

# CARLTON NEWS

**November 2020**

## **On a personal note**

Well I must say that when we entered into lockdown on 23<sup>rd</sup> March I did not think that we would still be in the same unreal situation all these months later. During this time we have as a community supported each other by setting up Whatsapp groups, Facebook pages and various on-line groups so that we can keep in touch and help each other out - not only for assistance with essential shopping but also to offer those who perhaps live alone or have been isolating a friendly face and a chat especially if they have not been able to see family for a while.

I am so thankful that we live in such a community driven village where you can always be assured that a helping hand is at the end of a text or phone call whatever the emergency.

I myself have had many over the months where I have either assisted or needed assistance! – snakes, horses, dogs, batteries, diesel, fruit and veg, flour, a chat. Let's hope we can all enjoy a happy and healthy festive season with friends and family and some normality soon.

*Mandie*  
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## **Christmas**

Unfortunately due to the present situation with Covid-19, we are unable to plan any of our usual Christmas events, including the Christingle. The Christmas Tree will be on The Green as usual, but we will not be holding our traditional lighting and carols round the tree.

## **Church Services**

We have had no problem accommodating all those who have returned to worship in church but if you wish to attend Church on Christmas Day, would you please let me know as we are only able to use half of the pews at present because of social distancing and we may have to restrict numbers.

*Pat Lockwood*

## **Dog Poop**

It is sad that we have to put this note in Carlton News but it is apparent that some people are throwing their bags of dog poo into and under the trees in the Churchyard, hanging bags on gates and generally not clearing up after their animals, not taking the dog poo home with them or using the bin across the road to the telephone box.

The Churchyard is a place where loved ones are laid to rest and where family and friends come to show their respects and spend time thoughtfully. Out of respect we would ask you to keep your dogs on a lead, clear up their mess and do not leave bags of dog poo in the churchyard.

*Church Wardens, St Andrew's Church, Carlton*

## **Test and trace support payments**

If you have been told by the NHS to self-isolate, either because you have tested positive for COVID-19 or you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive, you may be eligible to apply for a test and trace support payment.

To be eligible for the scheme, you must be a Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council resident and meet all four of the following criteria:

1. You must have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, either because you have tested positive for COVID-19 or have recently been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, and have been given a test and trace number;
2. You must be employed or self-employed;
3. You must be unable to work from home and have a significant loss of income as a result of having to stay at home and self-isolate;
4. You must be currently receiving universal credit, working tax credit, income-based employment and support allowance, income-based jobseeker's allowance, income support, housing benefit and/or pension credit.

There is also a discretionary scheme if you are on a low income and suffering severe financial hardship because of self-isolation. Details can be found on the H&BBC website.

*Parish Clerk*

## **Horticultural & Produce Show**

The Annual Show attracted 87 entries from 17 parishioners – down from 121 entries from 31 parishioners last year – and attracted 70 visitors. 2020 had been a difficult year for gardening, and many flowers and crops were of poor quality or over by the time of the show. We thank everyone who took part and the visitors, who all observed social distancing and appreciated one of the few local events to take place this year.

*Chris Peat & Bill Sharp*

# All residents are invited to join the Carlton Parish Plan Group

The Parish Plan is based on a wide-ranging survey of local opinion. It is an important document, which informs and underpins the work of the Parish Council and other local authorities and organisations.

The current Parish Plan, prepared in 2011, can be found on the Parish Council's website. Work on updating it will begin early in 2021 with the creation of a team of volunteers.

The work comprises designing, delivering and collecting a questionnaire, followed by analysing the responses and writing the final report. The project timetable is for questionnaire design to be complete by July 2021; questionnaires delivered in September and collected in October and November 2021; data analysis to be complete by the end of March 2022; the final report to be published in July 2022, followed by a public meeting in August 2022 to discuss the results.

Covid-19 restrictions may require much of the preliminary work to be done by email, and it may not be possible to hold public meetings to publicise the project.

If you might be interested in becoming a member of the Carlton Parish Plan Group please contact me as soon as possible.

