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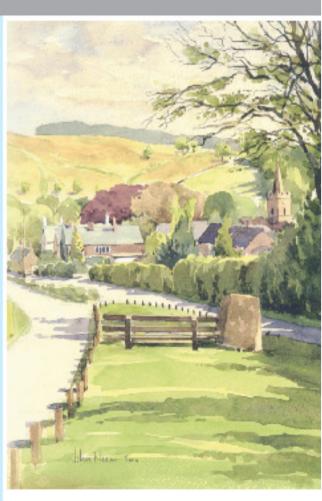
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# Bradgate Team Parish



**W**elcome to October, the month where, traditionally, we celebrate harvest and the wonderful things that God has given us. We enjoy blue skies, sunshine and amazing autumn colours.



It is a time of giving thanks for the generosity and abundance that God's love offers us, free for the taking. God is not mean. We have so much. Our

local farmers have brought in the harvest, and in Schools and Churches we celebrate this by being generous to those less fortunate than ourselves; those struggling to make ends meet.

This year we are inviting people to be generous, as God is generous to us, by bringing gifts of sugar, cooking oil and flour into Church for the charity 'FareShare Leicester' to help those people who have hit difficulties and have not the money to buy food.

So let's pause for a moment and count our blessings.

Yes, sometimes we may need a bit of a shake, like the leaves that come off the tree at this time of year, to appreciate and not to take for granted what God has given us. God's love and generosity knows no bounds. Can we be equally as generous towards those in need?

Revd Ros

Editors Note The Harvest Festival Service is on Sunday 28th September in the Church. Contributions would be gratefully received.



#### **FareShare Leicester**

Food poverty is now a major, high profile issue in the UK. In the current economic climate, people on the margins of society are often hit the hardest. 5.8 million people in the UK are now in 'deep poverty'. The basic necessities of life, such as where the next meal is coming from, become a major issue for them.

FareShare Leicester began as a small project of the Diocese of Leicester in 2007, becoming a franchise of the national charity FareShare (<a href="www.fareshare.org.uk">www.fareshare.org.uk</a>) in 2008.

FareShare takes good quality surplus food from the food industry that is used for those in need, rather than being sent to landfill. All food is within its use-by date and complies with strict hygiene legislation. Food is distributed to accredited member groups (NOT DIRECT TO INDIVIDUALS) that meet the FareShare criteria, regardless of religious or other affiliation.

Two years ago, FareShare Leicester was supplying food to 20 member groups. 2012/13 saw the most significant stage of development of Fare-Share Leicester since it started. We now lease warehouse premises, which have been fitted out with racking, a walk-in chiller unit and other equipment to support operations. We have our own dedicated vehicles (one chiller van and one plain van) and a forklift truck. We now operate five days a week, supplying over 60 member groups and issued 300 tonnes of food in 2013. We have about 40 regular volunteers working over 140 hours per week.

Since April 2013, our activities have extended outside the City and County, with the introduction of deliveries to satellite hubs in North Warwickshire and Derbyshire, each supplying eight member groups.

Raising the profile of food poverty in our society is an important part of our work. We have been featured on BBC East Midlands TV, the subject of a 30 minute documentary by BBC Radio Leicester and were keynote speakers at the Derby Cathedral Global Hunger Summit.

FareShare Leicester is a self supporting registered charity, entirely dependent upon income generated, grants and donations.

If you want to help FareShare Leicester in fighting hunger and tackling food waste, please contact us: -

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#### **VILLAGE DIARY**



1st Bradgate Flower Club

2nd Groby Community College Open Evening 4th Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation Craft Fair 11th Anstey & Newtown Scouts Jumble Sale

11th Village Ranblers20th Parish Council

31st Live Music at The Linford

**November** 

3rd Parish Council 13th Bridge Drive

17th Emergency / Defibrillator Training

Regular events

Monday afternoon Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall

Mondays 8pm at the Church
4th Tuesday of the month
1st Wednesday of the month
Flower Club

3rd Wednesday of the month
3rd Thursday

Ladies Luncheon Club
Gentlemen's Lunch Club

#### **Emergency!**

If someone you are with has a cardiac arrest, what should you do?



Would you be able to use the public access defibrillator at the Village Hall?

