

# CARLTON NEWS

**May 2019**

## **Carlton Scarecrow Trail – 3pm 21<sup>st</sup> June to 6pm 26<sup>th</sup> June**

Why not have a go and support our first village Scarecrow Trail, the theme is *MOVIES*. Forms available from The Gate Hangs Well or from [carltonscarecrow@gmail.com](mailto:carltonscarecrow@gmail.com). Entries £5.00. All scarecrows will be located on a map with a cryptic quiz. Proceeds to The Harley Staples Cancer Trust.

## **Gate Hangs Well Beer & Gin Festival 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June**

Following the success of last years' festival the GHW will be holding another fun filled weekend. Friday night will see the Jockey Door offering their usual delicious hot food options, on Saturday a Classic Car Exhibition, face painting etc. followed by music from *Waxies Dargle*. Sunday will see BJ The Clown plus lots more TBC – see the Facebook page for more information closer to the date. There will be an excellent selection of craft beers and ales available as well as a fine selection of gins to tantalise the taste buds!

*Mandie, Editor*

## **Market Bosworth Festival - June 7<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>**

There is a great line up of theatre, music, arts and crafts and free family entertainment at the 2019 Summer Festival, full details in the printed programme which is inside the May edition of The Graphic and is available now on our website – [www.bosworthfestival.co.uk](http://www.bosworthfestival.co.uk) Tickets are available in the library and at Michaelmas House or online. We were delighted to win the Leicestershire Promotions Tourism and Hospitality Awards for our Big Weekend in 2018 and this year we think the programme is even better. So do come along and support your local festival.

*Liz Alun-Jones*  
*Chair Market Bosworth Festival*

# Carlton Fete ..... coming soon to a village near you

When: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019 Time: 13:00 – 16:00

Where: The Green, Shackerstone Walk

together with the Annual Horticultural & Produce Show in St Andrew's Church

Please stop what you are doing and mark this fantastic day on your calendar. As well as asking for your attendance, as always we are asking villagers for donations for any of the following:

Books  
Raffle prizes

Toys  
Full bottles

Pre-loved items  
Cakes, bakes, preserves and jam



Teas and entertainment at Carlton Fete 2018

This year will feature something new as we run a *Me and my Mutt* competition. Simply match up the picture of the dog with their owner. It should be great fun. Watch this space for more details on how to enter. Helpers are required to run stalls on the day – if you are available please let Pat Lockwood know at least a week before the 24<sup>th</sup> August. Tents will be erected on the green on the evening of 22<sup>nd</sup> August and then taken down the day following the fete – please do come along if you can help with putting up or taking down the tents.

As always, we've a great mix of music, games, fitness challenges and a few special surprises to make sure you have an afternoon to remember. Why not treat yourself to a little tippie and sit back and enjoy the entertainment.

We will be auctioning off the award winning fresh produce from the Horticultural Show in the early evening whilst enjoying some fish and chips. All will be welcome to join us.

Thanks for supporting this great event which raises much needed funds for the church.

**Louise Martindill**

# Please do not park on pavements

- doing so could force a vulnerable pedestrian onto the road.

This is simply a matter of common sense and courtesy for those around us.

The bottom line is that **IT IS AN OFFENCE** to drive on a pavement and **IT IS AN OFFENCE** to block pedestrian access on a pavement.



Recent examples of pavement parking

## The Gate Hangs Well

As most of you are aware, the Gate Hangs Well will be undergoing some major alterations shortly. Plans can be seen inside the pub: exciting times!

### Food offerings

A new menu will be available on Wednesdays and Saturdays – please take a look at the Facebook page for menu options. Thursdays will have the Jockey Door offering delicious burgers etc, with Saturdays having the fish and chip van at apx 7pm. On Sundays a roast dinner menu is available.

*Mandie, Editor*

## Message in a Bottle Scheme

This is a simple and effective way for anyone to keep their emergency and contact details where they can be found quickly and easily by the responding services – in the fridge.

In the event that the emergency services are called to your home they are trained to look for two green stickers – one on the inside of your front door and the other on your fridge. These will alert them to the bottle and its potentially life-saving contents.

Bottles and full instructions are available free of charge from me or can be collected from the church.

