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The Bradgate Team Parish



Over the summer months many of us have been embarking on exciting journeys for our annual holidays and it set my brain thinking about different types of journeys I have completed and the journey that I still seem to be on.

This journey started a very long time ago, as a child, when I spent so much time in my Parish Church absolutely convinced that I would spend my life there! However my journey has had many twists and turns and I often get lost on the way, absolutely convinced that I shouldn't even be on this journey, The journey was and still is, often uncomfortable, even painful, but there are also many wonderful times when I feel elated and so sure my journey is taking me in the right destination and that one day I will arrive and meet God.

I used to love long journeys with my children. The playing of "I Spy" games, the laughter, well
3 actually, no I didn't!!! the

arguing. the moaning. That question that comes as soon as you close the car door - "Are we there yet?" With my grandchildren its all completely different now they have a DVD player and the journeys are quieter with silence in the back of the car! The children are plugged into sound and all I can hear is giggles or gasps at appropriate moments during the film they happen to be watching. No endless chatter, question after question, moaning, and none of the "Are we there yet!" Bliss!

But, then I realised how much they are missing on any long Journey. They notice nothing. They get in the car, watch a film, until we arrive at our destination. They miss the changing weather, the changing landscape. They miss what the journey itself had to offer.

It reminds me of the story of Saul on his journey to Damascus. I know Saul didn't have a DVD player for his journey. I wonder, though, if they played I Spy? Its 150 miles on horse-

back. They must have done something! Whatever they did there was certainly a surprise waiting for them - if you recall God spoke to Saul. (Acts 9) What strikes me most about this incident was that Saul didn't actually reach his destination when he met God. He met God on the road, on the very journey itself. God does not sit and wait for us in the city; he breaks in on the journey. It's unexpected, it's not planned for, and it's quite a surprise.

In an age when we are focused on arriving as quickly as possible, or in getting the task done as rapidly as possible should we ask ourselves "Where

do I expect to meet God? and how many times have I missed him on the road?"

So for all of us may the question on our own personal journey not be "are we there yet" but, can I see God here yet?

I wish you well on your journey.

*Joan Collins
Pastoral Assistant*



FAMILY SERVICE 14TH SEPTEMBER 2014

One Sunday a month is our friendly family service where the service is aimed especially at the younger members of the village.

Why not come along and join us for a service?

We have an area of the Church put to one side with small chairs and tables so that children can move freely about and enjoy colouring or reading.

Coffee afterwards in Church



VILLAGE DIARY



September

- 3rd Bradgate Flower Club
13th Ramblers
13th/14th Sealed Knot & 17th Century Music in the Park
15th Parish Council
20th The Linford Massive Quiz Extravaganza
27th/28th Scarecrow Weekend
30th Brookvale High School Open Evening

October

- 2nd Groby Community College Open Evening
4th Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation Craft Fair
20th Parish Council

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 |
| 3rd Thursday | Gentlemen's Lunch Club |

Bradgate Flower Club

On 3rd September Bradgate Flower Club is hosting a Harvest Supper with a presentation on 'Corn Dollies' by Judy Marshall of Peatling Magna. As well as demonstrating her skills, Judy will also lead a 'have a go' session. The meeting starts at 7.30 in Newtown Linford Village Hall. Bring a contribution to the supper. Visitors are welcome - a charge of £5 is made. Details from Lilian Coleman on 0116 2363191. And looking further ahead, our fund-raising Bridge Drive:

Bridge Drive

Newtown Linford Village Hall is the venue for a Bridge Drive on Thursday 13th 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.

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**Newtown Linford
Scarecrow Festival**

27th /28th September

Art Exhibition in Village Hall all weekend

Saturday

School Fete with teas/cakes and stalls

Sunday

Harvest Festival in Church am.

Afternoon

**Teas and Cakes
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School Fete and Village Hall

Entry forms

**Available at Village Store
From 1st September**



Newtown Linford Scarecrow Festival 27th/28th Sept 2014

And before we know it our lovely warm summer has turned autumnal so Scarecrows must be happening soon....Sept 27th and 28th are the dates to put in your diary!

