

# Newtown Linford Magazine

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## **Shaped By God: Deanery changes and a Pastoral Measure**

For the last ten years, the Church at national and local levels has been changing ways of working which take seriously the changes in our society and how the Church reaches out in mission in the 21st century. There is also a decrease in the number of stipendiary clergy available to Churches; many are reaching retirement age and fewer are training for ordination as full time stipendiary priests. By 2020, the number of *stipendiary* clergy in our deanery of Sparkenhoe East will go from nine to six and this has implications on how best to organise our 16 Churches. Clergy, Deanery representatives, PCCs and DCCs have all been involved at some level in thinking this through and making decisions about how to group our Churches and deploy clergy. Census data and the character of our parishes have been considered along with identifying the similar types of ministry the Churches have in each place.

The proposals for the Bradgate Team are as follows: Ratby and Groby will be grouped with Desford and Kirby Muxloe; Newtown Linford will be grouped with Anstey, Thurstaston and Glenfield. Each group of four Churches will have two stipendiary clergy. Creating these groups will happen slowly as clergy move/retire and new ways of working are established. There is also a legal process to be completed of undoing Team Parishes, establishing new boundaries and setting up new governance within each group.

**There will be a meeting in Newtown Linford Church after the main morning service on Sunday 16th November (also on the 16th at Groby and on the 23rd at Ratby) for anyone who would like to know more about this process and the implications.**

If you cannot make that occasion, then please feel free to contact Revd Louise or Revd Peter and they will be happy to meet with you at another time.

# The Bradgate Team Parish



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'm always amazed by the way experts on 'Antiques Roadshow' can tell you the colour of an obscure nineteenth century craftsman's eyes simply by looking at a slight scratch on the underside of a pot or drawer. I am fascinated by the amazing craftsmanship of a bygone age; but what really surprises me is the way ordinary household items are sometimes discovered to be priceless treasures.



The china mug granddad uses for his tea, is really three hundred years old and worth £3,000! The pot dog that holds down the bills on the mantelpiece is worth enough to pay all the bills it ever sat on; and the bric-a-brac left by great aunt Matilda suddenly has the potential to be priceless treasure.

Like these hidden treasures, our faith can often get tucked away in the dusty corners of our minds. What if that old familiar story of God's love for us in Christ, his offer of forgiveness and reconciliation were to be dusted off and inspected again in the bright light of day. The gift of faith, a treasure that can transform our lives.

And there is no greater delight than rediscovering the maker's hallmark of authenticity.

**Fred Brodie**

**Bradgate Flower Club**

**Bridge Drive**

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## VILLAGE DIARY



### November

- 1st Village Ramblers
- 3rd Parish Council
- 5th Flower Club
- 13th Bridge Drive
- 13th Choral Society
- 15th The Linford - One Stop Boogie Night (70's music to today)
- 17th Emergency / Defibrillator Training
- 28th/29th Christmas Cracker

### December

- 6th Bradgate Park Christmas Fair
- 8th Parish Council
- 11th Village Christmas Lunch
- 18th Come and Sing Christmas Carols

### Regular events

- |                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Monday afternoon           | Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall |
| Mondays 8pm at the Church  | Bell Ringing                        |
| 4th Tuesday of the month   | Gardening Club                      |
| 1st Wednesday of the month | Flower Club                         |
| 3rd Wednesday of the month | Ladies Luncheon Club                |
| Thursdays 11.15            | Coffee Mornings for all             |
| 3rd Thursday               | Gentlemen's Lunch Club              |

### New for November in the Village Hall



**'The Village Drop In'**  
**Every Thursday at 11.15am**  
**starting 6th November with**  
**A Macmillan Coffee Morning**  
**All Ages and Genders Welcome**



Please join us for our first 'Drop In'. Coffee, tea & Cake and good company. All donations for the first week to Macmillan. The following week onwards same time same place every week. Please spread the invitation to all a great way to meet your friends or other villagers. This is a free village gathering if anyone is prepared to help by joining a volunteer duty rota (no more than twice a year) please contact Carol Ann Sugden on 01530 243433

## Cardiac Arrest Awareness Session Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 7pm Village Hall – small hall

Early defibrillation can greatly increase the survival chances of a person who has suffered a sudden cardiac arrest. You are invited to come along to this awareness session at the Village Hall when Martin Fagan of the Community Heartbeat Trust will provide basic information on what to do if someone you are with has a cardiac arrest. As well as explaining how to access and use a defibrillator, Martin will also demonstrate how to administer CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

*All welcome. No need to book.*

### You really could help save a life.

Our **Public Access Defibrillator** is kept outside the kitchen door at the Village Hall and is available to all in the event of an emergency. If you are with someone who has a cardiac arrest, **always** call 999 first. If you are on your own with the person and need someone to fetch the defibrillator while you're waiting for the ambulance to arrive, you can ring the **Village Emergency Telephone System** number and one of our VETS volunteers will get the defibrillator to you as quickly as possible.

