

# Newtown Linford Magazine

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# The Bradgate Team Parish



As I write this article we are half through the Festival Period known as Epiphany, which runs from the appearance of the Kings (celebrated on 6<sup>th</sup> January) to the presentation of Jesus in the temple (31<sup>st</sup> January this year). The dictionary defines Epiphany as

*'The sudden realisation or comprehension of the (larger) essence or meaning of something. The term is used to signify that the claimant has found the last piece of the puzzle and now sees the whole picture, or has new information or experience, often insignificant by itself, that illuminates a deeper or greater foundational frame of reference'.*

The Christian Epiphany refers specifically to the realisation of who Jesus actually is. The Three Kings or Wise Men arrive at the stable in Bethlehem with gifts of gold for a King, Frankincense to mark the presence of God and Myrrh for the anointing of those close to death. They clearly had brought meaningful gifts that give an insight as to who the baby in the manger is. This is followed by a celebration of Jesus' own baptism by John the Baptist during which God speaks and names him as his own dear son. Later in the month we also hear of Jesus calling his first disciples and their realisation that he was the Messiah, the promised one. We complete the season of Epiphany at the Festival of Candlemas when we mark the presentation of Jesus in the temple by Mary and Joseph according to the Jewish laws. During this event, Simeon and Anna recognise who the baby Jesus truly is.

To an incredible extent over the last six months, Sue and I have been blessed with a whole series of 'epiphany moments', as we have wrestled with the Bishop's invitation 'to explore a new ministry'. From an initial first conversation back at the end of June last year (the day after our Deanery re-organisation was implemented!), we rapidly dismissed all notion of moving, after all, we weren't looking to move, we are very happy here and there are lots of new thoughts and ideas for Ministry  
3 here. But, the real epiphany began one day in Ratby when someone

came up to me in the street and said how sad it was that we were leaving. I should point out that at this stage, only the Bishop, Sue and I, and the Archdeacon were aware of the possible move! God does work in mysterious ways and after this incident we began to think through things more seriously, and not with our brains, but with our hearts. What was God really calling us to do? Was it time to leave and offer our Ministry elsewhere? The more we prayed, the more affirmation we saw around us in terms of bible readings (Abraham features heavily, Genesis 12: 1 – 5, also Jeremiah 29: 11 - 13), things people said to us and messages that we have been given (so you are all implicated in this!). Through all of these we have been blessed with a real sense of God's presence. We can now clearly comprehend that we are being called to move and it is exciting to feel that God is touching our lives. However, that doesn't stop us feeling sad at leaving everyone behind.

Perhaps the overriding sentiment from this experience is that a Christian Epiphany is not just the period following on from Christmas but truly is when something significant happens in our lives and for a fleeting period we gain confirmation of God's greatness, his love for us, and most importantly, we receive direction in life. Epiphany is most definitely not just for Christmas but is something that can come to all of us at any time of the year. We just need to be open to receive it and most importantly, ready to act on it.

**Revd Peter**

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# VILLAGE DIARY

## February 2016

- 12th Farewell party for Peter Hooper  
13th Village Ramblers  
15th Parish Council Meeting  
23rd Gardening Club Trip  
24th The Bradgate Lectures

## March 2016

- 4th/5th Music of the Masters  
12th Brownies Rummage Sale  
14th Friends of Charnwood Forest

## Regular events

- |                                 |                                       |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday afternoon                | Mature Movers fitness class V. Hall   |
| Mondays 8pm at the Church       | Bell Ringing                          |
| 4th Tuesday of the month        | Gardening Club                        |
| 3rd Wednesday of the month      | Ladies Luncheon Club                  |
| Thursdays 11.15                 | Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall |
| Thursdays 6.30                  | Brownies, Sunday School Rooms         |
| 3rd Thursday                    | Gentlemen's Lunch Club                |
| Boules (will restart in Spring) | Phone 01530 245373 for more info      |

## Brownie News

On 12th November - all the Brownies were invited to try fencing.

We were told to wear tracksuits and trainers and had to listen carefully to our instructor.

