

CARLTON NEWS

February 2021

On a Personal Note

Good news that some of our slightly older residents are starting to get their Covid-19 vaccinations, hip hip hurrah! I am only seeing this in a positive light as it will hopefully mean the start of us returning to some sort of 'normality' even though those given the vaccine will still have to stick to the Government guidelines on social distancing etc. until more of us have had the vaccine and of course the second dose.

Let us hope that we can look forward to seeing our friends and families in the approaching months. Please continue to stay safe and indoors as much as physically and mentally possible so that we will be out of this lock-down soon: let us hope by the spring we can look forward to the lighter nights and warmer days and go outside more and enjoy our beautiful village. Keep safe everyone.

Mandie
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Spring Clean Litter Pick

Please join our band of enthusiastic pickers on Sunday 21st 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.

We start 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 from the Green to Lineage Farm for the pickers on the day.

Irene Peat *Chairman*
Keep Carlton Tidy Group

Church Cleaning Rota

We are fortunate to have a group of people in the village who are kind enough to help with the cleaning of the church. Over time we have lost some of the helpers and I am now looking for more volunteers to add to the rota. Cleaning involves some sweeping, dusting and hoovering and it takes about 30-45 minutes to complete the work if two people work together. At the moment teams are asked to clean about 4-5 times a year. If you are able to help please ring me on 292542 thank you.

Pat Lockwood

Print Cartridges

I am currently collecting old print cartridges for charity. If you would like to put your old cartridges through my letter box at 34 Main St, that would be most appreciated, thank you.

Bill Sharp

Plant Pots

For those who are spring cleaning their sheds and outhouses in the next few weeks - if you have too many plant pots or seed trays and don't want them anymore then rather than put them in the bin I would be pleased to recycle them in the hope we can have a plant sale to raise funds for the new church extension. Please just leave them by our door - number 34 Main Street, Carlton.

Tania Sharp

Walking in Leicestershire

In these peculiar times when people are walking more than usual, many are interested in finding new local walks. Walking in Leicestershire - www.walkinginengland.co.uk/leics - has hundreds of walks to download and print, free. It also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group, all the information is there in one place.

Walking in Leicestershire is part of the Walking in England suite of websites (www.walkinginengland.co.uk) which has walks for each county in England, so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

John Harris

*<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/leics>
email: john@walkinginengland.co.uk*

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.

Call for Applications

The Trustees of Carlton Charity Lands had to conduct the business of their November meeting by email owing to the Coronavirus restrictions. Five applications were received and each one was awarded the maximum grant of £200.

On March 17th 2021, the Trustees will hold their next meeting. Applications for an award must be received by March 3rd 2021.

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 or higher education, or training and would benefit from the Charity Lands' help then please encourage them to apply. Grants are made to help with the costs of apprenticeships, buying books, equipment, fees, travel costs and starting a business. Retrospective applications will be considered for expenditure that has been incurred since the Trustees' previous meeting, in this case, 18th November 2020.

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.

Successful applicants must provide proof of purchase or costs incurred 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 madrailfan@aol.com Please stay safe and take care during these difficult times.

Hazel Davenport (Chairperson)

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library stops at Carlton Green on the second Tuesday of the month from 12:45 to 13:00 hrs. For further information or to order books visit www.leics.gov.uk/mobilelibrary or telephone 0116-305-3565.

Carlton Parish Plan 2021

The current members of the Carlton Parish Plan Group are Robin Arnold, Mandie Bristlin, Enid Morgan, Chris Peat, Carol Piggon, Clare Roscoe, Ken Salisbury, Ian Sarson, Mick Vann and Robin Williams. If you would like to join this Group, or suggest issues that it might address, please contact any of the above.

The starting point for updating the Parish Plan is to look back over the ten years since the last Plan was published, to see what has been achieved.

To begin with, the Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard has been created, linking Barton Road to Nailstone Road with a safe footpath, and including a picnic table, seats and an equipped play area for toddlers. Oak trees have also been planted along local roads, to enhance the countryside setting of Carlton, absorb carbon and to provide shade as the climate warms.

The specific short-term objectives of the 2011 Parish Plan have largely been realised – the affordable housing project has been completed, improving Nailstone Road, regular coffee mornings are being held, local footpaths have been improved, and traffic speeds are being monitored. The pub and church have been supported, informal walking and cycling groups have been formed, several Facebook groups have been created and the Neighbourhood Watch scheme has been expanded. Local businesses have been supported, while ensuring that their activities will not affect their neighbours or intrude into open countryside.

