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**“You’ve got a friend in me”**

Have any of you seen Toy Story? It’s a brilliant children’s film which follows a group of toys who pretend to be lifeless whenever humans are present, and focuses on the relationship between Woody, a pull string cowboy, and Buzz Lightyear, an astronaut action figure. It is a very funny film and I really do recommend you see it if you haven’t already because it has a very poignant message about friendship, a subject quite close to my heart at the moment.

Many of you will know that I am running a community singing project called ‘Groby Sings’. The aim of the project is to bring people together through singing because when we gather as a community something special happens – friendships are made and people’s lives are brought alongside each other, joined together to support and care for each other the way we were designed to be.

Shakespeare said “A friend is one that knows you as you are, understands where you have been, accepts what you have become, and still, gently allows you to grow.”

We all need a friend like this don’t we, and as I look at the life of Jesus he would seem to model the most perfect friend. The person that knew and loved his disciples so well even though they let him down. The person who gathered friends around him not just because he wanted to teach them about the Kingdom of God but because he needed their support in his ministry, wanted to show them that you can’t get through this life on your own – we all need friends.

So whether you’re joining me in Groby Sings or not my prayer for us all today is that we may find the friends we need in our life and value them as a very precious gift. But most of all that we may know the friendship of Jesus in our lives and remember the words of the theme tune from Toy Story which Jesus says to each one of us – ‘You’ve got a friend in me.’ The most perfect friend we could wish for.

Yours in love, peace and friendship

## VILLAGE DIARY

### May 2013

8th	Flower Club (Anstey Garden visits)
11th	Ramblers
18th	Charity Garden Party
19th	Walk of Life for Rainbows
20th	Parish Council
23rd	Gardening Club

### June

13th	Choral Society
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### 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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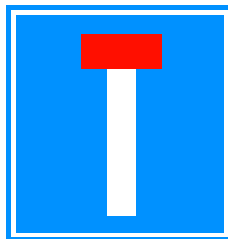
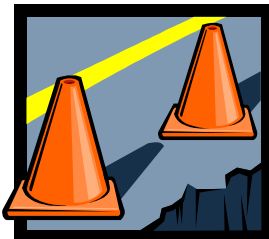
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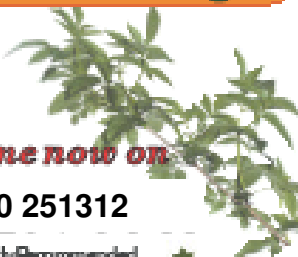
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## News from All Saints Church Newtown Linford

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At the recent AGM of the District Church Council (DCC) the Rev. Dr. Peter Hooper presented retiring treasurer Maurice McMorran with a Gift Voucher in appreciation of his fourteen years service as Treasurer.



The new Treasurer who took over on the 1<sup>st</sup> January this year is Philip Baker who is a Parish Councillor and active member of our speed-watch team on Roecliffe Road.





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## Newtown Linford Gardening Club

What a wonderful thing nature is. These two photos show the same plant less than a month apart. The icicles formed when water dripped from our roof on to the plant during the most recent period of snow and ice and other photo shows the flowers coming out on the same branches now the weather has warmed up. Spring may be somewhat late this year but we are clearly going to have one, and, who knows, it might just last into a pleasant and warm summer!!!!!!



Our speaker on 23<sup>rd</sup> May is Hilary Hudson, whose subject is 'The World of Climbing Plants'. She is a very experienced speaker and lecturer and we are looking forward to her visit.



The venue of our August visit was featured on Gardeners' World earlier this month and looks a very attractive place. Ashwood Nurseries and John's Garden in South Staffordshire are very close by and are well-known for their wide array of plants, some of which are not available in many garden centres. Several members have already booked their places on the trip and on this occasion we will be pleased to welcome non-members to join us. The date of that visit is 20<sup>th</sup> August.

The visit of Christine Walkden on 22<sup>nd</sup> October is causing 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](mailto: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.