*Parish Clerk*



The message bottle

## New permissive path and access to woodland

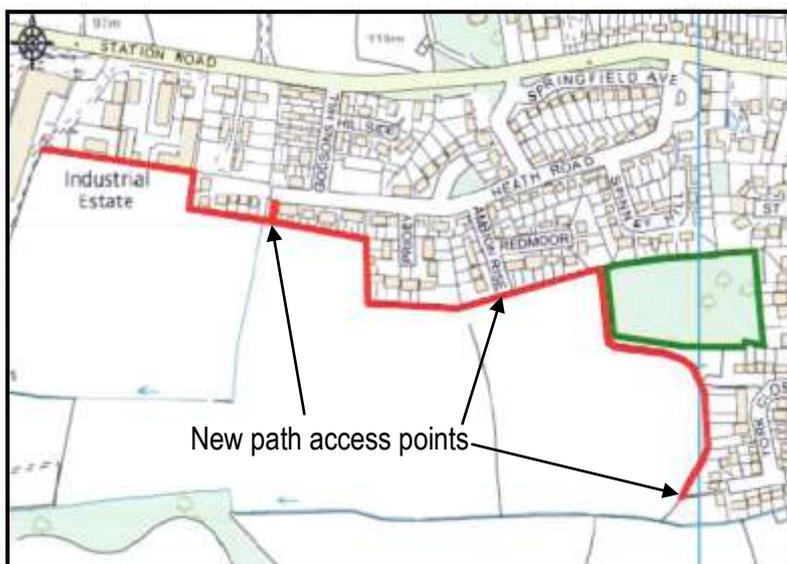
A new permissive path has been opened in Market Bosworth and runs from the end of York Close along the back of built development to Ambion Rise and the western end of Heath Road. The square woodland behind Spinney Hill has also been made open for public access. There are maps at each access point.

For local walkers seeking variety, this has enabled a circular walk from Back Lane across the golf course to the Ashby Canal – Station Rd – Godson's Hill – Heath Rd – new footpath to York Cl – Stanley Rd – Warwick Lane, with the option of finishing with a loop round Bosworth Park.

*Chris Peat*



In the spinney



# Neighbourhood Watch Group

There were 7 reported crimes in Carlton during December, none in January and 2 in February. These were the 6 Christmas Eve shed break ins/burglaries and 1 violence and/or sexual offence, 1 burglary and 1 vehicle crime. We don't yet have the figures for later months although we are aware of a theft of large front gates in March. If you want to be added to the Carlton monthly NHW email circulation please let me know - remember, you may be able to get a discount on your home insurance where a local NHW scheme exists.

At a recent Police Forum we were told that thefts of keyless entry vehicles were on the increase - thieves now have equipment that can scan inside your house for these devices and use the code to unlock your car and drive it away. Key blockers and defender pouches to prevent this happening are widely available. Another common problem is to accidentally unlock your car by unintentionally pressing the key when unlocking your front door, taking shopping into your house or putting the key into a bag or pocket. CCTV has shown opportunistic thieves trying each door along a row of parked cars - when they find one unlocked it only takes a few seconds to remove any potentially valuable items.

It is also important to report relatively minor offences - for example, you may not think it worth reporting a theft of number plates, but the stolen plates can be put on a stolen car which is then used to carry out a serious offence. Knowing about the stolen plates could give the police a lead in a major inquiry.

Leicestershire Police will be at Greenacres Garden Centre in Stapleton between 12 noon and 1 pm on Saturday 18th May 2019. The event is a great opportunity to meet your Local Beat officers and discuss any local issues or concerns you may have.

Our local beat team have reported: *"Across the Bosworth beat area crime is down by 4% and February 2019 saw rural crime on the area drop to the lowest reported level since February 2017. In the Bosworth area you are now 29% less likely to be a victim of a burglary than a year ago and the likelihood of your vehicle being broken into on our patch is down by 26%."*

The change is put down to a number of things: *"We have been reaching out via Facebook and other platforms to share crime prevention advice and alert you early to any increase in crime. Without doubt by making sure your doors and window are locked, not leaving valuable items on display in your cars and finally by neighbourhoods watching out for each other, disturbing people when they suspect they are up to no good or contacting police to report suspicious behaviour, providing us with registration numbers and other useful information. Remember criminals don't like attention and if they feel they are being watched they are likely to walk away. They can often be very lazy and won't waste time attacking a house or car if it's locked or there is nothing they can see of value inside."*

**Rosi Yule, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator,**

## Bosworth Road - Speed and Signs

The Parish Council's proposal to extend the 30 mph speed limit on Bosworth Road by 75m has been withdrawn and other options are being investigated. There are two reasons for this.