Last year, once again, the sun shone, we welcomed hundreds of people who gazed in wonderment at our creativity, visited the School Fete and the Church, and ate and drank their fill from the refreshments sold..... We can't do anything about the sunshine but hopefully we will once again be displaying a magnificent selection of scarecrows, both traditional and those of more modern construction. As usual we have no theme so let your imagination soar !

This year we have the Mayor and Mayoress of Charnwood in the judging hot seat to decide who will receive our coveted winning certificates, could it be your chance to shine this year? Judging will be slightly earlier this year so please can you have your scarecrows visible from 11am on Saturday.

All entries are most warmly welcomed, from children, teenagers, adults, families or groups/businesses- there are 4 entry categories and the hotly contested 'peoples choice'. So pop down to the Village Stores and grab an entry form (available from Sept 1st onwards) and join in the fun. Entries close at 10am on Fri morning (but if time is really short you can phone me on 01530 243119/ text me on 0703963841/ email me susanpritchard@hotmail.com).

Programmes will be available (50p) from Saturday morning at the Village Stores, Church or School (Sat afternoon), and Village Hall (Sun afternoon).

Tea and cakes are sold on Saturday afternoon at the School Fete and Sunday afternoon in the Village Hall. This year the Art Club is exhibiting in the Village Hall over the weekend and cards, jewellery, plants, bulbs etc will be on sale on Sunday afternoon.

The prize giving will commence at 4pm on Sunday..... Let the battle commence !





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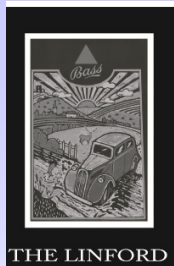
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Bradgate Drama Society

Christmas production - Wind in the Willows

Are you ready to release the animal in you?

If so, how about auditioning for our production of Wind in the Willows and join us on the riverbank.

Perhaps you could be our grumpy old badger, a wicked weasel or even an infuriating Toad of Toad Hall.

We also have parts for humans for those who don't look good in furry ears and, if you prefer an even lower profile, we're always looking for help behind the scenes.



Auditions will be on
Monday 8 September
at 7.30pm
in the Village Hall.



Rehearsals will be on
Monday and Wednesday evenings
with performances on
Thursday 27, Friday 28 & Saturday 29 November.

If you would like further details or would like to take part but can't make the auditions please call or e-mail Peter Upton on 01530 249257 or petergupton@btinternet.com.



All the World's a Stage



In many ways running the Park is like putting on a show. All the preparations are made, the lines learned and the scenery carefully arranged and then the audience takes their seats, the curtain goes up and we're on!

In this day and age the comparison with a theatrical performance is even more appropriate as the audience's applause and the bouquets or brick-bats offered by the public and the critics now take the form of online reviews, blog posts, tweets and ratings websites such as TripAdvisor. All these are very powerful as they enable visitors to post their views about the quality of their experience instantly and for the whole world to see.

We were therefore delighted to be named in the Top 10 Parks in the UK in the TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Awards in June. These awards are given taking into account both the quantity and quality of reviews by customers and to be named as Number 8 in the Top 10 was a huge accolade, especially when looking at the other 9 parks on the list. The Top 10 Parks this year include 7 parks operated by government agencies and 2 run by large Local Authorities...and us. The full chart rundown is:

- St James' Park (Royal Parks)
- Hyde Park (Royal Parks)
- Prince's Street Gardens (Edinburgh City Council)
- Holyrood Park, Edinburgh (Historic Scotland)
- Regent's Park (Royal Parks)
- Peasholm Park (Scarborough Borough Council)
- Windsor Great Park (Crown Estate)
- Bradgate Park (Bradgate Park Trust)**
- Greenwich Park (Royal Parks)
- Richmond Park (Royal Parks)

Given recent trends in local government funding, I was surprised that we were the only park on the list that is run by a charity and I expect that will change in future years, although looking at the size of some of the organisations listed, we do feel slightly over-awed to be in their company. I am grateful to all of our visitors who took the time to review us and I am hugely proud of the team here at Bradgate – this accolade reflects their hard work and dedication. Of course, having made the list once, we now have to work even harder to maintain our ranking next year.

