

CARLTON NEWS

February 2025

Pancake Party—Tuesday March 4th

The Pancake Party will be held in Church, on Shrove Tuesday at 7pm. There will be lots to eat and drink. We do not make a charge but donations to the church will be very welcome. The event is open to all but we need to know in advance if you are coming, for catering. Please let me know if you would like to join us on 292542.

Pat Lockwood

Spring Clean Litter Pick – Sunday March 16th

The Litter Pick has been an annual event in Carlton since 1992, and the Keep Carlton Tidy Group was founded in 2004 so the 2025 pick will be our thirty-third. 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 end of Main Street opposite 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
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Carlton Village Fete

A fete has been held in the village since the 1950s to raise money for the running of St. Andrew's Church. I have organised the event, with a stalwart band of helpers, for a number of years but the time has come for someone younger to take over the task, if we are to continue to have a fete in the village. I will of course be able to offer my support to any one taking over. If that person is **you** please let me know on 292542.

Whatever happens, the Summer Raffle, in aid of the church, will continue to be run by the Church Council and we hope that you will continue to support us by buying tickets in the summer.

Pat Lockwood

Carlton Gardening Group – making a difference

In 2024 Gardening Group volunteers gave 100 hours of their time to maintain and improve the village environment. Tasks undertaken included the installation of a trough planter in the Jubilee Orchard, tree surgery in Little Lane, painting the bus shelters, managing a flower border in the churchyard, hedge cutting and putting up and taking down the Christmas lights and the marquee. Working parties were supported by sustaining refreshments.

The Group AGM will be held at 7 Main St at 7pm on 27th March. All are welcome.

Mick Vann (Chairman)

Carlton Open Gardens—Sunday June 1st

Six Carlton Gardens will open from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. Tickets will be available on the day, the £6 fee includes entry to all six gardens and children's admission is free. Teas will be served at the church and there will be a plant sale. Profits from the entry fees go to the National Garden Scheme, teas and plant sales support the Friends and the PCC.

NGS is a charity which organises open gardens throughout the year supporting a number of charities including Hospice at Home, Marie Curie and MacMillan. In 2024 NGS raised an impressive £3.5million for charity. Full details are at www.ngs.org.uk

It's a lovely way to spend an afternoon, looking at local gardens, enjoying tea and cake and knowing that you are supporting a very worthwhile charity. Please put the date in your diary and we hope to see you on June 1st.

If you can help beforehand or on the day, please contact Liz or Judith.

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The Leicestershire Mobile Library Service

Are you aware that a Leicestershire mobile library visits Carlton? The library van stops in Carlton every third Monday between 13.30 and 13.50, parking opposite number 17 Main Street each time it visits. The librarian on board told me that the library van could stay longer if there was greater demand for the library service from Carlton residents. The next scheduled visit of the mobile library is on the 20th February.

Further information on the mobile library, including dates when it will next visit, can be found at: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/mobilelibrary Carlton's library van is Mobile C and Carlton is on route 5.

You can also contact the service through Coalville library on 0116 305 3565.

Robin Arnold

Carlton Horticultural & Produce Show 2025

The Show will be held on the same day as the Church Fete - at the time of writing, the date of the Fete had not been decided. Everyone who lives in Carlton and their family is eligible to enter the show.

We thought it helpful to give you early information about some of the classes that will be open to enter, so that you can prepare for the show in plenty of time.

We are keen to get young people involved and this year we will be running a **Giant Beanstalk Competition** for all under 16-year-olds. Can **YOU** grow the tallest runner bean in Carlton? Bean seeds will be provided free of charge at the beginning of April. Get in touch to order your beans - but we can't guarantee that they will be magic!

Other new classes for young people will be a **decorated stone or pebble**, and a **colouring competition** for under 10-year-olds. Beans and colouring sheets will be available from Judith Boston at 64, Main Street or via email judithboston@btinternet.com or on 01455 291880 from 1st April.

