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What does Pentecost mean to Christians?

When I was a child growing up in Yorkshire, Pentecost was always the most exciting event (next to Christmas!!!) We always knew it as Whitsuntide and the excitement lasted for 2 whole days!!!. On Whit Sunday all the children went to Church in their new Whitsun clothes and it was tradition for them to knock on all the neighbours' doors to show themselves off in their new clothes. In return the children were given a few pennies for their pockets. On Whit Monday all of the Churches from the neighbouring Parishes would march from their Village with banners and a brass band. The small children and the elderly followed behind in open lorries which was so exciting!!! Everyone met in one village square where an open air service was held and then in the afternoon a massive picnic with games and races was held. It was magical even though we didn't really understand the significance of it.

At the age of 12years I was confirmed at Whitsuntide dressed in white with a white veil and it was explained to me that it had been a tradition of some Churches in ancient times to baptize people to the faith on Pentecost. The newly baptized would wear white robes on that day, so Pentecost was often called "Whitsunday" or "White Sunday" after these white baptismal garments. Pentecost is sometimes described as the "Birthday of the Church." It is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian Church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter. Pentecost marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the twelve apostles and other followers of Jesus.

It is one of the three "mega-festivals" in the Christian calendar. The first two, Christmas and Easter are known to believers and non-believers. But it's possible that even some Christians don't really understand why Pentecost is such a major festival.

God the Father's wonderful gift of Jesus and his subsequent triumph over
3 the power of sin, death would be of no benefit to us if the Holy Spirit

did not give us the faith to believe and trust in Christ as our Saviour. The role of the Holy Spirit is to speak to us through the Bible in exactly the same way. That's why it is so important to read the Bible. The Holy Spirit helps us to understand what we read. And later, in many situations, the Holy Spirit will teach us and give us direction especially by reminding us of those very words from the Bible. This precious gift of faith is the reason Pentecost is the third "mega-festival" of the church and why we celebrate it with such joy and thanksgiving.

Yours in peace
Joan Hawkins, Pastoral Assistant



THE PARISH WALK 4th MAY

Our Parish is surrounded by many beautiful forests, and breath taking views, so why not join us in enjoying the local countryside in our Parish walk from Ratby to Newtown Linford.



Meet: Ratby Church,
2.00pm
Refreshments at
Newtown Linford



Service: Newtown Linford Church, 4pm



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VILLAGE DIARY

May

- 1st Zumba starting in the Village Hall
- 4th Parish Walk
- 8th Boules
- 9th Adults beginners watercolour class
- 12th Village Ramblers
- 22nd Gardeing Club visit to Thornton Nurseries
- 25th Village Quiz (sold Out)
- 27th Village Family Day
- 28th Parish Council Meeting



Regular events

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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 |

NEWTOWN LINFORD BOULES

Welcome to the Tenth Season - New Members always
Welcome

2012 SEASON

- Tuesday 8th May
- Tuesday 12th June
- Tuesday 10th July
- Tuesday 7th August
- Tuesday 4th September

Meet outside the Village Hall at 6.20pm (September 6.00pm). All
matches to be played at The Bluebell, Hoby,
phone number 01664 434247

CONTACT. DICK HOWARD 01530 245373

Please confirm on the previous day (Monday) if you are attending
so that I can book your meal.

Newtown Linford Gardening Club

In true British tradition we follow an announcement of drought restrictions with a spate of wet weather. At least it has been quite warm as well, and wet and warm is the maxim for good strong growth of plants in the Spring so with luck we could have a bumper crop of plants in the next few months. It is still too early to put out the bedding plants however – patience is needed for the next few weeks.

David Tarver from the National Auricula Society gave us a very knowledgeable talk about his favourite plant. The depth of knowledge of these experts is breathtaking and they never leave us without ensuring that we see these plants in a different light.

At our AGM we welcomed three new members to our committee – Mike and Liz Newcombe and Shirley Dalby. Our new programme for the year was also revealed and offered a wide range of interesting speakers and visits.

The first of these visits is in May when, on the 22nd, we go to Thornton Nursery, which specialises in fuschias. We travel there under our own steam for what should be an enjoyable evening.

