

# Newtown Linford Magazine

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**September 2019**

One of the TV shows I follow just got cancelled. Sadly, it was canned between series, so there'll never be the chance to find out what should have happened to finish the story lines that were running. It's not unusual – they never finished the original Michael Keaton Batman trilogy for example, nor the series 'Firefly' – but it's always frustrating, particularly if you really want to find out how things end. Do the sparring couple ever get together? Do they survive the looming disaster?

Of course, you also get the opposite problem, remember 'Lost'? It went on for several series too long, completely lost everyone with the plot twists and complications until no-one cared any more where they were or whether they ever got off the island. Then there's 'Game of Thrones', like 'Lost' a programme I never really watched. That finished all right, but to howls of protest – how could they end it like that! What happened at the end disappointed and enraged fans.

These problems mirror life: sometimes things are cut short, we're left wondering what might have been. Some things just meander on, until we're weary and fed up. And some things leave us angry and deflated. That's life. We don't always get neat happy endings. Things don't always make sense. Often they're disappointing. So how do we make sense of them, make sense of life itself?

One of the best explanations I've found came from a survivor of a Nazi concentration camp. She said life is like looking at the back of a tapestry. It seems to be a mess, threads going everywhere, cut off short, going on too long, making confusing patterns, the wrong colours in the wrong places. But you know that on the other side there's a beautiful design. It's just that we can't see it. God is the master-weaver, the wise showrunner. He knows how to take all the things that go wrong, that leave us dissatisfied, and make of them something beautiful and wonderful. Just look at what he did with Jesus' life.

**Richard Trethewey**  
**Rector of St Peter's, Glenfield, and All Saints', Newtown Linford**

# VILLAGE DIARY

## September

- 10th Boules  
14th Ramblers  
15th Big Day Out - Rotary Club - Ulverscroft Grange  
16th Parish Council Meeting  
26th Macmillan Coffee Morning  
27th Scarecrow Drive  
28th -29th Scarecrow Festival

## November

- 2nd Music Quiz

## Regular events

- |                                 |                                       |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday afternoon                | Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall   |
| Mondays 6.30                    | Brownies, Sunday School Rooms         |
| Mondays 6.30                    | Yoga, Village Hall (also Wednesdays)  |
| Mondays 8pm at the Church       | Bell Ringing                          |
| 4th Tuesday of the month        | Gardening Club                        |
| 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of month | Home Study Group                      |
| 3rd Wednesday of the month      | Ladies Luncheon Club                  |
| Thursdays 9.15                  | Jolly Tots Playgroup, Church          |
| Thursdays 11.15                 | Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall |
| Thursday Eves                   | Bridge Club 9 Main Street             |
| 3rd Thursday                    | Gentlemen's Lunch Club                |



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thursday 26th September -

Everyone welcome - please come and join us for this good cause

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**Coffee & Cake @ Newtown Linford Village Hall**  
**Thursday Morning 11.15am - Free**  
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**Coffee and Cake Duty Rota**

**September**

1st Lesley Cook/Chris A&Gay Redstone 242214/242432/Lei2351625  
 12th Casey/Jenny Cole/Mandy James/Marie Wilday 249259  
 19th Sue Birkett & Jan Dempsey Sue Clarke & Josie 244317/Lei2700072  
 26th MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING CA 243433 & Volunteers please

**October**

3rd Felicity Manning & Sue Brown 245298/249384  
 10th Ann Scrine, Steve & Dave Pratt 242301/589031  
 17th Bev Griffiths & Sue Dobby 01509 890264/245366  
 24th Iris & Peter Sayer, Glennis Meredith 243822  
 31st School, Judy Rowe, Clare, Rhian, Andrea 243989/243119

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## **'SCARECROW DRIVE'**

Do you remember Beetle Drives that we played in our younger days with our children? Well this time we will throw a dice to draw a scarecrow, 6 for the body, 5 for the head etc. No artistic merit is required just a bit of competitive spirit and a lot of fun.



So why not come and join in the fun on the Friday evening (27th September 2019) of the 'Scarecrow weekend', in Newtown Linford Village Hall.

Doors open at 6.30 and the fun starts at 7.00.

The tickets are £10.00 for adults and £5.00 for children and a Ploughman's Supper is included. There will also be a bar.

