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The Bradgate Team Parish

Peace I give you

If I asked you to name someone who has inspired you in your life I wonder who you would say. It might be someone who you know personally who you admire or a public figure in history - we all have our heroes.

At the moment there is a young girl who has become an inspiration to many people around the world. Her name is Malala Yousafzai and she is the 16 year old girl who was shot by the Taliban in Pakistan 2 years ago for standing up for women's education.

Recalling her thoughts at the time, Malala, who now goes to school in Birmingham after British surgeons saved her life, said she had told herself if a gunman came to kill her she would "take a shoe and hit him". But then I said, "if you hit a Taliban with your shoe then there will be no difference between you and the Talib, you must not treat others with cruelty, you must fight others through peace and through dialogue and education," she continued. "Then I said I'll tell him how important education is and that I even want education for your children as well. And I'll tell him, "That's what I want to tell you, now do what you want"."

3 It was no wonder there was a standing ovation.

Jesus also knew what it was to face opposition for speaking out for the oppressed and marginalised in his society and he encouraged his disciples with these words. “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

Standing up for what we believe in is never easy but Jesus’ message assures us that we need not be afraid. So as Malala steps out to spread her brave message perhaps we can add our voice to hers in the name of peace and love and you never know, we might just be the inspiration for others to join in.

Share Peace.



Yours in peace
Helen Hayes

Open Church 21st December

This year the Church will be open for the day on 21st December to enable residents and visitors to drop in, view the Christmas Decorations and



leave a prayer request and light a candle, for a loved one.

Advanced Notice

Carols by Candlelight - Sunday 15th December at 4pm followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

VILLAGE DIARY



November 2013

6th Flower Club
9th Ramblers
18th Newtown Linford Parish Council
20th Village Hall Access Defibrillator training
28th - 30th Bradgate Drama Society - The Wizard of Oz

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
3rd Thursday	Gentlemen's Lunch Club



Newtown Linford Village Hall Committee

SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thursday 12th December

Doors open at 12.00

Ticket price £8

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The Wizard of Oz Bradgate Drama Society



We're off to see the Wizard' at Bradgate Drama Society's production of the Wizard of Oz. This year's Christmas show promises an exciting musical journey as Dorothy, with her friends the Scarecrow, the Lion and the Tin Man, makes her way to the Land of Oz.

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'If I only had a Brain' I'd be going too!

It Only Takes Minutes to Save a Life.....

Village Hall Public Access Defibrillator

A public access defibrillator to assist in the event of a cardiac arrest has now been installed outside the kitchen door of the Village Hall. This will be put into operation in the next few weeks and will be available to all in the event of an emergency.

Awareness sessions are being arranged in association with the Community Heartbeat Trust which will provide basic information on how to respond to an emergency possibly involving cardiac arrest, the use of the defibrillator and how to access it. These sessions will take place in the Village Hall on Wednesday evening, 20th November at 7.00pm, and all are encouraged to attend.

In addition to the provision of the defibrillator, a **Village Emergency**

Telephone System (VETS) is being set up which will provide help in a situation where someone needs to stay with a patient and needs help to fetch the defibrillator or needs another kind of assistance. This facility, which is being funded by the Parish Council, relies on 10 people volunteering to give assistance in this situation. The system uses a single memorable telephone number which will ring up to 10 lines simultaneously until a helper is found to assist you. Full details will be given at the awareness sessions when volunteers will be welcomed.



So Please come to the Awareness Session in the Village Hall on

WEDNESDAY 20th NOVEMBER at 7.00pm

You could save a life

Village Ramblers 2013

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

>
9th November Allan Illiffe 242101
8th December Ed Killick 249589

Meet 11am, walk, lunch and A.G.M. afterwards.
12th January 2014 Lesley Baker

Walks are usually on the second Saturday of the month and between 3-4 miles. Please wear proper walking shoes or boots.

