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## Pastoral Letter from Revd Louise Corke

The diocese has a new logo; you may have seen it. It was inspired by the statue of The Welcoming Christ at Launde Abbey, which stands on the way from the Stables rooms to the main house entrance. The sculptor of the Launde statue has deliberately exaggerated the arms of Christ so that there seems to be no limit to that which they can embrace and welcome. Consequently, the figure speaks of openness, strength, generosity, life and humanity. In the logo, the image of Christ is central, bold and confident, reminding us to make him so in our lives. Though he holds his arms in the shape of the cross, the arms are not bound and there is more of the risen Christ about him. This is a Christ of freedom and authority.

Behind this image of Christ is the Church of England logo, representing the wider Anglican community to which we belong.



A logo can communicate a lot without words. It gives a first impression to a newcomer, and announces the dominant purpose or theme at a glance. The logo can, and should, be a very powerful image.

Hmmm, I'm writing this and conscious of our own Bradgate Team logo up in

the top left hand corner!

Shortly before you read this, at the Diocesan Assembly will have been another powerful image. The art installation is called 'Of All The People In The World' and its dynamic, changing nature throughout the day is to illustrate abstract statistics in such a way that they are not longer irrelevant but come powerfully to life. Grains of rice are used, one grain symbolising one person. Throughout the day, piles of rice appear; they may represent the populations of town and cities, or the number of people infected with HIV/Aids, or the number who live on less than £1 a day, or the number who have walked on the moon. Two piles might compare the number of doctors and the number of soldiers. They could be

measured to represent the average number of people born each day and the average number who die.

This ever-changing landscape of rice tells a story of who we are, putting us in context, challenging us to look again at the balances and inequalities in our world, encouraging questions we should be asking, making us think.

We are surrounded by so many images; too many to handle and most of which we quickly dismiss. Some, though, can challenge and inspire, and we would do well to linger with them.

*Louise*

## **Team Parish News**

- ❖ **Annual Memorial Service** Every year, the Parish holds a memorial service for those who have been bereaved in the last 12 months. Each family is invited. It may be that you too have faced bereavement recently and wish to be at that service. You are most welcome.

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Oct at 3pm at Ratby**

- ❖ **A Spirituality for the 21st Century; *thriving on our faith in challenging times.***  
The Bishop's Lay Congress this year is on Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Nov at the Samworth Academy, Trenant Rd. As always, it promises to be an excellent day, and this year the guest speaker is the Rt. Revd Gordon Mursell, former Bishop of Stafford and a well-known preacher, author and tutor in spirituality. Bishop Gordon is the former Bishop of Stafford, and has also recently been installed as an honorary Canon Theologian at Leicester Cathedral.

The programme starts at 9.30 with registration and closes at 3.30pm

More details are available on the diocesan website:

[www.leicester.anglican.org](http://www.leicester.anglican.org)

- ❖ **The Hooper family have moved to** The Rectory, 23 Ferndale Drive, Ratby LE6 0LH. The telephone number remains 239 4606

## VILLAGE DIARY

### October

9th	Bradgate Twinning Association - Cliff Richard Tribute Act
9th	Ramblers
19th	Fellowship Welcome Club
24th	Annual Memorial Service - Ratby Church
26th	Gardening Club
27th	Parish Council

### Regular events

Sunday Evenings, The Linford -	7 -10.30pm Lady Jane Grey Club
Monday afternoon	Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall
Mondays 8pm at the church	Bell Ringing
Last Tuesday of the month	Gardening Club
1st Wednesday of the month	Flower Club
Thursdays am during school term	Toddlers Group
Thursdays eve during school term -	Brownies
3rd Thursday	Gentlemen's Lunch Club

**Bradgate Flower Club—1st Wednesday of the month** - contact Bea on [beadj101@googlemail.com](mailto:beadj101@googlemail.com) or [bradgateflowerclub@googlemail.com](mailto:bradgateflowerclub@googlemail.com)

## ALL SAINT'S FELLOWSHIP AND WELCOME CLUB

Our speaker for October is well known to most of us. Lets give a very warm welcome to Anne Halsey.

