

CARLTON NEWS

May 2020

Facebook – the village has a page – Carlton Villagers Group, there is also a Messenger Group – Carlton Village Club – which is being used to keep up morale during these difficult times – please get in touch if you want to be added to this group, you do need to be on Facebook to access this information.

Small people - it is hard keeping children occupied, as well as the Rainbows that have been popping up around the village, there is also a new book themed art project, choose a book and decorate your window. Look to your local suppliers for fruit and vegetable boxes – most are offering a delivery service weekly. I have some contacts for food deliveries and suppliers – if you need any information please get in touch.

As the situation with the Coronavirus is changing quickly – updates will be available via the above sources. Stay safe, Stay at home

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Stay at Home Street Party

Decorate your house red, white and blue and enjoy a picnic in your front garden. Commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II by celebrating with your family, friends and neighbours on Friday 8th May. See article on page 2.

Sunflower competition

For something bright and cheerful to look forward to, grow a giant sunflower over the summer. This year's competition is open to all and will be judged on the Friday before the Church Fete. See article on page 3.

Best front door and garden competition

This competition will be judged on the Friday before the Church Fete. See article on page 3.

VE Day Celebrations 1995 and 2020

25 years ago we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of VE Day in the village, with games on the Village Green, which included a tug of war and straw bale tossing over a pole; Bill & Tania Sharp provided the village skittles, which are still in use; a Treasure Hunt was organised by Chris Peat; Jeff Hawksworth and his helpers cooked a BBQ, attended by most of the people in the village, and held in the garden of The Croft, where Tom & Liz Alun - Jones then lived. Mugs celebrating the occasion were bought, bunting and Union Flags were flown, tea and cakes were served by Tania Sharp and Joan Orton and Anne Swallow and Jacki James helped us with the organisation. The helpers dressed up in WW2 costumes and a great time was had by everyone. This was the first fund raising event that we held and the proceeds of £500.00 were shared between the Royal British Legion and the Friends of St. Andrew's Church.

The event drew the village together and was followed by many more equally successful events held over the next 25 years, until the present day. Many of the people who lived in Carlton in 1995 are no longer with us and the village is much changed with the loss of the dentist and the garage. Houses have been altered or replaced and new ones built, the pub modernised and the church restored. One thing that has not changed however is the strong community spirit, which holds this village together and which has been demonstrated during the past few weeks, since Covid 19 changed life for everyone (and of course the church still has to keep on raising money!).

As you will be aware May 8th is a Bank Holiday when we would have been taking part in a nationwide commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe, at the end of WW2. Needless to say those celebrations will not now be taking place, but it as you will see from the post it has been suggested in Market Bosworth that they continue with the celebrations with bunting and picnics in our own gardens and I feel sure that those who wish to, could do the same in Carlton.

This would be a way for us to remember the sacrifices, which people have always made for the greater good of society, both during the war and as we deal with Covid19 today. The rainbow, which we see displayed everywhere, has been a symbol of hope since biblical times and so it is fitting that it is still being used to provide us all with the hope that things will get better and life will move forward as it always has.

Pat Lockwood

Carlton Village Fete

As it is difficult to make definite plans at the moment the fete committee have decided to push back the date until Saturday 5th September when hopefully we will be able to come together in large groups again. A final decision about whether or not the fete will take place will be made in time for the next issue of Carlton News.

Carlton Giant Sunflower Competition 2020

Do you live in Carlton? Are you spending a lot of time in the garden? Would you like something bright and cheerful to look forward to? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then why not join in and grow your own sunflowers to make Carlton brighter? Your free seeds are ready to collect and grow. Seeds are ready to collect from the old phone box on Main Street or the bus shelter (Bosworth side) on Barton Road or contact Liz.alunjones@gmail.com (290584) if you have difficulty collecting them yourself or would like more seeds.

Don't forget to wash your hands after collecting.

One free pack of 4 seeds per household, please no stockpiling as stocks are limited. Varieties are Single Giant and Russian Giant and can be planted anytime up until mid-May. Simply plant the seeds in your garden or a large pot, water and watch them grow. You may want to feed your plants or talk to them reassuringly but whatever you do you can simply enjoy the flowers and enter your grown sunflower in our competition for the tallest or the best grown sunflower. There will also be a competition for the best front door and front garden later in the summer hopefully to coincide with the village fete. The plan is to judge the grown sunflowers on the Friday before the village fete so hopefully on Friday 4th September (TBC). Hopefully in person, but digital options will exist.

HAPPY GROWING!

Liz Alun-Jones

Carlton Defibrillator – Important Notice

Recently, there was an incident in Carlton in which those residents at the scene needed to use the defibrillator but were not given the door code by the emergency services. The door code is needed to open the box containing the defibrillator, situated in the old telephone box by the church.