On the wettest Saturday in October eight ramblers met for a walk. Due to the weather we changed the planned walk, and walked to the park. The four women and two dogs decided to walk over the fields back to my house to put the kettle on, while the fellas continued over the park, arriving back rather wet. We all enjoyed a cuppa and cake and were pleased to welcome the newcomer, Bob.

Thank-you to Mrs Wardle and to Mr Kettle for permission to walk private paths. On a beautiful Autumn day, ten members joined the County Hall ramblers and walked the undisturbed Bradgate Woods-Blakeshay. Afterwards we all enjoyed delicious pizzas and soup and sandwich at the Bradgate pub .

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

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

>
Disclaimer. Members are reminded that participation in walks is at their own risk, and that the leader(s) accepts no liability for any loss or injury, however caused.

Glenis Meredith

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Bradgate Flower Club

On Wednesday 6th November, Bradgate Flower Club meets at its regular venue - Newtown Linford Village Hall at 7.30pm. "Memories of Village Life" is the theme chosen by our guest demonstrator Jean Fordham of Newthorpe, Nottinghamshire. Visitors are welcome - a charge of £5 is made. Details from Lilian Coleman on 0116 2363191.

"My Christmas" is the theme for the Bradgate Flower Club meeting on Wednesday 4th December at Newtown Linford Village Hall. The renowned demonstrator is Andrew Lloyd of Stourbridge, West Midlands. The meeting is open to visitors and members' guests - the entry fee is £5. Details from Lilian Coleman on 0116 2363191.



The St. Peter's Church Flower Festival will take place at Copt Oak (LE67 9QB) on 7th and 8th December. Entitled "How far is it to Bethlehem?", the Festival will be open between 10.30 and 4.00pm on both days. In addition to the floral displays, refreshments are available along with charity stalls and sales of plants, cards and chocolates. Entry £2, ample off-street parking.

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Scarecrow Festival

Once again we were blessed with warm sunshine for our Scarecrow weekend. The sight of so many families, both local and visitors alike, enjoying our event made all our efforts worthwhile. Many, many thanks to all of you who were so creative with available materials - we had almost 50 entries in the end (although when we only had 10 entered 3 days beforehand we were a tad worried!). Radio Leicester even joined in the fun with their 'Clueless' programme visiting a scarecrow to find a clue on Sunday morning (unfortunately they couldn't broadcast from the location even with their mast fully extended!).

Financially the event was very successful. The Scarecrow Committee has been able to make donations to McMillan Cancer Care (£100), Shuttleworth-Clarke Foundation (£50) and Newtown Linford Brownies (£50). These monies are raised from the sale of some programmes (others are sold by the School and the Bellringers), entry fees, advertising in the programme and 'table fees' in the school hall and the donations for books this year. After our outgoings are covered (prizes, paper for programmes etc) we have carried over £15.03 to next year.

The Art Club has also been able to donate to LOROS after their exhibition in the Sunday School Rooms. We were also visited by people in fancy dress (on horseback) collecting for RNLI and a female morris dance troupe at The Linford.

Local organisations have also benefited. The Flower Club sold the teas on Sunday; the Bellringers fund-raised in the Church; Playgroup face painted and, of course, the School fete and teas can only have been helped by the flood of visitors on the Saturday. Local businesses must have also noticed the increase in trade over that weekend!

In summary - a big thank you to everyone -a ll our scarecrow constructors, our judges, our Photographer Dave Rigg and our visitors! All Dave's pictures are now on the village website.

We are planning to do it all again next year so watch this space.....

Sue, Jan and Pam





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Newtown Linford Brownies

On the 31st August 2013, the Brownies went to Twinlakes. We all met in the car park and walked in together. The adults sat down on a table and drank coffee whilst the children went to play on the rides in that area. My favourite ride was the Log



Flume because when we walked off it, we were all drenched from top to bottom. The other rides that the Brownies wanted to go on the most were the Haunted House, the Pony Ride, The Buffalo, The Mini Town and lots more.