Do you know the difference between cardiac arrest and heart attack?

If you're unsure about any of these, or could do with a practical reminder, you are invited to come along to the small hall at the **Village Hall** on

#### Monday 17th November at 7pm

when Martin Fagan of the Community Heartbeat Trust will be delivering an awareness session on what to do in an emergency involving cardiac arrest.

It could help save a life.

#### YOUR Village Hall

As a relative newcomer to the Village and an ex-city girl, I am amazed at the many and varied events that take place in Newtown Linford throughout the year.....and all within walking distance!!

Now that I'm settling in, I can see clearly that there are a large number of Groups and Clubs within our Village – most of which use the Village Hall as their meeting place, while others use it to host larger

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events, all of which are advertised in this magazine.

To whet your appetites, in 2015 the Village Hall Social Committee are planning to run a couple of new and creative events for everyone to enjoy. Firstly, on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February, there will be a family story-telling evening (4pm.-6.30pm), to be enjoyed by the young and the young-atheart. We hope you will enter into the spirit of the occasion and come along in jim-jams and onesies. Bring a large comfy cushion/sleeping bag and favourite cuddly toy and we will transport you to a land of make believe, rounding off the evening with light refreshments (hot chocolate and biscuits).

Secondly we are hoping to stage a week-end display of 'Glamorous gowns and memorabilia'. This will take place in early spring. With your help we hope to return to yesteryear, displaying a variety of wedding dresses, evening gowns, accessories and other memorabilia.....and also tempting your taste buds with a cream tea!

For this event to be a success, we really need your help. If you have any items which we could use, or a tailor's dummy which we could borrow, we would be SO grateful. – Obviously we would treat any items loaned to us with the utmost care. The display would be supervised at all times. If you have anything which might be of use to us, please contact any Committee Member and we can arrange to collect and return them.

Three cheers for our Village Hall.





## Bradgate Flower Club

#### **Bridge Drive**

**Newtown Linford Village Hall** 

Thursday 13 November -

1.30 for a 1.45 start.



The charge of £6.00 per person includes afternoon tea.

A donation will be made to Bradgate Flower Club's 2014 Charity - MacMillan Nurses.

Book a table by contacting Sue Howard on 01530 245373.





#### **Bradgate Flower Club**

On Wednesday 1 October, Bradgate Flower Club welcomes Lynda Stamp from Market Harborough with 'Nature's Fantasia' as her theme. We meet at Newtown Linford Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Visitors are welcome. A charge of £5 is made. Details from Lillian Coleman on 0116 2363191.





#### **Newtown Linford Gardening Club**

All the activities of the Garden Club are now geared towards the highlight of our season – the visit of garden designer Adam Frost. Our celebrity event each year is becoming very popular as we welcome people who have a prestigious status in the world of horticulture.

Adam Frost is no exception. As the de-

signer of no fewer than six gardens which have won gold at the Chelsea Flower Show, he ranks among the great designers of the present day. As a result his profile is increasing sharply; he appeared regularly on the TV coverage of the Chelsea Flower Show and has had several TV appearances on other programmes since then





It is not common for celebrities to come to Newtown Linford, so we look forward to the occasion. Some of you will remember the visit of Christine Walkden last October and we expect a similarly interesting evening. There are still some tickets left however and visitors are invited. We know members of other Garden Clubs will join us for this special event. so if you would like to come, tickets for the evening (£10) can be obtained from the Club Secretary, by e-mail, phone or letter.

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 <a href="https://doi.org/10.2002/01.242452@talktalk.net">01530242452@talktalk.net</a>), 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** 



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## Mists, Mellow Fruitfulness and History Brought to Life Peter Tyldesley

The beginning of September represents a noticeable shift of gear for the Park as the children return to School, the heat goes out of the days and the nights begin to draw in. After a wet winter followed by a warm summer, the hedgerows have been laden with berries and the deer are looking well-fed as autumn arrives.



August is traditionally our busiest month of the year, although this year a busy July outstripped what turned out to be our quietest August for several years by a considerable margin.

