

CARLTON NEWS

February 2020

Pancake Party

Our annual pancake party will be held at Bumble Cot, Shackerstone Walk, on Shrove Tuesday, 25th February, at 7pm.

A wide variety of pancakes will be served. There is no charge but donations for the Friends of Saint Andrew's, for the upkeep of the Church fabric, will be gratefully be received. Everyone is welcome, so if you would like to join us please ring 292542.

Pat & Murray Lockwood

Spring Clean Litter Pick

Please join our band of enthusiastic pickers on Sunday 15th March, to clear the litter that has accumulated in the parish and along the roads to neighbouring villages. Grabbers and sacks will be provided and prizes awarded as usual for the most interesting, most useful and most disgusting finds.

Meet at 10am at The Gate Hangs Well or on Carlton Green. If you prefer to help on a different day, or to do a particular stretch by yourself, please let me know - we can provide equipment and arrange for your pickings to be collected. Please, however, leave the stretch from The Gate to Bufton and the Green to Lineage Farm for the pickers on the day.



Group mascot Orinoco Womble

*Irene Peat Chairman
Keep Carlton Tidy Group, Tel 290934*

Carlton Gardening Group

You are invited to attend the AGM of the CGG at 3 Main St on Thursday 19th March at 7.30 pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the work carried out in 2019, plan the work programme for 2020, and elect officers. Agenda papers will be sent to members nearer the time and will also be published on the Parish Council website.

During 2019, members of the Group have spent 65.5 man-hours on grounds maintenance and construction work in the Parish, mostly in the Diamond Jubilee Orchard and Churchyard. It is good fun to work outdoors with a group of like-minded villagers and satisfying to make a difference to the local environment.

Why not give it a try?

Chris Peat (Secretary)

Speed and traffic monitoring - latest results

Our speed indicator device (SID) monitored westbound vehicles in the middle of Main St from 15th to 25th October. During this period the average number of vehicles per day was 694 on weekdays and 633 over the week as a whole. The average speed was 27.7 mph, and the 85th percentile speed was 33.6 mph. The highest speed recorded was 55 mph at 06:35 hrs on 17th October.

The SID was then turned around to monitor eastbound vehicles from 18th - 27th November. During this period the average number of vehicles per day was 721 on weekdays and 642 over the week as a whole. The average speed was 27.5 mph and the 85th percentile speed was 33.0 mph. The highest speed recorded was 55mph at 18:15 hrs on 21st November.

The figures reported above are for selected time periods, because heavy rainstorms generated spurious data. Detailed information about this problem can be found in Report 2020-01 on the Parish Council website.

Congestion has been caused by contractor's vehicles and building site traffic in the western part of Main St. The Parish Council asked for temporary traffic lights or the installation of a temporary *No Waiting* area to create a passing place, but both requests were refused by County Highways. The Parish Council appreciates the efforts made by the builders concerned to minimise disruption, but some delays are inevitable. Could I ask everyone to please exercise patience and forbearance, and to avoid the works area if possible.

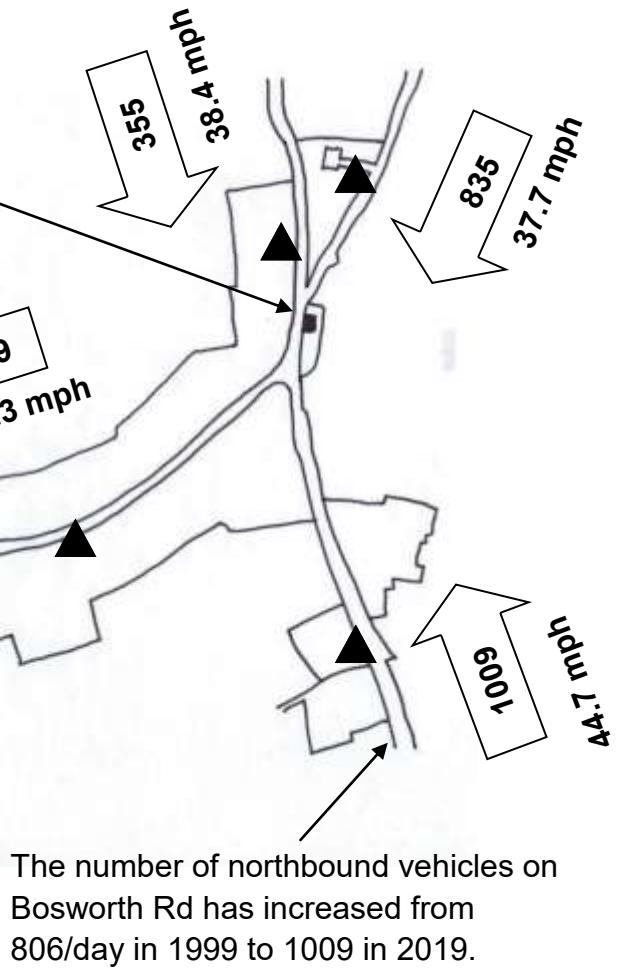
Parish Clerk

Traffic in Carlton - review

The number of southbound vehicles passing the Gate Hangs Well has increased from 1030/day in 2006 to 1190 in 2019.

