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The Bradgate Team Parish

Rain, rain, and even more rain.. As I write, February seems to have exceeded itself, as being one of the wettest February's on record. Somehow we have just got used to having the rain and the wind there, in the background, just like a screen saver. So on Sunday when the sun came out, it seemed like a special treat, watching the sun's rays come through the Church windows, with shafts of brilliant colour beaming onto the carpet. It gave a welcome lift, to what had started as a dull, drizzly, grey and windy morning, as we hurtle towards Lent and Easter.

It made me think of the importance of change in our everyday lives. Most of us resist change at all costs, finding comfort in the familiar. Sometimes we do not appreciate the humdrum of the 'everyday', until a change comes upon us, and then we cling on to the old and familiar. It is sad that we often do not value the things we have in the here and now; the people we love, who are with us every day, living our lives with us. Perhaps we don't tell them, just how much they mean to us, until there is a crisis of some sort that forces us into the moment. So please grab that moment, and tell someone you care for, just how much they mean to you, or spend time reflecting on the wonderful memories that you shared, and thank God for them and thank God for being there with us, through the ups and downs of life.

It occurred to me, also, that it is by being prepared to be open to the experience of change that we give ourselves the opportunity of seeing the sun light shining into our lives, and the opportunity of receiving the good things that God has in store for us.

Revd. Ros Cooper



Family Services

All Saints Church, Newtown Linford are launching a new monthly family service and would like to invite families (and everyone else) along to join us on the day.



In February we had the Brownies Thinking Day celebrating 100 years of Brownies in the Girl Guide Movement

Dates For Your Diary

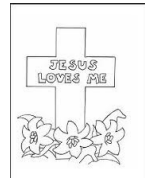


30th March is Mothering Sunday

20th April is Easter Sunday

We would like to invite all children (whatever your age 0 - 100) to come

along with your family to celebrate these special days.



From May the Family Service will be on the second Sunday of each month and we hope to make it a more age appropriate family event.

We are introducing the children's corner where children may go and colour, do puzzles and be more creative - We are also looking at possibly making this a shorter service of 45 minutes or so instead of the normal hour followed by coffee, soft drinks and biscuits.

We would welcome ideas on what to call this monthly event, or design us a logo to use. Suggestions to the editor who will pass onto the Revd Peter.

Who knows - there may be a prize for the best entrant!-

Please come along and join us - you will be most welcome

VILLAGE DIARY

March 2014

6th Bradgate Flower Club
8th Brownies Rummage Sale
8th Village Ramblers
17th Parish Council Meeting
23rd Beaumanor History Fair



June 2014

12th - 14th Newtown Linford Choral Society

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
3rd Thursday	Gentlemen's Lunch Club

Village Hall Public Access Defibrillator and the Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS)

You should have received a A5 leaflet with last months copy of your Magazine if you are a Newtown Linford Resident.

Please keep it or note the number down for future reference. Hopefully you will never need it.

If you do not receive your A5 leaflet re the VETS defibrillator please let Claire Costello know.

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RUMMAGE SALE



NEWTOWN LINFORD BROWNIES

Saturday 8th March 2014

1.30pm in the Village Hall

Admission 50p



Tea and Home Made Cakes



Are you Spring Cleaning?



If so and you are outting unwanted clothes and bric-a-brac - please remember we are having a rummage sale and would be very grateful for your surplus articles.

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Village Ramblers

8th March

12th April

10th May

Felicity Manning 01530 245298

Jan Croft 01530 244865

Penny Neaves 0116 2362660



On 8th February, a small band of intrepid rambles, and two intrepid dogs, braved the strong winds, threat of rain and soggy conditions underfoot. We took the footpath from Main Street to Bradgate Park and, helped by a following wind, walked along the inside of the perimeter wall to Hunts Hill. From there we skirted Rough Hill Woodlands and explored part of privately-owned Benscliffe Wood with its rocky outcrops at the top of the hill. The photo (showing one of our party larking about!) is taken in front of an old beech tree which my father, Bob Broughton, famously climbed on his 70th birthday! We returned via Rough Hill Woodlands and, with the rain only then starting to catch us, walked briskly back along the road in time for tea and cakes at Mark field Lane.

The next village ramble will be on Saturday 8th March, Leader Felicity Manning, and will depart at 2pm from opposite the pub. Please wear suitable footwear for a ramble.

