

# CARLTON NEWS

**August 2020**

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## **Horticultural and Produce Show**

The show will be held in the Church on 5<sup>th</sup> September, whether or not the Church Fete goes ahead, unless we become subject to a local lockdown. Visitors will be required to maintain social distancing, and the number of people in the Church at one time will be limited. The schedule should have been delivered with this issue of Carlton News.

*Bill Sharp and Chris Peat*

## **Sunflower Challenge**

If you would like to enter your sunflowers into the Carlton Sunflower Challenge then please let me know by Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Judging will be during the week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> at a mutually convenient time. I will need to visit your garden to measure the flower but it is not absolutely essential for you to be home.

Prizes will be awarded for - the tallest sunflower - the sunflower with the widest diameter bloom - the best grown group of sunflowers

To enter send details of your name, age if under 16, address and a contact phone number to Liz Alun-Jones.

I hope you enjoyed growing your sunflowers. After they have finished flowering the birds love eating the seeds so don't cut them down until autumn. You can also save some seed and try growing more next year.

## **Summer Raffle**

I am still uncertain about whether or not we will be able to hold the Fete on Sept 5<sup>th</sup> but we will be having the raffle as usual and it will be drawn on that day. Tickets are now available from me. The first prize is £100.00, with a hamper, wine and other prizes to be won.

I am looking for people to help sell the tickets around the village and to their family and friends. I would also be very grateful of any donations for prizes. If you can help please contact me. Many thanks,

*Pat Lockwood*

## **Ride + Stride 2020**

Hi to all those who now have a bike. The Ride and Stride event has now been confirmed for this year. 400 churches across Leicestershire will be open for sponsored visits throughout the day on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Churches will be open with some refreshment, and it will be an ideal opportunity to visit churches and chapels round and about. This is set up by the Historic Churches Trust, and any sponsorship raised is shared between the home church and the trust. Over £42,000 was raised last year across the county and city, and the Trust then makes grants to church projects. St Andrews has benefitted from the Trust previously, and has been allocated a grant towards the kitchen and toilet extension

Please let me know if you are interested, and I will let you have an information pack nearer the day. Let's hope for fine weather.

*Bill Sharp*

## **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

We are hoping to have a MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING [Coffee and Cakes] on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 11am to 1pm at The Gate Hangs Well, Carlton. Please feel free to join us and raise some money for the Macmillan Nurses. We will try to follow government guidelines re distancing.

## **Progressive Supper**

The Progressive Supper will take place ( we all hope!! ) this year on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 7pm. The cost of the evening is £10 per person: proceeds go to The Friends of St. Andrew's Fund.

For those of you who have not done this before and would like to, you will be very welcome, and it is a very sociable night. Hosts will need to provide one course only at home for 6-8 guests, the other courses are provided at other homes with different people. At the end of the evening we have a cheese and biscuit final course in one house.

Phone me if you want a chat about more details. If you would like to take part in this really great evening get-together then let me know at the latest by Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October. I look forward to hearing from you.

*Enid*

## Neighbourhood Watch Group

There were no reported crimes in Carlton from March to May 2020. This is a great result and probably a first! Lockdown, people staying home and the reduction in traffic movement has helped but let's hope the low crime levels continue. Do keep your household as secure as possible and remain vigilant.

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](mailto:chalkstorm@btopenworld.com)

### Bosworth Beat Team

PCSO Allan Charles has left our local team to become a full police officer and has been replaced by PCSO 6598 Emma Roe. If you have any information which might help catch those responsible for committing crime or anti-social behaviour please call 101 or Crimestoppers which is anonymous on 0800 555 111. You can be part of your Leicestershire text alert system by emailing your name and number to [leicsruralcrime@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:leicsruralcrime@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)

### NHW National Update

Lockdown has been a journey of communities looking after communities, making them more resilient together. As we start to come out of the lockdown, Neighbourhood Watch has become more relevant than ever before. Actively supporting our neighbours and building community resilience will enable us to work more closely together to achieve more.

How do we ensure this Carlton neighbourliness does not leave with lockdown?

Keep in touch: picking up the phone or popping round for a socially distanced brew could mean the world to someone.

Give a wave: the simple act of waving to a neighbour can help you both to feel more socially connected. While a wave may not seem like a lot, it could make a big difference to someone who is feeling alone. A wave shows that you care.

Lend a helping hand: though many restrictions are reducing, with more shops starting to open, the vulnerable may continue to feel uncertain for quite some time and may not be comfortable leaving their house. Why not reach out to your neighbours and see if they need anything?

*Rosi Yule NHW*

## Local History Data

If anyone is interested in investigating the social history of Carlton I would like to hear from them. We have collected together a lot of documentation about the village which could be studied to show changes in employment, birth rates, infant mortality rates, etc.