Understanding this data is key to tailoring the work that we do to the likely number of visitors we are expecting. For example, June is always a relatively quiet month falling between May with its two Bank Holiday weekends and the start of the school holidays in July. This knowledge meant that we could plan to take the large grass extension car park out of use during June in order to lay 'Grass Protecta' reinforcing mesh, knowing that the area would not be needed until the following month.

Knowing when our peak periods are going to be means that we can

plan events in order to avoid the busiest times, when we cannot accommodate an additional influx of visitors, and instead hold them on those weekends when we do have spare capacity. This also means that we can hold events that are free of charge as filling what would otherwise be a half-empty car park means that the additional parking revenue covers the cost of staging the event.

A good case in point is the Living History Weekend that we held over the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> September. With a programme of activities including Civil War battle re-enactment, living history displays and a full programme of 16<sup>th</sup> Century music, this was an event that would command a significant entry fee elsewhere but which we were able to put on free of charge by staging it on what would have otherwise been a guiet weekend.

As always with these events, there is a balance to be struck between advancing our charitable purposes, putting on an event that stimulates the interest of the public and one that is commercially viable. The overwhelmingly positive feedback we have received following the weekend suggests that we are getting this about right. Although it is obviously impossible to please all of the people all of the time, we have not received any adverse comments from members of the public and Natural England are happy that the impact on the Park's environment was negligible. Whilst the battle was at its height on the Sunday with cannon and muskets firing and pikemen getting stuck into each other, all without incident or injury, the Air Ambulance was landing elsewhere on the Park to evacuate an elderly lady who had fallen and hurt herself. As is so often the case, potentially dangerous activities that are well managed with the em-

phasis on the health and safety of the participants turn out to be less dangerous than those simple things that we all do on a daily basis without a second thought.

The fact that the **English Civil** War has 11

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not been a major part of the School History Curriculum for a number of years has led to many people being ignorant of what was a seminal period in England's past, the legacy of which is still with us in many ways today. We watch with horror on our television screens the events



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unfolding in other parts of the world - the bloody civil wars that tore the former Yugoslavia apart in the 1990s through to the seemingly never ending series of wars and terrorist atrocities in the Middle East – but forget that the very same things were happening in England in the 1640s. George Santayana wrote (in The Life of Reason, 1905) in a quote often wrongly attributed to Winston Churchill: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it" so we are pleased to be able to team up with the Sealed Knot re-enactors of Lord Grey's Regiment of Foote to keep this hugely important part of England's, and Bradgate's, history alive.

Also on the subject of bringing history to life, the new Primary School Curriculum now requires children to study a period from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, preferably through the medium of local history. This is a new departure for many Primary School Teachers and we are pleased to be hosting a Study Day run by English Heritage and the University of Leicester at the beginning of October to inform teachers of the some of the opportunities available locally to teach this part of the new curriculum. From the past to the future, we have just launched the Bradgate Park Young Rangers group. This initiative, led by Park Rangers, is designed to give young people between the ages of 11 and 18 the chance to get involved in a "hands-on" way with the Park's wildlife and varied habitats. We hope that this will allow us to inspire the next generation of ecologists and countryside Rangers and to stimulate an interest in, and love of, the Park and the wider natural world that will stay with participants for a life time.

12 Details are on our website or email Rangers@bradgatepark.org

#### **Bradgate Drama Society**

Christmas production - Wind in the Willows

Rehearsals will be on Monday and Wednesday evenings with performances on

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One night in June the **Brownies** had a surprise. We were having 100 years of dance. We looked at all of the vears and what dance were in fashion from that period.



We did many dances including: Charleston, The Swing, Hip Hop, Macarena, Disco, Rock 'n' Roll, Hitch Hiker, Twist, Quick Step, Shimmy and



many more. It was an amazing night and all the Brownies had great fun learning lots of different dances. Thank you to Emily Cox for helping on this wonderful Brownie Night

> By Megan Raynor age 11

## ROME WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY' – THE STORY COMMITMENT AND TIME

Commitment can be defined as the act of binding yourself, emotionally or intellectually, to a course of action. People usually commit themselves to something they believe in, someone they want to spend the rest of their lives with or to change!



