

CARLTON NEWS



November 2024



Christmas Coffee Morning & Sale - Saturday 7th December

This will be held in St Andrew's Church from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. Admission will be £4.00, which includes cake and mulled wine, tea or coffee. Donations of things to sell, cakes and raffle prizes will be gratefully received at "Bumble Cot" Shackerstone Walk.

Pat Lockwood

Christmas Lights Switch-on - Sunday 8th December

The Christmas illuminations in the churchyard will be switched on at 6 pm. Carol singing will be led by Carlton's 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.

Lessons and Carols – Sunday 15th December

The Lessons and Carols service at St Andrew's Church will be at 10.00am, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Pat Lockwood

Christingle Service – Tuesday 24th December

This is held every Christmas to raise money for the *Children's Society*. This year it will be held in St Andrew's Church on Christmas Eve at 5.30 pm. Once again, I am looking for young people to help me tell the Christmas Story during the service. If you would like to take part, please contact me on 01455 292542 by the end of November.

Pat Lockwood

Christmas Tree on the Village Green

Ted Goold has commented: "Many people said how lovely it was to see a Christmas tree back on the village green last December. Its reappearance really did make a lot of people happy and festive. In the January '24 edition of Carlton News I suggested that if we would like to see it again this year, we shouldn't expect that just one family pays for it as was done last year. Lots of you said that you would be happy to contribute towards the cost".

If you wish to contribute, please put your donation in an envelope with your name and contact details on it and either put it through the letter box at The Old School Cottage, or drop it in at Duncan & Sally's, 27 Main Street. There may also be a donation box appearing on the bar at The Gate Hangs Well.



Last year the tree cost £250. It may cost a little more this year; however, if more money than needed is raised, the surplus will be donated to Carlton's Ukraine appeal.

Ted Goold

Ukraine Collections – Wednesday 27th & 28th November

A wider range of items is requested and again these can be left at St Andrew's Church. People can leave donations of food if desired but we are told that they also can take hospital walking sticks and crutches. If you have any of these waiting for a new home then please feel free to donate them. If you are not here on those dates then they can be left at 34 Main Street and we will make sure they get to church.

Tania Sharp

Santa and His Sleigh – Monday 16th December

Market Bosworth Rotary club have been told by Santa Claus that he will be bringing his sleigh to Carlton between about 5.00 and 6.30pm that evening. Children, it's your chance to tell him what you would like for Christmas (best tell your parents, too).

Peter Gannon

Pancake Party - Tuesday 4th March 2025, 7pm St. Andrew's Community Hub

CLEAN WALKING FOR ALL -



- PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

St Andrew's Church

A Time For Reflection - After the Communion service on Sunday 22nd December, the Church will remain open until 4.30 for anyone who wants to light a candle in memory of their friends or loved ones at Christmas.

Church Cleaning - A big thank you to everyone who has helped with the church cleaning this year. Your efforts are much appreciated.

If you have a couple of hours to spare three or four times a year to help clean the church please let me know on 292542 and I will add you to next year's rota.

Pat Lockwood

Carlton Progressive Whist Drive

Evenings are drawing in and summer activities are coming to an end. Now is the time to join us for an afternoon of Progressive Whist. We meet every Wednesday, 2 to 4.30pm at St Andrew's Community Hub. If you left in the summer we would love to see you back and help to swell the numbers.

The Progressive Whist Drive has really taken off and has formed a lively, friendly, afternoon club. We have a tea and biscuit break, which has allowed old friends to catch up and new friendships to develop.

We have room for more people to come and enjoy the afternoon. You don't need a partner, but do bring a friend if you want to. If you are interested, please just come along to the church on a Wednesday afternoon at 2pm or telephone me for more information on 292496.

All proceeds go to St Andrew's P.C.C. Funds

Anne Swallow

Neighbourhood Watch

There were 6 reported crimes in Carlton in the three months June to August 2024. These were 1 vehicle crime, 3 violence and/or sexual offence and 2 criminal damage or arson. 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.

Many of us have suffered from phishing or attempted cybercrime whether by phone, text, WhatsApp or email. This is a growing crime and in the worst cases people can be scammed out of thousands of pounds. The suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) was launched by the National Cyber Security Centre in 2020, to enable the public to forward suspicious emails and report malicious website links. Since its launch, more than 32 million reports have been made and malicious websites have been removed.

If you think you have received a phishing email or suspicious message, don't click on the link or open it however tempting, make sure you report it and help others. You can forward emails to report@phishing.gov.uk, or forward spam text/WhatsApp messages to 7726 where action will be taken.