Our August trip is to Kew Gardens on Tuesday August 28th. We will leave the village at 9am and should be home in the early evening. The provisional cost, including travel and entry both to the gardens and the palace is £34, but that sum will be lower if the coach is full. We are always pleased to welcome non-members to join us on these trips.



If there is anyone interested in going to Kew with us please give the secretary a ring or send an e-mail.

We are always pleased to see newcomers. If others would like to join us, please 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.

Anne and David Couling

Village Ramblers 2012

MEET Opposite the Village Hall, to depart at 2pm.

May 12th Penny Neaves 0116 2362660
June 9th Pat Buckmaster 01455 823422 Meet opp. village Hall
at 2p.m. or outside Newbold Verdon Co-op at 2:30p.m.
July 14th Carolyn & Peter Lowe 01530 242877

The Village Rambling group was started in 1980, by members of the village W.I. The photo is of a walk at Swithland, on 23/2/1980. The photo shows 16 very young women! 1 man, 4 children and 3 dogs, many of whom still live in the village. Do you recognise anyone?



Sonia Pitcher and Janet Neaverson, who live in Grey Crescent led all the walks for the first year. Janet is no longer able to join us on walks, but still completed the 2 mile sponsored W.I. walk.

Thank-you to Jan. for leading our April walk. The walk, for a change, was from Ashby to Packington Church and Willesly. This is a lovely walk with good views, followed a week later with a day-out in Ashby, 7 when we joined Mick and the Cathedral Walkers. We visited the

Farmers' Market, Simplicity Restaurant, St. Helen's Church, walked from Moira Furnace, and were invited for a delicious "tea" at the very welcoming home of Julie.

St Helen's Church dates from 1086. Lord Hastings, who had access to the finest craftsmen, undertook a large building programme around 1474. Both Churches use the attractive local sandstone and limestone. St. Helen's Church and Packington Church are well cared for and well worth a visit, and the doors are always open. In the words of Simon Jenkins, our Churches are "without equal anywhere in the world".

Thank-you to Mick McQuade for organising a most interesting visit.

Treasures Unlocked

26 May	Bottesford
23 June	Newtown Linford
21 July	Foxton

The format of the walks will generally follow that of 2011 in that we meet at a pub or cafe for lunch, visit the Church and then go for a short walk in the neighbourhood picking up any nearby places of interest.

Copies of the Treasures Unlocked can be found if you go to

www.treasuresunlocked.co.uk

and browse to your hearts content.

More detailed information relating to each walk will be circulated nearer the event meanwhile, if you are not already on the email circulation list, please ask Mick McQuade to include your name by sending him an email at mick.mcquade@ntlworld.com.

New members are always welcome, just turn up wearing suitable footwear and clothing, for a 4-5 mile walk, we nearly always have good weather!

ANY QUERIES -Ring Glenis Meredith 01530 242897

Well-behaved dogs only are welcome. To be under the **close supervision** of the owner, and to **always 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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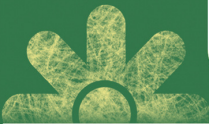
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At youth club this week I learnt how to play the guitars, my favourite one was the Ukulele. This is a small guitar which is easy to play. The teacher played a song called 'Leaning on the lamp post' which my grandmas and grandads would have listened to on the radio in the olden days. So come along and join the Newtown Linford Youth Club and meet all of us.

Robyn Harrison Age 7

Dave Rigg brought his drum kit along. We all had a go on the drums. He taught us how to play them, it was fantastic even some of the parents had a go. It was harder than it looked.

Thank you to Dave Rigg, Dean Elliot, Danny Wilson and Dan Robinson for teaching us all.