I wanted to share a story about my clients and how proud I am of their achievements. Each one has come to me with a specific wish in mind — "I want to lose weight", "I want to get toned", "I want to increase my bone density", "I want to feel confident in my clothes", "I want to run faster" and so on. Whilst I work with everyone on their specific needs, they also have to 'commit' themselves to making the changes they want to see. I can give them the tools, but I can't be with them 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It requires them to help themselves as well. I'm happy to say that all of my clients have really stepped up to the plate. Whether they come just once a week or four times a week, each of them is achieving their goals and they are doing it in a timely manner. I've had clients lose almost 3 stone, drop considerable body fat, 'lift' parts of their body they had given up on, get healthy blood work ups from their doctor and, very importantly, gain a level of confidence they had lost somewhere along the way.

Time is also of the essence as there is no such thing as a guick fix!! In this case, take your time to make the changes. Getting healthier, slimmer, faster or stronger doesn't happen overnight – it takes time AND commitment. For example, if you have gained weight over the past 5 years, you cannot expect to lose it in a month – it's neither realistic or healthy. It takes a commitment to yourself and your life. So, once you've made a commitment to yourself to get healthier, lose weight, become faster or whatever your goal, make sure you do the right research. Find an eating plan that you know will work for you and the lifestyle you lead. If it means you cutting out desserts for the first couple of weeks, start there! You'll be surprised by how much more energy you have by just making that simple step. Pick a time during the day when you can take 30 minutes to yourself (even if this means you getting up earlier) and choose an exercise routine you KNOW you can stick with. Trust me, your love of exercise will grow in leaps and bounds once you see and feel the effects of it. GO ON! GIVE IT A TRY

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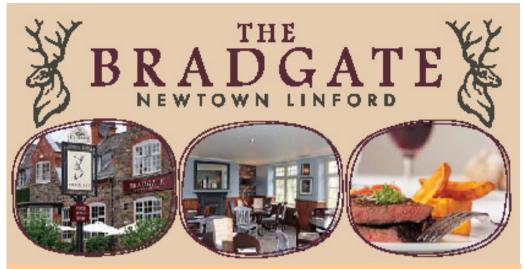
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#### VILLAGE RAMBLE

Sat. 11th October Leaders: Glenis will lead the ramble at Thornton Res.

John will lead the Leics Round path from Thornton to Markfield .

Meet at 2pm. Opposite the Bradgate Pub. We shall share lifts and pick up at Markfield after the walk, unless you would like to walk back to Newtown.

**Saturday 1st November**. Leader: Gill Bates. Meet at the Bulls Head pub, Thringstone/Gracedieu at 11am or at 10:30am opposite the Bradgate Pub in Newtown. A very good carvery lunch can be had at the Bulls Head after the walk.

During September eleven walkers and three energetic dogs enjoyed rambling from Copt Oak, through the beautiful woodland of Fox Coverts to Bert's field, returning via Poultney Wood. The views over Charnwood forest were lovely especially the Autumn colours. This is a lovely walk that few people know about.

Please note the date for the November walk is on the **first Saturday**, in the morning.

Enquiries to: Glenis . Tel 01530 242897 or glenis72meredith73@gmail.com=

#### Leicester Cathedral Walking Group – Treasures Unlocked Visit 7/14 – Saturday 4 October 2014 – Beeby

The last walk of the season for the Cathedral Walking Group will be on **Saturday 4th October 2014** when we will be visiting the Church of All Saints at Beeby.

The visit will follow our established pattern of lunch at the Malt Shovel Inn, 27 Main Street, Barkby, Leicester LE7 3QG at 12.00 noon, a visit to the Church of All Saints at 1.30pm followed by a short walk lasting about 1½ hours through the surrounding countryside. The Church of All Saints is no longer used for regular worship and is looked after by the Churches Conservation Trust. It will be open for our visit and we will have the benefit of its local guardian Mr Chris Stephens MBE who has kindly agreed to be our guide on that day.

The landlord of the Malt Shovel Inn has requested that we pre-order our lunch. To book in or for further details, please contact Mick McQuade on 0116 231 3298, Mobile 07879 67 57 67 or by email to mick.mcquade@ntlworld.com.