We used foam fencing sticks and we had to wear a black body jacket that scored the number of times we were hit.

It was great fun and we giggled a lot

**Hattie Bresnihan, Aged 8**



# Coffee & Cake @ Newtown Linford Village Hall

Thursday Morning 11.15am - Free

All Welcome - All Ages



## February

4th - Mary & Wes Raynor  
11th - Pat & David Wood  
18th - Marlisse & Brenda Wheeler  
25th - Lesley Cook & Christine Anderson

## March

3rd - Amanda Sculthorpe & Vicky Lightfoot  
10th - Jo & Claire Costello  
17th - Betty Blythe & Christine Chlorton & School  
24th - Casey & Andrew Pearson  
31st - Angela Roach, Judy Rowe, Pam Mcmorran and Shirley Baxter

Please swap with someone else if you are unable to do your duty. Pass on the hall key to the next people on duty.

**An opportunity everyone to catch up on village news  
and activities and to meet your fellow neighbours**

Thank you to everyone who supported the group on 3rd December.  
The raffle (with incredible gifts that Alicia had got together) raised £550.

£500 has been given to Alicia for her grandson Ashton's physio sessions and £50 will be used for the purchase of tea and coffee for this year. Alicia was thrilled and Ashton is coming on in leaps and bounds.

Thank you to the School and all the children who came to entertain us with their Christmas Songs, a lovely start to Christmas.



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## REV PETER HOOPER

In February after just over six years of service in Newtown Linford Peter Hooper is moving on. He has accepted God's calling to take over as Area Dean for Framland and Priest in charge of Ab Kettleby with Holwell and Asfordby.

At moments like this it is nice to recall some of the many good things that have happened over the last six years with the help of Peters' leadership and guidance. It is no exaggeration to say people in all walks of life and of all ages have found Peter easy to get on with, sensitive to their needs and unfailingly helpful. Many of us reading this short tribute will be grateful for the one to one support he has given at important times in our own lives.



Although it may seem an obvious thing to say Peter has also been very good at his job so it is perhaps no surprise to note that most things from a Church perspective are now pointing in the right direction. Attendances at our Church Services have grown steadily and the Church is an ever more popular venue for weddings. As many of you will have noticed the Church is at long last undergoing the significant improvements it needs if it is to remain fit for purpose.

Peter has made many significant contributions to our day-to-day village life. He has always been a keen supporter of the Choral Society and a regular attendee of the Gentleman's Luncheon Club. At the Village School he is warmly welcomed whether simply as a friendly face dropping by or responding to an invitation to take morning assembly or attend a School Governors Meeting.

No one who came to the Christmas Eve services is likely to forget that Peter reminded us in the immortal words of Slade that "We should look to the future; it has only just begun"!

We hope both Peter and Sue will take away many happy memories of their time with us. They leave us in good heart and optimistic for the future. So go well with our love and thanks.

**Clive Rowe, Churchwarden**



You are invited to



**A FAREWELL PARTY FOR  
PETER AND SUE HOOPER**

**On Friday 12th February  
At 7pm**

In the Function Room at The Linford  
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Food will be Bring and Share, so if you can  
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A Salad  
A Pudding or Cheese

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Drinks can be purchased at the Bar

## Village Ramblers

'Seven hardy souls and two dogs set out in the rain for the December Village Walk on Saturday 12th. The start time had been brought forward to 11am due to the short daylight hours. We walked locally in Bradgate Park, returning at around 12.45 to The Bradgate to join nine others for lunch. We all enjoyed good food and good company, wished each other a Happy Christmas and looked forward to another year of village walks in 2016.'



Thank you to Lesley for leading the last walk on 9th January. 9 members plus 4 dogs enjoyed a route through Bradgate Park before retiring to Lesley's house for tea, cake and crumpets!