The medium to long-term objectives included making improvements to the church building, currently a major project being brought forward by the Parochial Church Council, which will create a community hub and activity space, and help to ensure the long-term viability of this listed building. Other objectives have not been forgotten, and representations have been made and money set aside to bring schemes forward, if and when opportunities should arise.

It is now time to reassess our community, to decide what things are most important to us, and to look forward and generate proposals for making Carlton an even better place to live.

Chris Peat tel:290934 email:clerk@carltonpc.co.uk

The Progressive Supper

So disappointing that we were unable to have this annual, very sociable event last October. Let's hope we will be able to enjoy it later this year. As you are aware, as well as providing one course, we also donate £10 each for The Friends of St. Andrew's account. Many of you made generous donations anyway and we collected a total of £320.

Many, many thanks to you all. Enid

Neighbourhood Watch Group

There were 8 reported crimes in Carlton from September to November 2020, 2 vehicle crime, 3 violence and/or sexual offence, 2 public order offence and 1 anti-social behaviour. We have 75 names on the Carlton NHW list: if you want to be included on the monthly circulation of local reported crime and NHW update please email me, Rosi Yule on chalkstorm@btopenworld.com

Bosworth Beat Team

Our Bosworth Beat Team have welcomed 2 new members in January: Sgt Shaun Wilson 2194 and PC Mike Statt 3004 bringing the team up to 5 with PC Phil Hale 537, PC Rob Cross 207 and PCSO Emma Roe 6598. PC Mike Statt has a farming and rural area background and lives locally bringing a personal interest to the area.

Crime generally has fallen during periods of lockdown but our local team have been kept busy with ongoing issues. They ask that if you have any queries about Covid regulations adherence you consult the government website first rather than ringing the police.

If you want to hear about local rural crime by text please email your name and mobile number to leicsruralcrime@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk. If you need to report a crime call 101 or 999 in an emergency. Or you can report online at leics.police.uk. If you wish to report a crime, but you don't want to identify yourself, contact Crimestoppers. They'll ask questions about the crime but not about you. If you're concerned your call could be traced, dial 141 before 0800 555 111, this will block your phone number.

NHW National Update

Cyber crime

Criminals are taking advantage of the Covid-19 vaccine rollout through a convincing Scam text to steal people's personal and financial details. The text contains a link that leads to a convincing fake NHS website with an application form. It asks for your bank / card details in order to 'check identity'. The NHS will never ask for payment. Please warn friends and family of this scam text.

If you believe you, or your family or friend are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling 0300-123 -2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

Romance Fraud

This happens when the victim thinks they've met the perfect partner through an online dating website or app, but the other person is using a fake profile to form a relationship with them. They use the site to gain the victim's trust and ask them for money or enough personal information to steal their identity. Romance fraudsters are masters of manipulation and will go to great lengths to create a false reality in which an individual feels that they are making rational decisions. The challenge for family and friends of those affected by romance fraud is being able to disrupt the false reality created to enable them

to see the situation for what it really is – a fraud. It's so important that if you feel you, or a friend, have fallen victim to a romance fraudster that you seek help by reaching out to Action Fraud 0300 123 2040 or Victim Support 0808 168 9111.

NHW Crime and Community Survey 2020

This had over 30,000 respondents across England and Wales. The purpose was to better understand the impact of NHW on:

- levels of crime victimisation
- fear of crime and feelings of safety
- neighbourliness, community cohesion and isolation
- and to better understand the current reach and diversity of NHW.

The results show some great benefits of being a member of Neighbourhood Watch and living in a Neighbourhood Watch area. Good news for Carlton! Overall findings and all local reports can be found at ourwatch.org.uk/impact.

Rosi Yule, NHW

Building St Andrew's Community Hub

First, may I start by wishing you and your families a much better and brighter 2021. And I have great news. We now have identified just over £200,000 of funding and are about £40,000 away from being able to start the building work on our Community Hub. My particular thanks this time go to Simon Cooper, Bill Sharp, Mick Vann and Chris Peat for volunteering to gather donations from our 'Buy a Brick' campaign. My thanks, too, to all of you who have donated so far. I have put up some leaflets around Carlton on Buy a Brick, though I and our volunteers would be happy to answer any questions you may have. I will also update the Funding Thermometer on the parish noticeboard outside St Andrew's as we get closer to our funding target.

