

CARLTON NEWS

August 2024

Mandie Bristlin who has edited Carlton News since 2017 has stepped down, and we thank her for her long service.

We welcome Peter Gannon who will edit the November issue



Carlton Fete

The Fete will be held on the Village Green, Shackerstone Walk, on Saturday August 24th, and the Horticultural & Produce Show will be held in the church. This year there will be the usual attractions and Steam Engine Trailer rides will be running, thanks to Richard Dolman. We are very grateful to Richard from AR Demolition and Andrew Race from Reuben Heaton for their sponsorship.

As usual we are looking to you for support in helping run stalls, and provide items for the tombola, bottle, raffle, book, pre-loved, cake and produce stalls. We cannot accept jumble or electrical items, and are also looking for gazebos to borrow for the event.

We are also looking for help in setting up and clearing up. The tents will be going up on The Green on Thursday evening 22nd August from 5pm. If you are able to help in any way please contact Murray or Pat Lockwood on 01455 292542, before the 22nd.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be on September 22nd followed by our Harvest Lunch, to which everyone is invited. There is no charge but donations are welcome and we need to know numbers for catering. Please let us know on 01455 292542.

Church will be open on Saturday September 21st from 9.30am - 4pm for anyone who wishes to donate produce or help decorate the church. All the money from the produce sale will go to the charity "Self Help Africa" and any cans left over will go to the Hinckley food bank.

Pat Lockwood 292542

CLEAN WALKING FOR ALL -



- PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Progressive Supper Party

Following the success of our first Summer Supper, we are hoping to make this a bi-annual event to raise funds for The Friends. We are therefore planning another Community Progressive Supper Party on Saturday November 9th 2024. Please PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY, as many seem to have overlooked the one held in July.

Participants are requested to provide one course of a three course meal to 4 or 6 other people, then move on to another house for each further course. We then all meet up at The Malt Shovel courtesy of Geoff and Joanne Stratford, for cheese and further liquid refreshments. Each participant is asked to make a donation of £10.

This is a fun, social event and not a cookery competition so please, if you want to know more, or book your space call CJ on 01455 290301.

Carlton Book Club

We currently have 15 members who meet every six weeks. Members take it in turn to chose a book for the next meeting. It is a lively group with very different opinions on the chosen book.

This year we have read the following books:-

Insomnia by Sarah Pinborough

The Missing Sister by Dinah Jeffries

The Casual Vacancy by J K Rowling

The Talented Mr Ripley by Patrica Highsmith

This is how it always is by Laurie Frankel

We are currently reading *Shuggie Bain* by Douglas Stuart which will be discussed at our next meeting on Wednesday 7th August.

Sue Sarson 01455 290733

Ride and Stride

Ride and Stride is on Saturday, September 14th - anyone can join in to raise funds for our church and the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust. Participants obtain sponsorship, and on the day visit local churches on a cycle, horse or mobility scooter or on foot. Sponsorship forms can be obtained from Murray Lockwood 01455 292542.

Summer activity brochure

What's on this summer is a free electronic booklet aimed at 0–19-year-olds and is packed full of information to keep them busy during the school holidays. The booklet can be viewed or downloaded for free from www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/wgd

There is information on sports activities, a reading challenge at the libraries, and a whole variety of different events at locations throughout the borough. One of the highlights of the summer is the children's Snapdragon Festival taking place in Hinckley (5th – 7th August 11am- 3pm). Most activities are free with the others costing no more than £1.

Ashby Canal

Locals may have noticed a big concrete lorry standing in the lay-by near the canal bridge. The concrete was being used to re-build the spillway north of Bridge 44. The work was carried out by the Rothen Group, working for the Canal & Rivers Trust and is now complete.



Darts in memory

Many readers will remember Bob Edmunds of Manor House Farm, who was Captain of the Carlton Gate Darts Team for many years. In his later years Bob played in the lower divisions after having hip surgery but was hoping to return to Division A.

The refurbished Gate Hangs Well is not suitable for darts matches, so the Carlton Gate Team has become the Saint Giles Darts Team and plays at the football club at Barlestone in Division A of the Johnny Barker North Leics Darts League.

I was recently pleased to hear that this League holds an annual pairs knock-out competition for the lower divisions for the *Bob Edmunds Memorial Trophy*. This was won in the recent season by a team from the Crown Inn at Heather.