I loved going to Twinlakes and hope that we can go t here again soon!

By Megan Raynor age 10

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Newtown Linford Gardening Club

Hasn't it been a wonderful autumn? September has provided us with plenty of sunshine and the autumn flowers have responded beautifully. At the time of writing they are still blooming well and probably will do until the first frost. Our picture this month is of the display of cosmos which delight us every year in Ben and Brenda Wheeler's garden on Bradgate Road near the post office.

The small hall was packed to hear Glenys Dyer talk about plants which she believes are 'must-haves' in any garden. Some we recognised and some went



down in our notebooks to look out for. She even brought some plants for us to buy and some seeds for us to sow. All in all an excellent evening.

Our year concludes, as always, with our Christmas Party on 3rd December at Sue Pritchard's house at the end of Main Street. And what a splendid year it has been. We have had some interesting speakers, two lovely visits to the Wyevale plant nursery at Woodlands and Ashwood Nurseries near Dudley, a lively and sumptuous garden party and, of course, our piece de resistance, the visit of Christine Walkden, about which we will report next month.

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



The Bradgate Park Trust is Proud to
Present the first

Bradgate Park Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th December

This family event will include:

Demonstrators' Field featuring Charnwood Forest Alpacas, falconry, chainsaw sculpture and living history with The Sealed Knot

A range of stalls showcasing locally made produce and gifts

Art & Craft exhibition featuring the work of some of our Art in the Park exhibitors and other local artists and makers

Santa's Grotto

Entertainment

If you would like to participate in the Christmas Fair as a demonstrator, exhibitor or stallholder, please get in touch. Contact the Estate Office on 0116 236 2713 or email estate-office@bradgatepark.org

From the Park A Busy Autumn

It is often said by countryside managers that there are three key ingredients to any successful trip to a countryside destination: somewhere to park, somewhere to have a cup of tea and decent toilet facilities.

At Bradgate we raised our game so far as the cup of tea is concerned last year when we opened the Conservatory Tearoom adjoining Marion's Cottage. If you have not yet tried this new venue, I encourage you to do so. Situated just off the car park, it offers a more relaxed ambience than the Deer Barn Tearoom, often has 'specials' on the menu that we do not have the capacity to produce in the smaller kitchen of its more established counterpart and you have the choice of sitting inside the bright and airy conservatory or, when the weather is more clement, outside on the terrace or in the garden that slopes gently down to the river. We also have free Wi-Fi so you can keep in touch with the outside world and there can be few better spots for a change of scene for those of you working from home.

The public toilets in our three car parks have all seen better days but the ones in the village opposite the church are by far the busiest and are now really showing their age. Now that the summer is behind us, we will be embarking on a project to extend the building to provide new Ladies facilities, refurbishing the Gents and installing a 'Changing Places' facility to improve provision for our visitors with disabilities. Work will commence at the beginning of November and will be completed before Easter. We will be continuing to provide facilities throughout the construction period but I recommend paying close attention to the sign on the door before entering as there may be a bit of chopping and changing as the project progresses!

Parking at Bradgate can be a bit of a thorny issue. As we all know, what seems like a vast open space of empty tarmac on a winter weekday looks woefully inadequate come the first summer Bank Holiday. Having laid reinforcing mesh on the small grass extension car park earlier in the year, we hope to do the same with the larger grass area before the start of the 2014 season. We are also going to be marking out the tarmac car park so that we can hopefully use the space more efficiently when it gets busy. Having considered a number of options, one of which would have resembled a supermarket car park, we have opted for a layout that retains the existing shape of the car park but will hopefully improve the way in which people park. Moving out of the car park and into the Park itself, we have taken advantage of the recent

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mild weather to get on with filling potholes on the carriageway before winter arrives.