**A reminder of the VETS  
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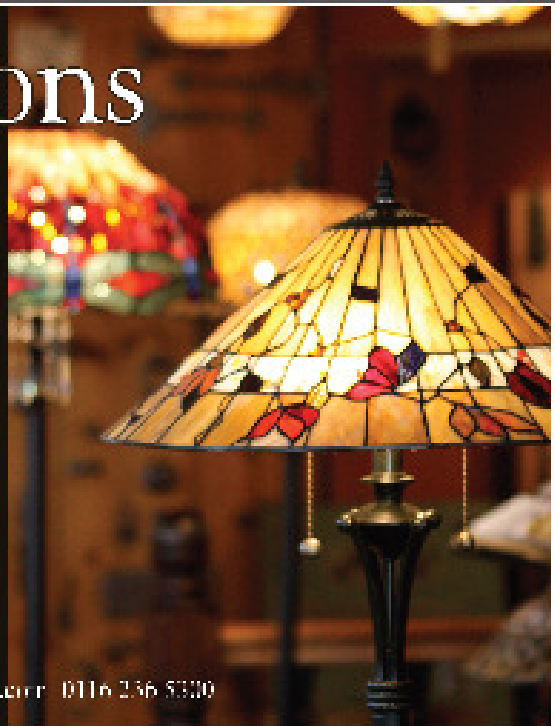
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Eileen Coombes, Main St,  
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her 95th birthday on September  
22nd.

She went out for a meal with  
her family on Sunday and had  
local friends to her house for  
lunch on her birthday.

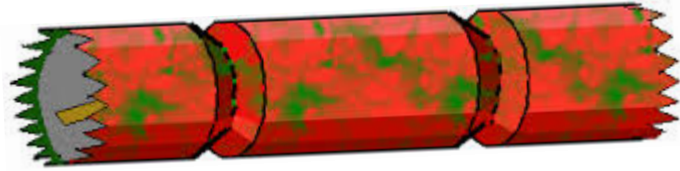
Belated Birthday Greetings to a  
wonderful lady





# Bradgate Drama Society

Present



## “Christmas Cracker”

The clue to this festive production is in the title. A seasonal miscellany including sketches and music, all wrapped up with jokes which we hope you have never heard before and some that you never want to hear again!!!!

This production will include three of our exciting younger members in their first leading roles, along with faces that you may have seen on our stage before.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**& Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**at 7.30pm**

**in Newtown Linford Village Hall.**

Seating will be around tables in order for you to enjoy your **Mulled Wine and Hot Mince Pies** which are included in the ticket price of

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**Licensed bar and coffee also available.**

Please note: All parking must be on the street and not on the car park of the Bradgate public house.

## **Newtown Linford Gardening Club**

We had a fascinating evening listening to Peter Tyldesley, the Land Agent and Surveyor at Bradgate Park. His enthusiasm was clearly evident but what many of us did not know was the vast number of activities which are undertaken by the staff. An aerial mapping has revealed a wide range of archaeological possibilities, including revelations about human habitation in its earliest years, and a programme of determining the age of the trees in the park has revealed just how many centuries some of them have been there.

The staff have improved the access of many areas of the park to visitors by reducing the acreage of bracken and posting maps to show all the pathways we can use. In addition we learned of the ways in which the deer population is managed; the expansion of items available in the park shop (including venison when in season); the development of the deer barn and the increase in special attractions like the open air plays and the Sealed Knot event.

We also learned how important to the finances of Bradgate Park was the income from the tea rooms and the car parks, which accounted for around two thirds of the annual budget. Quite clearly, without that income, the Park would be unable to operate, so the need to control visitor parking around our streets is not just for the benefit of Newtown Linford residents.