#### **BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES—October 2014**

DATE	GROBY	RATBY	NEWTOWN LINFORD
5th October	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)	8.00am Holy Communion (PH/ RC)	
16th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Harvest Special (LC)	10.00am Harvest Special (PH/ RC)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (LC)		
12th October			8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
17th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am Family Service (RC)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (PH/RC)		
19th October	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)		
18th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Morning Worship (KW)	10.00am Family Communion (FB)	10.30am Holy Communion (PH)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (KW)	6.00pm Holy Communion (PH)	
26th October			8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
Last Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion (PH)	10.00am Holy Communion (MS)	10.30am Morning Prayer (KW)
Bible Sunday	6.30pm 4SE		

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—October									
NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10am	2nd						
GROBY	Wed	9.30am	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th		
20RATBY	Thur	9.30am		9th		23rd			

#### **CHURCH REGISTERS**



#### Weddings

12th September ~ Gareth John Widdup & Jamie Martin

#### **Funerals**

18th September ~ Irene May Nutt, formerly of The Coppice, Markfield

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.

#### **Baptisms**

None

#### **Church Contact Details**

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#### Markfield Lane verge

At the request of the Parish Council. the County Council has this year not mown the wide stretch of verge towards the bottom end of Markfield Lane. Previously, regular cutting has meant that very few species of our native wild flowers have become established there. Since the 1940s there has been a widespread loss (over 95%) of hav meadows, an invaluable habitat for many species of wildlife. Allowing wild flowers to thrive in the Markfield Lane verge is something we can do in our own Village to help our native flora and fauna, and to enhance biodiversity.



Meadow Crane's Bill

A section of the verge was planted by the Brownies last year as part of the County Council's Stepping Stones **Plugs for Bugs** scheme. Many of these plants have flowered and

seeded successfully, including Field scabious and Yarrow. Alarm was raised by some residents concerning a plant with yellow flowers growing here in profusion; it was thought to be Common ragwort, a plant notoriously poisonous to horses, but was in



Cuckoo Flower

fact *Common St. John's wort*. (If you're interested to know the differences between these two, it's probably better to consult a wild flower book or the Internet rather than me trying to describe them here).

In the entire area of uncut verge, more than forty different species of wild plants have been recorded so far, most of which have colonized the area naturally. These include several varieties of grasses, including

Yorkshire fog and Timothy, as well as a wide range of flowers, including Cuckoo flower. Meadow crane'sbill and Common mallow. Bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects have also been commonly seen.

There was a minor



Field Scabious

hitch – a narrow strip on the hedge side of the footpath should still have been mown regularly to prevent the path from becoming overgrown but unfortunately the contractors didn't act on the instructions until the middle of August.

The whole area is being cut, and the cuttings taken away, in late summer with the help of Charnwood Borough Council's Ranger Service and a team of nature conservation volunteers.'

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#### Wildlife/Biodiversity group

I'm planning to set up a wildlife/biodiversity group in the village. If you are interested in joining, please let me know (cebroughton@hotmail.com).

Such a group could promote and foster biodiversity in the Parish, and even record local wildlife species. It could also monitor, and possibly help control, the spread of invasive plant species. An example of this is Himalayan balsam, introduced to the U.K. in the nineteenth century. With its pink orchid-like flowers, it is regarded by some as a beautiful wild flower which should be left alone; by others as an alien invader which smothers native flora and needs to be eradicated. 24

Claire Costello

#### **Letters Page**

My dog is now 17.5 years old and although she still likes a walk, she cannot keep up with the ramblers. On the morning of Saturday 13th, I took her over Bradgate for her to quietly enjoy the park in its natural state. I was met by a large group called the Sealed Knot, who had no idea about Charles Bennion and his wish for the park. Loud cannon noise was to be heard. The usual group of deer near the ruins were no-where to be seen. Sealed Knot members carried long poles, swords, guns for firing flames, and were accompanied by two "medics" who told me they were there because often people get burnt.

On the news I had heard that ISIS had carried out another beheading in Syria, and because of British involvement with America they intend to carry out more of these atrocities.

This is a time when anarchy and extremism is spreading right across from Nigeria, Mali, Sudan, Somalia, Libya, Egypt, Yemen, Gaza, Syria. I am shocked that the "Living History Weekend" was allowed to be held on our park.

