

CARLTON NEWS

November 2022

Little Christmas House

The Little Christmas House at The Rectory will be open on Thursday 3rd November (10am-8pm), Friday 4th (10am-8pm) and Saturday 5th (10am-3pm) in aid of LOROS. Entry will be £5 to include a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. Steam transport will run from The Gate to the event.

Christmas lights switch-on

The start of the Christmas season will be marked by a new event at the Church — Christmas lights in the churchyard will be switched on at 6pm on Saturday 3rd December.

The switch-on will be followed by carol singing supported by the Carlton Rock Choir, and the serving of mulled wine and mince pies in the Community Hub. There will be a bucket collection, and proceeds will be split between the Friends of St Andrew's Church and the Harley Staples Cancer Trust.

The change of venue will enable the festivities to be held inside if the weather is poor, will utilise the new Community Hub, and will save buying a Christmas tree each year.

Parish Clerk

Christmas Coffee Morning & Sale

will be held in church on Saturday 3rd December from 10am -12 noon. Donations of items to sell, raffle prizes and cakes, will be gratefully received at Bumble Cot, Shackerstone Walk. Everyone is welcome so please join us.

Pat Lockwood 292542

Christingle

We will be holding our annual Christingle Service at 5pm on Sunday 18th December to raise money for the Children's Society to aid their work with vulnerable children and families. I am looking for young people to help deliver the service. We only have one rehearsal, so if you know of anyone who would like to take part please let me know on 292542.

Pat Lockwood

Carlton Progressive Whist Drive

Evenings are drawing in and summer activities are coming to an end. Now is the time to join us for an afternoon of Progressive Whist. If you left in the summer we would love to see you back and help to swell the numbers. The Progressive Whist Drive has really taken off and has formed a lively, friendly, afternoon club. The meeting time has now been extended to 2- 4:30pm and we have a tea and biscuit break, which has allowed old friends to catch up and new friendships to develop. We have room for more people to come and enjoy the afternoon so if you are interested please just come along to the church on a Wednesday afternoon or telephone me on 292496.

Anne Swallow

Speeding traffic

In view of the recommendations in the Parish Plan, and more recent reports of near-misses and accidents in the village, the Parish Council asked the County Council to impose a 20 mph speed limit on all roads currently covered by the 30 mph limit, and also to install a pedestrian refuge in the middle of Main Street at the junction with Barton Road.

Both requests have been refused: the first on the grounds that a 20 mph speed limit would not be effective without physical traffic calming measures; the second on the grounds that a refuge was not justified by the amount of pedestrian footfall. The full response from County Highways can be found on the news page of the Parish Council's website.

Main Street—Barton Road junction



Physical traffic calming measures such as chicanes are very expensive to construct, and the limited amounts of funding available are directed to places with a history of serious accidents. It is very unlikely that physical traffic calming measures will be installed in Carlton in the foreseeable future.

One way forward might be for concerned residents to form a *Community Speedwatch Group*, which would be trained to operate a radar speed gun and authorised to refer speeding vehicles to the Police. If you are interested in helping to form a *Community Speedwatch Group* please contact me before the end of November.

Parish Clerk clerk@carltonpc.co.uk **Tel. 290934**

Carlton Test Pitting 2022

The Bosworth Links Project began in Market Bosworth between 2017 and 2019, and has shown how the town developed. The aim now is to extend this to the neighbouring satellite settlements of Carlton, Cadeby, Far Coton, Osbaston, Shenton and Sutton Cheney. A coherent study of this kind has not been carried out before. We could have carried on anywhere, but chose Carlton and we could not have chosen better. The residents supported the project in so many ways - homeowners offered us their lawns and gardens for test pits, Carlton Parish Council offered us their greens, St. Andrew's Community Hub was made available to us for meetings and cleaning finds, a resident offered off-road parking for volunteers and the BBQ was held on another resident's paddock.

It was great to see our friends from previous digs mingling and working with new friends from Carlton. Every single volunteer who registered to take part turned up - surely a record! We all had a brilliant two days and excavated 20 test pits in the village. We found, or at least our wonderful volunteers found, all manner of interesting and useful artefacts. The earliest finds were examples of worked flint, followed by Roman and Medieval pottery. All of the finds have gone off to the University of Leicester Archaeological Services (ULAS) for further examination and accurate identification.



We were surprised by the number and variety of finds. The full story will be revealed by Matthew our Lead Archaeologist in a feedback session scheduled for February next year. I cannot wait to hear the story of Carlton and to see how and where it compares and contrasts with that of Market Bosworth. Bill Newsinger was also with us and has the makings of another brilliant video - watch out for news on both here in the coming months. Our next dig will be in April, so hurry and get on board! More information about the current project, together with the two films made so far and the detailed results from Market Bosworth can all be found on the Bosworth Links website – www.marketbosworthsociety.com/bosworth-links

Nigel Palmer (Chairman, Market Bosworth Society)

Last chance to apply for an award of up to £300 in November

Are you studying or starting an apprenticeship or training?