**Chris Peat** *clerk@carltonpc.co.uk* **Tel 01455-290934**

## Church News

### Charity Event and Horticultural Show

Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle, charity afternoon and horticultural show. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and we were blessed with sunny weather. Many, many thanks to everyone who helped sell the raffle tickets before the day and to all those who donated prizes, especially AR Demolition, who once again provided the first prize of £100.00. Thanks are also given to everyone who donated cakes, produce, things to sell and helped run stalls on the day. We are very grateful for all the help given and made a profit of £1,828 for church funds.

### Harvest

Thanks to our harvest sale and donations we were able to send £100.00 to "Self Help Africa", a charity which helps poor farmers to become self-sufficient. We were also able to donate food to the local Food Bank. Thanks to everyone who supported the event.

**Pat Lockwood**

# St Andrew's Community Hub

Another update on the creation of the community space for us all, the St Andrew's Community Hub.

As ever I wanted to start with the good news. We are now within £55,000 of our funding target having identified over £180,000 of funding so far. Your efforts recently on-line at the Crowd Funding website and with the Buy a Brick campaign, started by Bill Sharp and Chris Peat, show how committed Carlton villagers are to getting this new facility. Thank you.

The website closed during October (it was hosted by Aviva), but the Buy a Brick campaign is still going. I will be putting notices up around Carlton to let you know how you can donate to this campaign. Any donation of £2 or more will be added to a scroll of donors displayed in the new Hub. My thanks to Simon Cooper for selling 104 'bricks' recently. We have met with the stonemasons who will build our small extension to the church, remove some of the pews and refurbish and redecorate the affected areas of the building. They are ready to start work once all of our funding has been obtained. If you are interested in purchasing one or more of the pews once they have been removed, please contact Bill Sharp or Murray Lockwood. Some of you may also have noticed that we have already removed the small ramshackle shed to the rear of the church, as this would have been in the way of the extension.

Sadly, there is still mixed news on funding. As in the previous update, many funders are understandably and rightly prioritising Covid-19 initiatives. Unfortunately, this has meant that they are deferring decisions on projects such as ours. During the summer we wrote to many smaller charities to see if they would support us. As I write we are waiting on decisions from 11 of these when their trustees meet during the autumn.

At this critical stage of our project, we would be very grateful if you decided to support the creation of our Community 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. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me, either around or about in Carlton, or on the email address below.

**Robin Arnold**    **Carlton Parochial Church Council & Project Lead**  
***rgarnold1@gmail.com***

# Neighbourhood Watch Group

There were 3 reported crimes in Carlton from June to August 2020, 1 vehicle crime, 1 burglary and 1 public order offence. Although crime across the area has risen a little after the spring lockdown our numbers remain low thanks in part to the vigilance and neighbourliness of Carlton.

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](mailto:chalkstorm@btopenworld.com)

## Bosworth Beat Team

Your Bosworth Beat Team are always happy to hear from you. Please email us at ***firstname.surname@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk*** or call 101 for Sgt 730 Andy Cox, PC 537 Phil Hale, PC 207 Rob Cross, PCSO 6598 Emma Roe. If you have any information which might help us catch any who are responsible for committing crime or anti-social behaviour in your area please let us know by calling 101 or Crimestoppers which is anonymous on 0800 555 111. You can be part of your local text alert system by emailing your name and number to ***leicsruralcrime@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk***

Recently there have been burglaries overnight in Market Bosworth where cars have been stolen with keys. These are believed to have occurred between 2.15 am and 2.30 am. A timely reminder to all Carlton residents that valuable cars on drives, sleeping residents and car key fobs easily available represent an opportunity for thieves. Please don't make it easy for them!

## NHW National Update

The clocks go back on Sunday 25 October and NHW are running their Darker Nights awareness campaign. Thieves like dark nights so please:

- \* Make sure your house looks lived in, even when you're out
- \* If you have a house alarm, ensure you set it before you go out and ensure all doors and windows are locked
- \* Lights on indoors give the impression someone is home. Use timer switches to automatically turn on lighting and lamps when you're away or out for the evening.
- \* Burglars don't like external security lights, make sure you use these during the darker nights and leaving on all night will cost very little with economy bulbs. The streetlights go out at midnight in Carlton but porch or drive lights left on make our village a less attractive proposition to burglars or vehicle thieves
- \* If you see someone acting suspiciously please call 101. Leicestershire Police will not mind. Always call 999 in an emergency or if you witness a crime in action.