The number of westbound vehicles in Main St has increased from 507/day in 2006 to 769 in 2019.

The number of eastbound vehicles in Main St has increased from 459/day in 2006 to 700 in 2019.



The number of northbound vehicles on Bosworth Rd has increased from 806/day in 1999 to 1009 in 2019.

The numbers in the big arrows above show the average number of vehicles on a weekday on each of the approaches to the village and along Main Street. The speeds under each arrow are the average 85th percentile speeds recorded. These figures come from the Parish Council's own SID which has now been deployed for two separate periods on a street lighting column in each of the five locations marked by a solid triangle.

The SID is now being turned around so as to measure the number of vehicles and their speed in the other direction at each point. Earlier comparative counts of vehicle numbers have been compiled from surveys carried out by other organisations using different equipment. Full information can be found in Report 2020-02 on the Parish Council's website.

85th percentile speed is a standard measure used by the Police and Highways and is the speed of the 85th vehicle if the speed of 100 vehicles is measured and listed from low to high.

Neighbourhood Watch Group

There were 6 reported crimes in Carlton from September to November: 1 vehicle crime, 3 x violence and/or sexual offence, 1 burglary and 1 other crime. If you want to be included on the monthly circulation of local reported crime and NHW update please email me.

Bosworth Beat Team

Our local Beat Team have reported many calls about vehicles and flooding over the winter period. The Carlton bridge remains a favourite spot to be marooned and towed out. Best to add a few minutes to your journey by driving round rather than risk it during flooding.

NHW National Update

Cybercrime now feels like more of a threat than physical crime for a rising number of households across England and Wales, with more people either falling victim personally, or knowing someone who has been a victim of online theft, according to research from over 14,000 Neighbourhood Watch members. The research, carried out in conjunction with Avast, a cybersecurity leader in the UK, found that those who believe cybercrime is less of a threat than physical crime are firmly in the minority (15%).

In response, Neighbourhood Watch and Avast are announcing a new partnership called 'Cyberhood Watch' to tackle these fears and providing online cybersecurity awareness courses to help inform and protect 2.3 million households across England and Wales. The Cyberhood Watch initiative <https://www.avast.com/uk-cyberhood> is a response to the growing challenge that cybercrime poses to local communities who often don't have a ready resource for information on keeping themselves safe from the latest scams. The research highlighted a general lack of confidence in talking about cybercrime experiences within the community, and in understanding the best methods of online protection. Cybercrime can affect anyone - young or old via PC's, mobile phones or landlines. In experiments even internet savvy, tech experts had their data easily stolen via mobile phones, social media and their online presence.

Update those firewalls and privacy settings, don't give your data away and be wary of all spoof emails, texts and calls.

Rosi Yule, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, Tel: 292212
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A New Community Space for Carlton

As most of us already know there is no community hall or community space in Carlton. We have a wonderful pub, newly refurbished, but there is nowhere else for us to meet and talk, or for groups, meetings and activities. We are trying to put this right.

St Andrew's Church is in the heart of Carlton and many of us think we should make more use of it. So, we have created a project on the back of a wish from Carlton residents in the 2011 Parish Plan to create a community space, kitchen and toilet in St Andrew's. As part of the project we will also level up the path into the church to improve access for the elderly, the disabled and for parents with pushchairs.

Before we can start the building work though we needed to obtain planning permission, as well as permission from the Church of England. This is in hand. Some of you may recently have noticed some digging in the churchyard. This had the dual purpose of ensuring that there were no significant archaeological remains near the church (there weren't) and to check on the soil type to inform the design of the foundations for a small extension to house a kitchen and toilet.

Fund raising for the project has been underway for many years, led by the Friends of St Andrew's Group. I got involved in the project more recently after my retirement from the NHS in 2018, when several kind friends in Carlton found me something useful to do with my spare time!

Apart from the funds we have raised ourselves in Carlton, we also have a grant from Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and a generous offer from AR Demolition, who have offices in Carlton, to support the groundwork. However, we are still about £90,000 short of our target, so I am still applying to other funders. If you would like to make a donation to support this new community space for us all, please make it to the Friends of St Andrew's (and I would be happy to pass your donation on to them).

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me, either around and about in Carlton, or at - rgarnold1@gmail.com

*Robin Arnold
Carlton Parochial Church Council & Project Lead*



Awards of up to £200

The Trustees of Carlton Charity Lands have entered into an agreement for the rental of the two fields with Friezeland Farm Christmas Tree Farm. The new agreement runs for ten years and provides increased income to the Charity.

Beginning at the March 2020 meeting, the Trustees have agreed to increase the maximum award that can be made by £50 to the sum of £200. The Trustees will meet on 18th March 2020 to consider any applications that have been received. Applications must be submitted by 4th March 2020.

If you are, or you know of, a young person aged from 16 to 23 years, who is in, or planning to go into Further Education or training and would benefit from the Charity Lands' help then please encourage them to apply. Retrospective applications will be considered for expenditure that has been incurred since the Trustees' previous meeting, in this case, 21st November 2019.