**Anne and David Couling**



Welcome to

# Salt of the Earth

## CHARITY GARDEN PARTY AND SALE

We will be holding a garden party and sale on

**Saturday 18th May  
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in aid of Salt of the Earth. Salt of the Earth is a Leicester based charity, run entirely by volunteers, which funds work in the Southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu to improve the social and employment conditions for communities in the area, including those who work in the salt pans in the Eastern coastal areas.



The event will include stalls selling Indian jewellery and art along with others selling books, CDs, toys, plants, cakes and bric-a-brac. Refreshments will be available, including home-made cakes and Indian snacks. Entrance is £3 (or £5 for two) with children free, including tea or coffee and cake. The sale is on between

**11.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.**

We've arranged for the sun to shine so why not drop in to see us on your way to a walk in the Park?

Should you want further details or would like to help or make a donation, please contact us on 01530 249257 or [petergupton@btinternet.com](mailto:petergupton@btinternet.com).

**Lynne and Peter Upton**



## **Village Ramblers 2013**

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

11<sup>th</sup> May Penny Neaves 0116 236 2660

8th June Pat Buckmaster 01455 823422

13th July Glenis & John (day walk) 01530 242897

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

On Saturday 13th April, 16 people walked from the Village Hall up to the Chitterman Hills via the woods and fields north of Markfield Lane, and back via Lea Lane, Polly Botts Lane and the path by the River Lin. The weather was clear but cloudy, with light drizzle in the late afternoon, and thankfully a bit warmer than previous weeks, with signs of spring in the trees at last. It was claimed Coventry could be seen from Lea Lane. We also passed Stoneywell Cottage, just acquired by the National Trust, and its uphill neighbour, with just one gable wall left standing. There was the odd muddy patch, not surprising since two weeks before there had been stretches of late snow blown on the path and in gateways.

Thank you to Felicity and Toby

Thank-you also, to the Cathedral walkers who invited us to join them on their most interesting visit to Hallaton Village, Church, Museum & amble.

ANY QUERIES -Ring the walk leader or e-mail

[glenis72meredith73@gmail.com](mailto:glenis72meredith73@gmail.com) or tel.242897

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## Cricket Fixtures

### May

#### Saturday First XI

4th A	Shepshed Town	1.30pm
11th H	<b>Kibworth 2</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>
18th A	Loughborough Town 2	1.30pm
25th H	<b>Barkby Utd</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>

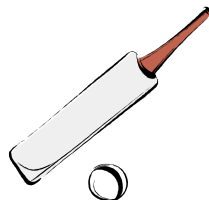
#### Saturday Second XI

4th H	<b>Shepshed Messengers</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>
11th A	Cosby	1.30pm
18th H	<b>Oakham</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>
25th A	Quorn	1.30pm

#### Sunday XI

5th A	Baston - village cup R1	TBC
12th H	<b>Radcliffe Rovers</b>	<b>2pm</b>
19th A	(Village Cup R2)	
26th	TBC	

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## Balancing the Books



The end of March represents the end of the financial year for the Bradgate Park Trust, as it does for Local Councils and the Public Sector in general. The movable nature of the date of Easter means that having two Easters in one financial year and none in the next is uncommon but not impossible and this year the 31<sup>st</sup> March fell on Easter Sunday itself and I had to explain to the auditors that we were not going to down tools and do a stock take halfway through one of the busiest weekends of the year.

The original Trust Deed of 1928 stipulated that the County Council and City Corporation would between them be responsible for “defraying the expenses of management, maintenance and upkeep of Bradgate Park” up to a maximum of £1,000 each in any one year.