**Tuesday 19th October at 2.30pm.**

Anne's talk with slides and projector is entitled

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**Kathleen Prince**

# NEWTOWN LINFORD CHORAL SOCIETY



## “The Armed Man” A Mass for Peace



Tickets are now available for the Choral Society's winter concert, which will be held in Ratby Church on Friday 28 January **and** Saturday 29 January 2011.

At the concert the Choral Society will be performing 'The Armed Man'. This is a stirring contemporary piece written by composer Karl Jenkins, who has an unusual background of classical music, jazz, advertising music and as a member of the rock group Soft Machine. It is subtitled 'A Mass for Peace' and was commissioned for the Millennium celebrations. Since then it has been performed all over the world to immense acclaim from audiences.

The Choral Society is looking forward to the concert, where it will be accompanied by a full orchestra, and professional soprano soloist Sarah Stephens.

Tickets are priced at £9, and are available from Peter Sayer 01530 243822, Newtown Linford Village Stores and any member of the Choir.

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## Newtown Linford Gardening Club

Around fifty members and friends gathered on Groby Lane for the annual Summer Garden Party which, this year, was call 'Pasta, Pimms and Plants'. We ended up enjoying the one evening in the week when it was bright enough and warm enough to be outside and, with a plants stall full of generous gifts from members, a raffle table similarly replete and food and drink for all to enjoy, our members all had a lovely evening.

On 26<sup>th</sup> October we welcome a return visit from Nick Hamilton, the owner of the famous television garden at Barnsdale in Rutland. He was wonderfully entertaining last time he came and he is talking to us about growing and caring for penstemons. We hope many of our members and their friends will join us on this evening.



Our final event of the year is the annual Christmas Party to be held as usual at the home of our chairman Sue Pritchard. This will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December and will follow the customary 'bring and share'. Would all members please let Sue know whether they are coming to that evening.

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

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## Brownies

The last Brownies before the summer holidays saw us at Mim's farm for our potato competition.

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Brian Anderson kindly came along to judge with Jade winning the heaviest crop.

All potatoes were chatted by the Brownies in January and sown in plenty of manure in a tub in March

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Brownies potato competition.



### **Tree Preservation Orders - Conservation Village**

A large part of Newtown Linford is in a conservation area and many of the trees have a Tree Preservation Order on them. Dr. Richard Lowe, the Parish Council Heritage and Tree Warden would like to draw your attention to a recent article in the Leicester Mercury where it was reported that a man at Narborough was fined £1,500 plus costs of £575 at the Leicester Magistrates Court for ignoring three letters from the Blaby District Council stressing that the three trees he subsequently cropped in a crude manner were protected.

One of the trees was a mature maple tree probably with leaves like those in the photograph. Not all protected trees are as beautiful as a Maple Tree but they are all protected for a reason.

Sometimes protected trees can be lowered in height or tidied up in a sympathetic manner and if you are considering touching any trees Parish Clerk Lydia Knott would be happy to arrange for Dr. Lowe to visit you to discuss your trees. Expert knowledge is needed to know how different trees will respond to different types of maintenance.

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9th October	Toby & Felicity	01530 245298
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11th December	Ed Killick	01530 249589

changed to a morning walk, followed by lunch at the Blue Bell ,Rothley.  
Meet in the pub car-park 11:00.

Unless otherwise notified, all walks depart from opposite the Village Hall at 2.00pm

In warm autumn sunshine, we walked from Frisby on the Wreake to Kirby Bellars to the sound of the Church Bells ringing across the meadows. The farmer had finished his harvest and we saw hundreds of mushrooms – no-one dared pick them just in case! Kirby Church is a magnificent building but now a sad sight in need of restoration. An added bonus to the walk was the sight of Cormorant and Crested Grebe at the Wild Life Lake but no sign of the usual Heron.