**Profits from the evening will go towards the much needed re-decoration of the Church.**

**Tickets available from**

<b>Dick and Sue Howard</b>	<b>01530 245373</b>
<b>Clive and Judy Rowe</b>	<b>01530 243989</b>
<b>Ann Scrine</b>	<b>01530 242301</b>
<b>Ed Killick</b>	<b>01530 249589</b>

## **Newtown Linford Scarecrow Festival 28th - 29th September**

We have very little to put in the Magazine for the Festival as no information has been sent from the organisers. To find out more and keep up to date with information follow the Facebook page - just put in Newtown Linford Scarecrow Festival and it will bring up the latest details. Information is going to be announced on Monday 19th August after we have gone to print but this year they will be having a theme for the Scarecrow Festival.

Plans include Dancing, Live music, raffle, lots of stalls, fun inflatables and much more. The school will be running a Fete along side the Festival and funds raised will be going to local charitable organisations.



Scarecrow Festival Weekend

# SCARECROW DRIVE



Friday

27th September

Village Hall

Newtown Linford

7pm (doors open 6.30pm)

Tickets : £10 (£5 Children )

inc Ploughman's Supper & Bar

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Proceeds in aid of All Saints Church re-decoration fund

## Village Ramblers

On 13 July, 13 ramblers set off from the Village Hall, led by Toby and Felicity. They took a short walk through the local woodlands, past the derelict Ulverscroft Mill and through the 20-year-old Bailey-Sim Wood. We then went through more recent plantings of the National Forest along the path past Sandhills Lodge, only opened within the last decade, before returning to Newtown Linford.



Our August walk began in the Outwoods, led by Peter and Iris. It was a windy day so the views over the Soar Valley and as far as Nottingham were superb. On our walk down almost to the outskirts of Loughborough we noticed many butterflies, including a painted lady. We returned by again crossing over the Woodbrook (via the play park!) and through shady lanes, again with glorious summer views over rolling countryside, gradually making our way back to the woods.

On 14th September our walk will be led by Carolyn and Peter Lowe. We meet at 2pm outside the Village Hall. Do come and join us, all you need are walking boots and able to walk 4/5 miles. Well behaved dogs are welcome.





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## The Newtown Village Cricket Challenge

The Newtown Village Cricket Challenge took place once again at the end of June and with more than 40 local residents taking part the event has become a feature of the Newtown summer calendar.

Following two semi-finals during the week, the final itself took place in glorious sunshine on June 28th.

In the grand final the reigning champs the Newtown Knights batted first but could only muster 47, thanks to five catches and a stumping by the ever-youthful George Reynolds and three wickets from Paddy Mulvihill. In reply the Bradgate Braves roared to victory with the help of top scorer Sandeep Singh.

Earlier in the evening the Linford Lions beat the Grey Grizzlies to third place, with a special mention to the Raynors, Beth and Scott, combining to get the skilful David Gee out.

And so the Braves, champions in 2017, reign again. Congratulations to them and to all players for a fine week.

Thanks again to everyone who played in and supported the event, and to our main sponsors The Access Group, as well as team sponsors Broughton's Ironmongery, Cook's Midlands Ltd, Sturgess Motor Group and the Post Office Tea Rooms.

We'll be back in 2020, everyone welcome.

**Paddy Mulvihill and Scott Raynor.**



## Isn't nature amazing!



We recently had a surprise visit from a swarm of bees who decided to take up residence in a holly bush. They were so busy (as bees?) flying in and out of the tree and finally settled quietly in 2 clusters among the branches. We contacted a beekeeper, who explained that they were possibly just passing through. During the afternoon we noticed frantic activity in the holly bush and in the air and assumed that they were moving on. However, on closer inspection we were amazed to see a huge mass of bees

among the branches. We sent a photograph to the beekeeper, who described it as a 'colossal swarm' and arranged to collect them at dusk.....and so, suited and booted, he set about doing so. It was quite a lengthy process and was almost dark by the time he had finished. He estimated that the swarm consisted of several thousand bees. He then put the box of bees on the passenger seat of his car, secured it with the seat belt and buzzed off!!

**Pat & David Wood**



### **A Level and GCSE Results**

AS the Magazine goes to print many of our young villagers have received their A level Results and are now preparing for University or work. Can we wish them and the younger villagers who are still anxiously waiting GCSE results our best wishes for the future. If anyone wishes to celebrate their exam results, and degrees - just email me and we will publish next time. Email [newtownvillagemagazine@outlook.com](mailto:newtownvillagemagazine@outlook.com)

On a personal note can I say congratulations to Beth Raynor who got the results she needed and is off to Lincoln to Read Forensic Chemistry

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## **Newtown Linford Gardening Club**

Our visit to David Austin Roses in June was a great success. We arrived at the time when the roses were at their best and the displays were truly magnificent. We had two excellent guides to show us around and we were served a lovely lunch into the bargain. As usual our members did a lot of shopping and the luggage compartment of the coach was almost full on our return. We hope to welcome a speaker from the Nurseries in early 2021.

