentally destroyed. Birds such as robins, sparrows and blackbirds are in decline and need all the help they can get, especially after a harsh winter.

Neil Pilcher from the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust said "We ask everyone to be careful as dense hedges such as Leylandii are good nesting sites, but any hedge, tree, shrub or ivy should be quickly checked just before starting work. If not doing the work themselves, householders should ask their contractor to check for nests too. If in doubt, the work should be postponed until the end of August when the breeding season is over".

28 **For further advice contact the Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust on 0116 2720444 or e-mail info@lrwt.org.uk**

BROOKVALE HIGH SCHOOL

BEAUTY & THE BEAST

Brookvale High School's annual Production has always been a much anticipated event on the calendar and this year was certainly no exception! Beauty & The Beast was performed on Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March 2013 in the Theatre at Groby Community College.

The show began in an array of colour and costume, performed to a sell-out audience each evening, who sat spell-bound throughout. Sadie Hurst, Year 9 and Matthew Skelton, Year 8, gave captivating performances as Beauty and The Beast, with supporting cast members chosen from across all year groups.

Music was made and word perfect songs were performed, oozing with feeling and emotion, making the audience laugh and cry (sometimes at the same time!).

Of course, our annual Production could not happen if it were not for the boundless energies and vivid imaginations of our Drama Subject Leader, Mr Adam Goodger and our Music Subject Leader, Miss Laura White, who begin work on this event long before any of us can even imagine, firing the enthusiasm of our young people, who cannot wait to audition for parts. Rehearsals begin many, many months before the show actually goes out, with our students and staff giving up so much of their 'down-time' in order to perform at their absolute best.

Many more staff members also were involved - our ADT department, along with our Premises team, who helped to design the amazing costumes and set, indeed our audience members could not have failed but to have been thrilled by the sight of the fantastic 'tea-cup' gliding effortlessly around on the stage, with 'Chip' ensconced inside it! Numerous other staff members (too many to mention) were involved each evening, keeping order and prompting where needed.

So many wonderful comments were received afterwards, with congratulatory emails coming in their abundance!

There is a general feeling about the place that our annual Production just keeps getting better and better, indeed surpassing everyone's expectations. We are now all waiting in anticipation..... come on Mr Goodger and Miss White..... what's coming next year?

BRADGATE LIONS CLUB NEWS



Since our last report, we've had a very busy time what with our Easter Fundraising, some of which was missed because of the appalling weather conditions. Nevertheless we did manage to do our Easter prize draw baskets in the local pubs. We raised over £1,000.00 and we also held a bucket collection at Glenfield Co-op for the DLR Air Ambulance where we collected £462.00. so altogether it was quite a pleasing time.

We have now completed our fundraising for the current fiscal year, (July 2012 – June 2013) and have held our cheque presentation event where donations were made to the various charities and good causes that we have supported.

During the current year we have raised and donated £4550.00 to national and local charities such as Air Ambulance, Rainbows, LOROS, Wish-es4Kids and many more besides. In total, 17 groups have benefitted this year from our efforts.

On 23rd June, we will be holding our 24th Charter Anniversary Dinner at Forest Hills Golf Club. In the years since our inception in 1989, we have raised and donated over £146,000.00 - a figure of which we are very proud. However, in order to continue with our work we do need to recruit new members. If you would like to find out more about Bradgate Lions and what we do, (Its not just fund raising, we do enjoy a brilliant social life as well,) give me a call on 01530 242912 and I will be pleased to help you.

At the end of June we will be holding our change over event when we will welcome our new President for the next twelve months. There's not much change there, as our current President Jill has agreed to remain in post for another year, but we will still go ahead with the ceremony and we wish her another successful period of office.

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NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of the Parish and the Annual Parish Council Meeting took place on Monday 20th May 2013.

The first item was the **resignation of Virginia Toon** after six years as a Parish Councillor. Her personal commitments to family and work are growing, making it difficult for her to give the Parish Council the attention she wants to. Virginia is a wonderful person, well organised, knowledgeable, full of common sense, helpful and resourceful. In other words, she is great to know and has been a fantastic asset to the Parish Council. We all wish her well.

As you know, **the Annual Meeting of the Parish** acts as an overview of the previous year. The Chairman, Mr. Ken Waterfall and the Clerk gave their report summarising all the matters dealt with by the Parish Council. They also thanked the Police, the Parish Councillors and our Borough and County Councillor, Mr. David Snartt for their time, help and support. P.C. Carruthers, our new Beacon Officer was unable to attend, instead P.C. Stephenson gave a short report. Mrs. McMorran, in her capacity of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, will cover anything newsworthy in her section of the Magazine. The Chairman of the Village Hall, Mr. Michael Upstone reported 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. He thanked all the Committee Members and other volunteers for the generous giving of their time. The final report was given by the Responsible Financial Officer (the Clerk) concerning the finances of the Parish Council. Thanks to careful budgeting the Parish Council was able to keep the Precept for 2013/2014 at £38,000 for the eighth year, and carry over a balance of £30,000 into the new financial year.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting followed on. Mr. Ken Waterfall and Mrs. Janet Neaverson were unanimously elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. The other Parish Councillors remain the same: Mr. Philip Baker, Dr. Richard Lowe, Mrs. Pam McMorran, Mrs. Sue Pritchard. The usual agenda was dealt with. If you would like to see details, there is always a copy of the minutes at the Village Store, on the Parish Council Website <http://www.newtownlinford.org.uk/> 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 Monday 17th June 2013 at 7 pm 32 in the small hall of the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

Lydia Knott, Clerk to the Council



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