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Continuing the theme of performance, this summer we staged three outdoor theatre productions following on from the success of our first theatrical venture last year. This year over 1,500 people have come to watch the members of Chapterhouse Theatre Company perform in the magical setting of the Ruins of Bradgate House. We are still very much learning as we go with these events and inevitably we are sometimes going to try something that does not quite work as well as we intended. We were caught out by the quirky acoustics of the Ruins when we experimented with a new stage position for The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes in June and we promptly reverted to the original position

for the subsequent productions.

On the same middle weekend in July as we staged Much Ado About Nothing, the Humberstone Choral Society conducted by Dr Motje Wolf performed Songs and Sonnets of William Shakespeare to a packed house (no great achievement given the small size of the venue) in the Chapel of Bradgate House.

The Chapel will once again be the setting for some period music on the weekend of 13th & 14th September when we have a programme of 17th Century music played on authentic instruments as part of our Sealed Knot Living History Weekend recreating the lives of the soldiers and camp followers of Lord Grey's Regiment during the English Civil War. Fans of the Sealed Knot will be pleased to hear that there will also be the usual action involving pikes, muskets and possibly even a cannon or two!

On a very different musical note, on Monday 30th June, London based jazz singer Louise Balkwill performed with her band The Gents in the Conservatory Tearoom at lunchtime. They went down very well with the audience and showed that the Conservatory has great potential as a set-



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ting for occasional small-scale performances like this.

Between April and July this year, we welcomed 20% more visitors than during the same period in 2013. With the work we have done to increase parking capacity in the main car park, we have on the whole accommodated the



additional cars on site without too much overspill into the Village. There are, unfortunately, those visitors who insist on parking on the street, often illegally and certainly inconsiderately, to avoid paying. We work closely with the Parish Council, the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator and the Police to ensure that unlawful and discourteous parking is appropriately dealt with so please do not feel this is something that you just have to put up with.

Peter Tyldesley

Village Ramblers

6th September - Invitation to join the Cathedral Walkers, details below.
13th September Village Ramble. Leader: Glenis. Meet 2pm. Opp. Village hall

Thank you to Iris and Peter for leading the August walk.

In August we met at the Church, which has medieval origins, in the tiny village of West Leake, just over the border in Nottinghamshire. We were very fortunate to have a clear and sunny day to make our way across cornfields and through the attractive mixed woodland of Leake New Wood. It is a particularly nice walk with expansive views over the Trent Valley to Gotham village and distant Nottingham. On our way back we had the wonderful views of the wooded ridges of Charnwood which dominated the skyline.

There is interesting folklore regarding Cuckoo Bush Farm which is near the Leake New wood. Apparently some "eccentrics" tried to hedge in a cuckoo so that it would sing to them all year. They also bizarrely burned down a barn to get rid of a wasps' nest and tried to drown fish in buckets! These activities are detailed in a book "The Merrie Tales of the Mad Men of Gottam (1630). **Iris.**

Any queries please contact Glenis, tel 01530 242897 or glenis72meredith73@gmail.com

Leicester Cathedral Walking Group – Treasures Unlocked Visit 6/14 – Saturday 6 September 2014 – Brooksby

The next walk of the Cathedral Walking Group will be on **Saturday 6th September 2014** when we will be visiting St Michael and All Angel's Church, Brooksby.

The visit will follow our established pattern of lunch at The Bluebell Inn, Hoby, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. LE14 3DT at 12.00 noon, a visit to St Michael's Church at 1.30pm followed by a short walk lasting about 1½ hours through the surrounding countryside. It is fitting that we are visiting this Church at this time because it has a strong connection to WW1 which is in our minds following the centenary of the declaration of hostilities. We will be privileged to be greeted by Malcolm Britton a world authority on St Michael's Church.

The walk after the visit will also be interesting. Part of the walk will be on permissive paths opened thanks to one of our group, Hugh Butler.

17 Hugh is the co-author of two leaflets detailing walks along the Wreake

Valley from Melton Mowbray to Syston .
 The landlord of the Blue Bell Inn has requested that we pre-order our lunch, the menu is published on the internet at www.bluebell-hoby.co.uk/menu-wine-list . Please have your menu choices available when you book in.