After our celebrity evening with Adam Frost on 4<sup>th</sup> November (tickets available at the door), we conclude with the annual Christmas party on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, bringing to an end another very successful year with our largest ever membership and our most attended meetings of all time. Our numbers have increased so much that, from the New Year, our meetings will be held in the large hall.

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](mailto:01530242452@talktalk.net)), or come to one of our meetings to see how you like it before making a commitment (£2 for visitors). Alternatively give us a ring and ask for a copy of our programme for the coming year and we will be pleased to send one to you.

**Anne and David Couling**

# NEWTOWN LINFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

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## Autumn Leaves

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## News from the Park Now Summer is Finally Over Peter Tyldesley



The last weekend of October marks the end of British Summer Time and also the beginning, on the Park, of Bradgate Winter Time when the Visitor Centre and Ruins close for the winter period and the Rangers can cover all the daylight hours in a single shift. The winter months see our focus shift from looking after our visitors to maintaining the Park itself. This winter will see us starting on the list of work that was generated by the survey that was carried out of all the parkland trees earlier in the year. Many of these wonderful old veterans are in need of some TLC, either for their own good or to ensure the safety of the public. The aim wherever possible is to keep the tree alive and standing and there is only one tree that we will need to fell this winter and that is a Norway Spruce rather than one of the ancient oaks.

In order to make up the numbers following Peter Freeman's retirement and also reflecting the fact that we are now carrying out more work ourselves rather than using contractors, we have employed two new Rangers. Jack Smith will be a familiar face to many regular visitors, having been with us as a volunteer and subsequently as a seasonal Ranger for many years. Lisa Hamblin joins us as a new member of the team. Despite her accent, Lisa is a Northamptonshire girl but, having obtained her degree from Southampton University, has spent the last 10 years working in Australia. Lisa has a wealth of experience and, seeing as her last job was on a 1.4 million-acre cattle station, we hope we can find enough here to keep her interested.

It may be the "quiet" time of the year on the Park, but we still have a few things going on. Our second Christmas Fair is on the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> December and, like last year, will focus on local food and traditional crafts. Seasonal musical entertainment will be provided by Syston Brass Band and the Newtown Linford Choral Society. We are grateful to all the local traders who support our events and if anyone is interested in having a stall at the Christmas Fair, please contact Lynda in the Estate Office. Santa will be appearing again in his Woodland Glade Grotto. His joint venture last year with Action for Children was so successful that he will be back for the Christmas Fair this year and also the two weekends leading up to Christmas raising money for Action for Children, LOROS, Spinal Muscular Atrophy and the Leicester Hospitals Charity.

Bradgate Park

# Christmas Fair



Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th  
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The 2015 Bradgate Lecture will be given by Matt Beamish and Lynden Cooper of University of Leicester Archaeological Services on 'The Archaeology of Bradgate Park' on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February in the Village Hall. Marking out the main car park with white lines has been so successful in improving the way in which people park that we hope to do the same at Hallgates over the winter.

We are making some changes to parking charges for 2015. Having two charging bands – up to 3 hours and all day – is difficult to police effectively and so we will be moving to a single All Day parking fee with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April. We are setting the All Day charge at £3 for weekdays and

£4 at weekends and Bank Holidays: a reduction of £1 from current levels. To avoid disadvantaging our regular visitors who only come to walk the dog, we are also reducing the cost of season tickets. An annual season ticket will now cost £90 instead of £115 with OAPs and Blue Badge holders paying £50.

The number of people parking without payment in Swithland Wood continues to be an issue. We are reducing the cost of a Swithland Wood-only season ticket to £25 and I very much hope that regular visitors will either purchase one of these or be more conscientious about putting their £1 in the Honesty Box.

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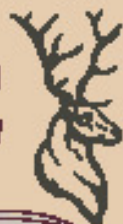
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## Scarecrows 2014

Well once again the village Scarecrow Weekend was blessed with amazing weather - which is good for our visitors and good for our scarecrows! The village was full of families from Saturday morning until well into Sunday evening, strolling along, admiring and laughing at our creations. Tea rooms and Pubs were heaving and I'm sure the park's car-parks must have been full!

Thank you to the Mayor and Mayoress of Charnwood for doing the difficult task of judging the entries and to Peter Tyldesley for presenting the prizes- the Winners were as follows:-

Group - Newtown Linford School - Stanley Smith's World War I  
18+ Jackie Brewin- The Great Escape  
Teens Anna, Megan and Bethan Raynor - Allsorts Sweet Shop  
U10s Chloe Beal - Gran Says  
Peoples Choice: Newtown Linford School - Stanley Smith's World War I

An enormous thank you to all those who took the time and trouble to make a scarecrow!