Thank you to Claire for a most interesting ramble last week on the only sunny Saturday in February .

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News from the Park



Will The Rain Ever Stop?

It now seems to have been raining constantly since Christmas. Parts of Leicestershire experienced their wettest January since records began and the amount of rainfall expected in an average February fell on the County in the first six days of the month. The Park is sodden and we are extremely glad of the second all-terrain buggy that we purchased as it is virtually impossible to go anywhere in a Land Rover without severely rutting the wet ground. Fortunately the rain has generally come as a steady flow rather than in sudden downpours and the River Lin has not burst its banks this winter, which it did on several occasions last year. Despite the conditions, there is still plenty of work that needs to be done. We have been delighted with the way in which sales of venison have taken off. As well as the venison box sales to the public, we now supply a number of local butchers and Bradgate Park Venison is beginning to appear on the menus of a range of local restaurants and gastro pubs. Venison burgers, sausages and casserole feature from time to time as 'Specials' at the Conservatory Tearoom so there are lots of opportunities to sample this most local of foods.

Winter is also the time of year when the bulk of the woodland management work gets done. We have been continuing with the programme of coppicing in Swithland Wood and all the timber produced that is surplus to our own requirements has been sold as hedge laying materials or put aside to season before being sold as firewood or barbecue charcoal next year. I am keen that our woodlands become self-sustaining financially as this will ensure that the management we carry out, such as coppicing, which is so beneficial for wildlife, can continue into the future without the need to rely on Government grants.

On the subject of Swithland Wood, I am pleased to be able to announce that we have acquired the two areas of woodland to the east – known as White's Wood and Stocking Wood. This purchase has been made possible with the support of Leicestershire County Council, Leicester City Council, the National Forest Company and the Helen Jean Cope Trust. The Bradgate Park Trust is very grateful to all of them and to the Charnwood Trust for giving us the opportunity to acquire these woodlands and the time to put the funding together. These additional areas will be made available for public access once initial surveys and safety checks have been completed, although we shall probably ask visitors to keep to the paths in order to protect the varied plant life as well as the ground-nesting birds.

Staying with the subject of trees but now turning to the Park itself, many people will have heard the story of how, when Lady Jane Grey was executed in 1554, the Bradgate woodsmen symbolically 'beheaded' many of the trees in commemoration. The 12th of February this year marked the 460th anniversary of this sad occasion and we have re-commenced the practice of pollarding on the Park. We have been cutting back a number of the younger trees (mainly Sweet Chestnut but some Oak) that are threatening to crowd out some of the veteran Oaks. Although the result looks drastic, the trees soon spring back with renewed vigour. Indeed, one of the reasons that Bradgate has so many ancient trees is that they have been regularly pollarded over the centuries.

Winter is traditionally a time for taking stock and planning for the year ahead. Two significant pieces of work are currently underway as part of the preparation of our Parkland Plan. Firstly, the Environment Agency recently carried out an aerial 'LiDAR' survey, which is a remote sensing technique designed to give a finely detailed picture of the Park's topography with a view to identifying the extent of the buried archaeological resource. The data is now being analysed by the University of Leicester Archaeological Service and we hope to have the results by the beginning of May. Secondly, a survey is being carried out of all the trees in the Park with a view to giving us the information we need to better care for them. Each tree will be fitted with a numbered tag that corresponds to its entry in the database.

Loughborough Naturalists' Club recorded over 500 different plant and animal species in the Park in 2013 and we were really pleased to be able to facilitate their work. Our Rangers have recently helped Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust set up their equipment for monitoring reptile and amphibian populations. This equipment consists of lengths of corrugated iron sheeting that attract these cold-blooded creatures as they heat up in the sunshine. Should you come across a piece of 'wriggly tin' on the Park, please do not move it: it is meant to be there! We are also looking to set up a permanent moth trap around the Deer Barns.

The Charnwood Roots Project will be holding an Open Day at Bradgate on Sunday 16th March to show what they have discovered so far.

Following on from the success of the Christmas Fair, we will be holding an 'Early Summer Fair' over the weekend of 31st May - 1st June. More details will be available in due course but the theme of the event will be local food and crafts and anyone interested in having a stall should contact the Estate Office.