Are you 16 to 23 years of age?

An award from Carlton Charity Lands may be the answer.

Application Form and Award Criteria available from the Clerk – email madrailfan@aol.com

Deadline to submit the form extended to 9th November 2022

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Carlton Village Fete

Many thanks to everyone who helped make this year's fete such a success. AR Demolition and Reuben Heaton Ltd and Leedham Farm Dairy were all very generous in their support. In total £3,800.00 was raised, for which St. Andrew's PCC is very grateful.

Harvest Lunch

This year the lunch, enjoyed by 21 villagers, was held in the Hub, in church. Thanks to everyone who donated food for the meal. Before the lunch we held our Harvest Festival, which raised £100.00 for the Pakistan Disaster Appeal. Thanks to everyone who gave produce for the Food Bank and Hinckley Community Fridge.

Community Hub

The Hub is available for hire by anyone wishing to start a club or a coffee morning. The hire cost is £10.00/hr. Please contact the booking officer on 292542 for more information.

Pat Lockwood 292542

Speed and traffic monitoring

The Speed Indicator Device (SID) was deployed at the western end of Main Street (westbound) in July and on Bosworth Road (northbound) in August-September. In addition, Leicestershire Highways carried out speed surveys near each end of Main St in September, using two wires across the road. The County Council surveys showed good compliance with the 30 mph speed limit, with mean speeds between 25.4 and 28.5 mph in both directions, and 85th percentile speeds between 31.1 and 34.1 mph. The SID produced similar results, but only for west bound vehicles, with an average speed of 26.3 mph and an 85th percentile speed of 32.7 mph. On Bosworth Road the average speed of northbound vehicles recorded by the SID was 32.7 mph, and the 85th percentile speed 43.2 mph.

Full details can be found on the Traffic and Speed Monitoring page of the PC website, and in Report 2022-17.

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Neighbourhood Watch Group

Neighbourhood Watch

There were 11 reported crimes in Carlton from June to August. These were 2 public order offences, 3 other theft, 1 burglary, 1 vehicle crime, 3 violence and/or sexual offence and 1 other crime. If you would like to be included on the monthly circulation of local reported crime and NHW update please email me, Rosi Yule on chalkstorm@btopenworld.com.

This Carlton News includes a Neighbourhood Watch door/window sticker. If you already have one please feel free to pass on to a friend or colleague. The value of NHW is acting and feeling like a community – which Carlton is very strongly - as well as just reporting crime.

Bosworth Beat Team

Our local officer is **PCSO 6051 Tom Vaughan** and can be contacted on **07967 589 367** or **thomas.vaughan6051@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk** during his duty hours.

Members of the Bosworth Beat Team have been assisting Hinckley Police with executing drug warrants in Hinckley recently. If you have any local drug related concerns please let them know by phoning 101 or reporting online via <https://orlo.uk/uniSE>. Alternatively you can report anonymously via Crimestoppers via <https://orlo.uk/20UwK> or by phone on 0800 555 111.

Action has been taken regionally to raise awareness of rogue trading. Rogue traders pose as legitimate tradespeople, often targeting the vulnerable people within our communities. These unscrupulous offenders are extremely believable and can come across as very charming and trustworthy, but they can also use strategies such as aggressive behaviour and scare tactics, advising that work needs doing which often doesn't. The work can be sub-standard and consumers may find themselves paying more than they originally agreed. The message is simple: 'If you're not sure, don't open the door'. Select traders by local recommendation where possible.

NHW National Update

As the cost-of-living increases, so do the online scams. Whenever there's a crisis, it will be accompanied by fraudsters preying on our emotions, needs and fears. From a humanitarian crisis in Asia, the Russian invasion of Ukraine or a fatal fire in the UK, you can be sure that the fake appeals for charity donations and invitations to enter your personal details in return for graphic images, will follow.

This is similar to the raft of COVID-19 related scams which have been doing the rounds over the last two and a half years, with fake offers of anything from PPE to recovery loans,

vaccinations, tax rebates and COVID passports to free shopping deliveries. Or the rash of fake texts and emails from 'parcel delivery firms' attributable to the quantum leap in online shopping spawned by the pandemic.

Here are some of the scams that you're likely to hear about, or be affected by, with increasing financial pressures. Remember, fraudsters are highly adept at keeping abreast of unfortunate situations with very convincing and persuasive messages.