### The provisional programme for 2016 is as follows

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>LEADER</b>
13 February	Christine Hall/Penny Neaves
12 March	Toby & Felicity Manning
9 April	Penny Neaves
14 May	Joe & Claire Costello
11 June	Glenis Meredith/John Castle (Day Walk?)
9 July	All group?
13 August	Iris Sayer
10 September	Peter and Carolyn Lowe
8 October	Jan Croft
12 November	Sarah Fane-Forester
10 December	Ed Killick
14 January 2017	Lesley Baker







Unless otherwise notified, all walks depart from opposite the Village Hall at 2.00pm. New members are always welcome. All you need is a pair of walking boots and the ability to walk 4/5 miles. Well behaved dogs are also welcome but must be under the supervision of the owner and be on the lead wherever there is livestock or nesting birds.

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# RUMMAGE SALE

**NEWTOWN LINFORD BROWNIES**

**Saturday 12th March 2016**

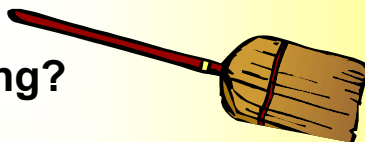
**1.30pm in the Village Hall**

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**Are you Spring Cleaning?**



If so and you are outting unwanted clothes and bric-a-brac - please remember we are having a rummage sale and would be very grateful for your surplus articles.

Village Hall doors will be open for dropping off rummage from 9.30am on date or sale, or collection can be arranged



**Hilary - Brown Owl.**



## News from the Park Waiting for Spring



It had seemed as though Winter would never properly arrive. In fact in early January we were discussing reducing the deer's daily feed ration as there was still grass to be eaten and the weather had not been that cold. Then the following Saturday night it snowed, although by Monday morning it had nearly all gone again so we really don't know what the weather is going to do next: by the time you read this we may be experiencing either blizzards or tropical sunshine.

Winter on the Park means the focus of the Rangers' work switches to deer management and woodland work. In the Park woodlands this year we are carrying out some thinning work in Dale Wood and also removing some of the large sycamore from Hunts Hill in order to open up the canopy and give the oak and beech some growing room. In Swithland Wood, we are starting work in White's Wood, one of the areas that we purchased in 2014, by restoring some of the neglected coppice and removing some of the silver birch to allow the sunlight to reach the woodland floor.

After several years of planning and preparation and, most importantly, fundraising, we are finally ready to start work on the extension and refurbishment of the Visitor Centre. The old exhibits have been stripped out by our own staff over the winter and those that still have some life left in them carefully put into storage. We are expecting the builder to start work in February, to be followed by the exhibition installation with the finished product be ready to be unveiled in June in time for the summer holidays.

As I write this, the 2016 events programme has just gone live on the website and the printed version should be on the shelves by the time you receive this Magazine. Devotees of our theatre evenings will be pleased to know that we are staging two productions this year: *Wuthering Heights* on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June and *Sherlock Holmes & the Hound of the Baskervilles* on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August. This year our theatre performances are starting at the earlier time of 5pm with gates opening as usual two hours in advance. New for this season is the Bradgate Proms Concert with the Bardi Wind Orchestra on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July. We are currently putting the finishing touches to the arrangements and tickets will be on sale soon.

be given by Dr Richard Thomas of the University of Leicester School of Archaeology on the findings of the first season of the Bradgate Field School. The lecture will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm and admission costs £2 for adults and £1 for children, students and OAPs.

Readers may have seen some of the publicity that we received in January around the issue of plastic bags and particularly the inappropriate disposal of dog poo bags. We are now giving a two-part message regarding what to do with your dog mess: on the lower parts of the Park, always bag it and bin it; on the upper areas, if you don't want to carry a full bag to the next bin (and there are fewer bins in these areas) then take a stick and flick the mess into the long grass or bracken where natural processes will take care of it. We need to put a stop to the recent trend of people bagging their dog's waste and then leaving the bag lying around or tied to a bush.

With Easter falling early this year, it won't be long until everyone comes out of hibernation and the summer season is underway once again.

