

CARLTON NEWS

February 2023

Village Pancake Party

The pancake party will be held in St. Andrew's Community Hub on Tuesday 21st February at 7pm. There will be lots to eat and drink and whilst there is no charge donations to the Church are gratefully accepted. If you would like to join us please let me know on 292542 before 20th February.

Pat Lockwood

Spring Clean Litter Pick Sunday 12 March 2023

The Litter Pick has been an annual event in Carlton since 1992, and the Keep Carlton Tidy Group was founded in 2004. We will be holding our 31st pick on Sunday 12th 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 junction of Main Street and Barton Road, 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

Coronation Street Party

Exciting plans are underway to celebrate the King's Coronation on Saturday 6th May. The group are hoping to host another street party along the same lines as the Queen's Jubilee last year. All residents will receive an RSVP to the event in due course and we hope to update the Carlton news in the next edition!

Carlton Coronation Group

The Gate Hangs Well and Seasons, Carlton

It has been extensively reported in all the media how difficult it is for the hospitality sector, as in many other areas of business, as we deal with the perfect storm of price increases. The energy cost for our premises was £1,400 back in September 2022. Our November 2022 bill was £4,800, an increase of £3,400 a month! Also, our food purchase costs have risen significantly as we are all seeing from our household food bills. Our drink suppliers have put their prices up on a number of occasions last year and we now have another price hike of an average 15%.

To put our prices up to recover these increases is just not tenable and I am sure would not be acceptable to the majority of our customers. As you know we have invested heavily into the business only to be closed by Covid. As we began to recover from this we then have had all of these other issues to deal with.

To try and cut some costs we have decided to close on Mondays and Tuesdays for the short-term but the viability of this village facility is now under serious threat. We will be increasing our prices to try and recoup some of the additional costs, but we do realise that everyone is finding they have less disposable income. This leaves little or no funds for discretionary expenditure and eating/drinking out is one of the first to be cut.

Many residents are incredibly supportive, but if you want to keep this facility in the village it needs more of you to call in for a drink or a meal. The future of The Gate Hangs Well & Seasons is in your hands.

James F Igoe

Carlton Big Dig Report

A feedback meeting will be held in St Andrew's Church at 2pm on Sunday 12th February. Mathew Morris will share the results of the archaeological test pitting which was carried out in the village over the weekend of 10-11th September last year.

The film of the weekend will also be shown for the very first time.



The results will be available from the Bosworth Links website after the meeting.

Chris Peat

Carlton Whist Drive

Takes place at St. Andrew's Community Hub every Wednesday 2pm to 4:30pm. It is a year now since we initiated the Carlton Whist Drive Club, which has been a huge success attracting people from Twycross, Market Bosworth, Congerstone and Carlton. New friendships have been made and old ones rekindled with lots of laughter and chat over cards, tea and biscuits. We have room for new people and would love to welcome you. Just pop along to 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

Speed and traffic monitoring

The Speed Indicator Device (SID) was deployed on Barton Road (southbound) in October, and showed a mean speed of 29.2 mph and an 85th percentile speed of 37.2 mph. The SID was then turned round to check northbound vehicles on Barton Road in November, but must have been pointing at a windblown branch or leaves because the data contained many spurious counts. A set of 'clean' measurements was selected, and showed a mean speed of 21.0 mph and an 85th percentile speed of 32.2 mph. In December the SID was deployed on Bosworth Road (northbound), and showed an average speed of 29.3 mph and an 85th percentile speed of 41.4 mph. Full details can be found on the Traffic and Speed Monitoring page of the PC website.

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

Church Cleaning Rota

Over the past year the number of people helping to keep the church clean has shrunk and I am looking for volunteers to help with the cleaning. This involves a couple of hours about 4 times a year. It is not onerous, especially if 2 people work together. The efforts of all those on the rota are greatly appreciated. If you could help please let me know on 292542.

