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Pastoral Letter from Reader David Collins

I learned a new word the other day, well it was for me anyway. It was *e-rumour*. Apparently you only get it through your electronic post (e-mail) and it is a statement made either intentionally or unintentionally which does not stand up to scrutiny. This was all to do with something I had received through my e-mail concerning an interesting slant on the Easter story. Although it seemed to give hope about the resurrection, a little research showed it was total fiction.

In the days when I used to deal with witnesses at court, I would advise them to do just what it said in the oath, to tell 'the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth'. I encouraged them not to elaborate on what they knew but to stick to the facts as they knew them, not to include any 'might have happened, could or should have happened'.

I'm reminded of a story in the Bible of the blind man questioned by those in authority trying to trip him up and obtain evidence against Jesus. You can check it out by turning to John's Gospel, Chapter 9. It is the account of Jesus healing a man born blind. The Pharisees wanted him to give evidence against Jesus who had healed on the Sabbath.

So for the second time they called in the man who had been blind and told him, "Give glory to God by telling the truth, because we know Jesus is a sinner."

"I don't know whether he is a sinner," the man replied. "But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!"

All of us, as Christians, have had a life changing experience of God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit which has given us a new purpose in life. However, my experience is different from yours, and yours is different from everyone else. What we can do, though, is simply to stick to what we know when we talk to anyone about our faith and what it means to us.

As we celebrate Easter we do have one thing in common. It is a statement of fact which outlines what we know and believe to be true. It is no rumour and stands up to scrutiny. So, with confidence and united we can state.

He is Risen !
He is Risen indeed !!

Team Parish News

The Ratby and Groby Churches will be committed to collecting for **Christian Aid** during the week starting 9th May. This is a great way to make contact with our neighbourhoods and creates the opportunity for some conversation without neighbours. As always, many hands make lighter work and we hope that many of you will be prepared to take on a street, even if it isn't one close to you in order to ensure that the whole neighbourhood is covered.



The annual **Yeomanry Service** will be held at Newtown Linford on 16th May. Revds Richard Worsfold and Peter Hooper will be leading this worship.

Please pray for **Anne** in this first month as Incumbent at Belper, also for **Helen Hayes**, who will be joining the Bradgate Team as a non-stipendary Curate in July. She will not be moving house, but will be finishing her training and preparing for a huge change in her routine as she leaves College. We shall be hearing more from her in our Magazines next month.

An out-of-season resolution: why not look around your home, neighbourhood or work situations and make a particular choice to make a positive difference to someone or something this month.

This is the season of exams and tests; let's pray for and encourage all those we know who are in education in our villages.

VILLAGE DIARY

May

5th Flower Club

8th Ramblers

11th Gardening Club trip to Wisley

13-15th Love Begins at 50—Bradgate Drama Society

13th Spring Outing to Tissington Well Dressings (**note change of date**)

15th Jewellery Sale—Linford Club

18th Fellowship and Welcome Club

18th Parish Council Meeting

25th Gardening Club

June

17-19th Choral Society

Regular events

1st Sunday in the Month

Sunday School - 11am

Sunday Evenings at The Linford -

7-10.30pm Lady Jane Grey Club for
single people

Last Tuesday of the month

Gardening Club

Thursdays am

Toddlers Group

3rd Thursday

Gentlemen's Lunch Club

ALL SAINT'S FELLOWSHIP AND WELCOME CLUB.

Tuesday 18th May
At 2.30pm

Its quite a long time since we saw our friend Miss Thelma Short but we have not forgotten her extraordinary experiences in Belarus and the children of Chernobyl.

Thelma has been on the move since then and will be looking forward to describing her journey to see the seven Churches of Asia Minor,

We must give her a warm welcome. Please come and bring friends

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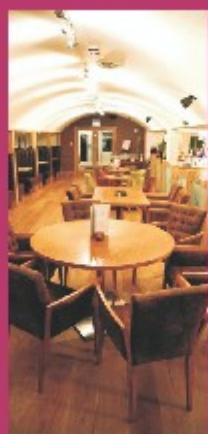
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Photo: Presentation to Alan on his retirement as church warden by Revd Dr Peter Hooper

At the Annual General meeting of the All Saints' DCC, Alan Illiffe retired as XChurch Warden after 25 years service.