Please contact me by email. Richard Liddington

## Pond Project Carlton

As a family we have for many years been actively involved in conservation and nature. We are very lucky to live where we do and try to make the most of the land that we have: quite a lot of what we have done in the past is largely unseen as it has revolved around the Bottle Neck wood but over the years we have planted over 3000 oak and ash trees to regenerate the wood, clearing small areas at a time and replanting. When bottle neck wood was first planted by Charles & Agnes Tollemache Scott in 1888 and extended in 1889, there was a small pond in the centre of the wood just off the main ride. We reinstated that very small pond a few years ago, along with planting three new hedgerows around the wood, clearing the ditches and putting new drainage around the wood.

It has long been our wish to put a more substantial pond on the land, but something that hopefully other people could enjoy as well as ourselves, so we applied for planning permission which was granted. We had a badger survey carried out, and also dug some test holes to check the viability, as the nearer you get to the village itself there is a sand belt that could have created a problem retaining water - thankfully this was not a problem.

We actually started putting a spade in the ground in late April. That part of the field has always been wet, and when we started digging you could see why - as soon as we had stripped off 40-50cm of top soil we were straight into clay which was good. We stripped the top soil off and piled it up and marked out the basic shape and used a laser level to mark out the water levels. In order to get the pond to sit at a good visual level we excavated in some areas and filled in other areas (a practice known as cut and fill) - by doing this we omitted the need to import fill material to make up the southern levels.

At present the southern end of the pond appears to be much higher than the northern end, this is in fact an optical illusion and the effect will gradually disappear as the pond fills up. We gained clay to build the bank at the bottom of the pond to level it with the top end of the pond all from within the ponds own footprint. We also dug completely around the edge of the field to block any old land drains as these can create leaks which are then difficult to correct at a later date - this is known as a key trench. Having dug the basic shape and depth the clay was compacted and levelled in layers to the sides and bottom of the pond to create the seal, although nature creates the final seal as it fills. The top soil was then reused and distributed and levelled around the pond.

Several existing land drains from the property and across the two fields have been connected to create a feed into the pond, with an overflow pipe at the bottom which sends surplus water back into the existing land drains around the wood, the overflow is also used to set / adjust the final water level. Finally we prepared and have sown grass seed all around the pond which is showing signs of shooting as I write this now, also with the recent weather we have water in the pond and nature is working brilliantly to seal the cracks in the clay and allow the pond to fill naturally.



Whilst the pond was under construction we had some very strong winds which blew over one of the trees in the wood. In the fallen trunk was an owls nest with two chicks - we put the chicks in a box while we cut a 3 meter section out of the fallen tree trunk containing the owls nest. Then using the machine we held the section of tree trunk against another tree and attached it with heavy duty ratchet straps We then put the chicks back in the original nest and set up a wildlife camera, and have captured images of the parent bird visiting the nest and have pictures of the chicks still doing well.

So after moving 3,000 cubic meters (about 6,000 tonnes) which is the equivalent of 300 lorry loads of soil around we have the end product which we are very pleased with. Hopefully the pond will fill to full level over the winter and create a haven for wildlife of all sorts over the coming years, and also pleasure for anyone walking the footpath for generations to come.

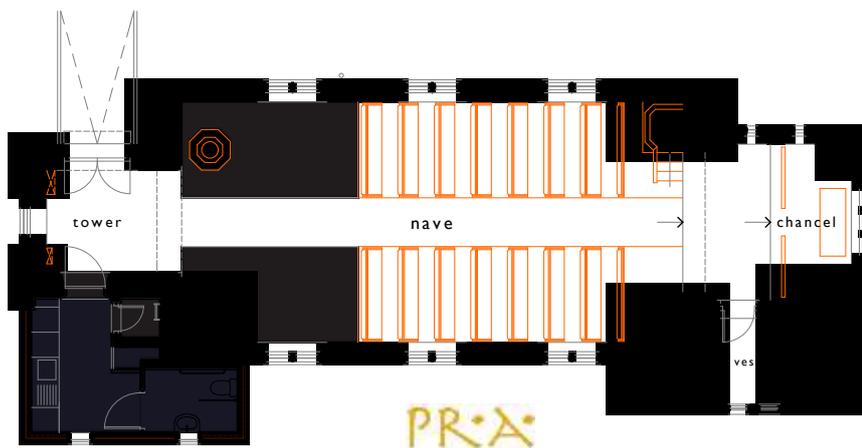
***The Dolman Family***

## St Andrew's Community Hub

Those of you who read Carlton News regularly will already know something about our exciting project to create a community space in St Andrews Church, to be known as the St Andrew's Community Hub.