For many years, the two Local Authorities, who are the Trust’s “Holding Trustees” (the Trust’s property is held in their names) and who provide six of the nine Trustees of the Bradgate Park Trust, provided the lion’s share of the funds needed to manage and maintain the Park. My predecessor, Michael Harrison, foresaw the day the Councils would no longer be able to afford to bankroll an independent Charity when he set the Trust on the road to greater self-sufficiency. Today, funding from the City and County represents around 6% of the Trust’s total income and has been declining in accordance with a schedule agreed between the Trust and the Councils. Given the financial pressures on Local Authorities, it is almost certain that, if this managed reduction in funding had not been agreed, they would have been forced to cut the support they give to the Trust in order to pay for essential services. Michael’s foresight, and the support of our Local Authority partners, has given us the time to put our house in order financially and plan for a future with minimal Council funding.

As a Registered Charity, the Bradgate Park Trust’s accounts are available for anyone to download from the Charity Commission website. Anyone who does so will see that, in very broad terms, 40% of our income comes from car parking and 40% from refreshments and retail sales with the remaining 20% consisting of the Council funding referred to earlier, agricultural and environmental grants and rents from cottages and farmland.



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Over an extended period, the Trust breaks even with a small surplus in good years and a small deficit in poor ones. The biggest impact on our income is the weather and, following the wettest year on record in England in 2012, it is fair to say that the year just ended will not turn out to be one of our better ones.

It is this vulnerability to the vagaries of the weather that makes it important for the Trust to control its costs and to explore opportunities to diversify its income, both of which ensure that more money is available for delivering our charitable work of managing the Park for the benefit of visitors and providing environmental education. The beauty of being constituted as a Charity is that any money we make is ploughed back into the Park rather than being paid out to shareholders as it would be if we were a private Company, or appropriated to make up a shortfall elsewhere, as might be the case if we were a part of a large public sector organisation. Developing the type of facilities that visitors expect and value, such as the tearooms and shop, reduces our reliance on income from car parking and provides additional resources for our charitable work. For 2012-13 this has meant that the Trustees have been able to defer a planned increase in car parking charges and to remove the charge for admission to the Visitor Centre. I do have some sympathy for those who would prefer to see the Park remain entirely as it was in 1928 but we now live in a very different world and, in the absence of a substantial endowment that would fund the management of the Park in perpetuity, the Trust needs to generate income in order to pay the bills. What is of vital importance is that we allow the more remote parts of the Park to retain their unique feeling of peace and tranquillity and ensure that any income-generating activities are contained within the existing developed areas as well as being appropriate in both scope and scale.

Sustainable development has been defined as “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs” and that is not a bad principle for us to keep in mind with regard to Bradgate Park. We need to be able to manage the Park in a way that pays for itself today and ensures that its special qualities remain to be enjoyed by future generations.

**Peter Tyldesley**

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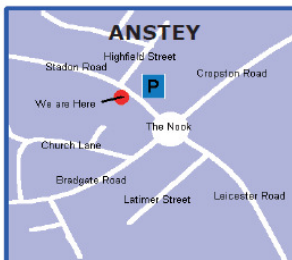
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### **Section Meetings**

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Email:

[mandy\\_jordan@cuk.canon.co.uk](mailto:mandy_jordan@cuk.canon.co.uk)

Assistant Leader: Stuart Wells

Tel: 07999 884559

Email: [stu.wells2112@gmail.com](mailto:stu.wells2112@gmail.com)

#### **Cubs (8 - 10 1/2 years)**

Tuesday 6.30-8.00pm

Baloo: Paul Sharratt

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#### **Scouts (10 1/2 - 14 years)**

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Leader: Adrian Barnes

Tel: 07899 896275

Email: [Adrian.barnes4@ntlworld.com](mailto:Adrian.barnes4@ntlworld.com)

Assistant Leader: Anita Hurran

### **Cubs**

Activities have included a Treasure Hunt, District 10 pin Bowling, Stargazing, Cooking pancakes, Mothers Day cards, Ironing neckerchiefs and last (but not least) being runners up in the Cub section of the District Football Contest.