Regular visitors may have spotted the 'There's No Such Thing as the Dog Poo Fairy' posters around the Park. This is a Keep Britain Tidy Campaign aimed at persuading people who bag up their dog's mess and then leave the bag hanging on a bush or fence post to carry it a little further and deposit it in a bin. Apart from the fact that retrieving these bags is not a pleasant task for Park staff, more often than not the wildlife will find them before we do and plastic can wreak havoc with the digestive system of any animal that eats it. We have had deer starve to death that have subsequently been found to have ingested a plastic bag. Whilst it is always preferable to 'bag it and bin it', away from the main carriageway we would rather that people just flicked the dog mess with a stick off the path and into the bracken than leave plastic bags literally hanging around.

The first of the 'Bradgate Lectures' will be a talk by Dr Philip Wilby, District Geologist for the East Midlands at the British Geological Survey, on the 'Geology and Fossils of Bradgate Park'. We have yet to confirm the exact date but it will be sometime in January or February (on a Wednesday evening) in the Village Hall.

Preparations for the Christmas Fair on the weekend of 7th/8th December are gathering pace. We have now booked the Sunday School in order to give a dry space for artists and crafters to exhibit. If anyone is interested in participating in the event as a demonstrator, exhibitor or stallholder, please get in touch.

Peter Tyldesley

As we go to press we hear of the passing of Peggy Bown and Geoff Baxter. Both long-time residents of the village who will have their funeral services here in the village on the same day. The Magazine Team have sent their condolences to the families and hope to publish obituaries in the next magazine.

BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES—November 2013

DATE	GROBY	RATBY	NEWTOWN LINFORD
3rd November All Saints Day	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)		
	9.30am Family Communion LC)	10.00am Worship for All (KW)	10.30am Holy Communion (PH)
		6.00pm Holy Communion (PH)	
10th November Remem- brance Day		8.00am Holy Communion (PH)	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)
	10.50am Remembrance Service (LC)	10.45am Remembrance Service (PH)	10.50am Remembrance Service (KW)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (Ros/PH)		
17th November 2nd before Advent	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)		
	9.30am Morning Prayer (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm 3SE		
24th November Christ the King			8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am Morning Prayer (FB)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (LC)		

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—November						
NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10am	7th			
GROBY	Wed	9.30am	6th	13th	20th	27th
RATBY	Thur	9.30am		14th		28th

CHURCH REGISTERS



Weddings

19th October ~ Christopher Daniel Browne and Amy Salter



Baptisms

13th October ~ Mollie Jasmine Crockett

13th October ~ Ralph Henry Waite

We welcome them in to the church family



Funerals

27th September ~ Robert Charlesworth, formerly of Cropston Road, Anstey.

23rd October ~ Peggy Bown, formerly of Main Street, Newtown Linford.

23rd October ~ Geoffrey Baxter, formerly of Main Street, Newtown Linford.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends, and pray that they may find peace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Regular Events



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On

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From the Records

Forty years ago most visitors came to the park by a Midland Red bus, 70 plus people at a time. Now most come by private cars which take up a lot of parking spaces. Also there were very few weekday visitors.

Having to live with parked cars on our village streets gets worse and over quite a short period of time people have begun to ignore the double yellow lines and park anywhere, grass verges and gateways, not thinking why the lines are there and is it safe to park?

Trying to solve the problem began over 20 years ago when parking controls on the Main Street on a Sunday afternoon were introduced following a request by the emergency services who stated that their vehicles could not travel down Main Street when cars were parked on both sides.

The car owning population increased and our problems got worse. It was with great reluctance that the Parish Councils set the wheels in motion. They organised a display in the Village Hall on the 20th to 22nd May 1991. This display showed the proposed new parking restrictions. Two representatives from the County Council Department of Planning and Transportation were available to answer questions.

After we had all had our say the Parish Council went ahead with the plans for the double yellow lines. It took quite a long time for it to become law so it was shortly after April 6th 1992 that the lines appeared - a 24 hour parking ban on the roadside on parts of Main Street, Bradgate Road, Groby Lane, Markfield Lane and Grey Crescent.