He has given many hours of his time to making sure the affairs of the Church run smoothly. Although most people probably only see Alan at services, he has always been in the background making sure the Church is warm, meeting workmen, doing the endless paperwork etc. etc.

He will no longer be involved in dealing with the fabric of the Church, but has chosen to still retain some of his former jobs. As a thank you for all his long dedicated service to the Church, he was presented with an Amazon on-line gift voucher which we hope he will enjoy spending.

Sheila Langton, Chair

Note from Editor - normally it is often Alan's photo's that are in the Magazine especially the ramblers - so for once he was on the other side of the camera!

Thank You - Pam

Since the early days of the Village Magazine, Pam McMorran has maintained a close eye on the goings on in the Village Community and has produced a regular and entertaining page each month. Sometimes this has raised eyebrows and on other occasions has given us absorbing details of obituaries of people who have left us. It has always kept us informed of happenings in our village.

Pam has now decided that the time has come for her to relinquish this task and we are extremely grateful for all of the work which she has done.

“Grateful Thanks to Pam”





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VILLAGE NEWS—A NEW CHAPTER IN THE MAGAZINE

The Village Magazine Committee now has a big gap in its Group with the retirement of Pam as News Editor.

As before readers were always welcome to submit their own news, but now we shall be relying on you all to submit your news.

Readers can contact any member of the Committee with any news you wish to share. News could include births, marriages and deaths; educational and sporting successes; special birthdays; and news of villagers old and new.

We would welcome you to write your own copy and photos, but if you would prefer just ring up a member of the Committee with the news and we shall try and write it down for you, although it should be noted that the editor has the right to amend copy as space permits.

The names and telephone numbers of committee members are below

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Newtown Linford Gardening Club



Our March Speaker told us all about the way gardening happened in bygone days at the great houses, with a talk about the walled garden. We heard about the men who worked in the gardens; the ways in which they cultivated the land to feed the many people who lived there; the lengths to which they went to produce exotic plants for food and display and the class-ridden society which existed to enable all this to happen. It was a fascinating hour.



We have two events in May. Firstly, a trip to Wisley, the headquarters of the Royal Horticultural Society on Tuesday 11th May. There are still some places left on the coach and we will be delighted to welcome guests to join us on the trip. Further details will be available in due course, but anyone who wishes to join us may contact the Secretary at any time.



Our second event is a talk on Transatlantic Gardening by Ian Cooke. One of the things which has interested us, when visiting our son in California, is the large number of plants with which we are familiar growing amongst exotic plants which we see much less often. Doubtless we shall learn more. This is on Tuesday 25th May in the Village Hall, starting, as usual, at 7.30pm.



This is also the first event of our new year and so subscriptions (£12) will be due.



We have welcomed several new members over the last three months and are always pleased to see more new faces, either as visitors or members. If you wish to become a member, please contact the Secretary (tel. 242452), or come to one of our meetings to see how you like it before making a commitment (£2 for visitors).



Anne and David Couling





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Newtown Ramblers 2010

8th May	Carolyn & Peter Lowe (day walk) Tele 242877 (Meet to depart at 11am opposite the Village Hall. "Awayday, East Leics." bring packed lunch or eat in a pub)
12th June	Glenis & John (day walk, Cotswolds) (Meet 9.00am at Village Hall. "Awayday, Cotswolds." Bring packed lunch or eat in a pub)
10th July	Penny Neaves
14th August	Iris Sayer
11th September	Jan Croft & Diane
9th October	Toby & Felicity
13th November	Bill Mainwaring
11th December	Lesley Baker

Thank-you to Peter. for leading the April walk. On the first hot! sunny day, we enjoyed a walk from Mt. St. Bernard Abbey past the beautiful little Blackbrook Reservoir eventually reaching the Poachers Corner and the Swanimote Rock. This is where, in Saxon times, forest courts were held to pass judgement on law-breakers and miscreants who poached or took wood. We passed the spectacular rocks of High Cademan and High Sharpley, rocks formed 700 million years ago when a volcano erupted into what was then sea.