We are anticipating that 5 Cubs will go up to Scouts at Easter and we will be taking more Beavers into the pack as new Cubs. In May the majority of the pack will be having lots of fun at the District 30th Birthday Camp and we have many other activities planned up to the end of June.

### **Scouts**

This term most of the Scouts have earned their Emergency Aid badge, so will know what to do if there is an accident at home. Next term these skills will be added to when we have a visit from two paramedics from the East Midlands Ambulance service.

Charnwood District Scouts are celebrating in style as 2013 sees our 30th Birthday, The weekend 17th - 19th May we will be holding a District Camp for everyone to attend and join in the celebrations.

The Camp will be held at Sherbrook Scout Campsite in Calverton.

The theme of the camp will be pirates.

## **'RED NOSE DAY' AT BROOKVALE HIGH SCHOOL!**

Students and staff at Brookvale High School have always relished the opportunity to 'get stuck in' and raise money for all sorts of charitable causes, and this year's Red Nose Day was no exception.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013 began with an array of colour and costume, with students arriving to school either in their PJs or dressed as their favourite Super-Hero! Our School has always been a completely safe environment in which to learn, but on this particular Friday we need not have feared, for we had Superman, Spiderman and Captain America (to name but a few) on our patch watching over us! 'Onesies' are obviously the name of the game for bedtime, with a variety of animals prowling our corridors and classrooms!

Whilst our students were bubbling over with excitement at each other's dress attire, our staff members sat open-mouthed during our normal Friday morning staff briefing, as our very own Deputy Headteacher, Mr Greg Godwin, announced that if the staff could manage to raise £50 by lunch time, he would allow his head to be shaved during the lunch break!!!!

As you can imagine, pockets were raided and purses were rattled and coinage was produced and the required total of £50 was met with ease, and surpassed well before the lunch break began.

Mr Godwin lived up to his words and at approximately 1.30pm in our Gymnasium, watched by students and staff alike, paying at least 50p for entrance, Mrs Ruth Goddard, one of our Student Support Officers, produced her trusty (could even have been slightly rusty!!!) clippers and proceeded to glide them over the barnet of Mr Godwin.

15 minutes or so later (Mrs Goddard had already been heard to say 'There's not a lot to go at actually!') the head shave was complete and Mr Godwin was sporting his new look for all to see!

At the end of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013, the grand total raised for the 'Red Nose Day' cause was £902.85 and a thoroughly good day's fundraising had been enjoyed by all.



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DATE	GROBY	RATBY	NEWTOWN LINFORD
5th May	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)		
6th Sunday of Easter	9.30am Family Service (LC)	10.00am Worship for All (HH)	<b>11.00am Yeomanry Special (PH)</b>
		4.00pm Evening Praise (team)	
12th May		8.00am Holy Communion (PH)	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)
7th Sunday of Easter	9.30am Morning Prayer (LC)	<b>10.00am Special at Methodist church (PH)</b>	10.30am Family Service (KW)
Start of Christian Aid week	6.30pm Holy Communion (LC)		
19th May	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)		
Pentecost	9.30am CIG (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (PH/ FB)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm 3SE		
26th May			8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
Trinity Sunday	9.30am Holy Communion (PH)	10.00am Holy Communion (FB)	10.30am Morning Prayer (KW)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (PH)		

### MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES

<b>NEWTOWN LINFORD</b>	Thur	10am	2nd				
<b>GROBY</b>	Wed	9.30am	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
<b>RATBY</b>	Thur	9.30am		<b>9th</b>		23rd	
				<b>(7pm)</b>			

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## Weddings

### Newtown Linford

*5th April ~ Nathan Merry and Leigh Westwood*

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#### **Regular Events**

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### **Newtown Linford Sunday School**

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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. In our May meeting we will be staying in the Sunday School Rooms due it being the Yeomanry Special in the church.

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## From The Records

### Twenty Years Ago

Two adjacent pages in the Village Records for March 1993 contained items I would like to share with you this month.