**Peter Tyldesley**

## **'The Bradgate Lectures'**

The Bradgate Park Trust is proud to present Dr Richard Thomas, Reader in Archaeology at the University of Leicester & Director of the Bradgate Park Field School who will give a talk on



### ***'Bradgate Park Archaeological Field School: the First Season's Discoveries'***

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Newtown Linford Village Hall

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## **From the Records**

## **Village Parking**

In June 2005 I wrote an article for the Village Magazine about double yellow lines in our Village and as you all know, we are still having problems with visitor parking. The last line of the article caught my eye. "Visitors to Bradgate Park are requested to follow the signposts to the official designated car parks. The sequel to that is quite a story. Many people would rather park around the village than pay.

What many do not realise is that the Park was given but without funds towards it's upkeep. Originally the County and the City gave funds. Over the years it has got less and less and the Park needs to fund itself. The car parks are not on gifted land so charges can be made for parking . People do not want to pay so they cover the grass verges outside the car parks wherever possible which has resulted in yellow lines and posts on the surrounding rural roads.

To newer residents in the Village double yellow lines are part of living here. We resisted having them but people coming in cars took up more space than 76 on the hourly bus. The main street became blocked and the emergency services said we had to get it sorted. In May 1991 we were asked to inspect the plans for double (narrow) lines right through the village. It took twelve months for it to happen. There have been charges since then to try and sort out ..... Problems.

The latest problems are blue badge holders who park outside the Sunday School Rooms and Marion's Cottage. It is dangerous and they block the flow of cars into the Park. Grey Crescent suffers from blocked drives and the people who park on the yellow lines at the bottom near the School. Bradgate Road is not wide enough to cope with passing cars when others are parked there. Many a wing mirror has hit the dust and the list goes on.

This is all trying to cope with a honey pot beauty spot in 2016.

**Janet Neaverson**

### **Booking of Village Facilities**

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# BRADGATE GROUP SUNDAY SERVICES

## February 2016

DATE	NEWTOWN LINFORD	GLENFIELD
7th February		9.00am Holy Communion (PHarvey)
Sunday before Lent	10.30am Holy Communion (PH)	10.15am Morning Prayer (BH)
		6.30pm Evening Prayer (DD)
14th February	8.00am Holy Communion (LC)	
1st Sunday of Lent	10.30am Confirmation	10.15am Holy Communion (JAH)
		6.30pm Compline (GS)
21st February		9.00am Holy Communion (RT)
2nd Sunday of Lent	10.30am Holy Communion (RT)	10.15am Morning Prayer (BH)
		6.30pm Holy Communion (RT)
28th February	8.00am Holy Communion (RT)	
3rd Sunday of Lent	10.30am Morning Prayer (JW)	10.15am Holy Communion (RT)
		6.30pm Evening Prayer (RT)

### MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES—February

<b>NEWTOWN LINFORD</b>	Thur	9.30am	4th			
<b>GLENFIELD</b>	Wed	9.30am	3rd	10th		24th



# All Saints' Church Newtown Linford

## Forthcoming Events and Notices

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

A joint service is proposed this year at St Peter's Church Glenfield, starting at 7.45pm. It will be preceded by a simple supper of soup and bread and cheese in the Glenfield Church Centre at 7pm for those who wish to join. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to bring anything with you, but if anyone has a slow-cooker and would like to bring some home-made soup, then please contact Doreen Denney (Glenfield Church Warden) on 0116 233 8604 at least a week before.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

### **Confirmation Service**

Bishop Christopher will once again be joining us at Newtown Linford for a Sunday morning Confirmation service on the 14<sup>th</sup> February. If you are interested in being confirmed or would like to know more about it, then please have a word with Revd Peter

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

### **Licensing Date**

The date for Richard's collation has now been fixed and will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm at Glenfield Church. This will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre, and we are looking for any volunteers who may be willing to bake a cake for the occasion. (Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of Church).

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

### **Welcome Lunch for Revd Richard**

It is the intention at St Peter's, Glenfield, to have a 'Bring and share' lunch on the 21<sup>st</sup> February at 12.30pm to welcome Revd. Richard and Ruth and they would like to invite all at Newtown Linford to join in. Details will follow, but please mark the date in your diary.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Revd Richard Trethewey's first service at Newtown will be the 10.30am Communion on the 21<sup>st</sup> February. Villagers and Parishioner are welcome to come and join him for coffee afterwards.