Church Cottage

Church Cottage has been demolished to make way for a new dwelling to be set further back from the road. Church Cottage was formerly the village bakery, but the ovens were removed many years ago and other alterations meant that it was not suitable for listing. In any case the building was in a very poor condition.



Chris Peat

Manor House Farm

Manor House Farm is one of the three Grade II listed buildings in our Parish, and is now undergoing renovation. The central part of the farmhouse is built of Carlton Stone, includes a small window with stone mullions, and looks much older than the late 18th century date ascribed to it in the Register of Listed Buildings. During the recent works a carved stone date brick has been uncovered with the date 1634, and this is a much more believable date.



Two test pits were excavated at Manor House Farm as part of the Bosworth Links Project in 2022. Test pit 7 in the back garden, and Test pit 8 in the paddock on the eastern side of the barn both contained small but significant assemblages of High Medieval (12th-14th century) and Late Medieval (15th-mid-16th century) pottery, along with a larger assemblage of post-medieval and modern pottery (16th-19th century). This site has clearly been occupied since medieval times, but so far no traces of earlier buildings have been found.

Chris Peat

Carlton Footpath Group

Do you use and appreciate our local footpaths? Could you help to keep them open and in good condition?

The remit of the Group is to monitor the condition of all public rights of way in the Parish, carry out vegetation clearance and minor repairs, and present a report to the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May. For anyone who regularly walks in our locality the work is straightforward, requiring no more than making a few notes, carrying a pair of secateurs and liaising with other volunteers. The Parish Council and the County Council Rights of Way Team deal with serious problems and legal issues, while the Gardening Group helps with physical works.

Public footpaths are a major recreational resource in our area. Now that most of the local stiles have been replaced by kissing gates there is not much practical maintenance work to do, but regular inspection – particularly of our section of the Leicestershire Round – remains vitally important in keeping our part of the network in good condition.

John Piggon has chaired the Carlton Footpath Group since 2007, but has now stood down, and we thank him for his work and have benefitted from his long experience of public rights of way. John has many strides under his belt, including walking from Land's End to John O'Groats. The Group is now small and works in a very informal way, but would welcome some voluntary help. If you could contribute to this important work please contact me.

Chris Peat 290934

Neighbourhood Watch

There were 2 reported crimes in Carlton in the three months March to May 2024. These were 1 burglary and 1 other theft. If you would like to be included on the monthly NHW circulation giving details of crime in Carlton and surrounding villages please email me, Rosi Yule on chalkstorm@btopenworld.com.

Burglars don't want to be seen or heard by a neighbour or passer-by because they will feel exposed and identifiable. To help to keep burglars out, keep your home visible with low fences at the front and taller fences or prickly shrubs at the back; position CCTV cameras where they can capture good facial images; consider a burglar alarm with visible boxes; install security lighting; always check ID before letting someone into your home; and finally be friends with your neighbours and look out for each other.

Leicestershire Police can be contacted on 101 or 0116 222 2222. A crime can also be reported online. In an emergency, with a crime in progress, dial 999. Our local officers are: PS 1864 Jarod Patterson, PC 658 Allan Charles, PC 4579 Rich Heath, PC 1242 Amy Cunningham, PCSO 6018 Grace Muldoon, and PCSO 6501 Nikolaos Sidiropoulos.

Rosi Yule Carlton Neighbourhood Watch 292212

Dedication of Altar Frontal

Last year a group of ladies formed the St. Andrew's sewing group, in order to make a new altar frontal to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. On July 21st the Archdeacon of Loughborough Claire Wood came to dedicate the frontal. The dedication was followed by a concert given by The Newbold Verdon Christian Community Choir and a tea. This was a very happy occasion and the congregation was joined by our MP Dr Luke Evans and his wife and our Borough Councillor Maureen Cook. The PCC would like to thank everyone involved in providing cakes for the tea, the ladies for sewing the frontal and all those who attended.



Please do not park on pavements

Leave room for a wheelchair or pram or you 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.

Carlton Open Gardens

Five colourful, springtime gardens opened to the public under the National Garden Scheme (NGS- yellow booklet) on 12th May. This event was a great success. The gardens, refreshments and plant sales raised a grand total of £2,461 for the NGS charity, together with additional donations made to St. Andrew's Church and to the Friends of St. Andrews. The NGS funds will be distributed to various nursing charities, including Macmillan, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and Parkinsons Society.