The remaining walk for the 2014 season is as follows:

4th October – All Saints, Beeby – Al-

though this Church is no longer used for church services, it will be open for our visit and we will have the benefit of a guide on that day.

As usual I will endeavour to provide an information

document relating to our visit before each event. To book in or for further details, a copy of the information document or to add your name to the 'Future Walks List', please contact Mick McQuade on 0116 231 3298, Mobile 07879 67 57 67 or by email to mick.mcquade@ntlworld.com.

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BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES—September 2014

DATE	GROBY	RATBY	NEWTOWN LINFORD
7th September	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)	
12th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Family Worship (LC)	10.00am Worship for All (PH)	10.30am Holy Communion (JW)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (IC)		
14th September Holy Cross Day			8.00am Holy Communion (PH)
	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (PH)	10.30am Family Service (RC)
	6.30pm Evening Prayer (PH)		
21st September Matthew Apostle	8.00am Holy Communion (PH)		
	9.30am Morning Worship (Group)	10.00am Family Communion (LC)	10.30am Holy Communion (RC/ PH)
	6.30pm Holy Communion (LC/ KW)	6.00pm Holy Communion (PH/ RC)	
28th September 15th Sunday after Trinity			8.00am Holy Communion (RC)
	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Holy Communion (RC)	10.30am Harvest (PH)
	6.30pm 4SE		

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—September

NEWTOWN LINFORD	Thur	10am	4th			
GROBY	Wed	9.30am	3rd	10th	17th	24th
RATBY	Thur	9.30am		11th		25th

CHURCH REGISTERS

*No Baptisms, or Deaths
recorded in
Newtown Linford*



Weddings

Newtown Linford

12th July ~ Owen Paul Robinson & Abby O'Donnell

19th July ~ Paul Hatton & Abigail Louise Petty

30th August ~ Jonathon Martin Gibson & Emily Jane Phipps

30th August ~ Patrick Kevin Malone & Kirsty Louise Landon

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Club of Bradgate In Formation

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Who are we? A group of men and women of all ages and backgrounds with a shared wish to use our skills and time to improve the lives of others while having fun.

Where do we meet? At the Stamford Arms in Groby.

When do we meet? Usually over breakfast on a Wednesday morning – 7.30am to 8.30am. But also at other times!

What do we do? We get involved in organising and supervising community events, running projects to promote the achievements of young people, and co-ordinating educational programmes. We like to concentrate on local causes and charities. We also enjoy regular social events. **You** can play a part in determining our priorities and future programme.

The formation of this innovative club is part of Rotary's approach to ensuring clubs are flexible, relaxed and accessible for all those wishing to join, with a particular emphasis on attracting young business and professional people and members of diverse communities.

Interested? For more information call Stephen or Lalita on 01509 890447 or 07855 451916.





Geology of Bradgate - 06/09/2014-

Admission: £3.50 Adults £1.50 Children

Meet at pole gate leading into wood at Hunts Hill (Old John) Car Park Duration of walk – approx. 2½ hours

This walk will look at what happened in Bradgate Park over some 600 million years – a story of seas, volca-

noes, mountains, deserts, glaciers, earthquakes, sun and rain. Lead by John Martin, a geology expert, it will look at the varied rock outcrops which contain the oldest group of rocks in England and explain their fascinating story.

This walk of approximately 3 miles is over grass and rock. The route is, in places, over steep, rocky slopes and is unsuitable for people in wheelchairs.

Dogs on leads are allowed.

Woodlands & Veteran Trees- 20/09/2014-

Admission: £3 Adults £1.50 Children

Explore historic woodland areas – Coppice Wood, Dale Wood and also Coronation Wood (an area of oak planted in 1953) and an area of Ancient Woodland Pasture with its scattering of veteran oak. View the ancient oak and sweet chestnut trees, some perhaps over 500 years old. The walk of approximately 2½ miles is over rough grass tracks and uneven woodland terrain and is unsuitable for people in wheelchairs.

Dogs on leads are allowed.

Places on most walks are not pre-bookable. Just arrive by the designated time at the starting point where you will be met by a Country Park Ranger.