Anna Raynor Age 8



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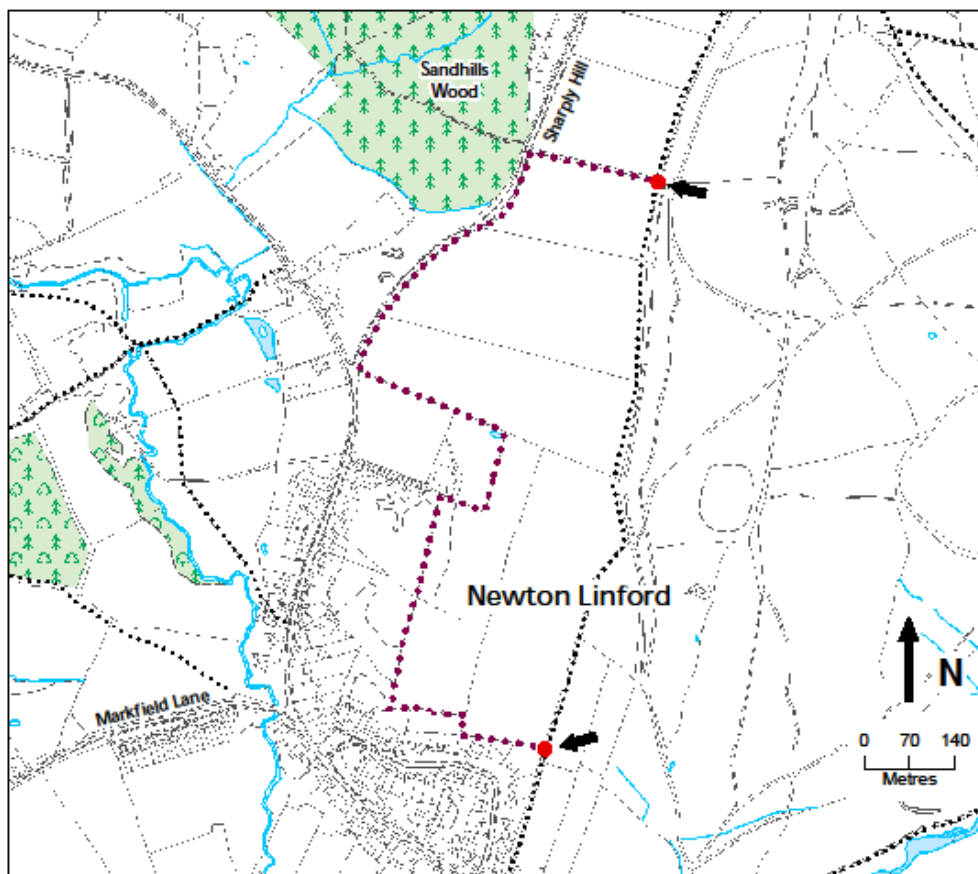


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Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012

**Village Family Day
On Sunday 27th May**



Time 12.30pm Gates open for picnics
Venue Marsden Meadow
at the bottom of Sharpley Hill and Corner of Ulverscroft Lane



1 - 2pm Games for the family

**1.30 - 2pm Results of the Cake
Competition**

Fancy Dress

Age groups under 10's, 10-16's and Adult prizes.

Games

**Gazebos are welcome on the day around
the edge of the field only - as space is
needed for the games . There will be a plan at the
entrance.**



**Dont forget your picnic, tables and chairs and come in
fancy dress or red, white and blue**

The events committee are hoping that a DVD can be put together for residents as a memento of the day and they would love any photos or video footage that can contribute to this. Please contact Scott Raynor on scottraynor@btinternet.com if you are hoppy to take some video footage on the Family Day

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Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012

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Jubilee Photographs for the VILLAGE RECORDS

As you will have seen we had lots of photos given to us for all the Silver Jubilee events. Please can you think of us when it comes to this years celebrations. I would like good coverage of all the events, The Village Family Day, The Quiz and the Dance as well as your won family pictures and the extra scenes you saw.

Please post the pictures through my door, 6 Grey Crescent, with a note. I shall not be sticking them in for quite a while.

