

# CARLTON NEWS

**November 2023**

## **Christmas Coffee Morning and Sale - December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

This will be held in St. Andrew's Church from 10am—12 noon. Admission is £3.00, which covers the cost of coffee and cake. Christmas crafts will be on sale. Donations of cakes, raffle prizes and things to sell will be gratefully received at Bumble Cot, Shackerstone Walk.

## **Christmas lights switch-on - December 10<sup>th</sup>**

The Christmas illuminations in the churchyard will be switched on at 6 pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Carol singing will be led by the Carlton Rock Choir, and mulled wine and mince pies will be served by the Friends. There will be a bucket collection with the proceeds split 50/50 between the Harley Staples Cancer Trust and the Friends of St Andrews Church.

## **Christingle Service - December 24<sup>th</sup>**

The Christingle Service will begin at 5.30pm, and will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

## **Free transport to winter jobs**

Free transport to appointments for Covid/flu' vaccinations is available to residents who find it difficult to travel. Just ring 01530-512456 – the number is available 9am-5pm Monday to Friday – and the provider will check your eligibility, book you into a clinic, and make arrangements for you to be collected from your home for your appointment and returned afterwards.

## **Village Pancake Party - Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> in St. Andrew's Community Hub**

Everyone is welcome to this event. There is no charge but donations are welcome. There will be a variety of pancakes on offer and lots of them to eat. We need to know numbers in advance for catering, so if you would like to join us please let me know on 01455 292542.

*Pat Lockwood*

## **Carlton's Spring Collection – of gardens**

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 a number of gardens in Carlton will be open to the public under the National Garden Scheme (NGS), also known as the yellow booklet scheme. These gardens will showcase early spring flowering and will provide a variety of colour and interest for everyone. The gardens are of varying size and lay-out and we hope that many local people will come along to support this event. The NGS supports nursing charities such as Macmillan, Marie Curie and Hospice UK, among others and £3.1 million was donated to charity through the scheme last year.

At least 5 gardens will be open from 11am until 4.30pm, admission will be £5 for adults and free for children under 16. Refreshments will be served in the Community Hub and there will be a plant sale at 7 Main Street. All of the entry receipts will be donated to the NGS, plus 75% of the profits from the refreshments and plant sale. The remaining 25% of the profits will be split between Carlton PCC and the Friends of St Andrews Church. We do hope that you can join us on the day and we have our fingers crossed for good weather.

*Further details are available from Judith Boston, Redroof, 64, Main Street. 291880*

## **Defibrillator in Carlton**

If you have a cardiac arrest, it is vital to apply a defibrillator within a few minutes and this is why we have volunteers in Carlton willing to bring it to you. Some of our volunteers have left the village and we really need to replace them so that we have a good chance of being available 24/7. Using the defibrillator is easy and it is highly unlikely you will be needed - however, if you are, you may save a life. Please contact me if you are interested in being a volunteer so we can maintain our rapid response.

*Nigel Axelrad, Bank Farm – [nigel@bankfarm.org](mailto:nigel@bankfarm.org)*

## **CARLTON EDUCATIONAL AND YOUNG PERSONS GRANTS**

**ARE YOU 16 TO 23 YEARS OF AGE?**

**HAVE YOU JUST LEFT SCHOOL AND PLANNING THE NEXT STAGE OF YOUR EDUCATION  
OR TRAINING?**

**ARE YOU STARTING A BUSINESS?**

**HAVE YOU GOT FEES OR EXPENSES TO PAY?**

**WOULD £300 BE A HELP TO YOU?**

**Have a look at how Carlton Charity Lands funds can help you.**

**Email: [franco@onesti.co.uk](mailto:franco@onesti.co.uk) for all the details and an online application pack.**

**Grants will be awarded in November so keep any relevant receipts to support your  
application.**

## **Carlton Big Dig**

The full report of the Carlton Big Dig has been published and can be downloaded from the Parish Council website (along with a film of the event). Twenty test pits were dug by volunteers over the weekend of 10-11<sup>th</sup> September 2022, and 6,115 individual finds were recovered, dating from the Bronze Age to the present day. The scatter of Bronze Age worked flints represents a general background of prehistoric activity while a small assemblage of Roman pottery is probably associated with a farmstead to the east of the church. The later pottery suggests that the village originally formed around the church in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, with secondary settlement around Carlton Green in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. The area around Carlton Gate was not settled until the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

The Carlton Dig is part of the wider Bosworth Links Project which is investigating the development of Market Bosworth and the surrounding communities. A community-driven research project of this kind has never been carried out before. This year digs took place in Far Coton in April and Cadeby in September, but the results have yet to be published. There will be another dig in April 2024; location to be decided. This project is open to everyone, offers a wide variety of activities and a hands-on introduction to archaeology; is great fun; and is producing significant new information on the history of our area. Why not join in?