Old John Tower - 27/09/2014

Admission: £5 Adult £1.50 Children

This unique tour offers a rare opportunity to see inside the Tower and enjoy the amazing panoramic views of Leicestershire from the first floor windows. Learn of its history, the windmill that previously stood on the hill and the legends associated with it, the racecourse around the base of the hill and even Old John's vital statistics.

This walk is approximately 3 miles over grass and rock. The route is, in places, over steep, rocky slopes and is unsuitable for people in wheelchairs. A very popular walk, limited to a maximum of 30 people, it should be pre-booked in advance (telephone Lynda Taylor on 0116 234 1850 to check availability). **Dogs not allowed in Tower.**

24 Meet at the pole gate leading into wood at Hunts Hill (Old John) Car Park. Duration of walk – approx. 2 hours.



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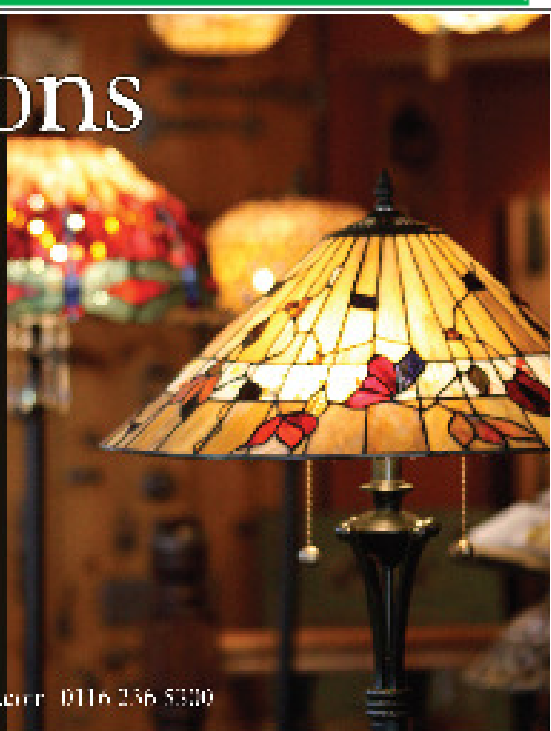
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We must not forget

Quite a lot of villages in Leicestershire this year marked the beginning of WW1 with special parades and services. We did not forget the 4th July. The lady on Altar Flower Duty for that special week produced a lovely arrangement of red and cream blooms with a few red poppies at the base.

All this set me thinking about our memorial in the Church. How long is it since you looked at it? Is our Church not a place you have ever visited? It is well worth a visit and full of interesting items.



We have a lovely carved wooden War Memorial. We think it was carved by someone from Leicester Polytechnic. It is flanked by the British Legion banners, the general one and the ladies section (these are very fragile so we don't touch them). We had a strong and active Group for many years. The Linford Club started life as the Newtown Linford British Legion Club. In the bar there is a board which shows all those who went to war and those who did not return. The War Memorial in the Church shows the names of those who died in WW1 and WW2. They are read out at the Remembrance Service in November which marks the end of WW1.

Near the Memorial is a booklet which tells the story of those who died. The information was researched by our Church Warden's son. So we know where they are buried. Those with no known graves are recorded on the walls of several memorials in Belgium etc. We have one war grave stone in our Churchyard (north side). Joseph Spence died of his wounds in January 1919.

We also have a lovely stained glass window near the pulpit dedicated to the fallen in WW1.

Janet Neaverson

Editors Note - the Church is usually open to visitors on weekend afternoons

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From the Record

The Summer of 1995

The Village Records show that there was lots of information about the Village and Bradgate Park in the summer of 1995.

The Morris Men danced at Old John on May Day - they still do this annually.

In 1995 we commemorated V.E. Day, 50 years since the end of WW2 by an event on the Cricket Ground. The celebration commenced with the Co-operative Youth Marching Band leading the children's fancy dress parade, they were followed by the guest speaker "Sir Winston Churchill" who officially opened the proceedings (we were granted official police permission to close Bradgate Road and Main Street. I think this is the last time it has been granted). The afternoon was full of activities, cakes for sale and games for the children followed by a balloon race and later a tug of war. The barbeque was enjoyed by all. Live music set the scene for the sing-a-long and the dancing. The excellent turn out made it a memorable occasion all organised by a team of villagers under the guidance of Virginia Toon.

