

CARLTON NEWS

February 2022

Tea and Chat

We are hoping to set up a tea and chat group in the Community Hub on Monday afternoons 2pm – 4pm. For anyone who would like to come along we are starting on the 14th February and would be pleased to see young and old alike. Enid Morgan and I will start this off but would also like others to take a turn making the tea and providing biscuits especially for when we are on holiday. Hope to see you there.

Tania Sharp

Platinum Jubilee

The Platinum Jubilee will be marked at 2pm on Sunday 6th February by the planting of three new trees in the churchyard by mystery guests.

The trees will be a crab apple (*Malus 'Red Jewel'*), a Japanese rowan (*Sorbus commixta 'Embley'*) and a Chinese hornbeam (*Carpinus omeiensis*), which will replace the flowering cherry which died and was removed last year. They have been chosen to provide structure and interest throughout the year.

The Silver Jubilee was marked in Carlton by the planting of the weeping silver birch in front of the church and the copper beech at the back by the 1st Carlton Brownie Pack.

Chris Peat, Tree Warden

More on the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations ...

We are setting up a planning group to organise a street party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Could you please contact either myself or Nicola (Nix) Morgan so that we can get this exciting event organised.

Nicola Morgan 07812080503

Mandie Bristlin 07939267766

or via the Messenger Group – Carlton Village Club via Facebook

Spring Clean Litter Pick - Sunday 20th March

The Litter Pick has been an annual event in Carlton since 1992, and the Keep Carlton Tidy Group was founded in 2004, and so it will be our 30 Year Anniversary Pick on Sunday 20th 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 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 Progressive Whist Drive - Wednesday 2pm - 4pm

We have had our first Progressive Whist Drive in the new Community Hub and it was very entertaining in many ways. After ironing out a few rules I look forward to meeting every Wednesday 2pm – 4pm from now on.

Whist is an easy game and lots of fun. It can be learned on the day so please don't be put off if you have never played cards before. **And** you don't need a partner. This will be weekly and makes a pleasant afternoon to while away the winter days.

If you are interested and want to know more please telephone me on 292496.

I am still keen to start an afternoon Bridge group so if anyone is interested in playing Social Bridge then please let me know telephone number above. Ideally 8 players will make it viable. Exciting times!

Anne Swallow

Please do not park on pavements

- doing so could force a vulnerable pedestrian or child 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 Plan 2021

Thank you to everyone who took the trouble to complete their questionnaire, and the many respondents who made considered and detailed comments. Responses were received from 247 adults (82%) and 54 young people (78%), so the results will be truly representative of our community.

The coding of the responses was completed before Christmas, and work has begun on analysing the data for the final report. Every response will be considered, so it is going to take a while to work through them all.

Some respondents filled in the form at the back of the questionnaire to request information, but failed to provide their contact details. If you were expecting information and haven't received it please contact me (Tel 290934 or email clerk@carltonpc.co.uk).

Chris Peat, Secretary, Carlton Parish Plan Group

Frances Farren

I have recently become aware of this lady, who now lives in Burton on Trent, but was born in one of the thatched cottages that once stood opposite Hall Terrace. She will be one hundred years old early this year and is reputed to be the oldest living Wren (Women's Royal Naval Service) in Britain.

The Farren family were a long-standing family in Carlton and at the time she was born two families of Farrens lived in that row, and her father was born in the same house. She described the house as a living room and kitchen downstairs, and two bedrooms above. The coal was kept under the stairs. One bedroom contained two double beds, one used by her uncle.

Other interesting facts from her:

She used to push Dennis Bream around in his pram when he lived in Hall Terrace.

Her uncle Emmanuel Goddard had a penny farthing cycle which he parked across the road overnight. He walked miles to see his customers as a tailor.

Her grandparents were married in the chapel that stood down Congerstone Lane.

There was illegal cock fighting on Sunday afternoon at Stone House Farm whilst children were at Sunday School.

Mrs Perry wore a man's cap and smoked a clay pipe.