Toby and Lesley are organizing walking the Leicestershire Round, if you would like further details please contact one of them.



New members are always welcome. All you need is a pair of walking shoes or boots, and be able to walk 4-5 miles..



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

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## Late John Taylor

Ady Stimpson from Nottinghamshire has sent us this photograph of the grave of the late John Taylor in Newtown Linford Cemetery.

Ady has been researching the life and times of John who was an amateur racing driver.

In Ady's words John died in the fiery crash in 1966, racing in the German Grand Prix at the Nurburgring. He had competed in four Formula 1 Grand Prix

as well as the Le Mans 24 hours before his fatal accident.

This year saw the 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of John's death which is why Ady visited his grave, cleaned the headstone and took these photographs.

We assume that the photograph was for inclusion in one of his research projects. Ady also tells us that John was sponsored by Leicestershire Formula 1 entrant Bob Gerard and latterly David Bridges. Ady first contacted the village via Leicestershire Villages Forum asking whether anyone had any information in July 2008 and Dr. Richard (Dick) Lowe said that he recalled John and his sister June and brother Ben living close by him on Bradgate Road. He has written a note about the adventures of the gang they were all part of which may be published in the future.

Further research on Ady Stimpson reveals that he is a racing driver himself and in 2008 the Hucknall Dispatch claimed that he was The Stig on Top Gear. This anonymous driver is believed to have been played by several different drivers over the years.

**Editor note** in actual fact it has now come out that Ben Collins has been the Stig for the last 7 years rather than Ady as suggested by the newspaper article

## Newtown Linford Sunday School Specials



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## From the Records

### Harvest Time

By the time we reach the end of September we are celebrating the Church Harvest Festival. The Village Records have shown how things have changed over the years.

In 1968, the Church was decorated on 29th September. The Family Service was held at 11am the following Sunday, when the children brought their own gifts. The sale was held at 7.45pm in the Sunday School on the Monday, when a cup of tea was provided beforehand. Mrs Richardson was collecting the names of the sick and elderly who would appreciate a gift of fruit and flowers.

1969 was similar with refreshments on the Monday.

1970. A Harvest Supper was held in the Social Club 8pm -11.30pm. Admission was 5/- including a Buffet Supper. They hoped to have a Square Dance as well as the usual auction.

1971. A Harvest Supper was organised by the Women's Fellowship members and the PCC. A Wine and Cheese Party cost would be 37 1/2p. This was to be followed by the sale of the produce and a dance.

Later dates showed the Harvest Supper to be a sit down meal, with cold meats, salads, jacket potatoes followed by plate apple pies and cream (all those fallen apples) made by the village ladies.

Fewer and fewer people were growing fruit and vegetables (and nobody wanted to buy large marrows) and the work for the harvest meal had fallen on fewer shoulders so it was decided to call it a day for both the auction and the supper. By now they were just looking for suitable gifts for the sick and the elderly.

We have moved on again because we now celebrate the Scarecrow Festival at the Church Harvest Festival Weekend. More and more gets added to this celebration each year. This year Saturday provides the School Fete and teas at the School. On Sunday, the Gardening Club provides teas in the Village Hall. The posters give a full list of things happening including an art exhibition in the Sunday School, stalls and village photographs and some of the Village Records books in the Village Hall, and time to have a go at Bell Ringing in the Church.

I wonder if reading the next lot of Records will provide such an interesting story?