The first entitled "A listed building in need of complete renovation". John German, the estate agent, was offering for sale the Grade II listed country residence Pool House, Groby. The house is surrounded by 5 acres and was built over 200 years ago. It is a brick building with a Swithland slate roof and additions in granite and brick.

It was stated that a complete renovation was necessary and that a change of use permission for a variety of uses eg hotel, restaurant, offices might be the order of the day.

Pool House is approached from the A50 via long drive flanked by paddocks and woodlands which leads to a cobbled courtyard and brick and slate stabling, tack rooms, stores and garaging. There are also gardens near the house which borders Groby Pool.

The accommodation comprised 3 reception rooms and a billiard room, ground floor reception hall which led to the servants quarters and kitchen, housekeepers room and a vaulted cellar, with 4 bedrooms on the first floor and attic rooms. Guide price £300,000

We, in the Village, see the new entrance from Groby Lane which has recently (2012) had a new pillared gateway announcing the house. The distant house can be seen from the Pool edge. Can anyone tell me about the later years?

The second item was also in the local newspaper "Bradgate Saviour" about Charles Bennion.

His motive for protecting the historic beauty spot Bradgate Park from possible housing development was simple and unselfish. He wanted to preserve the 850 acre tract of land - uncultivated since the Doomsday Book - for the use and enjoyment of the people of Leicestershire.

The Park had been offered to the City by the Grey family but it was difficult to raise the money until Charles Bennion stepped in and the Park was handed over to the people of Leicestershire on 28th December 1928. Charles Bennion was the son of a Cheshire farmer and was born in 1857. He became an apprentice at Crewe Railway Works and then moved on to be a Ships Engineer. He became a partner in a shoe machinery business when he returned to Cheshire. He moved to Leicestershire in the 1880's and soon formed a new company with a Leeds man,

<sup>23</sup> Marshall Pearson. In 1898 their firm merged with the American based United Shoe Machinery to form the British United Shoe Machine Com-

pany BUSM.

I smiled at the next line "BUSM has enjoyed continued success since his day as has Bradgate Park". Twenty years since this was written - all is very different on Belgrave Road.

It is important what was said by the Lord Mayor Councillor Arthur Hawkes when the memorial to Charles Bennion was unveiled in the Park in 1933. He paid tribute to the benefactor's "Splendid generosity and public generosity". He also urged us all to pledge ourselves to do all in our power to maintain these gifts in their natural beauty and hand them unimpaired to those who come after"

I wonder how Councillor Hawkes would face our latest planning laws?

**Janet Neaverson**

***Note from Editor** - Pool House's entrance had to be moved from the A50 to Groby Lane/Newtown Linford Lane when the road improvements took place on the A50. Rachel one of the owners had told me at Mothers and Toddlers about 1998 that it had meant a lot more undesirable "visitors" had taken to driving up the new driveway as it was more prominent - which had not happened when people were rushing past on the old A50.*

### **Charity to host Support & Information Days**

The Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation is hosting information and support days from 11am to 3pm at their Community Support Centre, Ulverscroft Grange, Whitwick Road Ulverscroft.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013 the Stroke Association** will be attending to give help and information about life after a stroke. Every five minutes someone in the UK has a stroke. A stroke doesn't discriminate it can happen to anyone at any time in their life. High blood pressure is the biggest risk factor so they will also be offering a free blood pressure test.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013 Age UK** will be available to give information and Advice to older people and their families on Welfare Benefits, Social Care, Health & Well Being, Leisure Activities and Residential Care.

Kathleen Wass, Support Co-ordinator for the Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation said " We are trying to reach the people in the community who can often feel isolated, are struggling to cope with their disability or just need a friendly ear to talk over their problems."