The code was not given because the house was more than 500m from the defibrillator and, based on that criteria, the emergency operator would not be aware of the defibrillator. There are other reasons the door code might not be given by the emergency operator.



For this reason, it is very important to note the emergency volunteer number (05603 680268) in all of your phones (I suggest under 'defib'). After dialling 999, you may not be able to use the phone connected to the emergency services and so would need to use an alternative phone.

The emergency number will always be on the back of Carlton News.

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A New Community Space for Carlton

Those of you who read the last edition of Carlton News will already know something about our exciting project to create a space for our community in St Andrew's Church. This will consist of a space for meetings and activities, together with a kitchen and toilet. We will also level up the path into the church to improve access for the elderly, the disabled and for parents with pushchairs. This community space has now been named the St Andrew's Community Hub.



Site of the new extension

So, to update you on progress. We've had further good news. Leicestershire County Council and the Rank Foundation have both agreed to support our project with donations. The National Lottery's Reaching Communities Fund has also asked us to submit a funding proposal, which we have done.

We have also had some good news on the approvals needed before building work can start. The team at the Diocese of Leicester has recommended our project for approval. We expect to hear more on this in May.

Given this excellent news, we have asked a number of building contractors experienced in working on historic monuments to tender for the building work needed. We expect to hear from them in April. I hope Tom Webb will not mind me mentioning here his good work in reviewing the tender documents, given his experience in the construction industry. Thank you, Tom. And to the many other residents who have offered their expertise and support, we are planning to take you up on your kind offers, be warned!

I mentioned some digging in the churchyard last time. A small number of finds have been returned to us from the University of Leicester Archaeological Service, who led the dig. These finds included a floor tile and several roof tiles from the previous church, which burned down before St Andrew's was built in the 1700s. We hope to be able to display these finds in the church.

We are still short of our target for funding, so 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 will 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

More about Hoop Hall, gates and The Gate

This article reports some recent research into the area around Hoop Hall and complements previous pieces published in Carlton News in May 2014 and 2016.

Hoop Hall was a building which stood to the north of the current Gate Hangs Well, either on the site of the recent extension or in the adjacent field. The origin of the name *Hoop Hall* is not known, but might be to do with the iron rings or hoops used by wheelwrights. The name *Hoop Hall Gate* was used in the censuses of 1861, '71 '81 and 1901 to identify a group of houses around the junctions of Barton, Bosworth and Nailstone Roads and Main Street, at the eastern end of Carlton. In the 1950's this area became referred to as *Carlton Gate*.

The *Gate* reference is to the toll gates across the end of Main Street, and across Barton Road, which were controlled by a toll house which stood on what is now a wide grass verge on the north western side of the junction of Main Street and Barton Road.

Hoop Hall may have been a hall which became an inn, or may simply have been the name of a hostelry. An entry in the Carlton 'Accounts of the Poor Laws' dated 17th November 1763 lists 'Payment of ale at Hoop Hall one shilling and six pence'. Another entry covers 'Spent at Hoop Hall seven pence'. The early records of publicans do not give addresses, so do not distinguish between the two hostelries in Carlton at the time, which were *Hoop Hall* and *The Malt Shovel* (the latter is now a private dwelling, 25 Main St).

The earliest recorded publican is Sarah Johnson 1753-1763, followed by the name Collington. A range of names appear over later years, intermingled with various spellings of Collington. It seems likely that the Collington family kept *Hoop Hall* continuously for many years, the other names being the landlords of *The Malt Shovel*.

The later records give more details: Hannah Collington was listed as a publican in the 1841 census but with no address. Following her death soon after, the 1851 edition lists Samuel Collington, probably her son, as a wheelwright living at Hoop Hall. In small pubs of the day it was common for the wife to run the bar during the day while her husband worked at a full time job elsewhere. Ten years later the census lists all the properties at the top of the village collectively as being in Hoop Hall Gate with Samuel Collington, a publican and wheelwright, living at 'The Gate'. In a similar vein the 1871 census lists seven properties at the top of the village as being in Hoop Hall Gate including 'The Gate Inn'. By then Elizabeth Collington was the publican with her son, a wheelwright. The 1881 census has no reference to Hoop Hall Gate, but the 1901 census refers to Hoop Hall Gate for four properties with The Gate Inn referred to in the middle of those properties.

The 1885 sale of the Bosworth Estate included the sale of the *Gate Inn* as a separate lot, describing it as newly built. The Tithe Map of 1849 shows buildings on the site but these are not the same as the buildings of the 1950's. The property was not identified as a pub, but the word Gate has been written on the map at a later date.



Plan showing the route of the Hoop Hall Carlton-Belcher's Bar turnpike, and the proposed Osbaston-Carlton Turnpike. Cheshire's House, Hoop Hall and Phiney's House are all marked.