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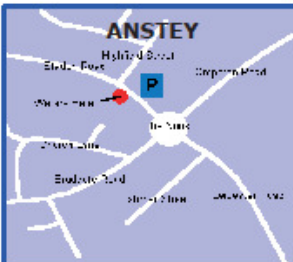
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Bradgate Park Trust
Application for a Premises Licence – The Ruins of
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Residents may have seen the pale blue notices at the entrances to the Park concerning the Trust's application to Charnwood Borough Council for the grant of a Premises Licence for the Ruins.

The law allows the staging of theatrical productions to an audience of up to 500 people without the need for a licence. We had 500 people to see 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' last year and the venue could easily have accommodated 7-800. We would like to be able to have an audience of this size in future.

The law regarding music has changed so that no licence is needed for acoustic performances of any size. On the contrary any performance of amplified music, however small, is licensable. To have a licence would give us the flexibility to amplify performers if necessary. We are NOT planning to hold rock concerts or festivals in the Park!

A number of venues, such as Calke Abbey, stage very successful and popular outdoor cinema evenings. We have no firm plans to do this at present but have included showing films in the licence application as it is possible that we may decide to try this in the future.

So far as recorded music is concerned, this is included so that we are covered for any music that may be played incidentally to any of the above activities and this is the only way in which we envisage recorded music being used.

We are asking the Borough Council to license us to carry out these activities within the Ruins enclosure on weekends and Bank Holiday Mondays between Easter and October. The hours of operation would be between 2pm and 10pm. This means that any activity would only take place on those days and between those times, not that activities would take place for 8 hours per day, 3 days per week. The maximum number of days on which any licensable activity would take place would be 28 days in any year. This figure has been used as this is the maximum number of days that any activity can be carried out without requiring planning permission. Please note that we have no plans to carry out licensable activities on anything like that number of days.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE NOT APPLYING FOR A LICENCE TO SELL ALCOHOL



If you would like to see the details of the application, please contact Charnwood Borough Council. If you have any queries that the Council cannot answer, please feel free to contact me.

Please note that this is not the official advertisement of the application, which will appear in the local press. This is just an advisory notice to inform the local community about what we are planning.

Peter Tyldesley

Land Agent & Surveyor, Bradgate Park Trust

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Ladies, if you enjoy a good meal, good company and good entertainment you might be interested in joining the Newtown Linford Lunch Club. Despite the name you do not have to live in Newtown Linford.

We meet at the Forest Hill Golf Club on the third Wednesday of the month for a three course meal after which we are entertained by a speaker. In recent months we have enjoyed talks about Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, Advertising Ephemera and Poetry amongst others. Talks coming up are entitled 'There's more to Leicester than cheese', 'The Little Theatre', 'Kedleston Hall', 'Reformatory at Mount St Bernard's Abbey' and 'Chop Sticks and Rituals' a talk about China. Next December we have the delightful and entertaining Eliza McClelland coming.

There is a friendly atmosphere, the venue is pleasant and the food is good. Why not give us a try? The three course meal with coffee is £16. If you decide you would like to join our club membership is £20 per year; this pays for the speakers. For more details or to book a meal phone 0116 2304420.

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Megan Raynor, aged 10



Newtown Linford Gardening Club

Which of these four alternatives are essential for seeds to germinate?

- A. Air warmth light
- B. Light moisture warmth
- C. Moisture warmth air
- D. Air moisture light

This was just one of the questions which taxed our brains at our January meeting when Mick Eaton from the Leicester Parks Department ran a gardener's quiz to open our new year. We all found the questions very hard until we got the answers and realised that we did know a lot more than we first thought and a bit more imagination would have earned us higher scores!!

What a strange winter we are having! At the time of writing we have had no snow and precious few frosts. The ground is sodden and plants have their roots in water which can't be doing them any good. There is nothing we can do but wait and see what happens. Does it mean, however, we will be plagued by pests not killed off by the usual cold weather or is Mother Nature lulling us with a false sense of security before hitting us with a really long cold spell like she did in 1963?

Dr Andrew Ward will talk to us about 'Delightful Daisies' on 25th February and our March meeting is about healthy eating aspects of fruit and vegetables. Our speaker, David Thornton is long-time Secretary of the National Vegetable Society. We are very pleased to be able to attract speakers of renown whose expertise brings them national recognition and we look forward to bumper attendance.



We have welcomed a large number of new members this year and will be pleased if others want to join us. If you are interested in our activities just contact the Secretary (tel. 242452 or e-mail 01530242452@talktalk.net) , or come to one of our meetings to see how you like it before making a commitment (£2 for visitors). Alternatively give us a ring and ask for a copy of our programme for the coming year and we will be pleased to send one to you.

