

CARLTON NEWS

February 2024

Village Pancake Party - Tuesday 13th February at 7pm in St. Andrew's Community Hub

The Village Pancake Party will be held in St. Andrew's Community Hub on Shrove Tuesday. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge but donations to the church will be most welcome. There will be a variety of pancakes on offer, just come hungry, but please let me know that you are coming on 292542, for catering purposes.

Pat Lockwood

Spring Clean Litter Pick – Sunday 17 March 2024



The Litter Pick has been an annual event in Carlton since 1992, and the Keep Carlton Tidy Group was founded in 2004. We will be holding our 32nd pick on Sunday 17 March. Please join us 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, most disgusting and most decorative finds.

We start at 10am at the end of Main Street opposite 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.

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

Carlton Whist Drive, St. Andrew's Community Hub

The Wednesday Whist Drive is well established now, but we do have room for new people and would love to welcome you. You don't need a partner, but do bring a friend along if you can. Just pop into church or telephone me on 292496.

We start promptly at 2pm every Wednesday come rain or shine and finish at 4.30pm with a break for tea and biscuits half way. Whist is a simple game, don't worry if you have never played before, we will have you up and running in no time at all.

Anne Swallow

Carlton Village Club

This is a social media contact group for residents which was set-up during the Corona Virus Epidemic for villagers to keep in touch and to put notices of traffic situations, flooding issues, road closures, missing cats or dogs etc or any other village related information which can be accessed quickly so that issues can be resolved. You do need to have access to Messenger via your mobile phone to be added into the group. If you would like to be added to this group please contact me on 07939-267766.

Mandie

Gritting Routes

The priority gritting routes around Carlton are Odstone Road – Barton Road – Bosworth Road and Main Street – Congerstone Lane – Congerstone Road. The road from Barton in the Beans to Nailstone is also a priority gritting route. These roads are intended to link each settlement to the trunk road network, and drivers are advised to use them in icy or snowy conditions. Nailstone Road and Bufton Lane – Lount Road are not gritted.

Parish Clerk

Christmas Coffee Morning

Many thanks to everyone who supported the coffee morning with donations, help or attendance. Over £500 was raised for church funds, for which we are most grateful.

Christingle

Many thanks to all those who came to the Christingle—the church was full! A special thanks to all those who helped make the service possible and enjoyable - Ben, Edward, Evie, Erin, Emily, James, Paul Boston & family and those who helped with the refreshments. £254.60 was sent to the Children's Society, to help them with their work with families and young people.

Pat Lockwood



Christmas Lights Switch-on – 10 December 2023

The church clock struck six, the Christmas lights came on and the Carlton Rock Choir sang 'Ding Dong Merrily on High'. A great start to a memorable event! Over 60 parishioners and friends enjoyed a programme of carols and Christmas rock songs in St Andrew's Church and Community Hub, with seasonal refreshments at the interval by the Friends. Thank you to all participants, who generously donated a total of £251.50, which has been split equally between the Friends of St Andrews Church Carlton and the Harley Staples Cancer Trust. The event was organised by the Parish Council and the Carlton Gardening Group installed the illuminations. By popular request, the event will be returning at 6pm on Sunday 8 December 2024 – a date for the diary!

Irene Peat, Chair of the Friends of St Andrews Church Carlton





Christmas tree on the Green

Lots of people commented how lovely it was to see a Christmas tree back on the village green. Apparently, it was missed by many people last year, and its reappearance really did make people smile.

What many didn't realise was that the tree and the lights were purchased by Duncan and Sally Frazer.

I have suggested to those who welcomed the return of the tree, that if they would like to see it again next Christmas, we shouldn't expect that just one family pays for it. So, if you would like to see a tree reappear next Christmas, and are willing to contribute towards the cost, please let me know.

The tree cost £250, so if we can get 25 or more people prepared to contribute just £10 that would be sufficient to cover the cost.