24 **For more information telephone Kathleen Wass on 01530 244914.**





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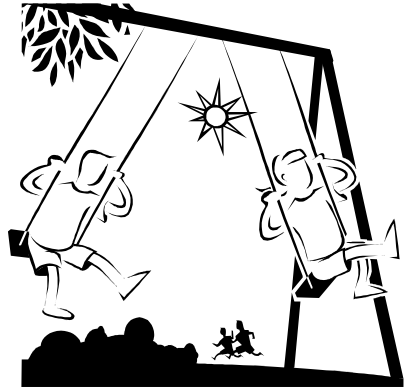
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## Village Children's' Playing Field

On 17th April I took my grand-daughter along to the playing field. To my surprise there was a large amount of dog mess, left by a large dog. I used my dog bag and removed it (not a pleasant thing to do). There has recently been a variety of dog mess on Grey Crescent . If you are a dog owner, I suggest that you read the following.

Thank-you



### **Dog Fouling**

Aimee Langdon slipped off the slide and danced merrily toward the playground gate. Then the two-year-old tripped and fell to the ground beside some dog poop. Moments later she wiped her left eye with her hand, transferring some of the faeces to her face.

*Mum Suzanne was just yards away but too late to stop her child catching an infection which has now claimed most of the sight in that left eye.*

Aimee had been playing last month in a fenced-off, supposedly dog-free area of her local Manchester park, Platt Fields, when she had her fateful fall.

### **What is toxocariasis?**

**IT is a disease caused by the parasites commonly known as round-worm which are found in the digestive systems of dogs and foxes.**

Parasite eggs leave the host animal's body in faeces and can survive up to five years in the soil.

They usually get into a person's system when that person has got the eggs on their hands from the soil, then touched their face or mouth. In the body the eggs hatch, releasing larvae.

The condition can just cause a headache and a cough but Aimee had the most severe infection, ocular larva migrans, which can cause total blindness.

Dog mess is an eyesore and a health hazard. If you are a dog owner, you have a legal duty to clean up every time your dog messes in a public place.e scoops: ask your council's animal warden unit.

Look out for bins marked as dog bins to dispose of your dog bag. If you

a normal litter bin.

If your street is littered with dog mess, you can ask your local council to clean it. Councils now have more power to tackle public dog mess under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

Legal measures to prevent dog mess are contained in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act , which repeals Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, and allows local councils and communities to create byelaws relating to dog mess. Visit the [Law Search](#) page for full details.

Councils can also issue dog control orders against individual dog owners for offences including allowing a dog to foul a public space.

Councils can issue fixed penalty orders in relation to dog control orders.

Where there is no local rate, the fixed penalty is £75.

In very serious cases, magistrates can issue a maximum penalty of £1,000

### **A reminder of how to contact the Police in non-emergencies.**

**Dial 101.** The Voice message will tell you they are connecting you to Leicestershire Police unless you press 1. Wait and the next set of options are:-

**1** – to speak to an operator and report your matter.

**2.** – this is to leave a message with our beat team. Tap in their collar number and speak when asked to. For our area contact either P.C. Richard Carruthers 2139 or PCSO Laura Grimbley 6197.





**Newtown Linford Neighbourhood  
Watch  
A member of the Parish Council**



Once again I have to report changes to our Police Team. We have been notified of several changes in the force structure over the last few months some of which have changed more than once. We are Charnwood West and our PCSO Laura Grimbley is leaving her post to be a Police Constable. We shall be sorry to see her go but wish her well in her new fully fledged Police position.

The new commander for the Counties 9 Command Units is Chief Superintendent Sally Healy pictured right



The new Commander for our Local Police Unit is Inspector Tim McCabe. The unit is still called Charnwood LPU but it is based in Syston!! pictured left

Our fairly new Beacon Officer for Charnwood West LPU is PC Richard Caruthers 2139 pictured right.



The Police report sent by P.C. Caruthers only has one crime listed for the village for March and that is a little uncertain. A resident reported that some slabs on his driveway had been cracked and he thought an unauthorized lorry had been on his premises. However neighbours in the vicinity could recall authorized work vans visiting that property at the appropriate time.