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BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES—March 2014

DATE	GROBY	RATBY	NEWTOWN LINFORD
2nd March Next before Lent	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)	
	9.30am Family Worship (LC)	10.00am Worship for All (RC)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (LC)		
9th March 1st Sunday of Lent			8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am Family Worship (RC)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (RC/PH)		
16th March 2nd Sunday of Lent	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)		
	9.30am Morning Worship (LC/Team)	10.00am Family Communion (FB)	10.30am Holy Communion (PH/J.Sharp)
	6.30pm 3SE	6.00pm Holy Communion (PH)	
23rd March 3rd Sunday of Lent			8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
	9.30am Holy Communion (FB)	10.00am Holy Communion (PH/ RC)	10.30am Morning Prayer (KW)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (PH/RC)		
30th March Mothering Sunday			8.00am Holy Communion (LC)
	9.30am Special Service (LC)	10.00am Special Service (PH)	10.30am Special Service (KW/ RC)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (LC)		

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—March

NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10am	6th			
GROBY	Wed	9.30am	5th	12th	19th	26th
RATBY	Thur	9.30am		13th		27th

CHURCH REGISTER

Weddings - None

Baptisms - None

Funerals --None

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Regular Events

Bell ringer's practice: Monday 8pm

Mince pies. Betty McCrystal and all the congregation who enjoyed them would like to send a belated thank you to all the wonderful villagers who baked mince pies for the Carols by Candlelight service in December.

These were much appreciated

Apologies from the Editor who missed putting this in last months Magazine!



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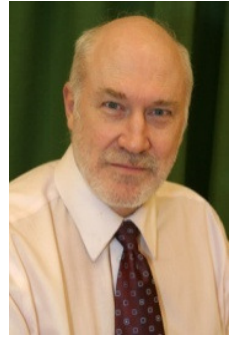
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Computer Tips

In a series of tips for the less than expert computer users, Joe Costello, local retired ICT teacher, Engineer and self confessed Computer Geek wishes to offer useful and practical advice in dealing with PCs and laptops. He is also offering **free**, more direct assistance to his Newtown Linford neighbours with help on repairs, installations, and software and hardware problems. You can contact Joe either by email at Newfordcomputer-help@hotmail.co.uk or through this Magazine.



Computer tip for Spring 2014

I know I am not alone in getting annoyed with the number of updates, upgrades, service packs, and revisions continually interrupting my computer activity. Especially infuriating is not being allowed to switch off my computer last thing at night because Windows requires an unspecified period of time to update itself. Just pulling the plug here can have serious consequences as I know to my cost; here's a better way to avoid them. Click the Start button bottom left and type in the box immediately above the words "automatic update". Access to this part of windows is different for XP, Vista, W7 and W8; but typing in the box will always bring up the option, "Turn automatic updating on or off". Left click here will take you to a dialogue box entitled, "Choose how windows can install updates". Click the drop down menu arrow to the right of the green tick and choose "never" "not recommended". That's Windows updates eliminated, but remember, once or twice a year, when you don't need your computer for a few hours you had better reverse this and let the computer catch up. For all the rest, go to the search box again and type MSCONFIG. Click on the option that appears; then scroll through everything that is listed under the "services" and "startup" tabs, untick anything with the word "update". You may need to widen the first column so you can read the full description. Do this by clicking and dragging to the right the line just left of "M" in "Manufacturer". Again you may want to reverse this once or twice a year when you've nothing else to do. Finally remember when downloading or installing any new product or programme to decline the offer of automatic updates. It's probably wise just to decline all offers.

The object of all these programme additions is, in part at least, to keep their product and company name on your desktop and therefore gain product recognition and familiarity. Also people in these companies inhabit a world where computers are left on 24/7 and updates are set to

install automatically at 3 in the morning. To anyone born in the last century leaving anything on unnecessarily is anathema.

In truth we will probably never know why our web cams need updating every two weeks, or why our printer has to check with head office every time we boot up; and who knows what information is downloaded (or uploaded?) every time Windows needs a tweak.