### Janet Neaverson

This year the Harvest Festival donations will go to the homeless through the YMCA. The Brownies will join in the Church Service with their own donations. **Everyone Welcome**

## Bradgate Team Sunday Services October 2010

<b>Date</b>	<b>Groby</b>	<b>Ratby</b>	<b>Newtown Linford</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	8.00am Holy Communion		
	9.30am Harvest Celebration Family Service	10.00am Harvest Celebration Worship for All	11.00am Holy Communion
	6.30pm Holy Communion	6.00pm Holy Communion	
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct		8.00am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion
	9.30am Holy Communion	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Family Service
	6.30pm Evening Prayer		
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8.00am Holy Communion		
	9.30am Morning Worship	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion
	6.30pm 3SE		
24 <sup>th</sup> Oct			8.00am Holy Communion
	9.30am Holy Communion	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Morning Prayer
	6.30pm Evening Prayer		
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	8.00am Holy Communion		
	9.30am Morning Worship	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Morning Prayer
	6.30pm Evening Prayer		

### Midweek Communion Services

Groby                      Wednesdays at 9.30am

Ratby                      Thursdays 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Oct at 9.30am

Newtown Linford      Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct at 10.00am



## Church Services and Events for October 2010

### **Sunday 3rd October– 18<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

11.00am Holy Communion    Revd Fred Brodie

### **Sunday 10th October - 19th after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion    Canon Derek Buxton

11.00am Family Service    Keith Wignall & Revd Helen Hayes

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October - 20th after Trinity**

11.00am Holy Communion    Revd Louise Corke

### **Sunday 24th October – 21st after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion    Revd Peter Hooper

11.00am Morning Prayer    Revd Helen Hayes

### **Sunday 31st October – All Saints Day**

11.00am Morning Prayer    David Collins

**Thursday Communion**    7<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am

**Focus Prayer Times** Tuesdays at 10.00am

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### **Regular Events**

Bell ringer's Practice: Monday 8pm

## **News from David Snartt...**

County Councillor Bradgate Division, Borough Councillor Forest Bradgate Ward.

### **Balancing the Licensing Act.**

I have recently been involved in a Home Office consultation looking at Rebalancing the Licensing Act. This was seeking views which included the way forward on licensing legislation, dealing with the problems associated with late night drinking, protecting children from the harm of alcohol and banning below cost sales. I have welcomed this chance to contribute to the way forward, I have been concerned for some time about the problems with alcohol fuelled crime, leading to violent crime incidents and anti-social behaviour. This, in my view, has placed a heavy burden on the agencies involved in dealing with this type of crime and anti-social behaviour including the costs involved.

I also attended a consultation meeting with the Home Office where I was given the opportunity to express my concerns directly, especially on late night drinking and the impact on residents living nearby, also the sale of alcohol to under age young people, which is not only a health issue but in many cases can cause anti-social behaviour in local neighbourhoods. If any residents have any comments to make on this subject I would be pleased to receive them.

### **County Council to ask Residents.**

Leicestershire's residents will be asked to help the County Council plan its budget as the Government unveils its spending plans for the nation. A new report warns that the Council faces additional savings of more than £22 million as the Government balances the books. That comes on top of the £66 million in savings agreed by the County Council in February this year. The Cabinet will discuss plans to ensure residents have their voices heard on budget priorities and savings through an extensive series of local meetings, questionnaires and surveys over the web. Those results will feed into the Council's budget plans, which will start to take shape after the Government unveils its national spending targets in the comprehensive spending review on 20th October .

### **Domestic Burglaries.**

There has been an increase in domestic burglaries in the Charnwood area during the month of August. This follows a reduction in incidents during the first half of the year. As Chairman of the Community Safety Partnership I have in the past alerted residents about the simple precautions that may help to reduce and prevent some of the burglaries

22 happening. Just to remind you of three of these about which the Police are advising residents.

When going out, make sure you lock your doors and close your windows, even if you are going out for a short time.

"Hiding " spare keys outside your home is an open invitation to thieves. Also, avoid leaving keys in an obvious place near doors and windows inside your property. When buying new electrical items such as DVD players or video recorders, don't leave the empty boxes on display near your bins.