Firstly, County Highways has now adopted more stringent rules for highway signage, which are much closer to national guidelines. This means that 30 mph signs and speed limits will in future only be installed where there is built development on both sides of the road. County Highways did offer to install a 40 mph buffer zone near Park View Farm, but this would have extended up to near Windyridge and would have meant an increase in the speed limit for the cluster of homes at the bottom end of Bosworth Road.

Secondly, the PC would also have been charged the full cost of any works, including £500 for site inspection and design and £7,500 for the legal and advertising costs of making a modified Traffic Management Order. Even if the proposed 40 mph buffer zone had been acceptable, the likely total cost of the scheme could not be justified.

As part of a response to a recent consultation from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, the PC has suggested that the required legal processes for making Orders should be reviewed with the objective of reducing the costs for all concerned.

*Parish Clerk*

## Pancake Party

40 people enjoyed a variety of savoury and sweet pancakes this year. Many thanks to those who made the pancakes and to everyone who helped and supported the event - £521.10 was donated to *The Friends of St. Andrew's* and this money will be put towards maintaining the fabric of the church.

*Murray Lockwood*



Pruning holly trees and clearing brambles in the churchyard - see over

## Carlton Gardening Group

The AGM of the Group was held on 20<sup>th</sup> March: the minutes of this meeting can be found on the PC website. During 2018, members of the Group had provided 82.5 hours of voluntary labour maintaining the green spaces in our village.

A revised mowing regime has created a neater appearance in the Diamond Jubilee Orchard and has reduced the volume of hay generated by the wildflower meadow areas. The hedges have been trimmed and weed growth has been controlled in the woodland areas. A balance has to be struck by allowing some weeds to flower and produce seed for the benefit of the wildlife. The long drought over the summer led to the death of one fruit tree, three of the hedgerow oaks and some holly hedging, and these trees and whips have now been replaced.



Winter tidy-up in the Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard

2019 began with good displays of snowdrops and crocuses, followed by scattered native daffodils in the grass areas. At the time of writing there are fritillaries and cowslips in flower in the meadow areas, and wood anemones and primroses among the trees, with wild garlic and bluebells coming on.

Shrubs and trees in the churchyard have been pruned, invasive brambles removed, and cyclamen planted. The dead flowering cherry tree near the church gate was removed, together with a diseased rowan tree. A small section of grass bank along the church path was re-graded and turfed as an experiment, which has worked well. The remaining banks are to be given a similar makeover, possibly later this year.

Work was also carried out in Little Lane and on Carlton Green, and working parties were generously supplied with cakes and tea by our dedicated support team. Do come and join us if you enjoy working in the open air and would like to contribute to the village environment.

***Chris Peat (Secretary)***

## Speed and traffic monitoring

Our mobile Speed Indicator Device (or SID) was operational on Nailstone Road from 21<sup>st</sup> January to 25<sup>th</sup> February. During this period 27,870 vehicles were counted heading into the village. The average number of vehicles per day was 887 on weekdays and 776 over each week as a whole. The average speed was 31.5 mph, and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was 37.3 mph. The highest speed recorded was 70 mph at 06:55 hrs on 10<sup>th</sup> February.

The SID was moved to lighting column 18 in Main Street on 25<sup>th</sup> February and remained there until 8<sup>th</sup> April. During this period 29,043 vehicles were counted heading towards the church. The average number of vehicles per day was 844 on weekdays, and 796 during the week as a whole. The average speed was 26.4 mph, and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was 33.0 mph. The highest speed recorded was 60 mph at 06:35 hrs on 27<sup>th</sup> March.

The SID has now been operational at each of the five approved sites, and the average number of vehicles heading into the village on each working day is:

Barton Road	334
Bosworth Road	1003
Congerstone Lane	681
Nailstone Road	887

The figures above were collected at different times of the year, and include holiday periods, but do indicate the relative amount of traffic on these routes into the village

*Parish Clerk*

## School readers

Can you spare an hour or two a week to listen to children read in a local primary school?