Alan Turing, the inventor of the computer, was recently honoured. His statue in Manchester shows him seated, holding an apple, perhaps the same one he injected with poison for his suicide. Is it serendipity or something more sinister that the largest computer manufacturer in the world has as its logo an apple, with a bite missing? **Joe Costello**

Birth Announcement

We would like to announce the birth of our son Johann who was born on the 31st December 2013 weighing 6 pounds and 12 ounces. He is a happy and healthy boy who feeds and sleeps well and enjoys being walked in Bradgate Park and round the village by his family. We look forward to our life as a family in Newtown Linford.

Beate Helmke-Richardson and
Geoff Richardson, Main Street



From The Records

The Pawn in the Power Struggle of Tudor England (Did this film (Lady Jane) launch her as an international star)

It is always a treat when I open a new record book (this time 1984-86) looking for items in the Village Records to share with you. Living where we do means there are often news items in the press about Bradgate Park and articles about Lady Jane Grey and today it is tied in with
24 one of our actresses Helena Bonham Carter. There was an article



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in the press last week about her latest film that ties in very well with the cutting that came from the Leicester Mercury January 1st 1985, giving us a reminder of her earlier life.

A film was being made about the life of Lady Jane Grey and because Bradgate House is a ruin they used Haddon Hall in Derbyshire to represent Bradgate House. There is a lovely still of the Christmas Banquet in the Great Hall at Haddon.

Helena was 18 at the time and Trevor Nunn the artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company stated "that of all the girls that were seen for the title role, in Helena he saw the face and demeanour of Jane Grey".



Her previous acting experience included Channel 4 "A Pattern of Roses" and a summer with the Old Vic Youth Theatre.

At this stage in her life she did not know if serious acting was for her. She had taken A levels at Westminster School and was thinking of sitting for the Oxford Entrance Exam. At that stage she stated "I prefer to go to University and get back into a normal lifestyle" But she had not ruled out the theatre. The part of Lady Jane Grey she realised she could not refuse, offering her a chance to work with Trevor Nunn and experienced actors Michael Horden, Jane Lapotaire, John Wood, Jill Bennett and Richard Pascoe - and a script by Davis Edgar. She said "it is a dream role and there are not many roles like this. You never know if you will get the opportunity again" She said "it had been a very educational experience, learning not just the technical side of filming but about herself, discovering new things". She said "some things like being beaten by her parents and facing death were very traumatic. It is all down to your ability to be Jane as well as all the technical side."

We know that Helena has continued her acting career and the list on Google is endless. Here are a few.

A Room with a View 1985,
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 2005,
Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince 2009,
Les Miserables 2012.

Lets hope she continues to entertain us all.

Bradgate Flower Club

On Wednesday 6th March, Bradgate Flower Club will visit "Amazing Places" with guest demonstrator Linda Smith from Toton, Notts. The demonstration will be held in Newtown Linford Village Hall. We meet at 7.30pm and visitors are welcome - a charge of £5 is made. Details from Lilian Coleman on 0116 2363191.

Bradgate Flower Club marks 25 years since its founding with an Anniversary Dinner. This will be held from 6.30 pm on Wednesday 2nd April in Newtown Linford Village Hall. The evening includes a presentation, "Karaoke to Cabaret", by the very entertaining speaker Tony Cleaver of York. Members, former members and their guests are all welcome to join in the celebrations! Tickets £15 - in advance only - details from Lilian Coleman on 0116 2363191.

Have you wondered what lies behind the creative genius of the flower arranger? Journey "Back to the Future" with Bradgate Flower Club and be enthralled by the skill and repartee of an experienced demonstrator. Lee Berrill is the guest for our special Open Meeting at 7.30 on Wednesday 7th May. The venue for this meeting is Groby Community College. Visitors and guests are welcome - entry fee of £8, payable at the door. Details from Lilian Coleman on 0116 2363191.

Geraldine Abbott

BEAUMANOR HISTORY FAIR

(organised by Leicestershire Archaeological & Historical Society)

A major History Fair will take place once more at Beaumanor Hall, Woodhouse, on Sunday 23rd March 2014 from 10.00am - 4.00pm, entrance fee £5, children free, all day catering and free supervised parking.

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Broadband

In our Village the broadband tends to be rather slow and weak. BT do have the capacity to upgrade our area to what is called BT Infinity but to do this BT needs to know that it is financially worthwhile. In other words they need to know that there is sufficient interest from the people in the village but that also includes Markfield where our BT box is located.

To help in this process those interested can register their interest at this web address <http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/where-and-when/>

All you need to do is to register your name and address and hopefully we will get decent broadband in the area.