Many thanks

Janet Neaverson



BE A SUPERHERO FOR RAINBOWS

It's time to dust off your superhero suit, because Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People needs all the heroes it can find. The annual Rainbows Walk of Life is taking place on Sunday 27 May, as part of Children's Hospice Week. You can walk a heroic 15 miles or a more sedate five around Leicester, The theme is superheroes, so walkers are invited to come along dressed as their favourite. It is optional though.,

One hero taking part again will be Chloe Flanders of Loughborough, who has been visiting Rainbows for six years. Although she had some physical and cognitive problems, Chloe's life was relatively normal until she reached the age of nine when life changed for the worse for Chloe and her family. Doctors gave Chloe's parents Alison and Ian the worst news they would ever hear; their little girl was diagnosed with Childhood Idiopathic Primary Dystonia, a movement disorder that leads to painful involuntary sustained muscle spasms, involuntary movements and other life threatening symptoms. They had to break the news gently to Chloe and tell her that she was never going to get better.

Chloe had always been an active child who was full of life and smiled readily. Sadly, her muscle spasms quickly worsened and within nine months of her diagnosis, Chloe's active life was brought to an end. Just before her tenth birthday, Chloe was forced to use a wheelchair. Her downward spiral continued, and by the age of 12, Chloe was confined to a hospital bed for a whole year, unable to even sit up. At 13, Chloe was to endure an eight-hour surgical procedure on her brain to receive the pioneering treatment called Deep Brain Stimulation. This fortunately brought the symptoms much more under control. She now has a battery pack inside her chest which constantly sends electrical impulses to the part of the brain which controls movements to block out the signals which cause the symptoms of dystonia. Chloe has to charge this battery pack every day.

Gradually Chloe regained her strength and, through great determination, learnt to walk again with the assistance of a walking frame. However, the dystonia had caused a condition called Scoliosis, a severe curvature of the spine which affected her ability to balance and became increasingly uncomfortable. When she was 15, Chloe once again endured eight hours of high risk surgery to insert metal rods in her spine.

Through all of this, and even though she's still in a wheelchair, the one thing Chloe hasn't lost is her beautiful smile. Her happy face can light up a room. But Chloe hasn't let her illness stop her doing her bit for a good cause. Since coming to Rainbows, Chloe and her family have been dedicated to helping the charity raise as much money as they can. She's even raised her own sponsorship money by regularly taking part in the Charity's Annual Sponsored Walk. In 2011 she got out of her wheelchair to walk the last few steps over the finish line – and that's heroic!

If you're inspired by Chloe's bravery and want to help Rainbows provide much needed support to life-limited children and their families in the East Midlands then sign up now by visiting **www.rainbows.co.uk/walkoflife** or calling **0800 952 1133** and get that Spider man suit off to the dry cleaners!

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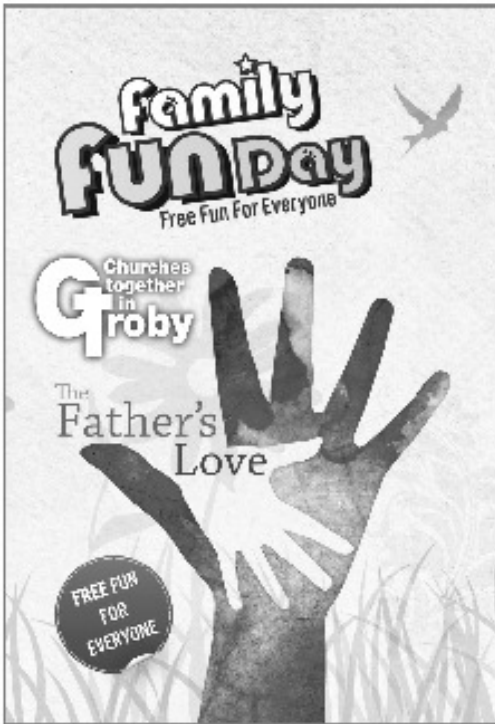
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BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES - May 2012

DATE	GROBY	RATBY	NEWTOWN LINFORD
6th May	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)		
5th Sunday of Easter	9.30am Family Communion (LC)	10.00am Worship 4 All (DC)	10.30am Holy Communion (PH)
		6.00pm Holy Communion (PH)	4.00pm Evening Praise (LC/PH)
13th May		8.00am Holy Communion (PH)	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)
6th Sunday of Easter	10.00am CIG Service (LC)	10.00am Special (PH)	10.30am Morning Prayer (KW/DC)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (PH/DC)		
Christian Aid week			
20th May	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)		
7th Sunday of Easter	9.30am Holy Communion (FB)	10.00am Holy Communion (LC)	11.00am Special Yeomanry (PH)
	6.30pm 3SE (Team)		
27th May			8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
Pentecost	NO SERVICE	10.00am Holy Communion (PH/DC)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	5.00pm Outdoor service at Groby College		