We had a beautiful evening for our Annual Summer Garden Party in July. Our Chairman's garden was, as usual, immaculate and around 100 members and friends gathered under the gazebos to enjoy a delightful supper accompanied by Pimms and wine. The rapid raffle resulted in around 80 prizes being won in around ten minutes.

To continue the year, we have a visit in August to the Leicester Botanic Gardens and we look forward to the return of our celebrity guest, Chris Beardshaw which is already a sell-out.

Anyone interested in our activities can contact the Secretary (tel. 242452) or e-mail us at [32couling@gmail.com](mailto:32couling@gmail.com) , or else come along to one of our meetings as a visitor (£3). If you would like a copy of our programme for the coming year, we will be pleased to send one to you.

**Anne and David Couling**



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## Markfield Lane Conservation Area

The Markfield Lane roadside verge conservation area is mown just once a year, usually in early autumn, instead of being cut every few weeks during the growing season. It's only when you get up close to it that you can really appreciate the extent of the flora which has appeared, now that plants are allowed to flower and seed throughout the summer months.



Field Scabious and Meadow Vetchling

Toby and Felicity Manning and I carried out a botanical survey in July and found over 40 different species, including several different varieties of grass. Next year, I'm planning to survey throughout the year, so that spring and late summer flowers are included, to give us a fuller picture. Meadow Cranesbill, one of the loveliest British wild flowers with its violet-blue petals, is unfortunately not currently found in the conservation area, and has struggled to establish itself at the sunnier, still frequently-mown lower end of the verge. This year, I decided to take direct action and put a notice and a garden cane next to one of the plants. I crossed my fingers that the grass-cutters would spare it. They did!

As well as the wild flowers, I've seen many butterflies in the conservation area, including the Ringlet, which, according to my butterfly book, needs "sunny spaces, damp and overgrown with tall grass." And I've seen (and heard) many other insects there too, including grasshoppers. When they are allowed to grow long and to flower, grasses, as well as being beautiful, provide a valuable habitat for other creatures too, including small mammals and amphibians - we inadvertently

### Ringlet Butterfly





disturbed a few frogs when we cut the grass last year.

You may recall that some wild flower 'Plugs for Bugs' were planted by the village Brownies a few years ago in this section of the verge. I've sown a few wild flower seeds over the last year or so, including Yellow Rattle (which helps keep the grass in check). However, after consulting with conservationists, and doing research of my own, the message is clear: let the native plants take over.

Sowing wild flower seed mixes can result in eye-catching swathes of bright and colourful flowers, and is good for pollinating insects, and certainly better than mown grass. But it's best for wildlife and biodiversity to go with whatever is growing there naturally. There's much welcome focus these days on pollinators, but the larval form of insects differ



**Tufted Vetch**



**Meadowsweet**

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widely in their requirements. Butterfly and moth larvae, for example, have evolved to be inconspicuous; in order to survive they need to be overlooked. The caterpillars often feed on just one or two plant species, which in many cases don't have particularly appealing flowers and are often treated as weeds - nettles, for instance.

### **Native wild flowers and rewilding**

Organisations which promote native wild plants seem to be gaining ground (pun intended!), including **Plantlife** ([www.plantlife.org.uk](http://www.plantlife.org.uk)); also the **blue campaign** ([www.bluecampaignhub.com](http://www.bluecampaignhub.com)) which promotes the 'rewilding' of our gardens, parks, roadside verges and school grounds. It was conceived in 2014 in response to a State of Nature report highlighting the dramatic and alarming decline in biodiversity and biomass across the U.K. A blue heart made out of recycled materials can be staked to the ground, indicating to neighbours/passers-by that part of this area has been set aside and left to grow over the summer. In Markfield Lane, we already have '*Please do not mow – conservation area*' signs supplied by the Parish Council, but don't be surprised if a blue heart pops up there as well!

Perhaps there are other areas in our Parish which could be similarly 'rewilded'?