# CHURCH REGISTER NEWTOWN LINFORD



## **Weddings**

None

## **Baptisms**

None

## **Funerals**



### **Newtown Linford**

*21st December ~ Alec Edwin Toon ~ formerly of Manor Care Home, Leicester*

*15th January ~ Charlie North, formerly of Main Street, Newtown Linford*

*21st January ~ John Ivan Newcombe, formerly of Bracken Hill, Newtown Linford*

*25th January ~ Margaret Henderson, formerly of Cedar House, Rothley*

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.

## **Church Contact Details**

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Team Vicar Revd Louise Corke 0116 231 3090  
58 Pymm Ley Lane, Groby  
Email: words.th@talktalk.net

Parish Office: Bekki Williamson (9am - 11am weekdays)  
0116 239 3768 Email: office@bradgateteam.org.uk

**Regular Events** - Bell ringer's practice: Monday 8pm

## Friends of Charnwood Forest

There was a capacity attendance last night, 18th January, at Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall to hear a talk by Michael Jeeves, Head of Conservation at Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust, on "Charnwood Forest, a living landscape".

Mr Jeeves gave a fascinating talk, copiously illustrated by colour photographs, tracing the Forest from its volcanic origins, 600 million years ago, to the present day. He showed how the landscape had developed, particularly in the last 6000 years. He dealt with the growth of population, from the first hunter-gatherers, through the development of farming and the Enclosures at the end of the 18th century.

He was particularly interested in the vast range of wildlife, from wolves and aurochs to the wild animals and birds of today. He had many beautiful pictures of flowers and trees within the Forest today.

Chairman Paul Day thanked Mr Jeeves for his fascinating talk and announced that the Friends of Charnwood Forest were providing new information boards for the Trust's sites at Charnwood Lodge and Lea Meadows.

The evening concluded with wine and nibbles whilst the members circulated to discuss the talk with each other and our speaker.

*Further information from Peter Bertram 01162100572.*

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The Grey Lady



The Grey Lady is nestled in Newtown Linford in the heat of Charnwood Forest overlooking Bradgate Park yet less than 20 minutes from Leicester, set in over three acres, it has an enviable outside drinking and dining area overlooking the forest.

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*Advance notice(1). There will be a talk on Fracking on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Details later.*

*Advance notice(2). There will be a visit to Ulverscroft Woods and Herbert's Meadow led by Neil Pilcher of Leicester & Rutland Wildlife Trust on 8<sup>th</sup> June. Details later.*



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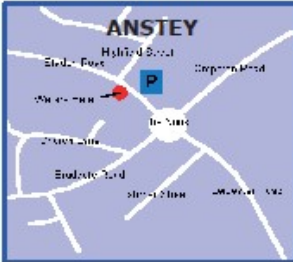
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The warm weather and the huge amount of rain has turned traditional winter gardening on its head. Many of our members have snowdrops in flower and bulbs of all kinds are pushing through the earth long before we normally see them. We dread to think what a hard frost will do to them should we get one. However we can all enjoy a more colourful January this year so it's not all doom and gloom.

On 23rd February we go on a trip to John's Garden near Dudley and we hope the weather will be kind. We visited John's Garden and the adjacent Nursery a year or two ago and were very taken by the garden and the wonderful Nursery alongside it. We went in August last time and discovered that in February the hellebores are truly wonderful and that is the reason for going at this time. Ashwood Nurseries specialise in hellebores and we will be able to go behind the scenes and see how they do it all. Last time we went our members bought so many plants that the bus's luggage compartments were completely filled. There is also an excellent restaurant where we are able to buy lunch.