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES

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

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Regular Events

Bell ringer's practice: Monday 8pm

Weddings

Newtown Linford

14th April ~ Robin Porter and Hannah Edwards

21st April ~ David Cope and Tracey Prime

Sunday School

Sunday School is on the first Sunday of every month in the Church Rooms. This Sunday (April) we each collected a palm cross from the Church. We then decorated brownies, flapjacks and biscuits in the Church Rooms to take back in to the Church. We did a word search of the 12 disciples. There were Andrew, Peter, James, John, Phillip, Nathanael, Matthew, Thomas, James, Thaddeus, Simon and Judas Iscariot. Sunday school is great fun for everybody.

by Megan Raynor age 8

Newtown Linford Sunday School

We meet on the first Sunday of every month, The next session will be on **Sunday 6th May** between 10.30 and 11.30 in the Sunday School Rooms. Suitable for children of all ages.

Social Justice Matters – Meetings



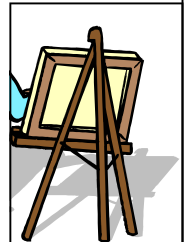
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Report From David Snartt Bus Services.

A review has been carried out on the current County Council bus coverage policy by a member Scrutiny Panel. Their interim conclusions include that continuing the existing policy is not appropriate or sustainable, particularly in a time of financial constraint. Alternative methods of transport will be explored with local communities, but it should be recognised that available resources are shrinking and whilst the Council will endeavour to meet the essential needs of local people and communities, these may not always be delivered if the cost of so doing is prohibitively high. A public consultation on the new bus policy will run from 16th April until 8th July 2012. The results of the consultation will be reported back to the review panel before making their final recommendations. A consultation leaflet will be circulated to Parish Councils and members of Community Forums. Details will also be available on the County Council's website. I understand from the Scrutiny Panel Report, the recommendation is that the 120 bus service that runs through Newtown Linford remains unaltered.

Broadband Leicestershire,

The internet is transforming the way we live, work and play. It is driving business innovation and growth, it is ensuring that people can access services and is opening up new opportunities for creativity and learning. Leicestershire County Council is working with a number of public, private and voluntary organisations to launch its broadband Leicestershire programme to co-ordinate the roll-out of superfast broadband across the county.

More information is available at

<http://www.leics.gov.uk/index/business/ruralgrants/broadband/broadbandsurvey.htm>

This site includes mapping, frequently asked questions and access to a broadband survey. **The survey will be open until 30th April 2012 and results will be published on the council website late May.**

David Snartt.

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Scarecrow Festival and Competition

The inaugural meeting of the Gardening Club was held on 9th April 2002 when Peter (Sayer) invited Derek Wilson from Quorn to talk on “Grow your own Gardening Club” and over 40 enthusiastic people turned up.

Over a coffee later on in the year Jan Croft and I decided that it would be fun to have a Scarecrow competition and so the first one was held at Harvest Festival weekend in September 2002. We had 18 entries and 58 entries the following year. Subsequently the Festival has expanded with teas in the village hall and bell ringing activities at the Church and several other village organisations have also joined in. We have always been very strongly supported by the Brownies and the School.

Thanks to the large number of fantastic Scarecrows the Festival has gone from strength to strength and has remained a truly village event, without commercialisation. It has always been about family enjoyment rather than raising money. However, over the years, and thanks entirely to your support, we have raised many hundreds of pounds, all of which has been donated to village organisations.

A highlight has been the acceptance, on behalf of the village, of a Rural Community Council Silver Award which was presented by the Lord Lieutenant at a prestigious ceremony in 2010.

I have been Chair of the Scarecrow Festival Committee since its inception in 2002 and I have now decided to stand down from the Committee. It has been the best job I have ever had and I would like to say a very big thank you to you all for your support and encouragement, especially Jan and Brown Owl, and also wish the Festival success in the future.