**Claire Costello, Markfield Lane**

**Harvest Festival -  
29th September  
All Ages Service,**



This is the time of year when not only does the Village have a Scarecrow Festival but all the crops

have been harvested. In our rural village only a few families now harvest the land, whilst most of us only think of food coming from Sainsbury's or Aldi! The Harvest Festival is a celebration of the food grown on the land. Thanksgiving ceremonies and celebrations for a successful harvest are both worldwide and very ancient. In Britain, we have given thanks for successful harvests since pagan times. Why not come along to Church with your donation of food to celebrate but also give a chance to share your good fortune with others less fortunate.

**The service starts at 10.30 and will be attended by Brownies.**

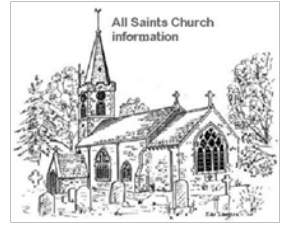
# BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES

## September 2019

DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN LINFORD
1st September  11th Sunday of Trinity	8.30am Holy Communion (SA)	
	10.15am Worship as One (RT)	10.30am Holy Communion (SA)
	6.30pm Evensong (RT)	
8th September  12th Sunday of Trinity		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.15am Holy Communion (RT)	10.30am Morning Prayer (GS)
	6.30pm Compline (RT)	
15th September  13th Sunday of Trinity	8.30am Holy Communion (RT)	
	10.15am Service of the Word (BH)	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)
	4.00 pm Messy Church	
22nd September  14th Sunday of Trinity		8.00am Holy Communion (RT)
	10.15am Holy Communion (SA)	10.30am All Age Service (RT)
	6.30 pm Holy Communion (RT/SA)	
29th September  15th Sunday Of Trinity	8.30am Holy Communion (PH)	
	10.15am Service of the Word (GS)	10.30am Harvest All-age Service (RT)
	6.30am Evening Prayer (RT/PH)	



# CHURCH REGISTER, NEWTOWN LINFORD



WEDDINGS  
*None*

BAPTISMS

*28th July—Lake Michael John Hopper*  
We welcome them in to the Church family

FUNERALS

*27th August ~ Jennifer Whitehead,*  
*formerly of Main Street, Newtown Linford*

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



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## **Hayley Moore - New Church Administrator**

Hello, just wanted to introduce myself as the new Church Administrator. I'm Hayley and will take up my official role on Tuesday 27 August. I live in Field Head, Markfield, married to Simon who delivers post in Groby and we have 2 lovely grown up daughters, Sophie and Abbey. I am part of Groby Church but prior to that was part of St Peter's, Glenfield, which is where Simon and I got married some 27 years ago!

I am moving from Leicester College where I have worked for 27 years as an Examinations Officer and looking forward to my new role. I have been very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with Bekki before she leaves but as you will appreciate there is quite a lot to learn! So please bear with me while I get to know the ropes. I look forward to meeting you all.

**Hayley**

## **REMINDER - VILLAGE TRAFFIC SURVEY.**

Please complete and return the traffic survey to the Parish Clerk by the end of September or do the online version available on the Parish Councils Website

<https://www.newtownlinford.org.uk/news/2019/08/residents-survey-august-2019>



**2019 All Saints' Church Flower and Butterfly Festival**

## All Saints' Church Flower and Butterfly Festival, July 5-7<sup>th</sup> 2019

A **big thank you** to all those who enabled this event to take place and all the hard work that was put in – flower arrangers, butterfly exhibitors, cake providers, tea and coffee servers, those who organized the plant and book sales and help getting the Church ready and put up the School butterfly exhibits. Both the butterfly talk on Friday evening and the Songs of Praise service on Sunday evening were much appreciated. The Sunday morning service which was also attended by the Brownies was enlivened by the emergence of a Brimstone butterfly.



The event raised £900 for the redecoration fund and we are hoping the phase 1 work will take place at the beginning of 2020. There were lots of visitors, especially from outside the Village but the event was not helped by rain on Saturday.

**Jane Woolmer**







## BOULES

It is a rare event for an English newspaper to mention boules, but a headline of “Youngsters throw in their lot with boules” did grab my attention. The article reported that “once the preserve of Pastis sipping retirees of Provence, the game of boules has become a surprising hit with French youth amid a fashion for all things retro, and a desire for simple and authentic pleasures”

I agree it is a simple game that creates a genuine feeling of friendship and bonhomie over the odd pint of beer, or even a glass or two of wine, after the main sport of the evening. Unfortunately we do not yet see any youngsters.

We have had two wonderfully sunny evenings for our games at the Blue Bell, Hoby, in July and August. Both evenings were well attended which gave a good competitive edge. In July Peter Lowe won the Cup but was unable to defend it in August.