I end this with a quote from the late Richard Attenborough when he wrote about his heroes; Thomas Paine, Mahatma Gandhi, Winston Churchill

and Nelson Mandela.

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#### From the Records

#### ITEMS IN ONE MONTH

Over the years the press have provided good copy for inclusion in our Village Records. It used to be them that provided all the pictures - black and white of course. Now the records are full of our colourful photos and coloured press photos. It is a case of careful selection for inclusion (Bradgate Park is very photogenic).

In May 1995 we have an article about Thurnby Grange, the Victorian house that was owned by Mr Charles Bennion, the benefactor who in 1928 gave Bradgate Park to the people of Leicester and Leicestershire. Several months on there is an item to say that Thurnby Grange, by then owned by Billesdon RDC, had been demolished.

On the same page is a photograph of the Park Trustees after they had been planting an avenue of oak trees in memory of the late Colonel Sir Andrew Martin. He had been chairman of the Trustees for 25 years. It replaced a lost avenue. The first avenue was probably planted by Lord Stamford in the 1600's. Maps and drawings show that an avenue lined the main access drive to the House in the early 1700's. All was lost by the 1800's

By 1985 the estate agents had moved on to include pictures of the houses up for sale. Looking through the Village Records it is possible to discover how many houses have changed hands and when.

Clubs in the village were always busy. There is information about the Bradgate Flower Club. They had been busy working for LOROS who were celebrating their 10th Anniversary. It was called "The Joy of Flowers". That year the Flower Club raised £1000 for LOROS.

Hunting was a favourite sport and Bradgate Park was one of the places where it took place. Deer were confined in these forest areas by a pale, an inner ditch and then usually an earthen embankment. Strengthened by stones and topped by oaken pales. Bradgate was so surrounded until the oaken



pales were replaced by dry-stone walls in the mid 19th century. More stone walls were built from 1792 onwards to protect the new plantations from the deer which were no longer hunted. There are now 10 miles 31 of inner dry-stone walls.

#### **Groby Community College - CAMP TANZANIA 2014**

On 14 July 2014, 23 students and 2 staff from Groby Community College set off for Tanzania after two years of planning, fundraising and numerous injections. Guided by our expedition leader Jonny, it took two days of travelling to get to our first camp in Moshi, at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro and acquaint ourselves with our first tent of the month.

After all the sitting around, the group were desperate to get going on the first bit of project work and enthusiastically mixed concrete, laid blocks and joined pieces of metal for three days at the local primary school. It was the first stage of a new classroom to be built over the summer. Even with all the work there was still time for a football match with the children, a dance lesson at a local house and Swahili lessons in the evening.

The time at Moshi flew by and soon we were back on a bus headed for Tanga. The long journey was well worth it as Camp Tanga was absolutely beautiful – perched on a small cliff overlooking the incredibly blue Indian ocean with a dining area built around a large baobab tree. Whilst there we worked on building another classroom, a tree nursery, repairing school desks, seaweed farming, flip flop carving and weaving mats from palm leaves. It wasn't all work though as this is where we did our four day PADI scuba diving qualification including two days diving a reef in the Indian ocean. At our final camp near Lake Manyara we made mud bricks for a house for a local man. Basically, if you need a wall building from any material – ask one of these guys. From here we visited a Maasai village and did our safari days into the spectacular Ngorongoro crater where we saw almost all the "big five" and had a much disputed cheetah sighting.

Suddenly our four weeks were almost over and after a long bus journey back to Nairobi, we just had time for a bit of reflection on what we had seen and achieved. It was an incredibly experience living out of our comfort zones and working on projects to help others and by the end some people were already thinking about their next trip.

It was a privilege to work with such a committed group of young people who represented the College impeccably. We were constantly praised for their work ethic when the leader saw how much they achieved at each project. Seeing each person develop, and the self confidence in some increase dramatically, was incredibly rewarding for us and added an extra dimension to an already amazing trip.

Miss Pogson and Mr Dixey Groby Community College



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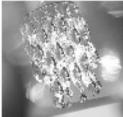
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## EMMA PYE - GROBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S GERMAN YOUTH AMBASSADOR

As part of my year as a UK-German youth ambassador, I was fortunate enough to take part in a Conference in Berlin over the summer. The Conference, with the other 49 youth ambassadors - both German and British, allowed us to share our experiences from throughout the year and evaluate our projects and achievements. The accommodation for the Conference was just 20 minutes outside of Berlin and consisted of loads of amazing buildings and gardens!