Visitors to Bradgate Park were encouraged to follow the signs for the Park car parks.

In the Parish Magazine in July 1992, there were comments about the new parking restrictions. They were tested when there was a fire in the Park and the engines could not get down Main Street. But all was not well, Groby Lane residents were having difficulty getting out due to the narrowness of the road and the parked cars. The parked cars outside Marion's Cottage were reducing the visibility and the thoughtless parking outside the Post Office, where parking was unrestricted, caused problems. There have been slight changes e.g. a time limit outside the Post Office but the main restrictions remain. There was one gaffe by the Local Authority, which caused many residents to phone our Clerk to object to the seemingly ludicrous action on Grey Crescent when road surfacing commenced shortly after the double yellow lines had
24 been put down. A County Council spokesman admitted that there

is

no co-ordination between different authorities, but also tried to assure our Clerk that this does not result in extra cost to the tax payer, as it is included in the working budgets of the separate undertakings. What a waste of time and money. A letter of protest was sent to the County Council nonetheless.

Dog Owners

There is a plea in the May 1992 Church magazine all about pavement fouling. Things don't change but by now it is different dogs and different owners. People probably have forgotten that there is a Charnwood by-

Newtown Linford Village Hall

Regular bookings

As you can see below, the village hall is used regularly by several groups and organisations. If you would like to know more about any of them, or enquire about booking the hall yourself, please ring Pat Wood (01530 242251)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI-DAY	Week ends
Playgroup 8.30-1.00	Playgroup	Playgroup	School 9.00-12.00	Playgroup	
Keep-fit 1.30-2.30	School 1-30	School 1.15-2.15		School 1-30	
	Yoga 7-9		Choral Society 8-10		
1 st . Monday Youth club 5.0-9.30	3 rd . Tuesday Gardening (s.hall) 7.0-10.00	1 st . Wednesday Flower club (no yoga) 5.30-10.00			
Drama rehearsal As appropriate		Drama rehearsal As appropriate	Key to colours	Daily booking Weekly booking	Mont hly book- ings

As part of the Leicestershire County Council's **Plugs for Bugs** initiative, Thursday 10 October saw Newtown Linford's hard working Brownie pack, plant 600 plug plants and wild Daffodil bulbs on the grassy bank at the bottom end of Markfield Lane.

This campaign is to encourage Parish Council and land owners to set aside land for wild flowers to attract more insects and birds.



Local residents were very supportive and came along to lend a hand – and a spade as the digging was quite hard going! Pete marked out the area for us and we began. It took around 2 hours to complete and we were very pleased with our efforts and ready for that cup of tea and drink of juice. Sue had kindly made some homemade biscuits which were devoured and enjoyed by us all in minutes!

Particular thanks go to Brown Owl for offering her willing girls, Brian and Chris Anderson, Gill and Stacey, Sue and Gary, the Brownie mums who stayed and the other neighbours who came to say hello and cheer us on. We hope that there will be a stunning display to welcome visitors to the village, to please the residents and for insects, butterflies and birds to feast on, for years to come. Thanks to everyone for your hard work and for making it a fun afternoon.

News from Groby Community College Lucy Whitfield wins Karate Gold!

Groby Community College A-Level student Lucy Whitfield (from Newtown Linford) represented England at the WIKF World Championships in Crawley at the end of September, coming away with a Gold medal in the Kata. Lucy, who won Sports-woman of the Year at last years Sports Presentation Evening, has been working hard towards this event and it is a fantastic achievement to be crowned the world's best in her category. She has previously competed at the European Championships in Greece, winning a bronze medal in the team event. However, the experience of standing on the podium, wearing her Gold medal with 'God Save The Queen' playing, will take some beating.