The children danced round the May Pole whilst the teacher played the piano on the green but also the children went door to door singing and collecting money.

Richard Liddington

Neighbourhood Watch Group

There were no reported crimes in Carlton from September to November 2021 – great news all round! 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

Bosworth Beat Team

Our Bosworth Beat Team remain busy dealing with fly tipping, stolen, untaxed and uninsured vehicles, road traffic accidents, community speed checks, parking problems outside schools and hare coursing amongst other things. The new rural beat team headed by PC Rob Cross has been very active looking specifically at rural crime.

There has been an increase in keyless entry theft of vehicles. Please don't leave your keys near the front door which may mean they could be cloned from outside.

If you need to report a crime call 101 or 999 in an emergency, or online at leics.police.uk. If you wish to report a crime, but you don't want to identify yourself, contact Crimestoppers. They'll ask questions about the crime but not about you. If you're concerned your call could be traced, dial 141 before 0800 555 111 - this will block your phone number.

Leicestershire Police Budget and Council Tax will be approved shortly – a short survey on the proposed increase is at <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6689672/Budget-Survey-2022-2023> if you wish to have your say.

NHW National Update

NHW celebrates 40 years in 2022 – it has transformed from its early image of “curtain twitchers” but its central vision of a society where neighbours come together to create safer, stronger and active communities is even more relevant today than 1982, as people increasingly retreat behind technology. Carlton remains a strong community and I'm sure this helps maintain our low crime rates.

NHS Covid Pass Fraud

NHW are aware that people are being scammed out of money to obtain a Covid pass. The NHS Covid pass, for domestic or travel purposes, is free. The NHS will never ask for payment or financial details for this. If you believe you, or your family or friend are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

Rosi Yule NHW 292212

Help to Shape the Future of Carlton Charity Lands

Introduction

The next meeting of the Trustees takes place on 17th March 2022. Applications for an award of up to £200 are invited from young people from 16 to 23 years old to help with the cost of further education.

If you are, or know of someone, who may be eligible please email madrailfan@aol.com for an application form and more details. Successful applicants must produce evidence of expenditure before an award is released.

More importantly, the Charity has received few applications over the last eighteen months. The dip in applications may be caused by a dip in the number of those eligible and in future there may be more young people of a suitable age. ***However, the Trustees are seeking assistance from everyone in the village to determine the future direction of the Charity.***

A recent change of tenant has led to an increase of funds to around £2,000 per annum and the Trustees are keen to ensure that the monies are being used as effectively as possible.

All people, young or old are invited to suggest alternative uses for the monies.

History

Carlton Charity Lands can trace its history back to 1317. In those days, individuals wanting to undertake apprenticeships had to pay

for their own training. Money was scarce and some far-sighted individuals decided that the annual rent from nearby fields should be used to sponsor young people in the village to take up apprenticeships.

Over time the Charity's work continued culminating in the operation of the Charity being formalised into a Governing Document in 1912. The Trustees follow the requirements of that document which is registered with the Charity Commission. Since the current Trustees were appointed in 2014, a total of 38 grants to 23 applicants have been awarded.

Income

The Charity owns two fields totalling some 9 acres at the South end of the village adjacent to the railway line. The current tenant has planted Christmas trees in the fields which should mature over the next eight years. At that time the tenancy will be reviewed.

Current Position

The operation of the charity is controlled by the Governing Document of 1912 which was amended in 2014 to enable the current distribution of monies to take place. The amendment meant that money could be distributed to young people thereby maintaining the original aims of the Charities' founders.

There are six Trustees, one of whom acts as Chairperson and one who is the Clerk. The election of Trustees to these posts takes place at the annual meeting in November. Four of the Trustees are Representative Trustees who are appointed by the Parish Council

for a three-year term. The other two Trustees are Co-Optative Trustees who serve five year terms.

Advertising for Applicants

Meetings of the Trustees usually take place twice a year in March and November. Prior to the meetings, notices requesting applications are posted in the bus shelters and on the Parish Council notice board in the Churchyard. The same notice is also placed on the two Carlton Facebook pages and an article placed in the previous Carlton News.