Pat Lockwood

Spent Ink Cartridges

Just a reminder to everyone, I am collecting spent ink cartridges to recycle for the benefit of Market Bosworth Rotary Club, who distribute funds to local charities every year. Please let me have them rather than bin them, you can post them through my letter box, 34 Main Street.

Bill Sharp

Neighbourhood Watch

There were 5 reported crimes in Carlton from September to November. These were 3 criminal damage, 1 burglary and 1 violence and/or sexual offence. 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

Welcome to Sgt Jarrod Paterson who has joined the MB 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.

Recently published figures show that vehicle crime grew by 26% last year. Whilst we may be relatively fortunate in Carlton, please consider use of an RFID pouches for keeping keyless ignition car keys from emitting their signal to people seeking to clone. These can currently be picked up FREE from Hinckley Police Station if you show your car key and proof of address.

NHW National Update

Fraud is now officially the most common crime in England and Wales. It costs the UK £137bn a year and generates countless amounts of misery for its victims. It's growing rapidly due to our increased collective presence online, which is where most fraud takes place. Despite common stereotypes, fraud affects all age groups and demographics evenly. Younger people are slightly more likely to be victims of fraud than older people. If you make one resolution for 2023 make sure that you, your family and friends remain vigilant to fraud around us. Any fraud, successful or not, can be reported to Action Fraud 0300 123 2040 Please help keep Carlton a safe and secure community.

Rosi Yule

Neighbourhood Watch Tel: 292212

CLEAN WALKING FOR ALL -



- THANKS TO RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS

Improving Hinckley Community Health Services

Your views and comments are invited on important proposals to provide a wider range of health services closer to home at Hinckley.

Your feedback is valuable and will help the local NHS to understand what matters most to you.

The current proposal is to build a new Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC) in Hinckley on the Hinckley and District Hospital (Mount Road) site. The CDC would provide MRI and CT scanners, Plain Film X-Ray machine and Ultrasound. It would also have Phlebotomy rooms and outpatient/procedure rooms, and two Endoscopy rooms with supporting accommodation.

There are also plans to create a Day Case Unit to provide the day-case services that are currently on the site of Hinckley and District Hospital (Mount Road) plus additional procedures. Speciality services that would be delivered include General Surgery, Gynaecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedic Surgery, Pain Management, Plastic Surgery, Podiatric Surgery, Urology and Vascular Surgery.

Three options are being considered for the development of the Day Case Unit:

1. Remodel the existing Hinckley and District Hospital to provide appropriate accommodation for the day case service only, in part of the building following reconfiguration and refurbishment;
2. Build a standalone Day Case Unit on the existing Hinckley and District Hospital site;
3. Co-locate a Day Case Unit with the CDC on the Hinckley and District Hospital site

To find out more (including face to face meetings) and comment on the proposals please go to www.haveyoursayhinckley.co.uk; follow the link on the Parish Council website; or telephone 0116-295-7572.



How the CDC might look

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.



Christmas lights switch-on

The lights came on at the right time and were beautiful, the choir sang, and the mince pies and mulled wine were delicious. Moving this event to the churchyard proved a success and will be repeated next Christmas. We thank the Carlton Gardening Group who put up the lights, the Carlton Rock Choir who supported the carol singing, and the Friends who provided the refreshments. The bucket collection raised £141.20, which has been divided equally between the Harley Staples Cancer Trust, and the Friends of St Andrew's Church.

Parish Clerk

Christmas Coffee Morning and Christingle

Thanks to everyone who came to the Coffee Morning and Christingle and to all those who helped to make the events a success. A special thanks to Evie, Erin and James for their help at the Christingle.

Pat Lockwood

Parish Council News

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

Mick Vann, 91 Main St, 290976

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

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Elections – Borough Council and Parish Council elections will be held on 4th May. The polling station will be in the church. **To vote in person you will need to show photo identification.** Acceptable forms of identification include a passport, photographic driving licence, older or disabled persons bus pass. If you wish to vote by post and have not already registered to do so, you need to apply as soon as possible.