Schoolreaders is looking for more volunteers in Leicestershire to listen to children read in local primary schools.

Reading time for many children at home and at school is often insufficient and according to Government statistics, one in four children are now leaving primary school unable to read to the expected standard. This can have a lifelong consequence.

Schoolreaders is flexible and aims to match your availability to an appropriate, local school. No qualifications are necessary, just a good command of spoken and written English and a commitment of one year is requested. Our volunteers find the scheme incredibly rewarding, knowing that a few hours helping a child learn to read each week can have such a great impact on their life chances.

Please visit the website [www.schoolreaders.org](http://www.schoolreaders.org) to join or call 01234 924111 for further information.



The rubbish collected March 2019

## Spring Clean Litter Pick – 17<sup>th</sup> March

24 volunteers took part in the Annual Litterpick, and we were pleased to welcome Maureen Cook, our Borough Councillor, to the team. We managed to clear all the roads leading to neighbouring villages, and although there was less rubbish than in previous years, the pile still measured 1.6 cubic metres. Prizes were awarded as usual.

The most interesting finds were seven frying pans, a baking tin, and a box of toys, and the most useful finds were a pair of spectacles with only one lens broken and an ice scraper. The most disgusting finds were a soggy mouldy muddy roll of carpet and a nappy.

Thanks to all the pickers, and thanks also to the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Clean Neighbourhoods Team for the loan of equipment, and for arranging collection of this rubbish.

*Irene Peat, Chairman Keep Carlton Tidy Group*



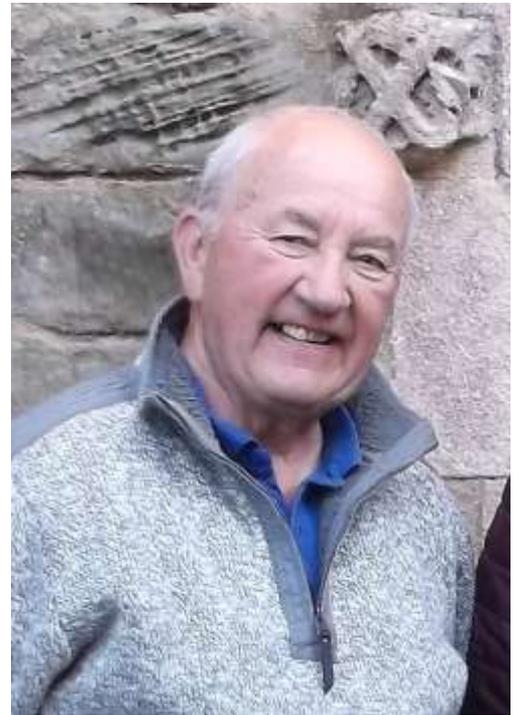
Orinoco Womble and the frying pans

## Parish Council News

**Bill Sharp** - will retire from the Parish Council in May, having served as a Parish Councillor with distinction for 32 years.

**Election** – there were five candidates for the five seats on Carlton Parish Council, so there will not be a poll. Mick Vann will take up office as a Parish Councillor at the Annual Meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be an election for a Borough Councillor on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Footpath S89** – at Barton in the Beans has been re-opened along a new line following completion of a housing development near Yew Tree Farm.



Bill Sharp

**Recycling** – plastic carrier bags, plastic film, bubble wrap, and books can now all be put in the blue bin for recycling.

**Wet roads** – the surface of Main Street in the middle of the village was permanently wet at the start of the year, but no leaks could be found in any of the service pipes in the area. The most likely explanation is that patches of tar melted in the hot summer, that these attracted extra condensation in cold weather, and that car tyres on the smooth surface made a louder swishing noise than normal.

**Churchyard wall** – monitoring is continuing, but the wall leaned an extra 10mm during the winter.

**Design** – a consultation on *The Good Design Supplementary Planning Document* will begin on 15th April and will run for four weeks. This document is part of the H&BBC Local Plan and will set out the general design principles applying to all kinds of development, including new build, conversions and alterations.