The meetings on March of 2020 and 2021 had to be cancelled as no applications were received. The November 2020 meeting was held virtually owing to Covid and 4 requests were considered. In November of 2021 only one application was received.

Applications

The Trustees feel that the alternative ways of seeking applicants may not be the most effective and that this is leading to fewer requests. Are there other means of reaching potential applicants?

Review

The Trustees have reviewed the overall situation of the Charity and have wondered if awarding funds to younger people is the most appropriate use of the funds in this affluent village. Some suggestions have been made about changes to the Governing Document allowing the funds to be used in different ways.

As the Charity is for the overall benefit of the village, the Trustees feel that all villagers should be consulted so that the aims of the Charity accord with current thinking.

Consequently, ALL of the village residents are invited to suggest ways in which the funds could be used in the future. The Trustees would also welcome suggestions about the ways in which advertising could be better targeted. If you have ideas or suggestions and wish to discuss them please contact one of the Trustees listed below.

Hazel Davenport—Chairperson	01455 293239
Christopher Brockhurst	01455 290551
Graham Jackson	01455 290919
Franco Onesti	01455 290100
Andy Tee	01455 293092
Ian Sarson—Clerk	01455 290733

*Any ideas or suggestions that you may have should be forwarded to the Clerk, Ian Sarson, by email to **madrailfan@aol.com** or by ringing the phone number above. The Trustees will consider every response and provide feedback in due course.*

If you wish to apply for a grant then call or email the Clerk for an application form which must be returned by 3rd March 2022.

Hazel Davenport – Chairperson.

St Andrew's Community Hub

Our project to build St Andrew's Community Hub is complete. The Community Hub was handed over by Ackroyd Construction to our churchwardens on 15th November and, after cleaning and furnishing, it opened to residents at the Christmas coffee morning held on Saturday 4th December. It was great to see so many of you at the coffee morning. The opening was followed by a well-attended concert in the church on 6th December.

At the request of our funders, we arranged a formal opening of the Hub on Friday 17th December by Dr Luke Evans MP, coupled with a service of dedication led by the Archdeacon of Loughborough, the Venerable Claire Wood. My thanks to all those of you who helped make this event a success.

We have also been asked by funders to put up plaques in the Hub to acknowledge their funding. As importantly, we wanted to acknowledge all those of you who contributed towards the Hub by supporting our online and 'Buy a Brick' campaigns. We have framed a scroll of donors and will shortly put this up in the Hub. I apologise now if I've missed anyone off of the scroll, or have inadvertently misspelled anyone's name. Please let me know at rgarnold1@gmail.com and I'll put this right.

I was very pleased to hear about the many ideas you have for using the Hub. I am aware that plans are already underway for tea and chat afternoons and for a whist drive. If you would like

to use the Hub for your event or activity, please contact Pat Lockwood by phone on 01455 292542, or email at m.p.lockwood855@btinternet.com



ABOVE: Mark Wilson and Geoff Hall from Ackroyd handing over the Hub to Bill Sharp and Murray Lockwood, our churchwardens
BELOW: Dr Luke Evans MP cutting the cake and opening the St Andrew's Community Hub



Robin Arnold
Carlton Parochial Church Council & Project Lead

Christmas Events

Our **coffee morning** at the beginning of December was very well attended. Many thanks to all those who helped provide and serve the refreshments, manned the sales tables and donated things to sell and raffle prizes. We raised £627.60 for church funds.

Our **Christmas Concert** with the Carlton Rock Choir and Young People was a sell out and raised £150.00 for the Rainbows Hospice. Many thanks to all those who took part, especially the young people with their Christmas Readings and the singers who entertained us with Christmas songs. Once again we were able to use our new facilities when serving the refreshments.



Carlton Rock Choir

Despite the covid restrictions we able to hold our **Christingle Service**, which raised £126.00 for the Children's Society. The young people led our worship with the story of the Christmas Star and Edward Bennett provided the music for our carols, on his flute.