The School Fete was the centre of Saturdays events and the Morris Dancers outside the Linford on Sunday afternoon certainly provided great entertainment.

In total we had the School Fete, the Bellringers, the Pre-School, the Flower Club all raising funds, with the Rotary Club, The Art Club and the Scarecrow Committee collecting money for charity.

The Scarecrow Committee, once expenses of prizes, printing costs and Village Hall hire were met, made a profit of £62, which will be donated to charitable causes.

In the Summer Parish Magazine Jan and I expressed our wish to stand down from the Committee. I am extremely pleased to be able to say that other volunteers have come forward, keen to continue the event, and we will be working with them to facilitate a smooth transition! So watch this space.

**Sue Pritchard**









## Newtown Linford Primary School A Good School with Outstanding Features



Mrs C Chorlton  
Headteacher

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who voted for us to win the People's Choice in September's Scarecrow Festival. We were all absolutely delighted to win this and the Group Prize. What delighted us just as much was the comments we received from people viewing our entry. I know it was the talk of the Village over the weekend and we are proud to have shown the work we cover in School. I have been stopped many times in the street for people to tell me how much they liked our entry and the memories it brought back for them. We have also received a number of cards sharing people's thanks and memories. This is just the start of the work we will be covering this year to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the start of WW1.



Our next event will take place on Armistice Day when we will place a wreath at the grave of the soldier who died in WW1 in the Village Churchyard. This wreath will contain all the pop pies that the children and



their parents wrote on and were displayed at the front of the school and also the poppies that visitors completed too. Visitors who made themselves known to us over the weekend will also be coming to talk to the children. We will keep you updated and if anyone else has any memories they would like to share please don't hesitate to contact us.

I would also like to thank all the visitors who joined us as part of our Scarecrow Fete on the Saturday. We were very proud to show off our School and a number of people introduced themselves to me who used to attend our School many years ago. In fact some of them are going to return when the children are having their lessons to share their memories and see how differently we do things now! Thanks to



your generosity we have profits of over £2000 from the day. All of the staff and children are looking forward to spending this money!



Last month we also celebrated our Harvest Festival in the Church. This was an important opportunity for our children to give to others who have less than themselves. A very full car boot of produce was delivered to Joseph's Storehouse in Loughborough. We also raised over £60 in the collection after the event which we have sent to Rainbows Children's Hospice. We have worked closely with Rainbows during this last year and this was a good opportunity for us to show our appreciation.

To help us launch our new topic for this term's topic 'Let's Celebrate' the whole School visited Holy Bones Gurdwara in Leicester. This was to help our children have



a deeper understanding of a culture different to their own and how other religions celebrate. We were very proud to be complimented upon our children's manners and listening skills. We are proud of the confidence, levels of questioning and curiosity we develop within the children who attend our School and it was lovely for this to be noticed by others.

Our Y6's took part in a special Outdoor and Adventurous Day at Beaumanor Hall with all of the other local Primary Schools which feed into South Charnwood and Brookvale High Schools. The aim of the day was to challenge the children's skills and confidence levels as well as to give them the opportunity to mix with children they may be joining at Secondary School. They had a very wet but enjoyable day and when I spoke to the children about it their overwhelming description was 'awesome!'



### Friends of Newtown Linford Primary School



We now have a new Fund Raising Committee (which replaces our PTA Parent Teacher Association) and we are keen to involve members of the local community within this. Our 'Friends' group hopes to include family and friends of our children as well as members of the local

community. We are keen to work together to really centre the School at the heart of the community and work closely in partnership with other groups. We would like to support our children's development but also support the full range of ages within the community.



We thoroughly enjoy singing at Christmas and have had many opportunities to do this at the Christmas Lunch as well as last year within Bradgate Park. If you would like to be involved within this group or have suggestion of ways we could further be involved within the community please don't hesitate to contact me at school. 01530 242370 [admin@newtownlinford.leics.sch.uk](mailto:admin@newtownlinford.leics.sch.uk)



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The service which is free, independent and confidential is for adults of all ages who are residents of Leicestershire and are in need of information and advice relating to social care. The request for information can be for yourself, a relative, friend or neighbour or if you are a professional the request for information can be for someone you are supporting. The service consists of two teams, one for people who identify themselves to be of working age and one for people who identify themselves as an older adult. When you contact the service you will be put through to the team best suited to deal with your enquiry.