Over the two days we self and group-assessed the year we had taken part in as ambassadors and even made videos including tips for next year's ambassadors. We not only worked hard but also had a bit of spare time, meaning we were able to explore a bit of Berlin for an afternoon which was brilliant. As well as doing the obvious tourist bits (the Brandenburg gate and the Reichstag building), the German ambassadors knew some of the quieter areas which were great to explore!

Throughout my year as an ambassador I organised a 'Great German Bake Off', helped out at a German Christmas workshop at Elizabeth Woodville Primary School and managed to set up a pen pal scheme for the year 10 (now 11) class. I've enjoyed every aspect of being an ambassador (even the few stressful bits!) and it's been great being able to promote something that I love, in terms of both the German culture and the language. I wish that I had another year to continue my ambassador role, but I definitely hope others from Groby Community College will consider applying this year as I can thoroughly recommend the experience!



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



Sadly we have had a burglary this month on Groby Lane. A ground floor window was forced and the burglar alarm system was torn out. The house was searched systematically and items packed into their boxes and taken away during the night hours. The owners were away at the time and I guess some inside knowledge of this was available from somewhere. Pity we do not know where though.

The email scam continues whereby a very realistic email thanks you for purchasing from a genuine company. It says the invoice is attached. I do not advise opening it just in case something bad is attached. Simply delete it and delete it again from your computer trash can or your online email provider trash can. The company will exist but they will not have an employee by the name stated. I have had five in the last two weeks. I also received one saying I had purchased Peter Pan tickets for the theatre in Bournemouth. Again an attachment which I did not open.

I am told that a house towards the top of Markfield Lane had a rear window and back door damaged but no entry gained. This does not seem to have been recorded with the Police.

From 1<sup>st</sup> October it will not be necessary to display a tax disc in your windscreen since everything is computerized.

It is worth noting that there has been a change of the **Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.** It originally stated that dog owners were only responsible for their animals in public spaces – amendments now make them responsible for dangerous or threatening actions on private property (such as a neighbour's garden) and in their own homes as well.

A dog does not have to bite to be deemed a risk but simply felt to be one. It could result in a fine or prison sentence of up to five years.

By the time you read this Speedwatch will have come and gone. Hopefully it will have been worthwhile and a few more volunteers will have come forward.

Pam McMorran NHW Co-ordinator – <u>pam@riverlyn.freeserve.co.uk</u> 01530 242201

#### **NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

<u>Police:</u> It was a pity there was no Police Officer or P.C.S.O at our August Meeting as a resident had attended to express concerns about cars being driven very fast in Grey Crescent causing a danger to young children. Apparently some of the young children are playing games across the road and may not be able to see clearly round parked cars. Parents please make sure that your children are aware of these dangerous cars some of which are from another area and we will ask the Police to deal with the cars.

**Bob Bown Memorial Field:** We are waiting for Charnwood Borough Council Housing Department who are responsible for the drive up to the field to come and cut the hedges and generally tidy up. At our request highways have been and cut the hedge and trees back on the end of Grey Crescent leading to the driveway.

<u>Markfield Lane Bank:</u> Highways should be cutting the whole area in a few weeks once the last of the plants have stopped flowering.

**Planning:** Councillor David Snartt has been working very hard on our behalf liaising with Leicestershire County Council to alleviate the problems of parking within the village. The three main issues have been addressed in a draft proposal which will be advertised on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2014. It can be viewed at

www.leics.gov.uk/index/highways/traffic and parking.htm

after following the link under TRO consultations. The three schemes are for the parking near the Sunday School (a petition was previously presented about this), the parking in the layby opposite Tyburn and Vine cottages and Groby Lane Service Road.

The October Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday October 20<sup>th</sup> and the November meeting will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Both meetings at 7 p.m. in the small room of the Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

Lydia Knott Clerk to the Council t: 01530 242522; e: lydia.knott@hotmail.co.uk

**Editors note** - please note that the consultation period has already ex pired (19th September) - so it is too late to make your views known.



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