If you would like to be involved, please send me an email now, and we can figure out the collection details in November.

mail@tedgoold.com

Progressive Supper

On 28th October 2023 a number of villagers came together for our annual Progressive Supper event, raising money for the Friends of St Andrews Church. This a great social evening for meeting and chatting and not a cooking competition. Participants sign up to host one course of a three course meal for six to eight people and go to two other homes for the remaining courses. In this way everyone has the chance to host and be entertained, culminating with all participants meeting at one final house for cheese, port, coffee, or in some cases, more alcohol! The culprits shall remain nameless but we know who you are!

This is a great evening. A chance to meet your neighbours and make new friends – be warned, it can be a late night and there were a few sore heads the following morning. We also raised £240 on this occasion, to be used for the maintenance of the church building. Thanks to all who took part!

As these evenings are so well received, we are planning an additional Progressive Supper in the summer of 2024 so watch this space. Any queries please contact the organiser -

CJ on 290301.

Neighbourhood Watch

There were 3 reported crimes in Carlton from September to November 2023. These were 1 burglary, 1 other theft and 1 violence and/sexual assault. I send out a monthly circulation of reported crime in Carlton and the surrounding villages and general NHW information. If you want to be included, please email me, Rosi Yule on chalkstorm@btopenworld.com. Discounts are sometimes available on your house insurance if you are a member of a local NHW scheme.

Bosworth Beat Team

Every winter the Police receive reports of stolen vehicles as a result of owners leaving them unattended while they warm up. Don't forget to stay with your car whilst de-icing your windscreen to avoid opportunistic thieves stealing it!

A Speed Operation was recently conducted over 2 days in local villages. Several vehicles were stopped and speed limits highlighted. Educating and raising awareness of the dangers of speeding is a continued priority as part of **Leicestershire Police's Fatal Four Traffic Operation** designed to combat four of the biggest contributors to driving fatalities: speeding, drink driving, mobile phone usage and driving without seat belts.

Patrols have been carried out across the beat at school times due to ongoing issues relating to parking. Pedestrian safety is paramount and drivers are urged not to block the pavement or any road. If your vehicle is found to be blocking the pavement it may be seized for obstruction. Although there aren't any schools in Carlton please be mindful of this and also make sure any contractors/couriers at your property do not block pavements. Thanks!

Leicestershire Police recently shared a request on Neighbourhood Link for any CCTV or RingGo doorbell footage to help with a local crime. If you want to receive updates via Neighbourhood Link, please visit www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk to register yourselves. This is an easy, free email messaging service from Leicestershire Police and local partner organisations, providing news on policing matters that may be relevant to you and where you may be able to help.

Crime in Carlton is thankfully low, but if you are unfortunate enough to be a victim please report to Leicestershire Police. Use 999 in an emergency or 101 / online for anything else. You can contact the Rural Team directly via email - leicsruralcrime@leics.police.uk Our local officers are: PS 1864 Jarod Patterson, PC 658 Allan Charles , PC 4579 Rich Heath, PC 1242 Amy Cunningham, PCSO 6018 Grace Muldoon, PCSO 6501 Nikolaos Sidiropoulos.

NHW – Number 159

Bank scams are very popular and a huge area of fraud. If you think someone is trying to trick you into handing over money, cards or personal details - **Stop, Hang Up and Call 159** to speak directly to your bank. 159 works in the same way as 101 for the police or 111 for the NHS. It's the number you can trust to get you through to your bank safely and securely, every time.

159 was launched in 2021 to provide a memorable simple way to connect UK banking customers securely with their bank if they receive a suspicious call about a financial matter. It breaks the scam 'journey' at the critical moment when you are at most risk of being manipulated into making a payment. So, even if scammers can contact you, that link will be broken by your call to 159, before any information is shared, any payment is made, and any harm is done. 16 major UK banks and building societies subscribe to 159 so it reaches most customers. If you think someone is trying to trick you into handing over money or personal details - stop, hang up and call 159 to speak directly to your bank. And if you can't remember the number just think of the bus that used to run through Carlton until 2 years ago.....!