Toby and Lesley led another section of the Leicestershire Round on Tuesday 20th April. The plan being to walk from Gaddesby to Thorpe Satchville to Somerby and return to Thorpe Satchville via Borough on the Hill—a distance of 18-19km, a similar walk to the first two parts they have already now covered. If you want to join them contact Toby or Lesley through Glenis—number at the bottom of the page.

The next two Sat. walks are day walks, when our group encourages car sharing and it is appreciated when a contribution to petrol is made by the passengers.

Dogs are welcome only under the supervision of the owner, and to be on the lead where there is livestock or nesting birds. Please check with the leader that dogs are allowed across any access land.

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What do I need to do to get Rutland Telecom to help?

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3. Any local investors or community fund which could help cover the cost of putting the network in - in Lyddington private investors are getting a healthy rate of return (10% dividend/interest) and their money back after 3 years. **We would stress that the key to success is working together as a community.**

The above has been taken off the website of Rutland Telecom. I myself pay for the unlimited and fastest broadband from BT. Instead of getting 20Mb I get 3.8Mb!. **If you are interested in looking at this further please email Carole Heubeck so I can gauge if we as a village have enough people interested contact me heubeck111@btinternet.com**

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Village News



Charity Runner Nikki Love (42) from Newtown Linford has set herself a mammoth task of running seven marathons in 7 days. That is 26 miles each day of the week culminating in the London Marathon on Sunday. Her aim is to raise £7,000 for Cystic Fibrosis.

If you would like to support Nikki visit uk.virginmoneygiving.com/NikkiLove

Maurice Bamkin (Mo)

It is with regret that I have to report the death of Mo Bamkin who worked on the car park at Bradgate Park for many years

Mo coped with a long illness the way he coped with everything else - with quiet dignity and a wicked sense of humour.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mo's family and his many friends both here in the park and at Walkers Crisps where he also worked.

Peter Roberts

It is the quiet ones we miss the most
when they are no longer with us

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond glint on snow
I am the sunlight on ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn rain

When you awake in the mornings hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight
I am the soft starlight at night

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there, I do not sleep
Do not stand at my grave and cry
I am not there, I did not die

Mary Frye

New residents in the village

Whilst not needing any introduction to many of the residents of the village—we would like to welcome Sue and Dick Howard who have moved onto Main Street from Town End Farm in Markfield



Ellie Pritchard from the village made the national and local papers in April when she was caught up with the volcano erupting in Iceland.

Ellie and 33 other girls, from Loughborough High School, Leicestershire, had been due to study a glacier above the volcano as part of their GCSE geography field trip. The evacuation began at 4am when the girls were woken and moved away from their log cabins by emergency services. Some, dressed only in their pyjamas, had to leave belongings behind as they were put on coaches.



Pupil Ellie Pritchard, 15, said: 'There was no noise or lava or anything like that, but it was very scary because we didn't know what was happening. When we were on the coaches we were told the valley could be flooded at any time by all the melting ice above the glacier. I spoke to my mum and dad and let them know I am OK. This is the best geography field trip we've had. The party were able to leave Iceland before the airports closed and got back safely.'

Newtown Linford Village Hall Committee
Senior Citizens Spring Outing
Tissington Well Dressing
Thursday 13th May 2010

We plan to meet outside the Village Hall in Newtown Linford at 10am, travel by coach and spend the day looking at the wells and the villages in the Peak District that still practice well-dressing. We hope to have a bring and share Picnic Lunch on arrival (weather permitting), time visiting the Wells and the village itself followed by an organised Afternoon Tea (included in the price) of £15 per head. We should return home to the Hall by 5.30pm

If you are interested in joining us please call Carol Ann Sugden on 01530 243433. We shall only have a 54 seater coach so places will be on a first come basis. Full payment must be made to reserve your seat.