The dates for the Festival coincide with the Church Harvest Festival weekend, which this year is 29th/30th September.

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Leicester gym owner wins international health & fitness manager of the year

A Leicester gym owner was awarded health and fitness manager of the year this weekend at the International Fitness Showcase awards.

Results Weight Loss owner, Joe Hanney, was shortlisted for two awards and went head to head with some of the worlds' most renowned and successful gym owners at a special gala dinner on Saturday March 24th.

Joe is thrilled to walk away with the prestigious Health and Fitness Manager of The Year 2012 award.

He said: "I'm so happy that we've won this category. It's a great honour to be acknowledged as a top manager because it means that we're able to have some of the top trainers in the world working with us.

"Ultimately, this means better and faster results for our members.

"The whole Results Weight Loss team works really hard to create a productive environment that our members want to spend time in.

In 2008, Joe also won the award for Personal Trainer of the Year at the International Fitness Showcase awards and was also voted as Leicester's most loved business in 2011.

He started working as a personal trainer in 2000, and is now considered to be a leading weight loss expert in the fitness industry thanks to his ability to design programmes with pre-determined results, and his wealth of experience.

He added: "I've worked with some fantastic people around the world and I use the experiences I have with them to improve and create my own personal style of fitness training.

"Nothing makes me happier than seeing a client reach their weight loss goals, so it is important that I continue to educate people in correct fitness and weight loss."

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Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



There has been no recorded crime during the last month except for a mobile telephone taken from someone in the park and a tree chopped down (approximately 8" in diameter) in the woods belonging to a house on the Sharpley Hill end of Main Street. It seems to have been chopped down just for the fun of it as it was left behind.

Beware of fake tickets for the Olympics being sold on line. The sites look very convincing.

A monitoring box has recently been fitted on the Bradgate Hill to see whether we qualify for the 'speed' van to visit regularly. Surprisingly it has recorded only 8.8% of vehicles were doing a speed that would be prosecutable. I find this quite amazing but it is there in black and white. During the last week a resident on the Main Street near the end of Groby Lane saw two men at 4.30am in the morning. At least one of them had a torch on his head. There were no reports of any incidents.

Another resident reported seeing two men at his kitchen window late at night looking in despite the fact that the kitchen window was lit up. The men ran when the householder went for the door and the Police were called. It is worth noting how worthwhile it is to keep doors locked and car keys out of sight even when you are in the house.

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Friends of Roelcliffe Association - From the Records

A few weeks ago I saw a sale notice in the Leicester Mercury for Roelcliffe Manor (£2,500,000) with planning permission and looking through a copy of our village records I came across a flyer for the "Roelcliffe Manor 7th Annual Fete" my mind started to think about our village association with Roelcliffe Manor.

It all started in 1972, when Roelcliffe Manor had been bought by The Leonard Cheshire Foundation as a home for disabled adults, and they were looking for voluntary help.

A meeting was organised for 31st January, 20 enthusiastic people turned up in the Sunday School to hear both Mrs Clemerson and Mrs Vernon tell us about the work of the Cheshire Homes and it was decided to form a local branch. A further meeting was held on 7th February when a Committee consisting of representatives from different areas of the village - Mrs Castle, Mrs Wheeler, Mr Coleman, Mrs Gibson, Mr Sarson, Miss Golland, Mrs Neaverson, Mrs Trewin and Andrew Augustus was formed.

A meeting was then held to sort out the election of officers for the Newtown Linford Branch of the Association. The Chairman was Mrs M Trewin; the Treasurer Mr Coleman and the Secretary was Miss D Thomson who was the former Matron of Roelcliffe Manor when it was a children's convalescent home.

Their first major effort was to obtain unwanted linen and to raise money



to purchase further linen to provide the bulk of bed-linen, towels etc to set up the new Home. A collection was made and a considerable amount of bed linen, pillows, quilts and towels were taken to Roecliffe. A large amount of furniture was also donated and collected in the same way plus household and kitchen items.