Rosi Yule Carlton Neighbourhood Watch 292212

CARLTON EDUCATIONAL AND YOUNG PERSONS GRANTS

These are non means tested grants and available to all young people living in Carlton between the ages of 16 and 23 years of age that meet the criteria below.

ARE YOU STUDYING AT UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE?

ARE YOU ATTENDING A TRAINING COURSE?

ARE YOU BEING SUPPORTED WITH COACHING IN YOUR STUDIES, SPORT, MUSIC ETC ?

ARE YOU STARTING A BUSINESS?

HAVE YOU GOT FEES OR EXPENSES TO PAY?

WOULD £300 BE A HELP TO YOU?

4 grants were awarded to young people at the January meeting.

The next meeting is in March 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 March so keep any relevant receipts to support your application.

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.

Parish Council News

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

Robin Arnold, 53 Main St, 293663

Judith Boston, 64 Main St, 291880

Ian Sarson, 74 Main St, 290733

Mick Vann, 91 Main St, 290976

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

E-mail: clerk@carltonpc.co.uk

Website: www.carltonpc.co.uk

Council tax – the PC has issued a precept of £9,200 for 2024-25, which will mean that the element of the Band D Council tax payable to the PC will increase from £47.61 to £50.86. The PC's budget can be found on the website.

Fly tipping – nine chemical drums containing an unidentified liquid and marked 'hazardous' were dumped in the ditch along Congerstone Lane in early December. This dumping has to be collected by a specialist contractor, and the drums were still in place on 21st January when this piece was written. The PC has complained that the current system of dealing with fly tipping means that dangerous materials are left in public places for long periods.

Churchyard wall – the eastern part of the wall has a bulge in the middle and is leaning towards the road, and has now been monitored for 4 years. In the winter when the weather is wet the wall is pushed over by expansion of the clay behind it, but in summer it moves back again. Last November, after a very wet autumn, the deviation from the vertical was 99mm which is the maximum observed so far.

Cemetery fence – was pushed over by sheep in December, but fortunately the sheep were spotted in the churchyard before they had nibbled any trees or flowers. Most of the fenceposts were found to be rotten, and both of the fences are to be replaced.

Carlton Gardening Group – has been awarded a *Thriving - Level 4* award by the Royal Horticultural Society and Britain in Bloom *It's Your Neighbourhood* Scheme for its work in the Diamond Jubilee Orchard.

Speed and traffic monitoring - the Speed Indicator Device (SID) was deployed in Nailstone Road in December, checking the speed of vehicles entering the village. 17,606 vehicles were monitored, an average of 910 per day, with an average speed of 27.9 mph and an 85th percentile speed of 34.4 mph. Full details and a chart can be found on the Traffic and Speed Monitoring page of the PC website. The Police have been asked to carry out speed checks in the village.

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

February

- 11th Sun 10.00am Benefice Service at St. Peter's Market Bosworth. This will be Rev'd Mark's last service before he takes up a new post in Yorkshire. No service in Carlton.
- 13th Tues 7.00pm Village Pancake Party at St. Andrew's Community Hub
- 25th Sun 9.00am Communion at St. Andrew's Church

March

- 10th Sun 9.00am Mothering Sunday, Communion at St. Andrew's Church
- 13th Wed 7.00pm Carlton Parish Council meeting, Community Hub
- 17th Sun 10.00am Spring Clean Litter Pick – see article for location
- 24th Sun 9.00am Communion at St. Andrew's Church
- 31st Sun 10.30am Easter Day Communion, St. Peter's Market Bosworth

April

- 14th Sun 9.00am Communion at St. Andrew's Church
- 19th Fri Copy date for the May 2024 Edition of Carlton News
- 28th Sun 9.00am Morning Prayer at St. Andrew's Church

May

- 8th Wed 7.00pm Annual Parish Meeting, Community Hub to be followed by the Annual Meeting of Carlton Parish Council

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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