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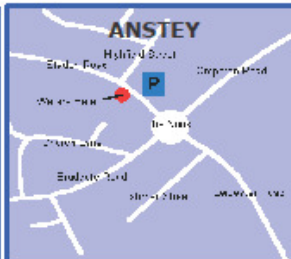
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**Our email communication system** went into action again this month to trace the owner of a cat killed on the road. The poor owner was traced within a couple of hours. More and more people are adding their names to the list and benefiting. There must still be a lot of residents not on the list so please get in touch. If you had been on the email list you would have received all this information within hours of it being known. Waiting to receive the Magazine could cause a delay of one or two months.

**Internet:** A phishing scam is purporting to be from the Inland Revenue saying you are due for a refund and asking you to complete your personal details on line.

**Telephone scam.** Someone claiming to work for Christian Aid asking for up to £50 by card and then asking for your personal details. Christian Aid says this is not anyone employed by them.

**Burglaries** Several took place within a few days. These were not opportunist thefts. Two on Markfield Lane towards Field Head and several in Markfield all lost a large amount of valuable goods. Certainly, in one instance, the house was left in a terrible mess. In all cases the owners were on holiday and for different reasons it was obvious to anyone watching the house over a few weeks that the owners were away. It is not easy to avoid these tell-tale signs but try and think carefully before you go. Another burglary occurred on Main Street when I think the occupants were at home. More electrical items and a car were taken.

**Knock on the door.** An elderly lady on Main Street was duped into parting with money for work not carried out. The person was described as in their 50's of medium build dressed in greasy clothing.

**Car to look out for:** Ford Focus (colour unknown) and a number similar to KP 57 NVG. It contained four males described as white, medium build, aged approximately thirty, approximately 5 ft. tall and all smartly dressed. No specific accents were identified. Three of the males had dark short hair and the fourth had blonde hair.

Anyone seeing a vehicle matching this description is asked to phone the police immediately on 0116 222 2222. Please tell the call handling staff that you are responding to a request for observations from Harborough Local Policing Unit.

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This must have been the worst month for crime for quite a while. Please keep vigilant.

**10<sup>th</sup> September** PC. Rhodes reports that two people have been arrested committing a burglary on Mountsorrel Lane. Further, it is all due to the vigilant Neighbourhood Watch in the Rothley area. One neighbour alerted the Police to the incident and another recognized a suspect from the description circulated which resulted in his arrest. He says keep up the good work NHW.

**Pam McMorran, NHW Co-ordinator**

### **Big Switch Off**

Bright sparks are being encouraged to switch on to switching off by taking part in the Big Switch Off 2010. 11th -17th October is the week when people across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland will be once again encouraged to make an extra effort to cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and save money by pulling the plug on energy wasting habits.



Last year the reduction in energy use across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland during Big Switch Off Week was equivalent to an impressive 66,000 100 watt light bulbs being turned off for seven days.

Consumption was recorded as being 0.5 per cent lower for the week across the area compared to the week before, amounting to a financial saving of almost £50,000 – that adds up to approximately £2.6 million a year!

Although the BSO is a week long event, its simple messages can be used throughout the year to enable you and your family to save money and do your bit for the environment at the same time.

Small changes such as not leaving computers / TVs on standby, unplugging chargers that are not in use and switching off unnecessary lights in rooms that aren't being used will all make a difference.

Special OWL energy monitors are available to borrow, free of charge, from libraries across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland for anyone who would like to see which appliances eat the most energy in their homes.

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Peggy Bown has recently moved out of the village. The photo above was a little surprise “Bon Voyage” gathering which took her by surprise but everyone enjoyed the few moments together. Bob and Peggy Bown have been such a tremendous asset to the village and we all owe them a vote of thanks.

**From left to right Jennie Whitehouse, Lydia Knott, Peggy Bown, Ed Killick, Jan Croft, Millie Mason, Denise Clarke. Photo Stan Clarke**

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**Many thanks to Newtown Linford School for the use of their facilities to produce the large print magazine. It is much appreciated**



**The Leicestershire Chrysanthemum Society** is to be holding its annual shows in September and November in Anstey.

Founded in 1886, the Society caters for chrysanthemum, dahlia and vegetable growers as well as hosting competitions for other disciplines such as flower arranging, home crafts and junior activities.