Sadly, there is still mixed news on funding from charitable organisations. As sources of funding are dwindling because Covid projects are being prioritised by many and, as I understand it, a lack of return on their investments, many charities no longer have any funds to give out. However, the better news is that at the end of November we received a large donation from the Bernard Sunley Foundation to help us achieve the £200,000 milestone.

At this critical stage of our project, we would be very grateful if you decided to support the development of our Hub by making a donation to the project, either through Buy a Brick or direct to our charity, the Friends of St Andrew's. In either case I would be happy to pass your donation on.

I hope the next time I write I will be able to tell you that we have started building or are about to start. Fingers crossed! 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

Parish Council News

National Census - will be held on 21st March 2021. Information can be found at www.gov.uk/census

Cemetery paths – there are plans to repair and extend the cemetery paths next summer, subject to grant approval.

Diamond Jubilee Orchard – the hedge along the northern side of the Orchard is to be laid next Autumn.

Toddlers Play Area – the play bark will be topped up in the Spring.

Carlton Gate – an information board has been designed and will be installed in the garden of The Gate Hangs Well in the summer, subject to grant approval.

Budget – the Parish Council's budget for 2021-22 can be found on the PC's website. The PC element of the Band D Council Tax is expected to be £47.65.

Churchyard wall – bulges out towards the road when the weather has been wet and moves back when the ground dries out. Measurements are being made every three months – a recent summary is in Report 2020-18 on the PC website.

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

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Clerk - ***Chris Peat***, 7 Main St, 290934

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Speed and traffic monitoring

Our speed indicator device (SID) monitored southbound vehicles on Barton Road between 4th October and 2nd November. During this period 10,219 vehicles were counted: the average number was 358/day on weekdays, and 342/day over the week as a whole. The average speed was 28.3 mph and the 85th percentile speed 35.9 mph. The highest speed recorded was 55.0 mph at 15:55 hrs on 15th October.

From 4th November to 30th November the SID monitored westbound vehicles in Main Street near Carlton Green. During this period 14,320 vehicles were counted: the average number was 615/day on weekdays, and 532/day over the week as a whole. The average speed was 23.8 mph and the 85th percentile speed 30.2 mph. The highest speed recorded was 55.0 mph at 23:40 hrs on 24th November.

The street lighting columns on which the SID is fixed have to be structurally tested every two years or so. The testing has just been carried out – at a cost of £479 – and the SID will be re-deployed as soon as the relevant licence has been issued by the Highway Authority.

Parish Clerk

Dates for Your Diary

Every Friday - Coffee Morning at The Gate Hangs Well, 11am as soon as Covid-19 restrictions are lifted

February

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| 9 th | Tue | 1245 - 1 pm. Mobile Library at Carlton Green |
| 14 th | Sun | 9 am. Communion at St Andrew's Church |
| 28 th | Sun | 9 am. Communion at St Andrew's Church |

March

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| 3 rd | Wed | Deadline for applications to the Carlton Charity Lands |
| 9 th | Tue | 1245 - 1 pm. Mobile Library at Carlton Green |
| 10 th | Wed | 7.30 pm. Carlton Parish Council Meeting, St Andrew's Church |
| 14 th | Sun | 9 am. Communion at St Andrew's Church |
| 21 st | Sun | 10 am. Litter Pick meet at Gate Hangs Well Car Park or Carlton Green National Census day |
| 28 th | Sun | 9 am. Communion at St Andrew's Church |

April

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| 4 th | Sun | 9 am. Easter Sunday Communion at St Andrew's Church |
| 13 th | Tue | 1245 - 1 pm. Mobile Library at Carlton Green |
| 20 th | Tues | Copy date for May Edition of Carlton News |
| 25 th | Sun | 9 am. Communion at St Andrew's Church |

May

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| 9 th | Sun | 9 am. Communion at St Andrew's Church |
| 11 th | Tue | 1245 - 1 pm. Mobile Library at Carlton Green |
| 12 th | Wed | 7.30 pm. Annual Parish Meeting to be followed by Annual Meeting of Carlton Parish Council, St Andrew's Church |
| 23 rd | Sun | 9 am. Communion at St Andrew's Church |

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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