Please note change of date!!

Bradgate Team Sunday Services May 2010

Date	Groby	Ratby	Newtown Linford
2 nd May	8.00am Holy Communion		
	9.30am Family Service	10.00am Worship for All	11.00am Holy Communion
	6.30pm Holy Communion	6.00pm Holy Communion	
9 th May		8.00am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion
	9.30am CTG Christian Aid commissioning service	10.00am CTR Christian Aid commissioning service	11.00am Family Service
	6.30pm Evening Prayer		
16 th May	8.00am Holy Communion		
	9.30am Morning Worship	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Yeomanry Service
	6.30pm 3SE		
23 rd May Pen- tecost			8.00am Holy Communion
	10.00am CTG Messy Pentecost	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Morning Prayer
	6.30pm Evening Prayer		
30 th May	8.00am Holy Communion		
	9.30am Morning Worship	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Morning Prayer
	6.30pm Evening Prayer		

Midweek Communion Services

Groby Wednesdays at 9.30am
 Newtown Monthly on 1st Thursday of month: 6th May
 Ratby Thursdays at 9.30am: 13th and 27th May



Church Services and Events for May 2010

Sunday 2nd May– 5th Sunday of Easter

11.00am Holy Communion John Woolmer

Sunday 9th May- 6th Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion Canon Derek Buxton

11.00am Family Service Jeff Kirkham

Sunday 16th May- 7th Sunday of Easter

Yeomanry Service

11.00am Holy Communion Peter Hooper & Richard Worsfold

Sunday 23rd May- Pentecost

8.00am Holy Communion Peter Hooper

11.00am Morning Prayer Peter Hooper

Sunday 30th May- Trinity Sunday

11.00am Morning Prayer David Collins

Thursday Communion 6th May at 10.00am

Focus Prayer Times Tuesdays at 10.00am *An informal time of prayer for people and organisations in our village. All are welcome.*

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If you would like to have a stall, she would welcome both individuals and village organisations to participate.

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As part of the Scarecrow Festival weekend events, on Sunday afternoon, 26th September, there will be a second hand book stall in the Village Hall. It was a great success last year and we received a wonderful selection of books for which we were very grateful. Once again we will be delighted to receive donations of books for the stall – if you have any to offer please phone me on 01530 243822, or Jan Croft on 01530 244865 (we can collect).



Profits from the book stall will go to village organisations and good causes.

Iris Sayer



Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch A member of the Parish Council



Firstly I pass on a message from the Temporary Assistant Chief Constable Chris Garnham following media coverage of the force restructuring:-

I am very aware that much of what we do affects peoples' lives and I wish to reassure the residents of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland that the new structure will not dilute our commitment to neighbourhood policing and dealing with local issues that matter most to our communities. .In fact, neighbourhood teams have recently been enhanced with additional sergeants who now head up each team. We will do everything we can to minimise the impact of the savings to the public

I am unable at this stage to give you details of the future Force structure, but once this has been finalised, I will ensure that you are kept updated with further information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Secondly our Beat Officer Steve Rhodes says there has been an increase in urban crime this last week in Rothley and Swithland.

Railway signalling equipment from Rothley

Lead from a roof in Kinchley Lane Rothley and again in Mountsorrel Lane

Electric fencing and battery from paddocks in Rothley and two in Swithland

Pedal cycle in Babington Road

From Newtown: -

A quantity of copper wire was stolen from Main St and a suspicious van was seen nearby described as a white small box van believed Ford or Renault part number taken as FRA



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Nr Woodhouse Eaves: - a mains storm and water cover 4 feet by 3 feet disappeared. This left a very dangerous 6 foot deep hole. Although on the verge horses, walkers, cyclists or vehicle could have had a very serious accident.

In the opposite direction in Staddon Road Anstey a distraction burglary took place on a Thursday afternoon. A man posing as a workman, distracted the victim and stole cash from a purse. He was white, aged about 30, 5'4" to 5'6" in height, medium build with dark hair and a round face. He was wearing black or navy trousers and waistcoat and a long sleeved dark green or blue shirt.