Adult classes have largely been kept the same as previous years, with a few changes to the fruit and vegetable classes. The title for the photography class will be **A photo of Carlton evoking spring, summer, autumn or winter** so please start taking your photographs.

Start planning your entries to the show now and we hope to see your wonderful produce in August.

Judith Boston & Chris Peat

CARLTON EDUCATIONAL AND YOUNG PERSONS GRANTS

These are non means tested grants and available to all young people living in Carlton between 16 and 23 years of age that meet the criteria below.

Are you studying at university or college?

Are you attending a training course?

Are you being supported with coaching in your studies, sport, music etc ?

Are you starting a business?

Have you got fees or expenses to pay?

Would £300 Be A Help To You?

Two grants were awarded to young people at the November meeting.

The next meeting is in March 2025

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

Email: franco@onesti.co.uk or davenportthazel@gmail.com for all the details and an online application pack.

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.

Church News

Church was very busy during December and thanks to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning and Christingle. My special thanks to the musicians led by Paul and Erin, Harry, Henrietta, Franchesca, Finn, Chase and Ralph for their help in making the Christingle such a success. £350.00 has been sent to the Children's Society to support their work with children and families.



Pat Lockwood

Carlton Village Fete - A Huge "Thank You"

Pat Lockwood is retiring from organising and running the Carlton Fete after over 15 years! It's difficult to estimate the level of work and dedication that Pat has given into making this annual event so popular and successful, raising vital funds for St. Andrew's Church.

Pat has gone about this in her methodical and organised way always reaching out to helpers for new ideas and support. You have been a true Trojan Pat and we can't thank you enough for all the time, effort and sheer dedication you have given to the Fete; your driving force will be very much missed.

If anyone would be interested in taking over the reins from Pat, as an individual or as part of a collective group, please contact Pat, as she has many helpful Fete contacts and information that she will be very willing to share with you.

Diana Scott, Secretary for the PCC

Christmas Lights Switch-on

On 8 December Storm Darragh was raging outside, but at 6pm the lights were switched on as planned. However, by that time over 80 parishioners and friends were in church enjoying a warm atmosphere, and a programme of sing-along carols and Christmas rock songs provided by Carlton's Rock Choir, with seasonal refreshments courtesy of the Friends of St Andrews Church Carlton. When we left, the rain had stopped, and the illuminations were brilliant!



Thank you to all participants, who generously donated a total of £246, which has been split equally between the Friends and the Harley Staples Cancer Trust. Thanks to the Parish Council, for organising the event and to the Carlton Gardening Group for installing the illuminations. By popular request, the switch on will be returning at 6pm on Sunday 14 December 2025 – a date for your diary!

Irene Peat Chair of the Friends of St Andrews Church Carlton

Church lamp

The Parish Council has installed a new lamp above the churchyard gate. It was made by Michael Clamp of Snarestone, and is solar powered so comes on when someone walks under it after dusk. This project was supported by a generous grant from the Jack Patston Trust.

There was originally an oil lamp which fitted into the square holder in the arch above the gate, but this disappeared many years ago. The wrought iron arch probably dates from 1867 when the church building was altered and the saddleback top was added to the tower. The new lamp fits into the same holder and is of a simple design to complement the original arch and the church building.



Parish Clerk

Neighbourhood Watch

There was just one reported crime in Carlton in the three months September to November 2024. This was an offence of public order in November. Other surrounding villages have experienced vehicle crime recently but not Carlton, which is good news. Please keep up simple security measures and vigilance for yourselves and neighbours to keep the figures low. If you would like to be included on the monthly NHW circulation giving details of crime in Carlton and surrounding villages please email me, Rosi Yule on chalkstorm@btopenworld.com.

During December local police took part in a week of enforcement against the supply of drugs and County Lines. Cars and premises were searched across the area with some fantastic results. Most of the leads came as a result of information from the community so if you suspect someone is up to no good then report it to Leics Police via the online portal <https://www.leics.police.uk/report-online> by calling 101 or by calling CrimeStoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

Statistics for the drug enforcement week were addresses searched 13, vehicles searched 5, people searched 18. The drugs found included large amounts of crack cocaine, heroin, cocaine, cannabis and amphetamine. In addition over £15,000 of cash was seized. The week also include drug workshops and engagement at schools, children's homes, youth centres and the night economy to highlight the risks of exploitation and raise awareness.