The need to access social care services is often something very new to families and it can be a daunting prospect trying to find out what help, support, activities, etc. are available and how to access these. The Leicestershire Advice Service team can take the pressure off you by carrying out any research relating to what is available to you and how to access whatever is available. This can include things like how to get a Community Care Assessment, how to get an Impact of Caring Assessment, and finding out about the different services and activities offered by the local authority, voluntary organisations and businesses. If we don't have the answer immediately available we will investigate for you.

Advice is normally offered by telephone; however, the team recognise that this isn't always the best approach and alternative arrangements will be made when the telephone is not a suitable option.

If you need information on:

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How to access services

Identifying relevant help

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## BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES—November 2014

DATE	GROBY	RATBY	NEWTOWN LINFORD
2nd November  All Saints Day	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)		
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	<b>Service of Loving Remembrance 3pm at Ratby church</b>		
9th November  <b>Remem- brance Day</b>		8.00am Holy Communion (PH/RC)	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)
	<b>9.30am Special Service (LC)</b>	<b>10.45am Special Service (PH/ FB)</b>	<b>10.50am Special Service (KW/RC)</b>
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (KW)		
16th November  2nd Sunday before Advent	8.00am Holy Communion (PH/ RC)		
	9.30am Morning Worship (LC)	10.00am Family Communion (FB)	10.30am Holy Communion (PH/RC)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (LC)	6.00pm Holy Communion (PH/RC)	
23rd November  Christ the King			8.00am Holy Communion (LC)
	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (PH/RC)	10.30am Morning Prayer (KW)
	6.30pm 4SE		
30th November  Advent Sunday			8.00am Holy Communion (PH/RC)
	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Confirmation (PH)	10.30am Morning Prayer (KW/RC)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (PH)		



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

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Newtown Linford Tennis Club is now 2 years into its partnership with local tennis coaching providers Inside Out Tennis and after what seemed like a quiet first summer back in 2012, there is now a solid base of players taking part in regular sessions at the Club.

However, moving forwards there will now be a different face leading the coaching side of the club with Tory Bullock, who led the sessions this summer, having started a PhD at Loughborough University and having to step out of coaching altogether for the foreseeable future. Replacing her is one of the directors of Inside Out Tennis, Jonny Rudge, who is intending to be around for some time, as demonstrated by the fact that he's been in his previous Saturday morning post at Loughborough LTC for the past 10 years. Jonny said "Newtown Linford is a great Club in a lovely village and reminds me a lot of the Club I grew up playing at. I can't wait to start putting things in place to help the Club move forwards and we're already discussing trying to make some things happen that have never taken place at the club before"




### **Glenfield Hospital**

Pam McMorran volunteers at Glenfield on Sundays and noticed that the

Discharge Lounge at Glenfield has a notice up requesting jogging bottoms for males and females. This is in order to dress them in something suitable to go home, for those patients who have not brought clothes in with them.

Pam is willing to be the collection point if anyone has suitable ones in good condition they are happy to donate.

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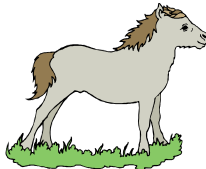
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We have done this before in the Village Magazine and villagers boxes were dropped off at my home and we took them over to the Loughborough Echo. This was a wonderful way for my daughters to think about others less fortunate and they really enjoyed shopping with me and choosing gifts for children their old age.

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**Hygiene items:** toothbrush and toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.

**Other items:** hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (sell by date must be at least March 2015).

### Do not include:

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**Please include £3 donation per box. We ask for a minimum £3 shipping donation to cover UK transportation overseas shipping and promotion for each box you prepare.** You can write a cheque to Samaritans purse, place it in an envelope and put it inside your shoebox, then secure the box with an elastic band. If you do more than one box, just make out one cheque to cover all your shoebox donations, put it in an envelope and place it inside one of your shoeboxes.



**Carole Heubeck**  
Editor  
Tel 244790

## Big Brownie Birthday

On the 7th of September 2014 all the Brownies in Leicestershire went to a celebration to represent the occasion of 100th year of Brownies at Leicester Grammar School.