There have been several reports of the travellers with, and without, their children kerb crawling and walking about. Several times vans have backed into driveways and only left when they know they have been seen by the occupants of the house. Descriptions include blue Bedford size vans or white escort vans and a red lorry with an unpainted plywood rear section.

On one occasion on the Main Street someone blocked their exit with a vehicle only to have it rammed out of the way. So please approach these people with care.

As the travellers are obviously taking anything metal for scrap, it was assumed that when one of the Parish Council green waste bins from the Main Street disappeared that it had been taken for scrap. After a search of the area and further investigation it turned out that the missing bin was a new plastic one and had been taken away to be repainted! I think in future they will all be plastic as they are less expensive and I think look just as good.

The new speed restrictions signs have now been erected on the Roecliffe Road and the 20 mph speed signs with flashing lights will soon be installed by the County Council along by the village school.

According to a recent survey 19,400 cars were stolen last year by the taking of keys from the house. So please do not leave your keys on view or in any downstairs room where entry could be gained.

28 A resident on Markfield lane had a telephone call from someone

purporting to be from BT offering a life time chance to stop cold calling for £19.00 He asked for card details and when this was refused he terminated the call. The advice from BT on their site says they do not withhold their number if they call you. So if you get a dodgy call and dial 1471 if it was an 0800 number it could have been genuine but if withheld definitely not. I know this call has been received from several other residents in the village over the last few weeks. So this area is currently being targeted.

Finally our NHW mailing system came in useful on a more friendly matter. A new resident was looking for a dog sitter and after emailing nearly 100 people we had 12 replies with helpful information that we were able to pass on. We also got another person wanting to be passed the same information. Just a reminder that we never divulge your email address, always sending by blind copy so if you have not let us have your email address yet, please get in contact with us on pam@riverlyn.freeserve.co.uk. Our NHW network is here to help each other.

Pam McMorran
NHW Co-ordinator

Mark
Chadwick

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Pre-school has just celebrated its fifth birthday and has now had its second Ofsted inspection which we were graded 'good'. The report is available for all to view on the Ofsted inspections website (EY331057 Caroline and Claire's pre-school).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for working hard towards this excellent report! I would also like to thank the Village Hall Committee for supporting pre-school and making possible the much needed outdoor play area. All the children enjoy playing in the garden and it has also helped us to meet the requirements for the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage).

On a sadder note, this term saw the Deputy Leader, Jocelyn, leave pre-school to work as a school admin officer. She has been working at pre-school for the last four years and has worked as a valued member of the team, helping the children to fulfil their full potential. She will be sadly missed by both the children and the staff, but we all wish her well. The good news Audrey, Rachel and Jacqui have all qualified as NVQ leader level 3, and Audrey will become the new Deputy Leader.

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I am aware that some of you have teenagers still living at home who may be interested in this.

If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Pam McMorran on 242140 or any member of the Parish Council.

Brownies Rummage Sale



This years Brownies Rummage Sale was on Saturday 6th March. It was a great success and we raised lots of money beating last years record.

There was lots of stalls, my favourites were the tombola because I won lots of prizes and the cake stall because they were delicious. I was on the book stall which was very busy and we sold lots of books. I really enjoyed the day, it was great fun!!!! I can't wait until next year!

By Tilly Elliott, Brownie

32 Ps Thank you Brown Owl



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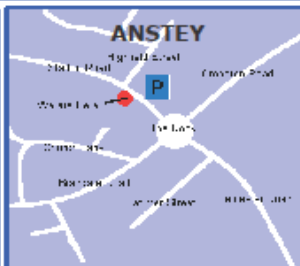
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Newtown Linford Parish Council

Progress report: Lydia continues to make good progress and is taking regular light exercise. Hopefully she will be able to resume her normal duties as our Parish Clerk in May. Many thanks to all those who have shared her duties in her absence.