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council and the Church Wardens, I would like to express my grateful thanks to everyone who attended all the events that we held during 2021 to support the work of our church and other charities. Although it was a difficult year in many ways, our community spirit shone through and hopefully will continue to do so in 2022.

Pat Lockwood

Carlton Gardening Group

The Group has been busy reinstating the banks along the church path and the areas of the churchyard disturbed by the recent building works. Some areas near the church tower were sown with grass seed, even though it was a bit late in the season, and although they still look a bit patchy they should green up in the Spring. It was too late in the season to do much with the area behind the old telephone box and this will be cultivated and sown with grass later this year.

The Group has also removed ivy from the weeping silver birch, pruned the copper beech tree, and dug out the stumps and roots of trees which had been felled. The old flowering cherry near the church gate had a massive root which had to be winched out of the hole. Thanks to a local contractor with a teleporter, this root was loaded onto a trailer and taken to a local conservation woodland where it should provide food and habitat for creepy-crawlies for the next 100 years.

Chris Peat



Parish Council News

Carlton Gate Information Board – was put up before Christmas. A more detailed version of the history text (with references) can be found in the Carton History section of the PC website. We thank the landlord of The Gate for allowing the sign to be sited in the pub garden, and the Borough Council for a grant for 50% of the cost.

Cemetery Paths – were repaired and extended before Christmas by W D Roberts Tarmacadam of Hinckley. This work was supported with a 50% grant from the Borough Council. The next section of graves in the cemetery will be laid out later this year.

Diamond Jubilee Orchard – work on laying the north hedge is scheduled to begin on 1st February, and should be in progress by the time you read this. The work is being carried out by Clive Matthew who came second in the Midland Open Hedgelaying Championship last year, and was also awarded Best Midland Veteran.

Speeding traffic – the Police have carried out radar speed checks on Bosworth Road and issued penalty notices.

Wild flower planting – wild flower seeds are to be sown in a strip along the eastern side of the churchyard in the Spring, and managed as a meadow.

Fly tipping – the Borough Council has changed its procedures for the collection of hazardous waste following the complaints made by the Parish Council. We thank Borough Councillor Maureen Cook for her support.

Council Tax – the Band D Council Tax payable to the PC next year will be £47.61, a decrease of 4p (0.1%) from last year. The PC's budget for 2022-23 was finalised on January 12th and can be found on the PC website.

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

Judith Boston, 64 Main St, 291880

Simon Cooper, 48 Main St, 290964

Ian Sarson, 74 Main St, 290733

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

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Progressive Supper

We were able to hold the Progressive Supper this year and it was very well attended by 13 pairs and 1 trio. This was an excellent evening with good weather for walking around the village from house to house. Far too much to eat and drink, of course!

The great news is that we raised £290 for The Friends of St. Andrew's. Many thanks to you all. Looking forward to this year's event and hope lots of you will join in.

Enid Morgan

Dates for Your Diary

Monday - Tea & Chat at the Community Hub, 2-4pm (from 14th Feb)

Wednesday - Progressive Whist Drive at the Community Hub, 2-4pm

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

February

- 6th Sun 2pm Platinum Jubilee Tree Planting, St Andrew's Churchyard
13th Sun 9am Communion at St Andrew's Church
3pm Come and See. A new service for families. Information from Rev Mark - Tel 291152.
14th Mon 2pm First meeting for Tea & Chat at the Community Hub
27th Sun 9am Communion at St Andrew's Church

March

- 3rd Thur Deadline for applications to the Carlton Charity Lands
9th Wed 7.30pm Carlton Parish Council meeting, Community Hub
13th Sun 9am Communion at St Andrew's Church
20th Sun 10am Spring Clean Litter Pick. Meet at Carlton Green or The Gate Hangs Well car park.
27th Sun 9am Mothering Sunday Communion at St Andrew's Church

April

- 17th Sun 9am Easter Day Communion at St Andrew's Church
20th Wed Deadline for submission of articles for May issue of Carlton News
24th 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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