Shackerstone Walk – the big puddle is due to a blocked pipe under Congerstone Lane, and we are waiting for County Council Highways to come and jet the pipe clear.

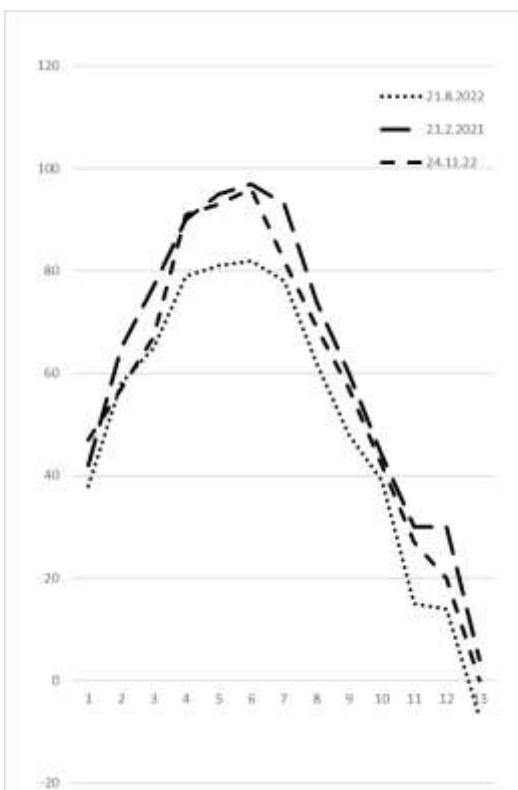
Budget – the Parish Council's budget for 2023-24 was finalised in January and can be found on the PC's website (Report 2023-04). There will be no increase in the amount of council tax payable to the Parish Council next year.

Toddlers Play Area – bird spikes have been fixed above the swings to keep bird droppings off the swing seats. The play-bark is to be topped up in the Spring.

Bulb plantings – the new spring bulbs are now beginning to show; please avoid trampling the clumps of daffodils in the highway verges.

Parish Clerk

Churchyard wall



The bulge in the eastern half of the churchyard retaining wall has now been monitored for 3 years. It has been found that the top of the wall leaned over by 82mm in the drought of August 2022, and that the lean increased to 97mm in the wet winter of February 2021. The wall slowly rocks backwards and forwards as ground conditions change and this movement is weakening the mortar joints in the brickwork. The wall is not at risk of collapsing at present, but it will have to be re-built in the not too distant future. The western half of the wall (nearest the old telephone kiosk) is in good condition and has now been protected by a backing of pea gravel to absorb any soil movement, and the installation of weep holes to carry away any excess water.

Parish Clerk

Dates for Your Diary

Progressive Whist Drive at The Community Hub, Wednesdays 2-4.30pm
Coffee Morning at The Gate Hangs Well, Fridays at 11am

February

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| 12 th | Sun | 9am | Communion at St Andrew's Church |
| 12 th | Sun | 2pm | Carlton Big Dig Feedback Meeting at St Andrew's Community Hub |
| 21 st | Tues | 7pm | Village Pancake Party at St Andrew's Community Hub |
| 26 th | Sun | 9am | Communion at St Andrew's Church |

March

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| 8 th | Wed | 7.30pm | Carlton Parish Council meeting, Community Hub |
| 12 th | Sun | 9am | Communion at St Andrew's Church |
| 12 th | Sun | 10am | Spring Clean Litter Pick starts from Barton Road/Main Street junction or Carlton Green |
| 26 th | Sun | 9am | Communion at St Andrew's Church |

April

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| 9 th | Sun | 9am | Easter Day Communion at St Andrew's Church |
| 16 th | Sun | 9am | Communion at St Andrew's Church |
| 20 th | Thurs | | Copy date for May issue of Carlton News |

May

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| 4 th | Thurs | | Local Government elections |
| 6 th | Sat | | Coronation of King Charles III |
| 17 th | Wed | 7.30pm | Annual Parish Meeting, followed by Annual Meeting of Carlton Parish Council, St Andrew's Community Hub |

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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