

# CARLTON NEWS

**May 2024**

## **Quizmaster Dave**

Thank you for all the cards, flowers, cakes and messages of support I have received from the people in the village following the recent death of Dave, known as Quizmaster Dave. Thank you to Pat Lockwood for conducting the service and all those that came to the funeral and Dawn and the team at The Gate Hangs Well for looking after us at the wake.

The kindness you have shown is much appreciated.

*Liz Danyluk & family*

## **Carlton Open Gardens**

Come along and visit the 5 gardens open for charity in Carlton from 11am until 4.30pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Entrance fee is £5 for adults and free for children under 16, and there will be refreshments at the Community Hub and a plant sale at 7 Main Street. Dogs are welcome on a lead.

All of the gardens will be showing off spring colour and are highly varied in size, style and shape, and the gardeners will be on hand to chat to visitors, with gardening tips and ideas. The gardens are opening for the National Garden Scheme - NGS - to raise money for nursing charities, including Macmillan, Marie Curie and Hospice UK. We hope to see you there. Further details from Judith Boston - [judith.boston@ngs.org.uk](mailto:judith.boston@ngs.org.uk) 01455-291880.

## **Carlton Village Fete**

Our fete will take place on Saturday 24th August. Proceeds from the fete help to meet the running costs of the church, which are approximately £10,000 a year. We have to raise all this money ourselves, so your support is greatly appreciated. Please help us with donations for the tombola, raffle, cakes and produce, pre-loved, books and bottle stalls, which we will be collecting in August. Raffle tickets will be on sale from July. If you are able to help sell them please let me know.

*Pat Lockwood 01455 292542*

## Summer Supper

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July the Friends of St Andrews are planning a Summer Supper. This is a new date in the Carlton calendar which will be run along the lines of the autumn progressive supper with each participant donating £10 to funds and providing one course of a 3 course meal, to 4 or 6 other participants. Finally we will all meet at The Malt Shovel, kindly hosted by Geoff and Joanne Stratford, for coffee, cheese and other liquid refreshments.

The Friends of St Andrews is a charity that raises money to help maintain the fabric of the Church and Community Hub. It is separate from Church funds and has played an important part in keeping the church building open, for the use of the community, over the last 30 years. Please contact CJ on 01455 290301 if you would like to participate or need any further explanation. The deadline for inclusion will be 16/6/24. Looking forward to seeing old and new faces then.

## St. Andrew's Sewing Group

The Group has been busy making a new altar frontal for the church. We plan to dedicate this with a celebration on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 3pm in church. This will be followed by tea, for which there will be a small charge. More details to follow and everyone is welcome to join us.

*Pat Lockwood*

## Ride and Stride

This event will be taking place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Monies raised go to The Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust and St Andrew's will receive half of the money raised by local participants. If you would like to take part, by cycling, walking or running around the local churches, sponsorship forms and more details can be obtained from me.

*Murray Lockwood 292542*

## 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. If you are studying, attending a training course, receiving coaching, 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 will be in November. Have a look at how Carlton Charity Lands funds can help you. Grants will be awarded in March so keep any relevant receipts to support your application.

Email: franco@onesti.co.uk for all the details and an online application pack.

## Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Carlton Parish Council will be held in the Community Hub at 7pm on Wednesday 8th May. All Parish organisations are welcome to attend this meeting and report on their activities.

*Parish Clerk*

## Audit

The Parish Council's accounts and supporting documentation will be available for public inspection from Monday 3rd June to Friday 12th July at 7 Main Street. Formal notices will be posted on the village noticeboard and PC website nearer the time. Most of this information will be published on the Parish Council website in mid-May.

*Parish Clerk*

## St. Andrew's Community Hub

The Hub continues to host a range of activities and is available to hire for clubs and community events. For bookings please contact me on 01455 292 542.

*Pat Lockwood*

## Carlton Gardening Group



The Group has managed to dodge the rainstorms and complete three important jobs since Christmas. The first was to remove the old fencing from around the Cemetery field, which had rotten posts and had been pushed over by sheep before

Christmas. New fencing has now been installed by a local contractor. The second was to carry out some necessary tree surgery in Little Lane, and the third was to install a galvanised trough in the Diamond Jubilee Orchard and plant it up with herbs. The Group tackles a wide variety of tasks around the parish and welcomes new members. Come and join us if you enjoy working outside in good company. There is often cake too.