Our meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March welcomes Andy McIndoe of Hillier's Nurseries, who have won a total of 70 Chelsea Gold Medals for their exhibits. Hillier's Nurseries are probably the most famous Garden Nursery in the country and we are delighted that Andy is coming to our Village. We are inviting visitors to join us on this occasion and tickets for the event will be £10. They can be obtained from the Secretary and we hope some readers will come and join us on this special occasion.

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 email [01530242452@talktalk.net](mailto:01530242452@talktalk.net)),

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

**Anne and David Couling**



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



Crime over the last few weeks is as follows:- A car was stolen from Main Street but I believe it was recovered fairly quickly, although a few days later it had a window smashed. I do not think there was anything stolen. Work lights and coffee was stolen from a property under renovation on Roecliffe Road. A horse box was stolen from Ulverscroft Lane and there were various reports from residents and even a photograph with helpful information. I have not heard whether it was recovered.

P.C.S.O. Steven Quinn has now left and we have not heard whether another P.C.S.O. will be appointed. P.C. Leye Price is still our Beat Beacon Officer. The Parish Council has once again pointed out that they would like to see more Police attendance at our Parish Council meetings. They attended four times early in 2015. Our meetings nearly always clash with the Rothley Parish Council meeting and in the past officers used to dash between the two but they are no longer able or willing to do this. Another problem is the lack of Police vehicles. Officers are no longer allowed to use their own vehicle and claim expenses.

We have booked Speedwatch again for 2016. I appeal as always for volunteers to help.

Pam McMorran  
NHW Co-ordinator – [pam@riverlyn.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:pam@riverlyn.freeserve.co.uk)  
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### How to contact the Police

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If you wish also advise our NHW coordinator who will circulate if appropriate. The Beat Team can no longer respond directly

## John and Betty Patrick celebrated their Diamond Wedding on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016



We were married at Newtown Linford Church in 1956 (it teemed with rain that day) and we went to live in the house that Charlie Abell built for us with his carpenter Eric Buthaway who lived next door to us and Wilf, Eric's brother, the bricklayer who lived 4 doors away. You can't be more local than that.

We have really enjoyed life in the Village and long may it continue.

We would like to thank everyone who has sent cards and good

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Our meetings will consist of an hour of informal friendly discussion, and are open to all ages and abilities'. We are delighted to have the support of LASU, (Leicestershire Adult Schools Union) and we hope to provide a platform for individuals to share ideas and knowledge in a supportive and stimulating way!".

For more information and to book a place, please contact Activities Coordinator Helen Baxter on 01530 244914 or email [hello@shuttlewood-clarke.org](mailto:hello@shuttlewood-clarke.org)  
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recently informing us the work would be carried out. The bollards on both sides of the road outside the School and by the Bradgate continue to be knocked down at an alarming rate. At the time of writing Highways has promised to come and replace two. We may not get wooden posts this time due to the cost. The Council is aware that many residents are unhappy over the amount of badly parked cars. The situation continues to get worse. Much discussion has taken place at Council meetings and with David Snartt our Borough and County Councillor. He will seek the advice of the experts at County Hall on our behalf who hopefully will come up with a miraculous solution.

**Parish Councillors:** Congratulations goes to Councillor Dr. Sue Pritchard upon obtaining her Doctorate in December.

**Parish Council website.** Our website Administrator Councillor Pam McMorran continues to update the site regularly and hopefully you as residents find the information useful. Please remember to submit all Village events and items of interest to her for insertion.

The next meeting will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February and the following two on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April. All meetings are at 7 p.m. in the small room of the Village Hall.

Everyone welcome.

**Lydia Knott**

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Newtown Linford Choral Society

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Tickets are now on sale for our "Music of the Masters" Concert in Ratby Church on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March and are available from The Post Office Stores, Newtown Linford, Peter Sayer 01530 243822 and any member of the Choir

**Iris Sayer**

### Contributions to Village Magazine

Can we have your contributions for the **March 2016** issue by **15th February 2016** please. **Send to the Editor, Carole Heubeck, 5 Grey Crescent, Newtown Linford (01530 244790).**

**E-mail [heubeck111@btinternet.com](mailto:heubeck111@btinternet.com)**

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