Extracts from the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2010

Police matters and Neighbourhood Watch - Mrs McMorran reported that a man had been arrested in Cropston with stolen property in his possession and three men had been arrested with stolen property in the Birstall area. The amalgamation of the beats, reported last month, is taking time to organise. The new village CPSO is beginning to work with PC Steve Rhodes. Our village store was broken into once more and items taken. The Police responded quickly when the alarm went off, but did not catch the intruders. A valuable dog was thought to have been stolen from a house on Main Street this week.

Bob Bown Memorial Field - Mrs Toon presented her report. Everything is fine with the field except that the mole infestation continues. The new mole controller will be using humane traps in order to try and alleviate the problem. The Chairman is preparing a tender document for the extension of the fenced play area to accommodate the 'Springers' (new equipment for younger children). A new resident to the village who now resides at 51 Main Street, Mr Carl Lee has offered to supply items of additional metal work to support the goal post nets. These will be fitted as soon as they are available.

Planning Issues - A letter had been received from Charnwood B.C. Planning Dept. concerning the tree felling on Markfield Lane, in response to a letter written by our Chairman. Mr Buckingham will monitor the situation relating to the re planting and report to the Parish Council.. Planning application ref P10/0292/2 to erect new fencing around the perimeter of the village school, has been withdrawn by Leicestershire County Council and repairs will be carried out to the existing railings. Lewis Roberts, Charnwood B.C. Planning Officer, objected on three points.

A planning application, refused by the Borough Council, to remove two Scots Pine trees with Tree Preservation Orders, on Groby Lane, will be appealed against. A date for the hearing is to be notified shortly. An application for a Certificate of Lawfulness has been approved in respect of building work to a property in Roecliffe Road.

A Secondary application for the removal of trees has been made by Mr
35 Lee of 51 Main Street. The meeting discussed the planning rules

concerning hedges and walls and agreed that the chairman will ask Mr Buckingham to give the Parish Council notice of any such applications so that we may make suggestions in consideration of our Village Design Statement.

Parish Council website - The Chairman thanked Mrs McMorran, on behalf of the Parish Council and the Clerk, for maintaining our website to such a high standard

Highways, Traffic, Footpaths - The Chairman wrote to the Charnwood LPU Commander, Inspector Duncan Southall, at the end of February to enquire what he considers might be the effect, if any, on crime in the village if the street lighting was turned off at 00.30 hours to 05.30 hours, and the Council is waiting a response. The cost savings have already been seen in other parishes and represent a significant amount of money.

A resident on Markfield Lane had complained that they were unable to access the pavement due to vehicles being parked while building work was being carried out on a nearby property. This will be investigated together with damage to the verge near 225 Markfield Lane.

A concern had been raised with Charnwood Borough Council about their arrangements for collecting large electrical items from residential properties. Cllr David Snartt said he thought that the designated collection day was Monday, but he would check and report back.

It was agreed that the County Council had done a good job in repairing all the potholes in the village caused by the bad weather over the winter. The Chairman will chase up the Borough Council to clear various gully pots in the North end of the village and in front of the village store and Church.

A letter had been received from L.C.C. Highways Dept. regarding new 20mph speed signs with flashing lights which are to be erected close to the School using the existing posts. As an extension to this scheme, the Chairman will ask for this to include the Nursery School which operates in the Village Hall. Cllr Snartt will support our proposal. This may not be possible as the Nursery only operates in the mornings.

The Chairman has contacted LCC Public Rights of Way Officer, to ask that the stile adjacent to the Village Restaurant be altered to make it safer. An additional step and handle post are required

Churchyard and cemetery - The Chairman thanked Nigel and Betty Blythe for making such an excellent job of re planting the tubs throughout the village. Mrs McMorran had replaced a shrub in the cemetery as one had gone missing .

The next two Parish Council Meetings:-

Tuesday 18th May and Tuesday 29th June. Both at 7pm in the small hall of the Village Hall

We look forward to seeing you there

Ken Waterfall, Chairman of NLPC Tele 01530 242838

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PENNY NORTH RETIRES

On Wednesday, 31st. March Penny (North) retired.