Fraud is currently the most prevalent crime in England and Wales accounting for 40% of all crimes in 2024. Last year retail and consumer fraud increased by 19%. Fraudsters are becoming more sophisticated, cloning websites of major retailers or travel companies to get us to part with our money so use double check before you buy online and always take care buying from pop-up sites - which may be fake.

Data is valuable so protect your personal details:

- Don't use the same password across different accounts
- Create strong passwords and use a reputable password manager
- Download antivirus software on your devices
- Set up two-factor authentication (2FA) or two-step verification (2SV). This is when you provide a separate form of identification, such as a code being sent via text, when you log into an account

To report a crime or suspicious activity call **101 (Leicestershire Police)**. In an emergency, with a crime in progress, call 999. For any fraud or cyber scams Action Fraud is on **0300 123 2040**.

Rosi Yule, Carlton Neighbourhood Watch, 292212

Parish Council News

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

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Main Street – will be closed on 14th March to allow Severn Trent Water to repair a manhole.

Council Tax 2025-26 –the Parish Council receives most of its funding from the Council Tax. In 2024-25 the element of the Band D Council Tax paid to the Parish Council was £50.86 per property. In 2025-26 this will increase to £57.05, an increase of £6.19pa or 52p/month. Detailed information about the Parish Council's budget and finances can be found here— www.carltonpc.co.uk/finance.

Internal Auditor – Mrs D Igoe has been appointed Internal Auditor for 2025-26.

Toddlers Play Equipment – rot has been found to be developing in one of the swing supports. The timber is under guarantee, and this has been referred to the manufacturer. The equipment is still safe to use.

Church gate – is to be repaired.

Speeding traffic – the Road Safety Unit has carried out a speed survey on Bosworth/Barton Roads and has highlighted concerns to the Police Traffic Management Dept and County Council Highways Dept. This may result in a visit by the speed enforcement van.

Parish Clerk

Speed and traffic monitoring

The Speed Indicator Device (SID) was deployed in Bosworth Road in September/October, checking the speed of vehicles entering the village. Although the SID recorded 25,320 vehicles, at least 4,936 counts were false, being caused by blown rain. Selected data (13,483 counts) showed average speeds of 32.9mph and an 85th percentile speed of 43.3mph.

In October/November the SID was sited in Barton Road, checking the speed of southbound vehicles entering the village. 9,022 vehicles were monitored, an average of 313/day. The average speed was 31.2mph and the 85th percentile speed 37.6mph.

In November/December the SID was moved to the western part of Main Street, checking the speed of eastbound vehicles entering the village. 23,955 vehicles were monitored, an average of 834/day with an average speed of 20.6mph and an 85th percentile speed of 28.2mph.

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

Parish Clerk

Dates for Your Diary

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

Coffee Morning at The Gate Hangs Well - Fridays 11am

Mobile Library outside 17 Main St—third Monday of the month

February

9th Sun 9 am Communion, St Andrew's Church

23rd Sun 9 am Communion, St Andrew's Church

March

4th Tues 7pm Pancake Party, Community Hub

9th Sun 9am Communion, St Andrew's Church

12th Wed 7pm Carlton Parish Council meeting, Community Hub

16th Sun 10am Spring Clean Litter Pick

23rd Sun 9am Communion, St Andrew's Church

27th Thur 7pm Carlton Gardening Group AGM, 7 Main Street

April

11th Fri Deadline for May issue of Carlton News. This is earlier than usual because of Easter

13th Sun 9am Communion, St Andrew's Church

27th Sun 9am Communion, St Andrew's Church

May

14th Wed 7pm Annual Parish Meeting, followed by Carlton Parish Council Annual Meeting, Community Hub

June

1st Sun 10.30am to 4.30pm Carlton Open Gardens



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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