We waited at the Village Hall until a Double Decker bus parked outside. When we arrived at Leicester Grammar we realised how many Brownies there are in Leicestershire (over 2,000). When we were all inside we started the activities. First we went inside a big dome to experience what it would be like in space.

After lunch we went inside the school's sports hall, the activities were endless. There was a shop, a science workshop and cake decorating. We looked at painting with Smartie's and then we went outside to go on a high elastic bouncy slide. My favourite part was at the end when we had a go at lightning a fire, some worked but some didn't.

Overall we had a wonderful day. Thank you to Girl Guide head quarters for organising the day and also to Brown Owl yet again for a great day out.

**Anna Raynor**



### **Brownies**

it was the final Brownies for Anna and Megan Raynor and Isabella Mulvihill all who had to jump the toad stool.

They would all like to thank Brown Owl for all the outings, games and for all her time over the last 4 years.

## History of The Linford Club

The Linford, known in the village of Newtown Linford as 'The Club', was originally attached to the British Legion and even now the 'official' title is The Newtown Linford Ex-Services Club, but it is no longer affiliated to the Legion. It has been part of village life since 1926 when the men of the village, mostly ex-servicemen, decided that they would build their own 'local' where they could gather and socialise amongst friends. Apparently this decision was prompted by the difficulties they were experiencing in getting a drink at the only other hostelry in the village due to the many friends of the then landlord crowding the bar.



The original building was an old wooden tearoom transported from Beech Farm in the village to the Club's present location, the land being bought previously from the owner of the thatched cottages which back onto it. One of the conditions of sale being that he would be the first Steward! In 1928 a brick frontage, including a bar and billiard room was added and the wooden hut at the back became the function room.



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During World War 2 the backroom, which functioned as a skittle alley, became a factory used by Dunlop for the assembly of aircraft parts. It was staffed by approximately thirty local ladies who worked in two shifts, morning and afternoon. The hut lasted until about 1960 when it was re-built in brick and promoted as a venue for weddings, birthday parties, anniversaries, bingo, table tennis, pool competitions, arts and crafts fairs and even a dog breeders meeting. It is now used throughout the week by such groups as the Choral Society, Line Dancers, Rock 'n' Rollers and the weekly Wednesday quiz which offers prizes up to £150.00.

The Linford is a private members club which is owned equally by all members who have paid their due subscriptions and is administered by a hard working volunteer Committee and three trustees. Presently there are between 250 and 300 members. The current membership is a modest £8 for the year. Recently, it has shed its working men's club image and the décor is more in keeping with a local pub! In fact, the Club was recently awarded the 5 star hygiene certificate by Charnwood Borough Council, the highest ranking available.

Last year the back function room was completely refurbished including a new bar and it looks amazing and has been used for weddings, funerals, anniversaries & birthday parties. It has been a policy to offer this free to the villagers whether members or not, just call in to book the room through Stuart Hardie our new manager.

The Club relies on the village to support it and needs visitors not only to the frequent functions (70's Night 15<sup>th</sup> November ) but to call in for a drink. Also it features all the main sports events on big TV screens through SKY & BT Open sports.

As with all drinking hostilities times are hard and we welcome your support to keep the club flourishing.

33 **Linford Committee**

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## **Village Ramblers 2014**

**MEET** Opposite the Village Hall.

1st November Gill Bates. 01530 224491  
Meet at 10:30 opp. Village Hall or 11am at the Bulls Head, Thringstone. Lunch afterwards in the pub, then a short walk to Gill's for a cuppa.  
13th December Ed Killick 01530 249589 Xmas Walk, plus lunch & AGM Meet 11am  
10th January 2015 Lesley Baker 01509 890771.

The walk starts at Lesley's house, but parking is restricted, hence meet opp. the Village Hall at 2pm, unless you live near to Lesley's. Lesley has kindly invited us for "tea" after the walk .

During October members joined the Cathedral Walkers for an interesting visit to the Church of All Saints in the peaceful village of Beeby, followed by an amble. Later we enjoyed a walk around Thornton Reservoir combined with the Leicestershire Round. Again we had sunshine and only one shower.