The Parish Council did their bit by putting on an exhibition in the Sunday School "Memorabilia of WW2".

They had asked everyone to search attics etc for suitable items that had been gathering dust for fifty years. On Sunday 11th May the Church held a special Service to celebrate VE Day.

July of that year gives us a picture of the rethatching of Post Office Row, the observant among you will have noticed that it is happening again this year. In 1995 a ladder was used to help the thatcher, this time round we have scaffolding because of the height by "the courtesy of Health and Safety".

I shall return to 1995 in future months as there are still a lot of items to share with you.

Janet Neaverson





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Newtown Linford Gardening Club

On 22nd July the Club held its annual Summer Garden Party with over 80 members and friends gathering at Mountain Ash Gardens on Ulverscroft Lane. A meal of salmon, quiche and salad followed by cheesecakes, gateaux and a cheeseboard was washed down by several jugs full of Pimms, elderflower wine and fruit juice. Plants and books were on sale and the raffle offered over 30 prizes for the lucky winners. This was, undoubtedly our biggest and most successful party yet.



September brings a special event. We, in Newtown Linford, have been very impressed with the changes which have taken place in Bradgate Park under the auspices of its new Warden Peter Tyldesley. There has certainly been a buzz around the place over the last year and we are looking forward to hearing Peter talk to us about the Park and all the things which go on there. We expect a huge turnout for this event with most of our 80 strong membership coming to hear him.

The final highlight of our year is the visit of award-winning gardener Adam Frost on 4th November. 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. More than half the tickets have already been issued even though the event is still three months away. Visitors are invited to this event and we know other Garden Club members will join us for this special event. 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 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.

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The Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation will be hosting their annual Craft Fair **Saturday 4th October.**

Stalls will include handmade jewellery, fabric crafts, watercolours, cards and much more!

Alan Norman Chief Executive of the Foundation said *'Come along and browse the individual craft stalls at the Copt Oak Memorial Hall. A variety of stalls will be presenting a selection of interesting, unique handcrafted items. An ideal opportunity to purchase a bespoke gift or treat yourself to something special.'* He added *'The Foundation's craft fair will help to raise much needed funds, enabling us to continue and expand the services that we have to offer.'*



The Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation's Craft Fair will take place on Saturday 4th October from 11.00 am – 3.00pm at Copt Oak Memorial Hall, Whitwick Road, Copt Oak, Leicestershire, LE67 9QB

Entry is by suggested donation of £1.00 per adult and 50p per child. Refreshments and light lunches will be available at Ulverscroft Grange Tearooms, Whitwick Road, Ulverscroft between 10.00am and 4.00pm providing an opportunity to enjoy view across the Charnwood Forest and browse for a bargain in the Foundation's charity shops.

For more information regarding the Craft Fair and details of forthcoming events please contact Helen Baxter on 01530 244914 or email hello@shuttlewood-clarke.org

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Brownies

On Thursday 26th June, the Brownies met up at Old John to have a picnic to mark 100 years of Brownies (1914-2014). Inside the picnic basket or paper bag had to only be the things they used to eat in 1914. There were no plastic containers but some people did make exceptions with the food.

After a walk up the hill and a picnic dinner the Brownies tried some of Brown Owl's delicious fruit cake. Only then could we have bubbles. First however we gathered around Old John to have a photo. Then the bubbles came out. All different



sizes, small, large, round and fun. Overall the night was great fun and we all had a wonderful time!



Stepping Down

As Scarecrow weekend approaches (see article elsewhere in magazine) Jan and I would like to thank all those who have made scarecrows in the past- as well as those who are (hopefully) making them this year. We really do appreciate the effort that has gone into this event over the past 11 years, from its small beginnings within Gardening Club, nurtured and developed over time by Iris into a multi-organisation event. The weekend enables many organisations within the

Village to raise funds and has also raised a great deal of money for external Charities such as the Air Ambulance, Shuttleworth Foundation, Rainbows and Loros to name a few.... Local businesses have benefited from the large number of families that visit and we all have enjoyed the conviviality that the weekend brings.

However after 11 years we feel that, perhaps, the Village deserves the chance of a change and we would like to step aside after this years event.