Lucy is also training towards her 3rd Dan, which would make her one of the **youngest 3rd Dan members of the WIKF, ever!** . **Well done Lucy!**





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This year has been an extremely busy one for the Sanctuary. Dozens of dogs, cats and rabbits have been brought in (or collected locally as strays) for care and re-homing. The cat pens in particular are full, and at the moment we have about 50 cats of all ages, including kittens. We would really appreciate your help with providing food for them. It is currently costing over £200 per week to feed our feline residents alone.

Could you possibly help by donating some sachets of cat food for these lovely creatures? Or perhaps money to go towards paying for other needs such as veterinary care, cat litter, heating and lighting? If you could do some fund-raising for us, that would be great news - money is always useful to help pay the day-to-day sanctuary bills. We'd love to discuss ideas with you.

Or if you have space in your family to give a cat or kitten a 'forever home', please do come along to the Sanctuary to visit the residents – there are pets to suit most families. We are open every day (*except Christmas Day*) **from 10am – 4pm**. We have far too many animals to show on our website but please do take a look to read some more information and see our location map: www.redgatefarmanimalsanctuary.co.uk or telephone: **01530 243 925**



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Forthcoming fund-raising Events

We will have a stall at the Thornton Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 16th November**, at the Community Centre, Main Street, Thornton.

On **Friday 13th December**, there will be the Redgate Christmas party at Thornton Club, Main Street, Thornton, from 7.30pm. The Prize Raffle will also be drawn that evening. It will be a very enjoyable evening – “*Motown Magic and the Disco Diva*” with live music and cocktails and concluding with a 70's disco with professional DJ.

So please, please do consider us in the run up to Christmas. We're sure you'd agree, Redgate Farm Animal Sanctuary does a very worthwhile job locally, and relies on public donations: apart from our charity shop, we have no other income.

If you could do some fund-raising for us, please call Jo on

01530 230 455. Thank you!

Planning information

The government has slightly relaxed “permitted development rights” for small extensions to properties. Home owners have generally been allowed to add single-storey extensions of up to three metres deep in the case of an attached property or four in the case of a detached property without planning permission. Between now and May 2016, these distances have been increased to six and eight metres respectively. Be aware that you may exercise these rights only if you consult your neighbours in advance and they do not object. To fall within permitted rights, the roof of your extension must not measure more than four metres high or protrude above the existing roof line of your property or beyond the front elevation. The extension and outbuildings must also not cover more than half the area of your original garden. Your property must also not be listed and/or have exhausted its permitted development rights by having been extended since it was built or since July 1st 1948 if it is older than that.

A two storey extension might be permitted but the old three/four metre limits still apply and it can't be closer than seven metres to the rear boundary.

You might be able to build a garage or outbuilding under permitted development rights as long as its eaves do not extend higher than 2.5 metres, its height is not more than four metres and it does not protrude beyond the front elevation of the building, it is more than two metres from a boundary, no part of your property is listed and along with other outbuildings the new structure does not occupy more than half the original garden.

Loft extensions generally fall under permitted development if you are not changing the roofline and you are putting in rooflights that extend no further than 150mm from the existing plane of the roof. You will need planning permission if you want to add a dormer window to the front or side of your property.

Did you know that since 2008 it has been necessary to apply for planning permission for tarmac driveways and impermeable surfaces that cover more than five square metres. This is to prevent flooding. You also need permission for decking that stands more than 300mm above the ground and that together with other extensions occupies more than half the area of your garden.

The best way to work out if you need permission is to check with the council first and you can also look online at planningportal.gov.uk and look for the interactive house.