If you are interested you can also test your broadband speed by going to <http://www.uswitch.com/broadband/speedtest/>

If anyone has ideas about getting people in Markfield interested then either contact me Suryacitta at Suryacitta@gmail.com or pursue yourself but I would appreciate knowing.

Suryacitta Malcolm Smith - Groby Lane

Note from Editor

It was reported in the Loughborough Echo (7.2.14) that disgruntled residents in Diseworth got fed up with their poor download speeds and are applying for two pots of funding in order to improve their Broadband speed. They held a public meeting to gauge interest and confirm they are in a hard to reach area for superfast broadband. This means it is not cost effective to reach without outside sources of funding. They need 200 emails and will then submit a funding application to the Rural Community Broadband Fund (RCBF) and Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK). They have speeds of between 0 and 4Mb (mine is 4Mb). Not sure if this is something that we could pursue

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Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch A member of the Parish Council



All seems very quiet at the time of writing which is of course a good thing.

I have put a report form onto the Village Website so that you can report any NHW matters if you do not want to send an email direct. It comes direct to me and is anonymous unless you put your name in the comments. Within an hour of my doing so a Grey Crescent resident had sent me an incident report. Quite amazing but nothing since.

Leicestershire Trading Standards is investigating a company selling mattresses door to door. I doubt whether they will come our way but apparently their claims are suspect.

In the Village Records last month, Janet Neaverson mentioned all the houses changing hands in 1981 and asking how many of these residents are still here. 76 and 78 are listed and these two were bought by Maurice and I. We live in 76 now having sold 78 in 2003. A glance at the Electoral Roll tells me virtually every house has changed hands although some residents have remained in the Village elsewhere. It is amazing how many residents have lived in several different houses over the years.

P.C.S.O. Stephen Quinn says: - There has been an increase for burglaries to outbuildings on other areas of the beat. If you have any power tools we would advise making a note of the serial number in order to increase the chance of the item being returned to you.

I am very disappointed in the new Police system which has 30 resulted in the



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absence of Police in our Village unless there is an incident. My counterpart in Rothley who has been working at NHW longer than myself feels even more strongly about it. We have recently been told by P.C. Leye Price who is our Beacon Officer that she plans to amalgamate all the NHW schemes in the entire beat and form a multi action Crime Reduction Group. That would be Quorn, Rothley, Woodhouse, Woodhouse Eaves, Newtown Linford, Thurcaston, Cropston and Swithland, with all information being assimilated by Social Media. Marion from Rothley and myself use websites and emails and both have very active NHW Groups. We do not touch Social Media and have no intention of doing so. It would mean we will have to be standalone Groups but be trying to function without any information from the Police or the NHW Group that used to function out of Loughborough Police Station which has now been downsized leaving no office for them to work in. Our NHW Groups are not merely crime based of course and we still believe there is a strong need for them in our community.

Finally please note that I am only using the telephone number listed at the bottom. Please delete the old number of 242140 from your records.

Pam McMorran

NHW Co-ordinator – pam@riverlyn.freesevice.co.uk

01530 242201

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PC 2139 Richard Carruthers,

PC 2029 Ed Stephenson and

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2139, 2029 or 6646, to leave us a message.

We will get back to you as soon as possible. You can also send us an email by logging onto the website at www.leics.police.uk and clicking on the “Neighbourhood Policing” icon.

Village Hall News

After 11 years of sterling service, Michael Upstone stood down as Chairman at the Annual meeting on 27th January. Toby Manning, who had previously been the Drama Society representative, was elected to succeed him. Michael will be a hard act to follow.

The Village Hall is a registered charity, and is managed by a Committee, some of whom are elected and some of whom are appointed by the major Village Societies and other organisations. Apart from Toby, the members are now Janet Brunton (Secretary), Peter Rose (Treasurer), Bev Griffiths (Social Secretary), Ken Waterfall (Parish Council representative), Pat Wood (Choral Society Representative), Janet Neaverson (Flower Club representative), Sue Pritchard (Gardening Club representative), Carol-Ann Sugden, Wes Raynor, Tom Clarke, John Nixon, Charlotte Turner and Nathan Jackson (ordinary members). At time of writing there is one vacancy (a drama society representative).

Pat Wood (242251) is Hall Bookings Secretary.

Following several years of prudent financial management, the Committee decided to freeze hall rentals for a further year: They were last increased in 2009.