This month it was a pleasure to welcome Allan Cole to join in the fun. We always conclude our evening with a knockout competition for the Brian Chell Cup. The winner was Barry Cook who beat Colin Bushell by the narrowest of margins, less than half an inch. As Barry said on receiving the Cup “you can play rubbish all evening but come good when it matters”. If you have never seen the Cup, it could be on display at Cook’s Farm Shop.

Our next boules will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, meet at the Village Hall at the earlier time of 6.00pm. All welcome.

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## **Church Parade: Flowers and Butterflies with Rev Prebendary John**

### **Woolmer**

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July we went to the Church to celebrate Flowers and Butterflies. The Reverend taught us about butterflies. In particular, he told us where they lay their eggs, what they eat and how they change from caterpillars to chrysalises to butterflies and even brought in real live ones for us to look at. A butterfly actually emerged from its chrysalis while we were there. It was fabulous! Thank you Rev John!

**By Morag  
(age10)**



### **Potato Night: At Brown Owl's House**

On Monday we went to Brown Owl's house to harvest the potatoes that we have been growing since January. We chitted the

seed potatoes, back in winter time, then potted them in April, using some manure and compost. Then we took them home to look after. To look after the potatoes we had to water them regularly, give them plenty of sunshine and keep the potatoes covered up with soil.



At the harvest we tipped out our 'Rocket' potatoes, collected them on a tray and then looked for our biggest, our smallest, our funniest shape and our 6 best potatoes. The Chair of the Gardening Club, Brian Anderson judged which were the best. We also weighed the whole crop to find out who has the biggest crop and who had the smallest crop. The winners were: Morag had the 6 best. I (Flora) had the biggest potato. Sloane had the smallest potato. Madison had the largest crop and Frankie had the smallest crop. Genevieve had the funniest looking potato. It looked like a squashed heart-shape!



After the prizes were given out we played some funny games. Line-up (where we had to sit on each others lap in a line), Jumping Frogs (where we jumped holding on to our Sixes) and then finally Doughnuts On Strings (where we had to eat the doughnuts with our hands behind our backs).

We had a brilliant time and we have nice potatoes to eat as well! Thank you Brown Owl and everyone that helped.



**By Flora (age 8)**



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## Charity Fun Day in Charnwood Forest

# Bradgate Rotary



### **Bradgate Rotary's Family 'Obstacular' Big Day Out will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 am – 4 pm at Ulverscroft Grange in Whitwick Road.**

The day includes a family-friendly obstacle course race. Many other attractions will be on offer, including bouncy castle, family challenges, entertainments, games and fun for all ages. A range of food options will be available.

Proceeds from the event will help support local charities. For further details or to make sure of a place by booking in advance, visit:

[www.bradgaterotaryevents.co.uk](http://www.bradgaterotaryevents.co.uk)

A Bradgate Rotary spokesperson said: "We're delighted that the Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation is providing us with such a superb venue for our 'Obstacular'. People won't need to take part in the challenges to appreciate the day, but we suspect that most will anyway. It should be a fantastic day out with something for everyone."

### **Bradgate Park calendar launch**

A 2020 calendar celebrating Bradgate Park has been officially launched by Bradgate Rotary. The event took place at the Stamford Arms in Groby on 10<sup>th</sup> July. Those attending the event included outgoing Bradgate Park Director, Peter Tyldesley; sponsors of the calendar; members of Bradgate Rotary; and members of Leicester Forest Photographic Society, who took the photographs for the calendar.

This is the fourth year that Bradgate Rotary has produced a calendar for the Park, sales of which raise vital funds for Bradgate Park Trust. The calendar depicts scenes from the Park - landscapes, events and wildlife - through the different seasons. The calendar is available to purchase from Bradgate Park for £5.

A Bradgate Rotary spokesperson said: "We'd like to give a special thanks to members of Leicester Photographic Society who took such great photographs, and to Groby Allotment Society, who supplied recipes inspired by locally-grown produce which are included in the calendar."



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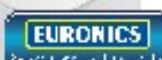


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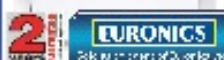


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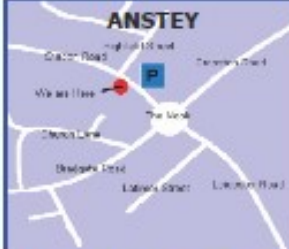
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**Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch -  
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As I sat down to write my last NHW copy I looked to see what I wrote in September 2005. Purely by chance it was this!