Texts purporting to be from 'Gov.org' or the 'DWP' inviting applications or claims for cost-of-living payments. In fact, payments are made automatically so there's no need to make such a claim.

Bogus emails, texts or calls claiming to be from the local council requesting bank or card details so that the £150 council tax rebate can be paid. Again, this is not necessary to receive the payment.

Fake messages about energy payments relief purporting to be from Ofgem, the energy regulator. Payments are not being overseen by Ofgem, but the Treasury and in most cases will be paid automatically by your energy provider.

emails, texts or calls claiming to be sent by energy suppliers offering switching deals, cheaper tariffs, discounts on prepayment meters or rebates.

WhatsApp scam messages from a number you don't recognise claiming to be a family member or friend, informing you they have changed their phone number. A short while later, they request money to solve 'a problem which needs payment' (made more believable by the cost-of-living crisis), also known as the 'Friend in Need' or 'Mum and Dad' scam. *(I've received at least 2 of these scam messages now and at first they looking unbelievably convincing)*. Block the number

Adverts, emails, texts or social media posts offering either non-existent loans or those with very high interest rates, to help you through a period of financial hardship.

An invitation to join 'get rich quick' schemes or jobs, with seemingly (so probably) impossible returns. These range from supposed high return pension and other investment schemes to being paid for the use of your bank account – the latter almost certainly resulting in 'money muling', a criminal offence in its own right.

A general increase in 'traditional' scams offering great deals on tickets, holidays, vehicles, consumer goods, fashion and other things you purchase online. What you buy is either non-existent or not as advertised.

Please help keep Carlton a safe and secure community over the festive season, including from scammers and cybercrime.

Rosi Yule NHW 292212

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

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Spring bulbs – clumps of daffodils – ‘*Carlton*’ of course – have been planted in front of each village nameplate and in grass verges along Main St. In addition, crocuses, dwarf narcissi and grape hyacinths have been planted in the Jubilee Orchard.

Parish boundary – the proposed changes were not supported by the Borough Council or Market Bosworth Parish Council and have been dropped.

Ash die-back disease – roadside ash trees in the parish were surveyed in July, and the disease continues to spread slowly. In 2019, 59% of surveyed trees were judged healthy; this had dropped to 32% in 2022. Full details can be found in Report 2022-16 on the Parish Council website. Owing to the advance of this disease, landowners are advised to inspect their trees to identify any problems and take appropriate action.

Churchyard wall – the lean was monitored on 21st August and showed deviation from the vertical of 82mm. This was the smallest lean measured so far, no doubt due to the summer drought. The maximum deviation measured so far was 97mm in February 2021.

Carlton Footpath Group – John Piggon has stepped down as Chairman of the Group, having served for 11 years. The main functions of the CFG are now to cut back encroaching vegetation and to make an annual report on the condition of local Rights of Way. Please get in touch if you are interested in taking up this vacant position or joining the Group.

New kissing gates – there are plans to replace two stiles on footpath S48 (between Carlton and Lount Road) with kissing gates this summer, thanks to support from our County Councillor Bertie Harrison-Rushton, the LCC Members Highways Fund, and neighbouring parish councils.

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Dates for Your Diary

Every Friday - Coffee Morning at The Gate Hangs Well, 11am

Every Wednesday—Progressive Whist Drive at the Community Hub, 2-4.30pm

November

- 3rd Thurs 10am-8pm. The Little Christmas House at The Rectory
Steam Engine rides from The Gate Hangs Well to the event
- 4th Fri 10am-8pm. The Little Christmas House at The Rectory
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- 5th Sat 10am-3pm. The Little Christmas House at The Rectory
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- 9th Wed 7.30pm. Carlton Parish Council meeting, Community Hub
- 9th Wed Carlton Charity Lands Application deadline
- 12th Sat Progressive Supper. Please contact CJ on 290301 for information.
- 13th Sun 6.30pm. Remembrance Evensong at St Andrew's Church
- 27th Sun 9am. Communion at St Andrew's Church

December

- 3rd Sat 10am-12 noon. Christmas coffee morning & sale at St Andrew's Church
- 3rd Sat 6pm. Christmas Lights switch on at St Andrew's Church
- 11th Sun 9am. Lessons & Carols at St Andrew's followed by coffee
- 18th Sun 5pm. Christingle followed by refreshments at St Andrew's Church
- 25th Sun 9am. Family Communion at St Andrew's Church

January

- 8th Sun 9am. Communion at St Andrew's Church
- 11th Wed 7.30pm. Carlton Parish Council meeting, Community Hub
- 20th Fri Copy deadline for February issue of Carlton News
- 22nd Sun 9am. 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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