Beat Officer P.C. Ed Stephenson who has been with us since the retirement of P.C. Steve Rhodes is no longer our first port of call. It should be Beacon Officer P.C. Caruthers.

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In April, up to 15<sup>th</sup>, I have received the following incident reports from residents:-

- A car on Main Street, near to the Linford, had both back windows neatly smashed out all the way round to the frame. Nothing had been on view and obviously nothing taken. There appears to have been no motive for this callous damage.
- Two men have been seen acting suspiciously at a house on the forest. They visit at night after dark and go round the house looking in the windows.
- Two men have visited a house on Main Street claiming to be from Zenith saying they were working in the area. They gained entry by putting their hands over the electronic intercom causing interference and making the owner open the gates. Their description is: - Male 1 early thirties, approx. 5'10, normal weight, local accent, dark brown wavy hair, did the speaking. Male 2 late twenties, approx. 5' 9, slight build, dark brown hair, remained silent.
- A resident on Groby Lane had a similar visit. In this case the younger person was said to have a moustache. No work was seen to be carried out at the time they said they would be in the area. I have no idea who Zenith is. I can see no likely companies when doing a search of the Internet.

Incident reports direct from residents prove to be the best way of getting out information to warn people so please keep it coming.

A reminder that speedwatch is coming up for week commencing Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May for two weeks. More volunteers would be welcome.

**Finally a quick reminder that the Police number for all non-emergencies is**

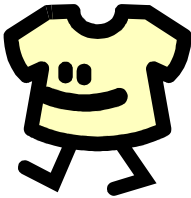
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## Children's hospice calls on walkers



People are being urged to pull on their walking boots and raise vital funds for Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People.



Rainbows is staging its annual sponsored **Walk of Life** on Sunday 19 May, as part of Children's Hospice Week\*, and is calling on the people of Leicestershire to sign up.

Starting at Leicestershire County Cricket Club, on Grace Road, walkers can take on a 15 mile trek or a gentler five mile amble around the city and surrounding countryside.

More than 700 people took part in the event last year raising £45,000 for the Loughborough-based hospice. Many of the walkers dressed as their favourite super hero or brought their dogs along which made a fantastic sight around the streets of Leicester. This year, organisers hope to attract 800 walkers and smash last year's figure.

Katie Baxter, community and events manager at Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People, said: "The Walk of Life is one of our most fun events. With the choice of two routes, there really is something for everybody and we hope that as many people as possible sign up to help us raise funds.

"Lots of our participants don fancy dress and we can guarantee there will be a great atmosphere and wonderful camaraderie among our walkers. By taking part, you can really make a difference to the lives of seriously ill and life-limited children throughout the East Midlands."

Entry for the event, which is sponsored by Oak FM and Next, is £5 and all walkers will receive a goody bag and medal. Dogs can also register for £5 and bring their owner for free. All dogs taking part will receive a doggy bag.

For further information on Rainbows' Walk of Life or to register, visit [www.rainbows.co.uk/walkoflife](http://www.rainbows.co.uk/walkoflife) or contact Beccy May on 01509 638066 or email [beccy.may@rainbows.co.uk](mailto:beccy.may@rainbows.co.uk).



## **Make a Will in Leicestershire and Support Rainbows Hospice**

People in Leicestershire are being asked to leave a lasting legacy to children with life-limiting illnesses by making a donation in their Will. Three quarters of Britons regularly give to charity in their lifetime, yet only 7% currently include a charity when writing a Will.<sup>1</sup>

Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People is asking residents in Leicestershire to make a difference by supporting Make a Will Month, which runs throughout May. The care of one in eight children at Rainbows is funded through gifts in Wills. If every Rainbows supporter left £100 in their Will it would add up to more than £4million, enough to run the Leicestershire-based Hospice for a whole year.