***Rosi Yule, NHW***

# **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.

*Local Policing Unit*

## **Last chance to apply**

Time is very short for young people aged from 16 to 23 to apply for a grant of up to £200. The trustees of Carlton Charity Lands next meet on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 to consider any applications that have been received. Applications must be submitted by 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (or later by arrangement).

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.

If you are, or you know of such a young person, 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.

We would welcome applications from anyone meeting the criteria to help with any of the costs up to the value of £200 associated with your education or training. For an application form and further details please call 01455 290733 or email [\*\*madrailfan@aol.com\*\*](mailto:madrailfan@aol.com)  
Please take care during these difficult times.

*Hazel Davenport (Chairperson)*

## **Speed and traffic monitoring**

Our speed indicator device (SID) monitored southbound vehicles on Bosworth Road between 17<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August. During this period 7,458 vehicles were counted: the average number was 690/day on weekdays, and 668/day over the week as a whole. The average speed was 33.8 mph and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed 41.1 mph. The highest speed recorded was 65mph at 20:55hrs on 18<sup>th</sup> August.

From 31<sup>st</sup> August to 20<sup>th</sup> September the SID monitored northbound vehicles on Bosworth Road. During this period 16,690 vehicles were counted: the average number was 843/day on weekdays, and 794/day over the week as a whole. The average speed was 34.3 mph, and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed 44.0 mph. The highest speed recorded was 70 mph at 21:35 hrs on 31<sup>st</sup> August.

*Parish Clerk*

## Parish Council News

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

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**Toxocara** – can be passed to sheep from dog faeces. One landowner in Carlton has reported a case this year – the mother sheep went blind, gave birth to two still born lambs, and then died. This was not only very distressing for the owner of the animal, but costly in terms of care, vets bills, and the loss of the livestock. Please keep to footpaths and do not allow your dog to foul grazing land.

**Kissing gates** – thanks to a grant from Leicestershire County Council, steel kissing gates are to be installed at the Congerstone Road end of the footpath from Little Lane across the railway line; at the Barton Road end of the footpath which runs along the southern side of Barton in the Beans; and at the A447 end of the footpath from Harry's Grave to Nailstone. The latter gate is being funded by the same grant scheme, but with 50% from the allocation to Nailstone PC and 50% from the allocation to Carlton PC. We thank the landowners for their support for these improvements, and Nailstone PC for their co-operation.

**Accounts** – the audit of the Parish Council's accounts for 2019-20 has been completed; documentation can be found on the PC website; I am happy to answer questions about the accounts at any time.

**Parish Council Meetings** – in future, Carlton PC will meet six times a year, every other month, on the second Wednesday of the month. Dates will be published in the Diary section of Carlton News, and advertised on the Parish noticeboard as usual. Agendas and background documents can be found on the PC website, or just ask me.

*Parish Clerk*

## Local History Data

If anyone is interested in doing 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.

*Richard Liddington*

*[richardliddington01@gmail.com](mailto:richardliddington01@gmail.com)*

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all those who helped us raise £500 for the MacMillan Nurses at our coffee morning - a great result and more than we have made in previous years.

*Tania Sharp*

# Dates for Your Diary

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

## November

- 8<sup>th</sup> Sun 6.30pm. Remembrance Evensong in St Andrew's Church  
18<sup>th</sup> Wed Carlton Charity Lands Trustees Meeting  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sun 9am. Communion Service in St Andrew's Church  
25<sup>th</sup> Wed 7.30pm. Carlton Parish Council meeting in St Andrew's Church

## December

- 13<sup>th</sup> Sun 9am. Advent readings and music in St Andrew's Church  
25<sup>th</sup> Fri 9am. Communion in St Andrew's Church

## January

- 10<sup>th</sup> Sun 9am. Communion Service in St Andrew's Church  
13<sup>th</sup> Wed 7.30pm. Carlton Parish Council meeting in St Andrew's Church  
20<sup>th</sup> Wed Copy date for February 2021 edition of Carlton News  
24<sup>th</sup> Sun 9am. Communion Service in St Andrew's Church



Horticultural Show September 2020

## 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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