Meanwhile a house to house visit by each Committee Member explained the aims of the Friends and enlisted offers of help, gifts of money, deeds of covenant and further linen and furniture. A register of people willing to offer their services and the nature of the help provided was sent to Mrs Clemerson.

A band of young people under the direction of Mr Coleman, our Treasurer, at once volunteered to clear and tidy the gardens at Roecliffe. Many hours were put in by them and other volunteers from the village and Crusaders in preparation for their Garden Party. Our efforts raised £132 at the Garden Party which included our Tombola. The next efforts were two coffee mornings which raised £30. Our total raised by July was £866 and then Covenants in July brought in £55. We were hoping for £1,000 by the end of the year. 1st and 2nd December brought activity at Mrs Broad's house (Heatherfields, Ulverscroft) with a Christmas Fayre on the 1st with a Bring and Buy Stall and a Raffle. This was followed by a Sherry Evening on the same day that cost 50p, and a Coffee Morning and Afternoon Tea and Biscuits for a further 10p each followed on the 2nd December. The first year brought in £1,409.

During the years we held many coffee mornings with cake stalls and raffles. Later we added a Nearly New Sale - in 1977 it brought in £86.

We worked hard each year at the Fete in June. The Committee Members visiting every house in the village asking for bottles, tins and jars for our Tombola. Our effort making more than £100 each year at 10p per ticket.

In 1979 we held a Rummage Sale and raised £90. Our one failure was the Disco for the youngsters when unfortunately there was some anti social behaviour so we did not try that again. Dora Thomson died in August 1978. she was our original link with Roecliffe having been the matron from 1947 to 1964. She lived in the village and was secretary of the Friends for many years. The pewter bowl in our font is dedicated to her memory.

We eventually disbanded our Group of Friends. We all got older and ran out of energy especially for the running of the Tombola, people no longer

Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne illness in North America and Europe. Lyme disease is caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*. Deer ticks, which feed on the blood of animals and humans, can harbour the bacteria and spread it when feeding.

You're more likely to get Lyme disease if you live or spend time in grassy and heavily wooded areas where ticks carrying the disease thrive. It's important to take common-sense precautions in areas where Lyme disease is prevalent.

If you're treated with appropriate antibiotics in the early stages of the disease, you're likely to recover completely. In later stages, response to treatment may be slower, but the majority of people with Lyme disease recover completely with appropriate treatment.

The signs and symptoms of Lyme disease are variable, usually involving more than one symptom. The skin, joints and nervous system are affected most often. In general, Lyme disease can cause:

Rash. A few days to a month before you have other symptoms, a small, red bump may appear at the site of the tick bite. Over the next few days, the redness expands, forming a rash in a bull's-eye pattern, with a red outer ring surrounding a clear area. The rash, called erythema migrans, is one of the hallmarks of Lyme disease. Some people develop several of these rashes, an indication of bacteria multiplying in the blood stream.

Flu-like symptoms. Fever, chills, fatigue, body aches and a headache may accompany the rash.

Migratory joint pain. If the infection is not treated, you may develop bouts of severe joint pain and swelling several weeks to months after you're infected. Your knees are especially likely to be affected, but the pain can shift from one joint to another.

Neurological problems. In some cases, inflammation of the membranes surrounding your brain (meningitis), temporary paralysis of one side of your face (Bell's palsy), numbness or weakness in your limbs, and impaired muscle movement may occur weeks, months or even years after an untreated infection.

Less common signs and symptoms. Some people may experience heart problems — such as an irregular heartbeat — several weeks after infection, but this rarely lasts more than a few days or weeks. Eye inflammation, hepatitis and severe fatigue are possible as well.

When to see a doctor

If you know you've been bitten and experience signs and symptoms of Lyme disease — particularly if you live in an area where Lyme disease is prevalent — contact your doctor immediately. Treatment for Lyme disease is most effective if begun early. Only a minority of deer tick bites leads to Lyme disease. **There is Lyme Disease in the Charnwood**

Forest. The longer the tick remains attached to your skin, the greater your chance of contracting it. To remove a tick after it has swollen. Use a tick remover from a vet. Shaped like a 2 pronged fork. If not use a fork. Capture it ,twist and carefully remove. It will be live. Check you have the head out. Now, wrap the tick in paper and burn it. **Do NOT squash it as this releases thousands of eggs!!** Apply antiseptic to the area of the bite

Prevention. You can decrease your risk of getting Lyme disease with some simple precautions:

Wear long pants and sleeves. When walking in wooded or grassy areas, wear shoes, long pants tucked into your socks, a long-sleeved shirt, a hat and gloves. Try to stick to trails and avoid walking through low bushes and long grass. Keep your dog on a leash.