On 3rd October many members attended the service to celebrate the life of Sonia Pitchers. Sonia and Janet Neaverson founded the Village Ramblers in 1980 and organised many walks. We will miss her laughter and her generosity of spirit. She left us with lives



**Subject: Village Ramblers ready to start the walk from Swithland Woods Feb. 1980**

Sonia Pitchers is in the centre above Ian Bates and Nick Meredith



37 enriched, thank you Sonia. Any enquiries to the walk leader or Glenis . [glenis72meredith73@gmail.com](mailto:glenis72meredith73@gmail.com)

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**Sonia Pitchers.** During the early 1980's the Village Ramblers was formed by two W.I. Members, Sonia Pitchers and Janet Neaverson. Sonia and Janet led all of the walks during the first year and Sonia led walks and organised the programme until she was 70, which was 20 years ago.

Sadly, Sonia died unexpected but peacefully, in the early hours of last Sunday, 28th September. She and her very much loved husband Mike, had spent Saturday at a family party really enjoying themselves, particularly the attentions of their great grand-children.

She was a lovely person and a super neighbour who will be missed by many in the village, particularly Grey Crescent. Sonia's funeral was on Friday 3rd October at Loughborough Crematorium.

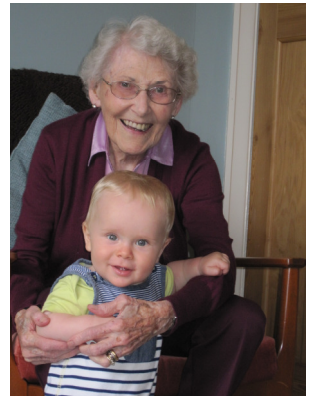
Mike's tribute to Sonia . Mike recorded this for Sonia a long time ago, she had kept the tape in her drawer. The recording was played at the service to celebrate The life of Sonia.

**A Deux**

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 cow , Of youth, Has been dispelled.  
 Thank you, For life, Beloved wife  
 In loving we are held.

I love you, Love, As I loved you, Love  
 Those many years ago, And time has told  
 As we've both grown old, This ever will be so.  
 Still the passions rise, As I meet your eyes  
 And feel your warm caress, Emotions surge  
 With the same old urge,  
 To the form beneath your dress.  
 And with so much life behind us,  
 to weld we two into one  
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## Living together with traffic

Since we are now into more changes to parking in the Village, and I have discovered several newspaper articles about car parking and the Park in the Village Records, I thought it would be a good idea to give you an outline of what has happened in the Village since I came in 1967.

There were far fewer cars in 1967 and people came to the Village on the bus (once an hour). The bus turned round at the Ulverscroft Lane corner. Sunday was the day we had most visitors, people were still working on Saturday mornings. There was half day closing for shops in Loughborough on a Wednesday and Thursday for Leicester when we had a few more visitors.

We had introduced a single yellow line for Sunday afternoon, the emergency services said we had to keep Main Street clear so if necessary they could get fire engines etc through.

The Park tried to help by having an honesty box but many did not want to give 50p, "The Park was given to the people of Leicester and Leicestershire", unfortunately no money for its upkeep was provided. To start with, Leicester City and Leicestershire County Councils gave money annually towards the upkeep of the Park. Over the years the amount got less and less but the upkeep of the Park increased. The car parks are not on land given in the bequest so a fee can be charged.

Initially the Parish Council opposed the charging stating that it would send the cars onto the surrounding roads.

The planning application to install machines to collect money for car parking was turned down by Charnwood in May 1996 but it went to appeal and was passed in June 1997.

In the Village, since the original single yellow line for no parking on Main Street on Sunday afternoons was introduced, double yellow lines have been placed on one side permanently, and gradually other restrictions have been added to keep the traffic moving. We have reached another set of changes. There are just too many people and cars in this "honey pot site". One double decker bus would bring over 70 people - to bring them in cars it is an average of 35 cars -think of the area needed.

**Janet Neaverson**

**Bradgate Flower Club** meets at 7.30 on Wednesday 5th November.

The guest demonstrator joins us from Sheffield. Glenda Bream's floral arrangements will be 'Inspired by Constance'. Visitors are welcome. A charge of £5 is made. We meet at Newtown Linford Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Details from Lillian Coleman on 0116 2363191.

## Bradgate Parking

Peter Tyldesley

Thank you to Janet Neaverson for a very interesting 'potted history' of car parking at Bradgate Park.

Janet mentions half-day closing in Loughborough on a Wednesday and in Leicester on a Thursday. This is the reason why the Ruins are open on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in summer. Despite the original reason having ceased to be relevant many years ago, the practice has continued to this day.