Carlton Charity Lands distributes the annual rental income from two fields in the Parish of Carlton in the form of financial assistance to young people at the early stages of their careers. Grants are made to help with the costs of apprenticeships, buying books, equipment, fees, travel costs and starting a business.

Successful applicants, who will receive up to a maximum of £200, must provide proof of purchase before monies are released. When an award is made, the applicant may not apply for another award until twelve months have elapsed from the date of the initial award. For an Application Form and further details please call 01455 290733, or email madraifan@aol.com.

Hazel Davenport (Chairperson)

The Gate Hangs Well Quiz Nights

In 2019 we continued to hold many successful quiz nights at The Gate, culminating in our Christmas Special in December. The attendance was circa 55 persons and we were pleased to support our chosen charity for the month, Rotary Club of Market Bosworth, by contributing £55. The winning team OFC + Xmas kindly donated their prize money, which often happens at The Gate. In fact, over the whole year the nights have generated around £400 for various charities. The quiz is now in its 7th year: if you have never been before it would be great to see you. It is a fun night, not meant to be too serious and you don't need to be a mastermind!

Quizmaster Dave and Assistant Liz



The Gate 2012

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Churchyard wall – is being monitored. In the twelve months before 25th November 2019 the top of the wall has tilted an additional 12-18mm from vertical. The churchyard is now completely saturated, with groundwater seeping from the banks onto the church path. It will be interesting to see whether the wall moves back again when the ground dries out.

Churchyard yew trees – were overhanging the neighbouring property and have been cut back by the Gardening Group.

Jitty – between Main Street and Bosworth Road has been cleared of overhanging vegetation by the adjacent landowners.

Cemetery paths - quotations have been considered and a grant application submitted for repairs to the existing paths and an extension to serve the next area to be used for burials.

Budget – the Parish Council's budget and precept for 2020-21 have been agreed: details can be found on the PC website.

Local Plan – the Consultation Draft of the new local plan is scheduled for publication in late Spring or Summer 2020.

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Christmas thanks

Thank you to all those who helped decorate the village Christmas Tree and joined us for the tree lighting and visit from Santa. Donations of £108.55, were made to The Friends of St. Andrew's. The Christmas Coffee Morning raised £407.50 for the Church, thanks to everyone who supported the event. Many thanks to everyone who helped make our Christingle such a success. £200.00 was raised for the Children's Society to help with their work with children and families.

Pat & Murray Lockwood

Christmas Tree

Festive times were had at the Carlton Christmas tree light switch on! Back at the beginning of December, the jolly season was kicked off by enjoying mulled wine and delicious treats, supplied by our generous community! Carols were sung and children played around the eye-catching Christmas tree. There was even a surprise visit by Father Christmas who gave out gifts for the children. Overall a merry time was had thanks to the many generous people that gave up their time to ensure that this delightful evening was the perfect start to the festive season.

Although the decorations are now down and Christmas trees are gone we can all start looking forward to this years' Carlton community events.

James Brockhurst

Dates for Your Diary

Every Friday - Coffee Morning at The Gate Hangs Well, 11am

February

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| 9 th Sun | 9am Communion at St Andrew's Church |
| 12 th Wed | 7.30pm Carlton Parish Council meeting, St Andrew's Church |
| 19 th Wed | 8pm Quiz at The Gate Hangs Well |
| 23 rd Sun | 9am Communion at St Andrew's Church |
| 25 th Tues | 7pm Pancake Party at Bumble Cot |

March

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| 4 th Wed | Closing date for applications to the Carlton Charity Lands |
| 8 th Sun | 9am Communion at St Andrew's Church |
| 11 th Wed | 7.30pm Carlton Parish Council meeting, St Andrew's Church |
| 15 th Sun | 10am Litter-pick start from The Gate or Carlton Green |
| 18 th Wed | 8pm Quiz at The Gate Hangs Well |
| 19 th Thurs | 7.30pm Carlton Gardening Group AGM, 3 Main Street |
| 22 nd Sun | 9am Communion at St Andrew's Church |

April

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| 8 th Wed | 7.30pm Carlton Parish Council meeting, St Andrew's Church |
| 12 th Sun | 9am Communion EASTER DAY at St Andrew's Church |
| 15 th Wed | 8pm Quiz at The Gate Hangs Well |
| 21 st Tues | Copy date for May issue of Carlton News – contact Mandie Editor |
| 26 th Sun | 9am Communion at St Andrew's Church |

May

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| 13 th Wed | 7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting, St Andrew's Church, to be followed by
Annual Meeting of Carlton Parish Council |
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Emergency contact numbers

Dial 999 and ask for Police, Fire or Ambulance if there is immediate danger or a crime is being committed. If a cardiac arrest is suspected the ambulance service will give you the code to access the community defibrillator. Ring 05603-680-268 for a volunteer to bring the community defibrillator to you.

Crimes are best reported on-line at www.leics.police.uk/report-online. The alternative is to ring 101, but be aware that this service can be very slow. Individual officers can be contacted by voicemail by ringing 101 and then quoting their collar number.

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