Use insect repellents.

Check yourself, your children and your pets for ticks. Be especially vigilant after spending time in wooded or grassy areas (or cutting your hedge). Deer ticks are often no bigger than the head of a pin, so you may not discover them unless you search carefully. It's helpful to shower as soon as you come indoors. Ticks often remain on your skin for hours before attaching themselves. Showering and using a washcloth may be enough to remove any unattached ticks. Don't assume you're immune.

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Maurice John James Pettifor 3rd April 1922 – 14th March 2012

Maurice passed away just short of his 90th birthday following a short illness.

Much loved husband of Muriel; Dad of Margi, father-in-law to Mike and Bumpa to Sophie and Joe.

Born and bred in Leicester, Maurice's early life was spent in the City. He attended Gateway Boys' School, following which he went to work at Faire Brothers, a textile firm in Rutland Street. He volunteered for the War when he was 19 and was in the Leicester Regiment before joining the Black Watch.

Following his demob Maurice returned to Leicester and met Muriel at a dance at The Palais in 1947 and they married in 1948.

He started work with Leicester City Council as a Planning Assistant and on Local Government re-organisation moved to the County Council where he progressed his career to become Chief County Planning Officer before retiring in his early 60s. He was a member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors and the Royal Institute of Town Planners.

Maurice and Muriel moved to Grey Crescent over 40 years ago. Maurice was very active in village life, belonging to several societies including the Drama Society and the Gardening Club.

Maurice was passionate about the environment – Leicestershire and its countryside being his first love. He served as Chairman of the Rural Community Council and was also Chairman of LEAF, the Leicestershire Environmental Action Forum.

Over the years Maurice has been involved in a great deal of tree planting throughout Leicestershire through Men of the Trees and Friends of Charnwood and helped to establish the National Forest in North West Leicestershire. He was also a judge of the Leicestershire's Best Kept Village competition – a job he particularly enjoyed as it meant he lunched at many of the best hostleries in the county!!

Maurice had been physically less active over the past year but still retained a keen mind and interest in what was happening in the world around and could be seen as recently as last December driving his treasured Toyota IQ around the local villages.



NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Bob Bown Memorial Field: We are aware that the football pitch is rather worn. This will be remedied soon. We have had a number of suggestions for additional equipment to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and we thank children and parents for these. We are not working to a strict date, but hope to reach a decision soon so that whatever is chosen can be installed in this Jubilee year. The commemorative mugs have arrived and will be distributed in good time for the Jubilee. One of our residents on Markfield Lane kindly provided the artwork and we are very grateful to him.

Planning: We have been consulted on a number of controversial planning applications recently. Unfortunately, Charnwood B.C. does not send us a weekly list (paper) anymore, which I used to display in the Village Store, but you can still keep up to date by going to our website www.newtownlinford.org.uk which has a link to planning applications in our area. If you want to comment on any of them you can contact me or go direct to the Planning Authority. You are free to have your say on local applications even if they do not directly affect you. Because of publishing dates of the Newtown Linford Magazine it is not practical to list applications. By the time you get to see them, the consultation period may be over. The website is best.

If you want to see the other items which are discussed at Parish Council meetings, you can read the **Minutes** at the Village Store, or you can contact me.

In May we have two meetings on the same night: The first is the Annual Meeting of the Parish, which is an overview of the past year's activities including the accounts. The second is the Annual Parish Council meeting, at which the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council are elected for the ensuing year. The remainder of the meeting follows the agenda of an Ordinary meeting.

The date: First meeting on Monday 28th May 2012 at 7 pm, immediately followed by the second meeting at 8 pm. Everybody is welcome.

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