The early Annual Show took place on Saturday 18th September at Brookside Nurseries and the late show will be held on Saturday 13th November at Jubilee Hall - both in Anstey. Both shows are open to the public from 2.30pm and exhibitors must be a member of the Society with subs being just £2 per year.

For an application form and more information about the shows please contact the President, Steve Budding, on 0116 236 4564 or visit [www.brooksidenurseries.co.uk](http://www.brooksidenurseries.co.uk).





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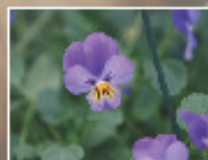
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## **Bradgate Twinning Association**

### **The Realities of Twinning**

Twinning developed after the Second World War, the general idea was to get people of different countries to meet and understand different customs and cultures – the overriding objective was to avoid future conflicts by fostering friendships on an individual level across national boundaries.

The founders of the Bradgate Twinning Association, local villagers from some 30+ years ago, recorded three aims:

- ..to promote and foster friendship, links and understanding between BTA and Europe Inter Exchanges Plateau Est de Rouen.

- ..to encourage contacts to broaden the mutual understanding of the cultural, recreational, educational and commercial activities of the linked villages.

- ..to fund the foregoing aims.

I think that these objectives fit quite well with the overall spirit of the post war twinning movement. The last one is interesting – most British twinning associations receive little or no funding from Government – unlike France, where our twidders receive some government funding to assist them. Of course it is only right that people who participate in exchanges pay for their “holiday” when they participate in an exchange, so why do we need funds, and where does the money go?

Our twinning arrangements are quite simple – when we go to the Plateau Est de Rouen once a year, visitors from Bradgate villages pay for the travel, our hosts entertain us – a trip out with lunch, an evening dinner with entertainment and time with our host families. Almost a free holiday. But its payback time when we return the hospitality and entertain our French visitors - we do the same for them, and thus we need to raise funds to pay for our guests at the communal activities. That is where the fun starts. As a newcomer to Anstey my wife and I have quickly been accepted into twinning, and get a lot of enjoyment out of the fund raising social events. In truth, I was a little apprehensive, on approaching the association to enquire of my first event, the Tramps Supper, but Anne told me, “you will have a good time”, and boy we did! The social events are open to all – not just Twinning Association members. You can contact Anne on 0116 2213786.

Our next major event, on 9th October at Newtown Linford, is “Cliff as If” by Will Chandler reputedly the best Cliff Richard tribute act - look out for the posters. (see opposite)



*Bradgate Twinning Association*



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*Bradgate Twinning Association*

But what else happens in twinning? This year, so far, seven Bradgate twinners have made personal visits to their host families, all since May! Some French friends visited Bradgate to do an English language course in Leicester – and my wife and I have had a holiday in France where our French hosts came to stay with us for four days at a holiday cottage – close friends said we were brave! At the end of it both families agreed that four days was far too short!

Other Bradgate Twinners have visited France for a wedding, a birthday party, a teenager for language practice, a young family visiting Rouen and having hosts back in Bradgate - just for the fun of it. Others were stopping off as they passed through to a holiday destination. This is more than casual twinning – to me this is genuine deep friendships being formed and enjoyed for the future.

We in Bradgate are all looking forward to entertaining our French friends when they come to us in November – to me it is remarkable that their coach is over subscribed – Bradgate in November?... Brrrr! There must be something good going on!