First of all, I hope this finds you all fit and well. I'm sure like me, many of you will be a little fed up with the lockdown. By the time you read this I hope there may be a little more freedom, providing we can all stay safe, of course. Unfortunately, the lockdown has also delayed our project a little.

The good news. We have now received full permission from the Diocese of Leicester to go ahead with the Community Hub. As we already had planning permission, we are now ready to start work. Since I last wrote, we have also identified a building contractor, experienced in projects on historic buildings, to do the work. We will meet them later this month, as the lockdown eases. Earlier in May, our good friends at AR Demolition conducted an asbestos survey on the church, which is necessary before building starts. And more good news: no asbestos found.



Given the progress, I wanted to share an image of what the layout of the church will look like after the project is finished. My thanks to Scarlett, our architect, for the drawing.

However, there is mixed news on funding. Many funders are understandably and rightly prioritising COVID-19 initiatives. Unfortunately, this has meant that they are deferring decisions on projects such as ours. Disappointed, but not defeated, we are now writing to other funders to ask for help. The first two of these, Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust and the Garfield Weston Foundation, have already pledged their support. We have also received a very generous donation to the project from Vinod and Rashmi, local residents. Thank you, both.

If you would like to make a donation to support the development of the Community Hub, please make it to the Friends of St Andrews (I would be happy to pass your donation on). If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me, either around and about in Carlton, or by email.

**Robin Arnold** Carlton Parochial Church Council & Project Lead

## Value of Grants Increased

The Trustees of Carlton Charity Lands have increased the value of individual grants up to a maximum of £200. Recipients do not have to pay the grant back. The impact of the recent virus has caused much disruption to young people's lives. We are hoping that our grants can support them in their return to education and training when that happens.

Applications must be submitted by 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

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 Education or training they will be eligible for a grant from the Charity Lands' fund. Grants are made to help with the costs of apprenticeships, buying books, equipment, fees, travel costs and starting a business.

For an application form and further details please contact the Secretary. Please stay safe during these difficult times,

***Hazel Davenport (Chairperson)***

## Parish Council News

**Meetings** – scheduled in April, May and June were not held because of the Coronavirus lockdown. The Annual Parish Meeting, usually held in May, was not held, but written reports from parish organisations were presented to the ordinary Parish Council meeting in July and can be found on the PC website. Unless there is a new lockdown, meetings scheduled for the rest of the year will be held in the Church with social distancing.

**Sewer works** – the main sewer between 19 and 27 Main Street has overflowed several times over the past few years, most seriously during thunderstorms in June. The pipe is to be replaced, with work starting on 7<sup>th</sup> September and expected to last up to 5 days. There will be parking restrictions along this part of Main Street while the works are taking place.

**External Audit** – the Parish Council's accounts and supporting documentation for 2019-20 will be available for public inspection until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 7 Main Street at any reasonable time. Information about the audit can be found on the News page of the PC website.

**Council tax** – The Band D Council tax payable in Carlton in 2020-21 will be £1807.10. When ranked from high to low in order of the amount of tax payable, Carlton is ranked 22nd out of the 25 areas in the Borough.

**SID** – the Speed Indicator Device has not been deployed during the lockdown period.

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

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# Dates for Your Diary

Friday Coffee Mornings at The Gate Hangs Well will resume when lockdown eases - look out for notices

## August

- 9<sup>th</sup> Sun 9am Morning Prayer, St Andrew's Church  
14<sup>th</sup> Fri Last day to inspect the Parish Council's accounts for 2019-20  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sun 9am Communion, St Andrew's Church  
Closing date for entry to the Carlton Sunflower Challenge

## September

- 5<sup>th</sup> Sat Horticultural & Produce Show, St Andrews Church  
Church Fete to be confirmed  
9<sup>th</sup> Wed 7.30 pm. Carlton Parish Council meeting, St Andrew's Church  
12<sup>th</sup> Sat Ride & Stride event all day  
13<sup>th</sup> Sun Church service to be arranged  
25<sup>th</sup> Fri 11am - 1pm. MacMillan Coffee Morning, Gate Hangs Well  
27<sup>th</sup> Sun 11am Harvest Festival Service, St Andrew's Church

## October

- 11<sup>th</sup> Sun 9am Communion, St Andrew's Church  
25<sup>th</sup> Sun 9am Communion, St Andrew's Church

## November

- 4<sup>th</sup> Wed Closing date for applications to the Carlton Charity Lands  
14<sup>th</sup> Sat 7pm. Progressive Supper  
25<sup>th</sup> Wed 7.30 pm. Carlton Parish Council meeting, St Andrew's Church

## 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.

## 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](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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