In the Autumn there was a significant incident when the basement was flooded by a blockage in the local drainage sewer. As a result our boiler was a write-off; it has been replaced but we still need to do some work on the control system to provide the heating service that users should expect.

We will be arranging a few social events for the coming year, which we hope will be drier than were January and February. However, some Committee Members have served for many years and it would be very helpful if we had some new ideas for events. If you have such ideas, or would like to help in any other way, please contact me (without commitment) on 245298.



Toby Manning

Toby Manning.



Volunteers for Chaplaincy Team at University Hospitals of Leicester

Volunteers are needed to join the Chaplaincy Teams at Glenfield Hospital or Leicester Royal Infirmary to push wheelchairs to the services on Sunday mornings. The interdenominational service commences at 10.30 and lasts for approximately 3/4 hour. As with all volunteers at Leicester's Hospitals, the Volunteer Services department will arrange your application to be a volunteer and support you through your volunteering. You will need to:

- Volunteer at least once a month and if possible be flexible as to which Sunday. Some volunteers do more than one a month.
- Register as a member and a volunteer of the Trust
- Be subject to a DBS check (formerly CRB)
- Wear the appropriate uniform of short sleeves and no jewellery or watches below your elbows (for infection control)
- Wear an identity badge
- Attend an induction day which includes, fire training, safety and pushing of chairs which may be at any of the three hospitals (Glenfield, Leicester Royal or the General)

On the day you will be asked to arrive at 9.30 to assist with setting up for the service and normally be clear to go by 12noon. This can vary due to the number of volunteers and patients on the day. When you are volunteering you will have free parking and can claim mileage expenses.

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NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

I am covering items from the January and the February Parish Council meetings:

Planning issues: Mr. Richard Bennett, Head of Planning and Regeneration Services for Charnwood Borough Council attended the January meeting, as promised. He explained that our Village Design Statement could only be modified by going through the formal process again following legal rules. This is essential if Charnwood Borough Council is to adopt it as a Supplementary Planning Document (which essentially means that only then would it be taken into account when planning decisions are made by them). The modification would have to be completed with the assistance of their Conservation Officer, and not until the Charnwood Core Strategy has been adopted in October 2014 at the earliest. The matter is in abeyance until all the legal rules have been considered by the Parish Council. I will keep you up to date with progress.

Still on Planning, but a different issue. People, not just residents, sometimes say: "Why on earth did you allow that to be built?" The answer is that we as a Parish Council do not make the final decision on any application, small or large. We are consulted and asked for comments, which we pass on to the Planning Authority i.e. Charnwood B.C. It is their prerogative to act on them or not. When they do not agree with our objections, it is usually because existing plan regulations make it practically impossible for them to refuse an application. Sometimes Charnwood would like to refuse an application but because they know that the applicant will go to Appeal, HM Inspector may uphold the appeal, and the application is then allowed to go ahead anyway. In a case like that the cost to the Planning Authority is substantial.

Finance: You will be pleased to know that the Parish Council decided to keep the Precept at £38,000 for the eighth financial year. So, if the Council Tax demand increases this year, it will not be because the Parish requirement has been increased.

Highways: We have had complaints from several residents on Bradgate Road about inconsiderate parking on the Park side of the road. Parking partly on the pavement means people have to go onto the road in order to get around the cars, thereby endangering their safety, particularly if there are children or babies/toddlers in pushchairs. Other drivers are even more irresponsible by driving on the pavement on the

houses side, and driving too fast. The Parish Council has asked for a 30 mph limit in the past for all of Bradgate Road, but been informed by the County Council that because of Department of Transport rules, 40 mph at the top end of the road and 30 mph towards the lower part of the road is correct. To overcome parking on the pavement we need enforcement by the Street Wardens. To stop dangerous driving on the pavement we need the Police and to change speed limits we need the co-operation of the County Council. The Parish Council will do its utmost to bring this about.

Cemetery: Some callous people are again stealing flowers and containers from loved ones' graves. Unfortunately CCTV is not possible as there is no electricity in the cemetery and the cost to have it installed is prohibitive. A few days ago several wooden fences were ripped down. A number were removed/stolen, others were dumped on the ground. What makes these morons do these things, surely it is not done for fun?! Sadly this sort of behaviour is happening all over the country. Is there a solution?

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 17th March 2014 at 7 pm in the small hall of the Village Hall. We would love to see you.

Lydia Knott, Clerk to the Council

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