To all the many scarecrow constructors- especially the Brownies!-, those who have baked cakes and served teas, rung bells, designed posters, taken photographs, judged and presented prizes we say a heartfelt 'Thank you'.

Sue and Jan.



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BIRD FEEDERS CAN BE VIRUS BREEDERS

The Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust is asking people who feed birds in their gardens to be extra vigilant about cleaning their bird feeders after a severe case of Avian Pox was confirmed in Leicestershire. Avian pox is a skin condition that affects many bird species commonly found in gardens. It causes lesions particularly on the face of birds which look like warty tumours. In severe cases these lesions grow very large and can affect the bird's vision which ultimately results in a greater risk of predation or a slow death from starvation. In this case a Dunnock was spotted in a Cropston garden.



Neil Pilcher, Senior Conservation Officer said “This poor Dunnock was spotted in someone’s garden hopping around under a feeder. From the photo we received it was clear that this was a severe case of Avian Pox. The home owner in this case is very careful about hygiene issues with feeding birds and cleaned their feeders every week. This is excellent as it reduces the chance of the disease being spread to other birds using the feeders.

This case highlights the need for everyone to be vigilant as this was the first occasion that this bird had been seen in this particular garden. Therefore it is highly likely that it had been visiting other gardens and feeders in the area which are all at risk of spreading the disease if they are not regularly cleaned.

The Trust is calling on everyone who loves feeding birds in their gardens to get into the routine of cleaning their feeders regularly, ideally once a week. Infected birds are not always obvious and it is better to be safe than sorry. By feeding birds homeowners are encouraging birds to congregate in the same place time after time therefore increasing the risk of diseases being passed on. Simple good hygiene routines can allow people to carry on enjoying their garden birds without the risk posed by this and other nasty diseases.”

The Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust recommend that the public should contact the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) for further advice or to report possible cases. The BTO is running a Garden Bird Health Initiative and they want people to report suspected cases to them so that they can track the disease across the country. They can be contacted at www.bto.org.

35 Editors note - on checking their website - it mentions the garden was in Cropston - so we need to be careful



Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch -
A member of the Parish Council



Well fairly peaceful again. Mail has been stolen from the occupant's mailbox on Benscliffe Road this week.

Speedwatch will take place in the village for two weeks immediately following scarecrows on the last weekend of September. Roecliffe will have Speedwatch during the scarecrows weekend. Hopefully you will not get caught!!

A resident in the middle of Markfield Lane reported 'hoody' youths in the early hours of the morning on two days running. The Police attended and our resident was told two youths had been arrested and goods had been found at their home. I queried this with the Police when there was no mention of it on the monthly report and they said they decline to comment to me on matters like this since they think it could cause a scare if I circulated it. I thought we were all more sensible than that and as our resident said surely that is what NHW is all about. Readers' comments on this would be appreciated.

Finally we were pleased to be able to trace the owner of a key found in Main Street this month.

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Police: Our Police Community Support Officer Steve Quinn attended the August Parish Council Meeting despite being off duty. He was thanked wholeheartedly by the Councillors. He reported no crimes in Newtown Linford.

Bob Bown Memorial Field: The brambles and scrubland is beginning to encroach to the detriment of the Bluebells so the contractor who the Council employs will be instructed to mow a little deeper towards the woods which hopefully will allow the bulbs to flourish.

Markfield Lane Bank: Mrs. Costello continues to pursue the best way to maintain the new planting carried out by the Brownies. She will be writing separately in the Magazine regarding biodiversity. In particular she will be mentioning the difference between Ragwort and St. Johns Wort and also Himalayan Balsam.

Neighbourhood Watch: As we go to press we have been notified of a complaint received by the Bradgate Park Trust. Both Pam McMorran our NHW C-coordinator and Peter Tyldesley from the Trust have advised the complainant to report the matter to the Police although they seem reluctant. A group of white mid-teens boys on bicycles racially abused a group of Asian ladies and their children. It sounded most unpleasant. Please let Pam or the Police know if you witnessed anything.

The September Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday September 15th and the October meeting will be on Monday 20th October. Both meetings at 7 p.m. in the small room of the Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

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