*Mick Vann*

## Please be mindful of pedestrians and other motorists when parking your vehicle

Remember that **IT IS AN OFFENCE** to drive on a pavement. **IT IS AN OFFENCE** to block pedestrian access on a pavement. **IT IS AN OFFENCE** to cause an obstruction on a road.

The majority of road issues around parking boil down to common sense and courtesy for those around us. Sometimes it may mean you have to walk for a few seconds to get to your location. This issue affects all of us, let's work together to fix it.

*Local Policing Unit*

### 32<sup>nd</sup> Carlton Litter Pick – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

This event was very well supported, with 21 people participating, and we were able to cover all the roads leading to our neighbouring villages. The volume of rubbish collected, 1.6m<sup>3</sup>, was similar to last year, mainly food wrappings, cans, and bottles including whisky, beer and wine. However, as a result of the recent flooding, a whole front car bumper and ten number plates contributed to the pile.



Prizes were awarded as usual for the most useful, the most interesting and the most disgusting items collected. We thank the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Clean Neighbourhoods Team for the loan of equipment and for disposing of all the rubbish collected. The volume of the pile in 2014 was 3.0m<sup>3</sup>, and we have seen a gradual decline over the years since then but there is still a need for litter picking to continue. Please join us again in 2025!

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

## **Carlton Whist Drive, St. Andrew's Community Hub – every Wednesday 2pm to 4.30pm**

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 Parochial Church Council**

The Vestry and Annual Meeting were held on February 8th. Murray Lockwood and Duncan Fraser were elected Church Wardens. Their contact details are on the church notice board. Our Rector Mark Poskitt has moved to a new post in Yorkshire, so we will be without a vicar for some time. Rev Ann Hall, who is based in Market Bosworth will be taking some of our services over the coming months and we thank her for her support.

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

There were 4 reported crimes in Carlton from December 2023 to February 2024. These were 1 public order, 2 violence and/sexual assault and 1 other crime. If you would like to be included on the monthly NHW circulation please email me, Rosi Yule on [chalkstorm@btopenworld.com](mailto:chalkstorm@btopenworld.com). Discounts are sometimes available on your house insurance if you are a member of a local NHW scheme.

## **Market Bosworth Beat Team**

On Friday 5 April the officers from the Beat Team made a visit to the Gate Hangs Well for a drop-in session. The local beat team welcome comments on any policing issues. Road safety continues to be an issue for the Beat Team particularly around schools. The Team will continue to patrol around the local schools at pick up and drop off times for action as required. To help Road Safety and Young Drivers LCC offers year 11/12 students, who are 16/17 and have not yet started to drive, the opportunity to take part in a Pre-Driver Day aimed at young people who are interested in learning to drive. The course offers an introduction to driving, issues relating to speed, impairment and a practical off-road driving session at Mallory Park track accompanied by a qualified driving instructor. For further information visit: [www.tjunction.org.uk](http://www.tjunction.org.uk). The link also contains access to driving assessments for Carlton mature drivers who wish to check out their skills!

In March Leicestershire Police seized significant quantities of drugs, cash and weapons during a national week of County Lines activity. Warrants, arrests, ANPR operations and safeguarding visits were carried out to disrupt the supply of drugs and raise awareness of child criminal exploitation. The activity included 42 arrests, 40 search warrants and two ANPR operations which recovered significant weapons, over £24,000 in cash, £6,000 worth of crack cocaine, 437 cannabis plants and designer clothing worth over £10,000 across the County.

Leicestershire Police are currently recruiting for Special Constables, Detective Constables and Police constable degree apprenticeship (PCDA) applications. The PCDA route into policing is an opportunity for individuals from all backgrounds to obtain a degree whilst working and earning a full salary as a police officer. Further information can be found on the Leicestershire Police website or the Market Bosworth Police Facebook page. 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.