**Sunday Times** – the Clerk wrote to the Editor about a recent article (Home 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 p 8-9) which made unwarranted criticisms of parish councils on the basis of a dispute about the provision of a grit bin at Castle Gresley. A severely edited version of the letter was published on 14<sup>th</sup> April (p.24).

**PC finance** – the Parish Councils' accounts for the financial year ending on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 were approved at the PC meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> April, and details have been uploaded to the PC's website. The accounts and supporting documentation will be made available for public inspection from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July, as required by law. In practice I am happy to answer questions about the accounts at any time.

**Parish Clerk**

*Continues over ....*

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## Hall Terrace archaeological survey

The grant of planning permission for the construction of a bungalow at the rear of Hall Terrace included a condition requiring an archaeological investigation of the part of the site which will be built on. This builds on evidence from earlier investigations of the site of Carlton Hall (Carlton News Feb 2017, Feb 2018, see PC website).

The latest excavation [ULAS Report No. 2018-116] has resulted in the discovery of a sequence of Roman boundary features and a medieval burgage ditch. 19 sherds of Roman pottery were recovered, and included fragments of central Gaulish samian ware, sandy grey ware, a fragment of a Mancetter-Hartshill mortarium, and a fragment of a Lower Nene Valley mortarium. These sherds could not be closely dated, but were all younger than late 1<sup>st</sup> century.

27 sherds of post Roman pottery were recovered, and included a possible fragment of Torksey ware (c.850-1200), and a fragment of Potters Marston ware (c.1100-1400). The other datable sherds originated in every century up to the present day. Some of the early sherds had been used for cooking; the remainder probably represented liquid containers.

Soil samples from the site contained low densities of charred plant remains, dominated by free-threshing wheat with weed seeds typical of cereal fields.

This is important evidence for the occupation of the core of the village during the Roman period, followed by a gap, and then continuous occupation from the late Saxon or early medieval period. Further work might indicate the location and size of the Roman and early medieval settlements.

The recent Bosworth Links Project has recovered evidence of Neolithic or Early Bronze Age activity on the higher ground around Market Bosworth. It would be surprising if the ridge of land on which Carlton sits was not similarly occupied long before Roman times.

***Chris Peat***

## Dates for Your Diary

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

### May

- 8<sup>th</sup> Wed Annual Parish Meeting, St Andrew's Church, 7 pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Wed Annual Meeting of Carlton Parish Council, St Andrew's Church, 7.30 pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Sun Confirmation at St. Peter's, Market Bosworth, 10 am  
No church service in Carlton
- 15<sup>th</sup> Wed Quiz Night at the Gate Hangs Well, 8pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Sat Police Event at Greenacres Garden Centre 12 noon - 1 pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Sun Communion at St Andrew's Church, Carlton, 9am

### June

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon Parish Council's accounts and supporting documentation open to public inspection until 12<sup>th</sup> July
- 7-23<sup>rd</sup> Market Bosworth Festival
- 9<sup>th</sup> Sun Communion at St Andrew's Church, Carlton, 9am
- 12<sup>th</sup> Wed Carlton Parish Council meeting, St Andrew's Church, 7.30 pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Wed Quiz Night at the Gate Hangs Well, 8pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Fri Start of the 1<sup>st</sup> Carlton Scarecrow Festival
- 21<sup>st</sup> Fri Start of the Gin & Beer Festival Weekend at the Gate Hangs Well
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sun Communion at St Andrew's Church, Carlton, 9 am

### July

- 12<sup>th</sup> Fri Last day for inspection of the Parish Council's accounts.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Sun Communion at St Andrew's Church, Carlton, 9 am
- 17<sup>th</sup> Wed Quiz Night at The Gate Hangs Well, 8 pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Tues Copy date for the August issue of Carlton News
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sun Communion at St Andrew's Church, Carlton, 9 am
- 31<sup>st</sup> Wed Carlton Parish Council meeting, St Andrew's Church, 7.30 pm

### August

- 11<sup>th</sup> Sun Communion at St Andrew's Church, Carlton, 9 am
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Thurs Putting up marquees for the Fete, Carlton Green
- 24<sup>th</sup> Sat Carlton Village Fete, Village Green, 1 pm – 4 pm  
Horticultural & Produce Show, St Andrew's Church

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