Thank you to all the garden owners for their hard work and hospitality – in excess of 320 visitors came to Carlton. Thank you to Sue Sarson and her refreshments team, to Chris and Irene Peat for organising the plant sale and guided walks through their wood and to Richard Dolman for printing the maps free of charge. Thank you to all residents who generously made cakes and biscuits to feed the hungry visitors and to everyone who helped to make this day such a success for the village.

Apologies to any residents who experienced difficulties around inconsiderate parking – thank you for your tolerance.

Judith Boston

Carlton Educational and Young Persons Grants

These grants are not means-tested and are available to all young people living in Carlton between the ages of 16 and 23 years of age who are about to leave school and waiting for results; studying at University or College; attending a training course; being supported by coaching in music, sport, etc; starting a business; or have fees or expenses to pay.

WOULD £300 BE A HELP TO YOU?

Eight grants were awarded to young people at the March meeting. The next meeting is in November 2024. Have a look at how Carlton Charity Lands funds can help you.

Email: franco@onesti.co.uk for all the details and an online application pack. Grants will be awarded in November so keep any relevant receipts to support your application and make your application by the 1st of November 2024.

Parish Council News

Dog fouling – continues to be a problem around the village, including the Jubilee Orchard. The PC would welcome copies of any photographs, cctv footage or other evidence showing fouling taking place.

Horse rider warning signs – have been installed in Main Street to try to increase driver awareness and improve safety around Manor House Farm and the church.

Jitties – landowners have been asked to cut back their hedges which have been allowed to grow out and are now obstructing the rights of way.

Affordable housing – prospective tenants for these homes **must** be on the H&BBC Housing Register to be considered. Priority will be given to applicants with a close connection to Carlton, followed by Shackerstone and then other nearby villages.

Village seats – are to be repainted by volunteers from Market Bosworth Rotary Club.

Accounts – the audit of the PC's accounts for 2023-24 has been completed.

Documentation can be found on the Parish Council website.

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Speed and traffic monitoring

The Speed Indicator Device (SID) was deployed in Nailstone Road in May, checking the speed of southbound vehicles entering the village. 7,188 vehicles were monitored, an average of 603/day with an average speed of 30.8mph and an 85th percentile speed of 36.9mph. (If the speeds of 100 vehicles are measured and put in order, the speed of the 85th vehicle is the 85th percentile speed).

In May and June the SID was sited in Bosworth Road, checking the speed of northbound vehicles entering the village. 19,990 vehicles were monitored, an average of 741/day. The average speed was 34.8mph and the 85th percentile speed 43.6mph.

In June the SID was moved to the eastern part of Main Street, checking the speed of westbound vehicles. 22,590 vehicles were monitored, an average of 781/day with an average speed of 25.9mph and an 85th percentile speed of 32.8mph.

Full details and charts can be found on the Traffic and Speed Monitoring page of the PC website.

Parish Clerk

Dates for Your Diary

Progressive Whist Drive at The Community Hub, Wednesdays 2 - 4.30pm

Coffee Morning at The Gate Hangs Well - Fridays 11am

August

- 1st Thurs New Draft Local Plan will be available to download from H&BBC website
7th Wed 7pm Book Club meeting at Bufton Lodge
11th Sun 9am Communion at St Andrew's Church
22nd Thurs 5pm Putting up tents for the fete, Carlton Green
24th Sat Horticultural & Produce Show - staging 9.30-11am; viewing 12.30-4pm;
lifting 4-4.30pm; sale of produce 5pm
24th Sat 1pm Carlton Fete, Carlton Green
25^h Sun No service at St Andrew's Church

September

- 7th Sat 9am Bosworth Links archaeological dig at Sutton Cheney
8th Sun 10.30am Benefice service in St Peter's Church, Market Bosworth - no
church service in Carlton
11th Wed 7pm Carlton Parish Council meeting, Community Hub
14th Sat Ride and Stride
21st Sat 9.30am - 4pm Decorating church for Harvest Festival
22nd Sun 11am Harvest Festival, followed by Harvest Lunch, St Andrew's Church

October

- 13th Sun 9am Communion at St Andrew's Church
21st Mon Deadline for articles for November issue of Carlton News
27th Sun 9am Communion at St Andrew's Church

November

- 1st Fri Deadline for grant applications to the Carlton Charity Lands
9th Sat 7pm Community Progressive Supper Party
10th Sun 6.30pm Remembrance Evensong, St Andrew's Church
13th Wed 7pm Carlton Parish Council meeting, Community Hub

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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