## **National NHW**

Cyber crime and scams remain high priority and fraud now accounts for almost 40% of all crime. In one year, 1 in 17 adults in England and Wales were victims of fraud. That's nearly 3 million of us. 1 in 5 businesses were also a victim of fraud over a 3-year period. Please continue to frustrate fraudsters:

- Remain suspicious over random calls and messages that you didn't instigate

- Don't automatically trust offers and click links

- Don't use the same or easy passwords

- Use 2-step verification for important accounts like email, social media and banking

Recently, there have been reports around the country of scammers placing fake QR codes on parking machines and meters, which lead unsuspecting drivers to unauthorised payment sites where they are prompted to input their personal and financial information. Before scanning any QR code for parking payment, look for signs of tampering or irregularities, such as scratches or tear marks on the QR code. Use official payment methods and avoid making payments through unfamiliar QR codes or websites. Stay vigilant, be on the lookout for any suspicious behaviour around parking meters, such as individuals tampering with them or loitering nearby.

To report suspicious activity you can call 101 or contact CrimeStoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. For any fraud or cyber scams Action Fraud is on 0300 123 2040.

***Rosi Yule Carlton Neighbourhood Watch 292212***

# Parish Council News

**Council tax 2024-25** – the PC's element of the Band D council tax is £50.86. The total Band D council tax payable in Carlton is £2155.82. The range in the Borough is £2252.79 to £2154.10. Of the 24 parishes and Hinckley Urban Area in the Borough, two parish councils have a lower council tax than Carlton.

**Cemetery fence** – has been replaced.

**Kissing gates** – the stile at the western edge of Westfields Farm is to be replaced by a kissing gate, thanks to a grant for 50% of the cost from the H&BBC Community Equipment grant fund. Market Bosworth PC has also obtained a grant to replace the stile near Harcourt Mill with a kissing gate – this is the only stile on this route between Back Lane in Market Bosworth and Main Street in Barton in the Beans.

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

**Parish Councillors -**

**Stuart Tupling** (Chairman) Bufton Lodge,  
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## Speed and traffic monitoring

In windy conditions the Speed Indicator Device (SID) records speeds of heavy rain or snow as slow-moving vehicles. The speeds reported below are too low and the vehicle numbers too high because of this problem - full details and charts can be found on the Traffic and Speed Monitoring page of the PC website.

The SID was deployed in Bosworth Road in January, to monitor the speed of vehicles entering the village. 27,369 hits were recorded, an average of 960/day with an average speed of 24.7mph and an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 39.9mph.

In February the SID was moved to Main Street, near Carlton Green where 16,615 hits were recorded heading west (out of the village), an average of 769/day. The average speed was 23.5mph and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed 31.3mph.

In March the SID was moved to Barton Road, to check the speed of vehicles entering the village. 9,708 hits were recorded, an average of 346/day with an average speed of 29.8mph and an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 38.0mph.

**Parish Clerk**

# Dates for Your Diary

Progressive Whist Drive at the Community Hub every Wednesday 2 - 4.30pm

Coffee Morning at The Gate Hangs Well every Friday 11am

## May

- 8<sup>th</sup> Wed 7pm Annual Parish Meeting, followed by Annual Meeting of Carlton Parish Council, Community Hub.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Sun No Church service
- 12<sup>th</sup> Sun 11am - 4.30pm Carlton Open Gardens\*
- 26<sup>th</sup> Sun 9am Communion at St. Andrew's Church

## June

- 9<sup>th</sup> Sun 9am Communion at St. Andrew's Church
- 16<sup>th</sup> Sun Deadline for Summer Supper participation\*
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sun 9am Morning Prayer at St. Andrew's Church

## July

- 6<sup>th</sup> Sat Summer Supper\*
- 10<sup>th</sup> Wed 7pm Carlton Parish Council meeting, Community Hub
- 14<sup>th</sup> Sun 9am Communion at St. Andrew's Church
- 19<sup>th</sup> Fri Deadline for August Edition of Carlton News - contact Editor
- 21<sup>st</sup> Sun 3pm Altar Frontal Dedication, St. Andrew's Church
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sun 9am Communion at St. Andrew's Church

## August

- 24<sup>th</sup> Sat 1pm Village Fete from 1pm on the Village Green  
Horticultural & Produce Show - schedule in next issue

## September

- 11<sup>th</sup> Wed 7pm Carlton Parish Council meeting, Community Hub
- 14<sup>th</sup> Sat Ride & Stride Event\*

\* please see article

## 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 05603-680268 for a volunteer to bring the community defibrillator to you.

Crimes are best reported on-line at [www.leics.police.uk/report-online](http://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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