***Chris Peat***

# **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.

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

There were 5 reported crimes in Carlton from June to August 2023. These were 1 criminal damage and/or arson, 2 other theft, 1 violence and/sexual assault and 1 other crime. In August reported crime in our Bosworth Beat area fell to its lowest level for 12 months – good news!

If you want to be included on the monthly circulation of local reported crime please email me, Rosi Yule on [chalkstorm@btopenworld.com](mailto:chalkstorm@btopenworld.com).

### **Bosworth Beat Team**

Local priorities for the Team remain road safety, anti-social behaviour and rural crime. In early October the Team took enforcement action against offenders in our area with Operation Fortune. This followed an investigation into a series of house burglaries across Hinckley, Blaby and Market Bosworth areas where properties were being broken into for car keys, allowing the offenders to steal the cars outside. Local Officers raided 2 industrial units leading to the arrest of 1 male and the seizure of car parts from multiple stolen vehicles. Do consider the use of prevention measures such as house alarms, visible steering wheel locks or tracking devices to help protect your vehicles and property.

### **NHW**

Online, phone and other cyber crime remains relentless. This month a Carlton resident was almost parted from £3,500 in the very convincing “Hi Mum/Dad this is my new phone number” scam which is doing the rounds. Please question anything that asks for money and never click on any links unless you are 100% certain who you are dealing with as this may expose your phone to financial hackers.

A recent survey showed that the age group most likely to have been scammed in the last 12 months was 45-54 year olds with the second most at-risk group 18-24 year olds. Surprised? It may be that middle-aged people are seen as more wealthy and therefore more attractive targets or that they are simply buying more things online. The younger, supposedly more tech-savvy group may be at greater risk as they haven't yet learned to be on their guard. The bottom line is no one of any age can afford to think they are immune from scams.

As we move towards Christmas please be aware of advance fee fraud which rose 82% last

year. This is where you are asked to pay an upfront fee for services, loans or high-value goods that never materialise. Scams can be avoided by sticking to well-known and trusted retailers, looking for the padlock symbol on the website address bar and using secure payment such as Paypal or credit card.

Two in three online shopping scams now start on social media: the warning signs to look out for are prices that are too good to be true, you're being rushed into making a bank transfer and the seller won't let you see an item in person even if it's local. Please stay vigilant and don't be rushed!

If you have been a victim of fraud, attempted fraud or cybercrime please report it to [Action Fraud](#) or 0300 123 2040. Text fraud or phishing can be forwarded to 7726. Reporting scams keeps the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau aware of the scale of this often-hidden crime.

***Rosi Yule Carlton Neighbourhood Watch 292212***

## **Carlton Mill**

Roger Payne of Osbaston recently visited the Earp family, who used to farm at Osbaston House Farm. While there, he was shown a counterweight which was at the farm when the family took it over in 1911 and is believed to have come from Sparrowble Mill at Carlton.

Helen Earp has kindly provided the following information: the weight is made of rough-hewn granite, weighs 6 stone, is 12 inches wide at the base and 6" at the top, and measures 14" high including the ring. This little bit of Carlton has now found a new role as a doorstep in rural Suffolk.

***Chris Peat***



## **Speed and traffic monitoring**

The Speed Indicator Device (SID) was deployed in Main Street in August, checking the speed of eastbound vehicles. 21,373 vehicles were monitored, an average of 709/day, with an average speed of 20.3 mph and an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 29.0mph.

Full details can be found on the Traffic and Speed Monitoring page of the PC website.

***Parish Clerk***

# Nailstone Platinum Jubilee Country Park

I drive past the new Aldi Distribution Centre fairly regularly on my way through Nailstone to the A50 and M1, and have been watching the building works progress and tree plantings taking place nearby and across the road. However, I had no idea of the transformation that has been taking place on the northern side of the former Nailstone Colliery site.

Borough Councillor Bill Crooks recently attended the opening of a new Education Centre on the site, and spoke about this at a meeting of Nailstone Parish Council, so I decided to explore.

The official car park is at the western end of Battram village, but there is a convenient little lay-by near the Bagworth Road/Wood Road/B582/B585 cross roads to the east of Nailstone. There is a tarmac footway along this road from Nailstone village, and I have wondered vaguely why. Well, following this footway across the cross roads and into the adjacent woodland I soon found out!