The original Trust Deed of 1928 stated that the City and County Councils would be responsible for meeting the costs of managing the Park – up to a maximum of £1,000 each per year. Despite this, the two Authorities continued with their financial support and in 1995 they contributed a total of over £250,000, which was around half the Trust's total budget. Over the past 20 years, that support has declined, hastened by cuts in Local Government budgets, and our funding from the Councils now represents around 5% of the Trust's total income. The income we receive from parking is therefore vital to our continued survival.

In 2013/14 we welcomed just over 170,000 cars, which was 15,000 more than the previous year but 5,000 fewer than in 2011/12. Just under 60% of visits were at weekends with around two-thirds of visitors parking in the Newtown Linford car park. The busiest month of the year is usually August, although in 2014 July saw more cars coming than in what was the 8<sup>th</sup> wettest August on record. Conversely, November is usually the least busy month but the rain sodden summer of 2012 saw June as the quietest month of the entire year.

The Bradgate Park Trust fully supports the moves to increase the parking restrictions in the village. We have increased the capacity of our car parks and it is a very rare day that they are full to capacity. Inconsiderate motorists parking on the streets have not been driven there by full car parks but by a desire to avoid paying to park. If the new restrictions are approved - and then enforced – there is no reason why traffic congestion caused by visitors to the Park should not be a thing of the past.

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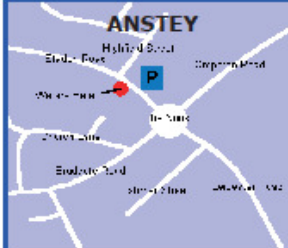
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We have been notified of a number of crimes being dealt with by our Beat Team but thankfully very little on our patch. I did circulate these just to show that the Beat Team is still busy. If you say to yourself I did not get this then it means you have not let me have your email address. I have a huge email list but there are many more missing.

I am waiting for Mike Wilson, Community Liaison Road Safety Officer, to collect the jackets and gun. He is the one who kindly puts the yellow signs up for us. I would like to thank Councillor Sue Pritchard, Peter Rose and Jo and Councillor Claire Costello for turning out in all weathers to do the recording. The Roecliffe Team were also out on Scarecrow weekend. Terrible turn out considering the number of residents in the village a large number of whom complain about the speeding traffic. When we elected to do speedwatch over 200 residents signed for it. Even with such a small group of people we submitted 211 car numbers recorded speeding. One car clocked 79 on Roecliffe Road.

*Pam McMoran, NFW Co-ordinator – [pam@riverlyn.freeseewer.co.uk](mailto:pam@riverlyn.freeseewer.co.uk)  
01530 242201*

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## **Newtown Linford Parish Council**

**Police and Neighbourhood Watch:** Sadly there was no Police presence at the Parish Council Meeting again. P.C.S.O Steve Quinn had told Pam that he would try and attend although he was not on duty. Realistically we cannot expect him to do that although it would be good if someone could attend. We were pleased to see Councillor David Snartt who is a great support to us and always seems to have an answer to any of our questions regarding Charnwood and County Council matters.

Councillor Snartt informed the meeting about the new Community Trigger implemented by Charnwood Borough Council to combat Anti-social behaviour. Fortunately we have very little of this in our village. Basically if someone has reported incidents to the Police such as three for one person or five for similar incidents over a six month period and nothing has been done then the Council can intervene.

**Bob Bown Memorial Field:** Councillor David Snartt is to chase up Charnwood Borough Council on our behalf to come and tidy up the left verge of the driveway to the playing field. The rail on the five aside fence is wearing away and will soon be replaced.

**Highways, footpaths and traffic:** Councillors expressed their concerns over the amount of leaves on the footpaths all over the village and I will contact Charnwood Borough Council to ensure that they have the village high on their priority for clearance.

**Planning:** Application Granted Conditionally for two storey extensions to side and rear of 472 Bradgate Road. Application for non-material amendment Agreed Unconditionally for changes to buttress to side of North wall, coping, corbel and minor internal layout changes to All Saints Church. Two Self-Assessment Forms have been published by village residents which can be viewed on line. I hope to write more next month about Self-Assessment Forms.

The November Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and the December meeting will be on Monday 8th December. Both meetings at 7 p.m. in the small room of the Village Hall.

Everyone welcome.

**Lydia Knott**

**Clerk to the Council**

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