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Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



Here are some incidents reported since the last Magazine:-

- One resident was approached by two separate sets of men with Irish-ish accents with the same patterTree looks top heavy do you want it cutting. Anything else wants doing, driveway, brickwork etc. Do you want to sell your Land Rover? In both cases quite pushy.
- At the time of writing I have not heard whether the dog fouling at the top of Grey Crescent on the driveway to the Playing Field has stopped. A distressed resident wrote about this last month and I subsequently spotted a similar 'pile' outside number 72 Main Street. Those of you on our email system were lucky enough to receive a photo of it!!!
- Following on from this the residents of the Mill house wrote about their annoyance. The public footpath running through their private land is regularly used by dog walkers who do not clear up after their dogs. This is hazardous to their two young granddaughters and in fact anyone. This has prompted Virginia Toon to recall that the young son of a friend was blinded in both eyes by the Toxocara parasite carried in the dog dirt. See addendum.
- Two metal gates were stolen from the fields belonging to Bradgate Park.
- A car was stolen from Grey Crescent and subsequently recovered.
- Damage by spray paint to bench and rocks of scientific importance in Bradgate Park.
- Tools were stolen from a van on Bradgate Road.

P.C.S.O. Steve Quinn asks us to report any car seen acting suspiciously late at night in the Bradgate car parks as there is increasing criminal activity on the Park.

I have delivered two Welcome Packs to new residents in the Village this month. Please remember to tell me if you have a new neighbour. It is lovely to see their faces when I arrive whilst they stand amidst packing cases!!!

Finally a reminder if you are not on the email system. I like to think it is useful for you to be informed so please make contact. You can also contact me through the village or Parish Council website.

Addendum. Here is the NHS note about Toxocara.

Toxocariasis is a rare infection caused by roundworm parasites (Toxocara). It is spread from animals to humans via their infected faeces.

Ocular larva migrans is the least common but potentially most serious type of toxocariasis. The condition can develop if the roundworm parasites move into the eyes.

The main symptoms of ocular larva migrans are blurred or cloudy vision and irritation of the eyes. Left untreated, ocular larva migrans can result in permanent vision loss, although only one eye is usually affected.

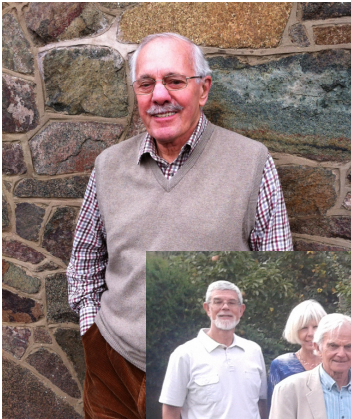
It affects around 50 people a year and usually affects young children.

Treatment involves taking medication to kill the parasites. Most people will quickly make a full recovery and won't experience any long-term complications.

Pam McMorran

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

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Playing Field: In last month's Magazine a concerned resident on Grey Crescent wrote about dog-fouling on the slip road and pathway leading to the playing field. The Parish Council completely endorses that resident's plea. Most dog owners are conscientious, and carefully pick up after their pet, but, unfortunately, there is one who doesn't give a toss. You know who you are. Perhaps it is because you cannot bring yourself to pick up the dog poo, especially as you have a big dog or even two. If that is the reason, then you should not have a dog. There is a Borough-wide anti dog-fouling bye-law; abusing it carries heavy fines. At the time of writing the identity of the irresponsible individual is not known, but no doubt someone will recognise you soon.

Planning: Another important concern of the Parish Council is to keep the village looking as attractive as it is now. Unsympathetic extensions or out-of-keeping buildings could soon change the street scene. Instead of enhancing it, it spoils it. Planning can be a minefield, so you will find an article in this edition covering many of the essentials one should know before making a planning application (page 30). It is also worth remembering that the Officers at the Charnwood Borough Council Planning and Development are always happy to give advice.

Next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 18th November 2013 at 7 pm in the small hall of the Village Hall. Please come.

Lydia Knott, Clerk to the Council

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December 2013/January 2014 Edition

In our next edition we will be reprinting the Village Directory which also goes out to all new families who move into the village. If you are a resident and have a business you would like to include free of charge - please email the editor with the details. Advertisers of the magazine are automatically included.



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