### **Martyn Wroe**

The French are very keen on their national colours and love a little bit of formality – here Jean Luc Duflou can be seen presenting our President Mike Brewer with a plaque to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our twinning arrangement in 2009. The plaque is now on display in Anstey Parish Council Offices. The three lions are just the same as the English Lions and do remind us of the close historical connection between Normandy and England. The three lions are still the symbol of Normandy

### **Mature Movers Fitness Class**

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### **Police and Neighbourhood Watch**

P.C. Rhodes was able to attend our Parish Council meeting in August. He told us that the 'Tardis' Police Box just inside the main entrance to Bradgate Park had been in danger of being sold some time ago, but the Police Estates Office decided to keep it. The Parish Council resolved to enquire if the Box is listed. If not, we shall make an application to get it listed. Also, if the Box should ever come up for sale, the Parish Council will buy it in order to keep this well-loved landmark in the parish. All other matters related to the Police will be published in the N.L. Magazine by Mrs. McMorran in her capacity of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

### **Bob Bown Memorial Field**

The bad state of the road leading up to the playing field has been reported to Charnwood Borough Council. We hope it will be repaired soon. Our Borough Councillor, Mr. David Snartt, who also attended our meeting, will support our request. There was an outbreak of 'mushrooms' on the field and we were concerned that they might be poisonous. However, we were assured by a wildlife expert that they are harmless.

### **Planning Issues**

The unusual and inappropriate arrangement of stones and shrubs outside an entrance on Markfield Lane is being investigated. The unpermitted removal of trees in the small wood on Markfield Lane is being monitored by Charnwood Borough Council.

### **Highways**

It's not often we praise the work of the people who cut the banks and verges, but just recently they have been making an excellent job. A letter of appreciation will be sent to the Highways Department. We have had confirmation from Leicestershire County Council that Newtown Linford has been included in the scheme for street lighting to be reduced during the night. One of their representatives will attend a Parish Council meeting to explain the details. More next month.

The above is just an excerpt from some of the agenda items. The full Minutes can be seen at the Village Store, online, or at my house at a mutually convenient time.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 27th September 2010 and the following one on Monday 25th October 2010. All are at 7 pm in the Small Hall of the Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Return to Bradgate Park (continued from last month)

Climbing to the memorial, I find twenty years have gone. But my hand still remembers the shape of the stone.



We look down through a haze, on the sixties built tower at Loughborough  
And on the horizon, a pair of cooling towers that might have been  
Thrown on a giant potters wheel.

Rocky outcrops are patched with lichen, turquoise, lime and ochre  
The chameleon colours of seasons.

I look out over marsh grass and gorse to bog moss and moonwort  
To the brackish pools that exhale dragonfly's, boatmen and water beetles

I see my five year old self with a twisted ankle, riding to the car park on  
my dads shoulders, The highest and safest place in the world.

Her hand in mine pulls me back to the present  
And from the shadow of the ruined house, a stag watches us  
A monarch who's been here since the days of Lady Jane.

Deadly nightshade grows in the shadow of the chapel: its name  
'Atropa Bella Donna' means 'do not betray a beautiful lady'.

We return again when the leaves fall in the long burn of Autumn  
When the bracken glows golden and in the walled woods.

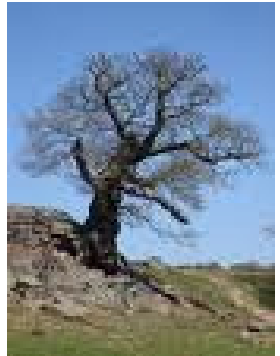
A fox delves to snatch up and slubber the ruby plunder  
From a woodcocks broken chest

Squirrels skitter pages of rose and wine red, dash  
and scutter the fallen calendar, cram their larders for  
the coming winter.

I return south to close a chapter, load the back seat  
with a rucksack and guitar. Shut the door and post  
the key, then head due north.

Bare branches whip the grey mare skies but we are  
warm and burnished in each others eyes.  
Returning to this eternal place where ducks skate on  
glassy islands of ice

And snow alters the landscape as love will alter my life.



The heavy featherweight, that arrives overnight to leave the world trans  
37 formed.

**Roy Marshall** (to continue next month - Editor)



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