Finally, I have decided that the time has come for me to hand over the reins of the Neighbourhood Watch to someone else. It must be three years since we lost Tony Enderby and I hope I have kept the team going reasonably well and it would now be an ideal time for someone else to take over. There is a new member of the Parish Council and hopefully she will enjoy the job as much as I have. I would like to thank all of my Representatives who have all been very keen to help and hope that you will continue to support the new Representative. It does not follow that the Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch Representative will be the Beat 34 Cascade Manager because that is a Police appointment and totally up to PC Steve Rhodes who I would also like to thank for being in regular contact with me.

Well, Well, so what happened there then. My retirement never materialized and here I am again retiring fourteen years later.

It is my understanding that the new Clerk will also be dealing with NHW, the posting on the closed Facebook page, the email system, the website and the Village Welcome Pack.

Several weeks ago, I circularised the email system residents to ask if I could pass on their email addresses to the new Clerk. At the time of writing I have only received about 13 replies out of about 75. Please let me know if you have not replied.

I would like to thank all the residents for their kind comments and remind you all that without your input the NHW scheme does not function.

As to NHW, once again I have nothing to report. This is a good thing since it means we have very little crime in our Village.

I will remain your Responsible Finance Officer until at least 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and my position as Registrar of Burials is ongoing. The Cemetery is looking good and if you are thinking of purchasing a plot, please contact me for more information.

**Pam McMorrان..... NHW Coordinator**  
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This month's report from the Parish Council is being written by myself (Sue Pritchard) as I would like to pay tribute to Pam McMorran, as she relinquishes the Parish Clerk duties, and to welcome our new Parish Clerk, Hannah Shaw.

Pam is currently our Parish Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer and Registrar for Burials. She was previously on the Parish Council and had assisted Lydia with her duties during times of illness. Pam also set up and maintained our Village Website- a substantial task! Upon the retirement of our previous Clerk (Lydia Knott) Pam provided the continuity that was needed. As a serving Parish Councillor the rules required her to step down from the PC and she worked without pay for a year before being recruited to her current post. During this time PC business and finances were migrated to electronic operation and a member's area set up on the website for the Councillors to access, to facilitate such tasks as reviewing planning applications etc. We are extremely grateful for all the hard work that Pam has put in over the last three years, during which time the PC has extended our cemetery, upgraded equipment on the playing field and installed three VAS signs to attempt to reduce the speed of traffic in the Village. During this time the PC have also had to deal with the issues (and increased correspondence!) raised by the increased traffic and parking within the Parish due to the commercialisation of the Parks activities, as they sought to replace lost council funding. Pam – you will be hard act to follow!

Pam is remaining as our RFO and Registrar for Burials and will be working with Hannah Shaw who commences as Parish Clerk on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Hannah is active in Village life as the current Chair of Governors at the School and has previously been involved in PTA and 'Scarecrow' activities. Her previous experience in working for local government, and obvious enthusiasm will, I hope, lead to a successful and rewarding role in the Parish.

And so to news :-

**Bradgate Park Trust:** As I think we are all aware there have been changes in staffing at the Trust after the recent Elections of the Trustees. We are determined that the PC will continue to have an input to Trust policy as it has the potential to radically affect Newtown Linford and are waiting to hear who will represent the Trust at our PC meetings. We also await the detailed results of the Traffic Survey carried out by Leicestershire County Council during the Easter holiday period. In the meantime we would be extremely grateful if we can obtain as much response as possible to the Traffic Survey recently delivered to every house in the Parish (and published on our website and through our facebook page). If we are to work towards a 'whole village solution' to traffic issues we need to have the feedback from the whole Parish.

**Churchyard:** The frequency of cutting has been increased and additional weed control and trimming was provided via our contractors following discussions with the Church. We look forward to the development of the wildflower area where the Copper Beech was removed.

**Cemetery:-** The wetter weather this summer has been good for our newly planted trees. The meadow area has been recently cut for the hay and additional grass cuts in the extension area (where growth is more vigorous) have been carried out.

And finally congratulations to David Snartt (our borough councillor) as he has been elected Deputy Mayor of Charnwood.

**Sue Pritchard – Parish Council Chairman**

### **Useful Contact Details**

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**Pam McMorrán – R.F.O. and Registrar for Burials.**

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**Next Meeting Monday 16th September at 7.15pm Village Small Hall as normal**

### **How to contact the Police**

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