The Turnpike Roads of Leicestershire & Rutland (Cossons, 2003) refers to two turnpike roads connecting to Carlton. The route of one (above) includes a section from Hoop Hall, Carlton to Belchier's House, which is clearly the line of Nailstone Road – Green Lane – Belcher's Bar. Cossons thought it unlikely that this was ever built. The map of the route also identifies Cheshire's House as standing at the Barton Road/Buften Lane junction.

A later turnpike, proposed in 1759-60, ran from Phiney's House, Osbaston to Cheshire's House, Carlton. The accompanying map (above) clearly shows Cheshire's House at the Barton Road/Buften Lane T-junction, and Phiney's House at the Lount Road, Osbaston/ Barton Road, Barlestone/A447 crossroads. A map of the Hinckley turnpike, now the A447 (below), shows the same crossroads, with Lount Lane labelled as leading to Cheshire's.



Part of the map of the Hinckley turnpike. Lount Road is at top left, labelled upside-down.

According to the 1841 census and the 1830 poll book, the Cheshire family lived at the house on the fork between Barton Road and Nailstone Road in Carlton (now Mill House) at that time.

The present buildings at the Bufton Lane/Barton Road junction (now Bufton Cottage) are reported to have been built in 1780 by Mr Deacon the clock maker of Barton, and the rents from them were used to support Barton chapel. The Tithe Map of 1849 shows three buildings in the relevant location in Bufton, these being of similar shape to the existing buildings today. It would appear that Cheshire's House at Bufton was demolished sometime between 1760 and 1780. The family may have moved to what is now Mill House in Carlton, or might have occupied both houses for a period of time.

The documents referred to above are all available for public consultation at the Record Office for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland; the photographs above are reproduced with permission.

Richard Liddington

Speed and traffic monitoring

Our speed indicator device (SID) monitored southbound vehicles on Bosworth Road between 16th December and 13th January. During this period 19,529 vehicles were counted: the average number was 721/day on weekdays, and 675/day over the week as a whole. The average speed was 34.2 mph, and the 85th percentile speed 41.3 mph. The highest speed recorded was 70 mph at 18:30 hrs on 17th December.



In January the SID was monitoring northbound vehicles on Barton Road, but firstly there were a lot of storms which generated spurious data and secondly the SID also detected vehicles turning right into Nailstone Road. It is a moot point whether the vehicles turning right would have been going slower than those going straight on. However, for what it is worth, from 17th to 25th January 6,295 vehicles were counted, averaging 792/weekday and 704/day over a week as a whole. The average speed was 24.4 mph and the 85th percentile speed 32.1 mph. The highest speed recorded was 55 mph at 08:35 hrs on 23rd January.

From 2nd February to 16th March the SID monitored southbound vehicles on Nailstone Road. During this period 22,129 vehicles were counted, averaging 867/weekday and 765/day over each week as a whole. The average speed was 32.6 mph and the 85th percentile speed 38.4 mph. The fastest speed recorded was 60 mph at 06:40 hrs on 28th February.

Parish Clerk

Neighbourhood Watch Group

There were 6 reported crimes in Carlton from December to February: 1 vehicle crime, 2 x violence and/or sexual offence, 1 burglary, 1 public order and 1 criminal damage and/or arson.

Unfortunately, rural crime hasn't stopped despite everyone staying at home and traffic being greatly reduced. Theft of a caravan, a generator, garden ornaments and syphoned fuel has all taken place in local villages since lockdown, often in the middle of the night. Please keep your household as secure as possible and remain vigilant. 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 is Sgt 730 Andy Cox, PC 207 Rob Cross, PC 537 Phil Hale, PCSO 6598 Emma Roe and PCSO 6639 Allan Charles. If you have any information which might help catch those responsible for committing crime or Anti-social behaviour, please call 101 or Crimestoppers which is anonymous on 0800 555 111. You can be part of your Leicestershire text alert system by emailing your name and number to leicsruralcrime@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Recently the police have been given new powers to help keep people safe. Chief Constable Simon Cole said *"I pledge that my officers will continue to exercise our duty, as we have always done. We will protect you. We will engage positively. We will explain. We will be there when you need help - and we will take action to protect you and others from harm. I ask for your support in this. Help us to help you. Stay at home and together we will save lives"*

Our local Beat Team say *"Over the last few weeks guidelines from the Government have developed and changed on a weekly basis. We would like to reinforce that if you don't need to travel – please avoid doing so.*

To break that down – we are not going to be stopping every car on the road to question the driver's route or reason for travel. We may have a polite conversation though to question the necessity of the travel and purpose of the journey. We may even suggest that the journey isn't necessary.