There is a signposted circular walk, on surfaced paths through old and new woodlands and grassland all the way to Battram Woods, and then around the northern side of the old colliery site back to the B585. After crossing the B585 there is a surfaced track set back from the road with more new woodland plantings to the south. Once past the new Aldi building, the track crosses the B585 again, and leads past a series of ponds to the starting point.

There are a few puddles and wet places on the last section of this route, but it will be an excellent circular walk in the winter when local footpaths get a bit squidgy. The new paths have no stiles, and also mean that it is now possible to walk from Harry's Grave at Carlton through Nailstone to Battram, Pretoria Road in Ibstock, and Ellistown Farm without climbing a single stile. The route to Ellistown itself is partly

a bridleway and has a couple of bridleway gates, and then two crush stiles near the houses at the end.

As well as the circular walk outlined above there are many other paths and connections to the local Rights of Way network which will allow other circular stile-free routes. This is a major new recreational facility for our area and I recommend a visit.

**Chris Peat**

## Parish Council News

**QR codes** – have been installed at key points around the village and will link to the Parish Council website. The website has been updated so as to provide easy access to information about the village for the benefit of visitors.

**Bus shelter** – plans to install a green roof on the Barton Road bus shelter have been abandoned.

**Jubilee Orchard** – has been entered into the RHS *Its Your Neighbourhood* Scheme.

**Community Speedwatch** – there was no interest in this proposal, so it will not be taken forward.

**Congerstone Lane** – will be closed on 9<sup>th</sup> December for up to two days.

**Daffodils** – additional clumps of daffodils have been planted around the village by the Carlton Gardening Group.

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

***Robin Arnold***, 53 Main St, 293663

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## Carlton Village Fete

Many thanks to everyone who supported the fete: the stall holders, tent erectors, the raffle ticket sellers, cake makers, those who donated tombola & raffle prizes and especially AR Demolition and Reuben Heaton Ltd for their financial support. Music was provided by Vanessa Chalice. Chris Peat with his tractor and trailer and his helpers helped move the tents and furniture to and from the Green. £3,700 was raised for the church. This money goes to help pay our running costs, which are over £10,000 a year and have to be raised by those who use the building and fund-raising events within the community. So once again our grateful thanks from everyone who came made the day such a success.

***Pat Lockwood***

## Pub Quiz with Fish and Chips

55 people attended the pub quiz on Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to The Gate Hangs Well for hosting the event and The Davies Family for running the quiz. It was a very enjoyable evening and raised £386 for St. Andrew's.

***Pat Lockwood***

## Harvest Lunch

20 guests sat down for our Harvest Lunch of chicken in mushroom sauce, beef casserole and fruit crumble, which was held in St. Andrew's Community Hub, after our Harvest Festival. Many thanks to the cooks, who provided the food and everyone who contributed to the sale of produce. A box of food was sent to the Hinckley Food Bank and £75.00 to "Self Help Africa", a charity which supports farmers in Africa to become self-sufficient.

***Pat Lockwood***

## Ride and Stride

Ride and Stride: Paul Davenport and Irene Peat took part in the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride event in September. Paul ran around the local Churches and Irene cycled, together they raised £665, half of this was donated to St Andrew's Church. Our thanks go to Irene and Paul for their wonderful achievement.

***Murray Lockwood, Church Warden***

# Dates for Your Diary

Progressive Whist Drive at The Community Hub, every Wednesday 2 - 4.30pm

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

## November

12 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	6.30pm	Remembrance Evensong, St. Andrew's Church
15 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	7.30pm	Carlton Parish Council meeting, Community Hub
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	9am	Communion, St. Andrew's Church

## December

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sat	10-12 noon	Christmas Coffee Morning & Sale, St. Andrew's Church
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun	10am	Lessons & carols followed by coffee, St. Andrew's Church
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	6pm	Christmas Lights Switch-on, St. Andrew's Church
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	5.30pm	Christingle followed by mulled wine & mine pies, St. Andrew's Church
25 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	9am	Family Communion, St. Andrew's Church

## January

10 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	7.30pm	Carlton Parish Council, finance meeting, Community Hub
14 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	9am	Communion, St. Andrew's Church
19 <sup>th</sup>	Fri		Copy date for the February 2024 edition of Carlton News
28 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	9am	Communion, St. Andrew's Church

## February

13 <sup>th</sup>	Tues		Village Pancake Party, St. Andrews Community Hub
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## 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.

## Carlton News

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