Last year, more than 100 people took part in the scheme. Patricia Brookes, director of fundraising at Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People, said: “We understand that people are likely to put their loved ones first in a Will, but just a little of what's left over could help us create a better future at Rainbows.

“There is a popular misconception that charities only need large legacies but big or small, they all count and lots of small legacies add up. Less than half of the UK population have a Will and if you're one of the people that has, perhaps you would consider adding a codicil leaving a gift to Rainbows.”

Leaving a gift of £25 could pay for a music therapy session, giving a child or young person the opportunity to express themselves through music, while a donation of £100 could help fund one day's bereavement support for a family.

During Rainbows Make a Will Month, solicitors in Leicestershire will provide a discounted advice service on how to leave a gift which will help the Hospice to provide palliative care to children with life-limited illnesses for years to come.

For more information on how you can support Rainbows Make a Will Month and to find a discounted solicitor, contact Patricia Brookes on 01509 638000, email [patricia.brookes@rainbows.co.uk](mailto:patricia.brookes@rainbows.co.uk) or visit [www.rainbows.co.uk/wills](http://www.rainbows.co.uk/wills)

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## BROWNIES

The Newtown Linford Brownies and myself would like to say a big “Thank You” to everyone in the village who supported our rummage sale - we made a good amount of money.

All the Brownies loved serving on the stalls and are now quite skilled at it.

A very enjoyable day and great fun.

### **Brown Owl**

The youngest Brownies are seen wearing their newspaper ball gowns, designed, made and dressed by the other Brownies.





**"Bradgate Flower Club**

**Members and guests are invited to join the Anstey garden visits on Wednesday 8 May. The gardens are open from 6.30pm.**

Details from Lilian Coleman on 0116 2363191.

As previously notified, there will not be a meeting on May 1st at Newtown Linford Village Hall."

## **NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

Spring has arrived at last. Newtown Linford looks wonderful. Front gardens are full of colour. Hanging baskets will soon go out in the centre of the village and planters are full of daffodils. What a difference a bit of sun makes.

**Playing field:** The goalmouths are being repaired. Children want to enjoy themselves on the equipment. **But they do not want to tread in dog poo.** Shame on the selfish dog owners who can't be bothered to pick up after their pet. Not only is it disgusting to come in contact with dog faeces but it is also dangerous. Please take responsibility as an animal owner and put the mess in the bin.

**Planning:** A couple who live on Bradgate Road, Anstey attended our meeting. They wanted the support of the Parish Council in their objection to a planning application for over 30 houses on land behind 237 Bradgate Road, which would act as access point for the development. If permitted it would bring new housing very much closer to Bradgate Park. An official planning application has not yet been lodged with Charnwood Borough Council and until that happens this Parish Council cannot comment. The Parish Council will be consulted and at that time details will be published in the Newtown Linford Magazine. As it is a major development which will affect not only Anstey but also our community, particularly as far as additional traffic is concerned, the consultation period is expected to be longer than usual. I will keep you up to date.

**Village Hall:** A pay-phone has been installed in the Village Hall, an extra safeguard in an emergency.

**Groby Lane Cemetery:** A thoughtless group of ramblers recently used the cemetery as the location for their picnic! Picnics by nature are jolly affairs and not the quietest events. Certainly not the sort of gathering expected by people who have come to the cemetery to visit the resting place of a loved one. We have no idea who these ramblers were, but if anybody does know, please contact me. Sadly some heartless person continues to steal flowers and vases off graves. They obviously do not care or have no idea of the upset this causes.

**Village project:** The Parish Council hopes to participate in a 'Stepping Stones' project to plant wildflowers throughout the village. As soon as we know what is involved, we will let you know, either through the magazine

and/or by posters on the noticeboards. If you can think of good locations, you can let me know as soon as you like.

**Parish Council meeting:** The Annual Meeting of the Parish and the Annual Parish Council meeting will take place on the same evening: Monday 20th May 2013 at 7 pm in the Village Hall. Please come.

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