Take the advice with the good nature that is intended. We are doing our best in unprecedented times to act within the guidelines given to us and to be fair and reasonable to all."

NHW National Update

Watch out for COVID-19 scams. 641 victims have lost a combined total of £1,820,731 to coronavirus-related scams.

According to the Government there are no medicines licensed for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19 and no official self-testing kits approved for home use. They are all fake medications, please do not be tempted to buy as criminals are exploiting the situation.

Action Fraud are also receiving a high volume of reports about fake emails being used to solicit donations to charity or the NHS. The NHS will never ask you to send money directly to a bank account, or make a payment using Bitcoin.

Also there have been a number of reports regarding emails claiming to be from HMRC offering tax rebates as a result of coronavirus. If you get a call or message claiming to be from HMRC that asks you to click on a link or to give info such as your name, card or bank details, it's a scam.

***Rosi Yule, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, Tel: 292212
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Lack of Applications

The Trustees meeting scheduled for 18th March was cancelled because no applications had been received. The new tenant has worked on the Charity's fields and the results of that labour can be seen by the large number of Christmas trees that have been planted.

The Trustees will meet on the 18th November 2020 to consider any applications that have been received. Applications must be submitted by 4th November 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 they will be eligible for a grant from the Charity Lands' fund. Grants are made to help with the costs of apprenticeships, buying books, equipment, fees, travel costs and starting a business.

We would welcome applications from anyone meeting the criteria to help with any costs associated with your education or training. For an application form and further details please call 01455 290733, or email madrailfan@aol.com

Hazel Davenport (Chairperson)



Parish Council News

Annual Meeting – scheduled for 13th May has been cancelled. The legal requirement to hold this meeting has been suspended for one year, and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman will continue in office until May 2021. This meeting is the one at which representatives of parish organisations usually make their annual reports: these will be presented at a future meeting and then uploaded to the PC's website as usual.

Ordinary meetings – a meeting may be arranged near the end of May if the Coronavirus lockdown has been lifted; the meeting scheduled for 29th July is expected to be held. Notice of all meetings will be posted on the parish noticeboard and the PC website. Meetings may be held by telephone conference if this is unavoidable - details will be publicised in advance.

Accounts – the timetable for formal completion of the Parish Council's accounting statements for 2019-20, and making this documentation available for public inspection, has been extended by two months. Notices will be posted in the usual way, probably in August. Most of the relevant information has already been uploaded to the PC's website. The Parish Clerk is happy to answer questions about the PC's accounts at any time.

Parish Councillors - *Stuart Tupling* (Chairman) Bufton Lodge, Barton Rd, 290301

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Church Services

No services are being held in church at the moment, however, Revd. Mark is holding a service every Sunday at 10am via Zoom. If you would like to join in, I can send you the information that you need.

Pat Lockwood 292542

The Gate Hangs Well Quiz Nights

The potential dates for the Quiz have been put under the diary section, obviously these dates are tentative, so please keep an eye on The Gate Hangs Well Facebook page for updates on any changes.

Pancake Party

Many thanks to all those who made pancakes for this years' party and to all those who supported the event. As usual the choice of pancakes was many and varied. £384.00 was donated to The Friends for the upkeep of the church fabric.

Murray Lockwood

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.

Spring Clean Litter Pick – 15th March

16 volunteers took part in the Annual Litterpick on 15th March, and we were pleased again to welcome Maureen Cook, our Borough Councillor, to the team. We managed to clear all the roads leading to neighbouring villages, and the volume collected was 2.0 cubic metres (1.6 in 2019).



Prizes were awarded as usual. The most interesting finds were an i-phone charger and an orange workman's jacket, the most useful were a bucket with no holes in it and a dibber, and the most disgusting was a mud filled and mouldy pair of workman's boots.



We were very grateful as usual to the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Clean Neighbourhoods Team for the loan of equipment, and disposal of the rubbish.

Irene Peat, Chairman Keep Carlton Tidy Group, Tel 290934

Dates for Your Diary

Friday Coffee Mornings at The Gate Hangs Well postponed until further notice

May

- 8th Fri Stay at Home street party
20th Wed Quiz night at the Gate Hangs Well - to be confirmed

June

- 17th Wed Quiz Night at the Gate Hangs Well - to be confirmed

July

- 15th Wed Quiz night at The Gate Hangs Well - to be confirmed
20th Mon Copy date for August issue of Carlton News
29th Wed 7.30pm. Carlton Parish Council meeting in St Andrew's Church - to be confirmed.

August

- 19th Wed Quiz night at The Gate Hangs Well - to be confirmed

September

- 4th Fri Judging of the Sunflower Growing competition, along with Best Front Door and Front Garden.
5th Sat Carlton Church Fete and Horticultural Show - to be confirmed.

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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