Penny has been caring for the Sunday School rooms for over 10 years making sure they were always clean and tidy.

Between the showers, Penny, Joyce Lowe and myself were able to pop outside for Penny's photograph, with her bouquet from the District Church Council, which was part of the Church's thank you to her.

Sheila Langton



Bradgate Flower Club

Our Meeting on Wednesday 5th May promises to be something special as we are looking forward to the return of Andrew Lloyd of Stourbridge for his demonstration 'May Mayhem', and we are holding our meeting at Groby Community College in the Drama Studio.

The time is 7.30pm as usual, and we'd love you to join us!

For visitors the cost is £4 on the door and it is wise to bring your purse as there is a bar for refreshments (which we believe opens at 6.45 though we cannot promise), as well as the usual raffle of the beautiful arrangements made on the night. There is no extra charge for members as it is a regular meeting; we are simply holding it at another venue.

Our April event was enjoyed by everyone, and whilst unfortunately we had a last minute cancellation, as Jamie Ryder was unavailable, we had a return visit from Pat Billings of Costock who managed to blend classic and contemporary in some stunning displays (see photo). I took along my 13 year old daughter and her friend who was with us on the night, and they both enjoyed it immensely. My daughter won one of the arrangements this month and it is still going strong in our hall.

The trick is to come with me obviously, as that's two months in a row now I've had a winning raffle ticket!

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From the Records

“What shall we do? Lets go to Bradgate!”

A question on a spring or autumn day when the hours of daylight are short. On a nice day the easiest place to go to enjoy the sunshine are our Charnwood Forest beauty spots. Bradgate Park, Swithland Woods and the Beacon.

Saturday 10th April (and 24th!) was such a day and we had gridlock in the middle of Newtown Linford. The car parks were full and the roadside parking was solid. I did not check but I am sure that others areas were solid with cars. The village records have many articles and letters about the problems of cars and a full selection of answers to the problem.

In the early 1970's visitors came by the excellent Midland Red bus service 70 plus per bus. The passengers were dropped off to be collected later by bus. Today think how many cars we have instead all taking up parking spaces.

The changes came about when the Emergency Services said we had to have double yellow lines so that they could get their vehicles through the village if there was an emergency.

The Parish Council has always been concerned with the traffic problems. In June 1967 to remove the bottle neck at the Park Gates they suggested the introduction of a second exit and a one way system. It was quite a big job because a new bridge had to be built over the River Lyn this was eventually completed. In August 1971 the Bradgate Park Trustees requested the public's views about cars and the park. They listened to the comments and then drew up a few suggestions.

They decided that the car parks should be enlarged. There were to be new car parks at Swithland Woods to stop people parking on the grass verges. They hoped the honesty boxes would provide enough cash but as we all know – parking charges were later introduced.

Vehicles through the park produced many letters in the paper. People were concerned about the damage. On one day the following went through the park:- 11 coaches who were now including the trip as part of a mystery trip and 521 cars. All which lead to more noise and fumes both removing the quiet enjoyment of the countryside which Charles Bennion wanted us all to enjoy.

Our problem is patchy 3 hours here, 2 hours there and very dependent

on the weather. At the moment I think we have to live with it but be assured the Parish Council will monitor the situation.

Janet Neaverson

Note from Editor

The 2 hourly bus service provided by mini coach also has problems coping with such demand. Whilst not well used, it was struggling to cope with demand on Saturday 24th when I think there were more people waiting to catch the bus than it could hold!

Also a driver in front of me decided to park outside the Sunday School Rooms at the last moment on Saturday. This caused a queue of traffic behind him which blocked the car park entrance who could not move because the road was blocked the other way by drivers wanting to go into the park - gridlock ! Luckily after a couple of moments - because no one could reverse back due to traffic congestion - he moved forward allowing a couple of vehicles to move forward and I could let the traffic on the other side across me into the park! He may not have been parked illegally if he had a disabled badge. It was just the circumstances and so much traffic!

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