To report a crime or suspicious activity call 101 (Leicestershire Police) or contact CrimeStoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. In an emergency, with a crime in progress, call 999. For any fraud or cyber scams Action Fraud is on 0300 123 2040. Our local officers are: PS 1864 Jarod Patterson, PC 658 Allan Charles, PC 4579 Rich Heath, PC 1242 Amy Cunningham, PCSO 6018 Grace Muldoon and PCSO 6501 Nikolaos Sidiropoulos.

Rosi Yule

Carlton Neighbourhood Watch, 292212

CARLTON EDUCATIONAL AND YOUNG PERSONS GRANTS

These grants are not means tested and are available to all young people living in Carlton between the ages of 16 and 23 years of age who 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?

Grants will be awarded following the next meeting in November 2024 and applications need to be made as soon as possible.

Email franco@onesti.co.uk for all the details and an online application pack.

Parking Issues

Parking problems still persist. There is a continuing problem with pavement parking with both contractors' vehicles and private cars.

Contractors have a difficult choice. Parking on the road creates blind spots and blocks traffic where several vehicles are involved at a single site. Some feel they are being helpful by parking on the pavement; however, the law is quite clear:

IT IS AN OFFENCE to drive on a pavement
IT IS AN OFFENCE to block pedestrian access on a pavement.
IT IS AN OFFENCE to cause an obstruction on a road.

There are other serious safety issues to be considered when parking at night. According to the Highway Code:

You **MUST NOT** park on a road at night facing against the direction of the traffic flow (unless in a recognised parking space).

Cars, invalid carriages, motorcycles and pedal cycles may be parked without lights on a road (or lay-by) with a speed limit of 30 mph (48 km/h) or less **only if they are** at least 10 metres (32 feet) away from any junction, close to the kerb and facing in the direction of the traffic flow in a recognised parking place or lay-by.

These rules are because vehicles only have reflectors at the rear.

Many instances of disregard of the above can be seen around the village and especially near the Gate pub in the evening. The majority of road issues around parking boil down to common sense and courtesy for those around us. Sometimes it may mean you have to walk for a few seconds to get to your location. This issue affects all of us: let's work together to fix it.

Editor

Speed and traffic monitoring

The Speed Indicator Device (SID) was deployed at the eastern end of Main St in July, and was turned round to monitor the speed of eastbound vehicles (heading towards Bosworth Rd). 17,229 vehicles were monitored, an average of 614/day. The average speed was 26.5mph, with an 85th percentile speed of 32.7mph.

The SID was moved to the western end of Main St in August, to check the speed of eastbound vehicles entering the village. 18,251 vehicles were monitored, an average of 651/day with an average speed of 23.0mph and an 85th percentile speed of 29.5mph.

In September the SID was sited in Bosworth Road, checking the speed of northbound vehicles entering the village. 25,320 vehicles were monitored, an average of 936/day. The average speed was 29.9mph and the 85th percentile speed 42.5mph, but storms led to a high number of false counts at low speeds, so these figures are too low.

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

Parish Clerk

St. Andrew's Sewing Group

The Group is about to begin a new project. If you would like to join us, we meet in St. Andrew's Hub at various times. For more information, please contact me on 01455 292542.

Pat Lockwood

Horticultural & Produce Show

This year there were 67 entries from 15 parishioners, well down from 125 entries from 21 last year, no doubt due to the dreadful gardening weather. We hope for better conditions next year. The Show was inaugurated by Bill Sharp in 2009 and has become a regular and successful event thanks to his enthusiasm and support. Bill has now stepped down from organising the Show, but we anticipate the usual high standard of entries from him in 2025.

Chris Peat & Judith Boston

Parish Council News

Dog fouling – continues to be a problem in the village, and even in the Jubilee Orchard.

The PC would welcome copies of any photographs, cctv footage or other evidence showing fouling taking place.

Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan 2020-39 – a public consultation on the updated plan will close on 8th November. Hard copies of the plan and supporting documents are in the library and can be downloaded from www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/marketbosworthnpreview.

Bench seats - in the churchyard and on Carlton Green have been repainted by volunteers from Market Bosworth Rotary Club.

Ash die-back disease – road side ash trees in the Parish were re-surveyed in August. The disease is not spreading as fast as expected, and some trees previously assessed as infected appear to have recovered. In 2019, 59% of surveyed trees were assessed as healthy - this decreased to a minimum of 32% in 2022, increased to 42% in 2023, and increased again to 45% in 2024. The full survey can be found in Report 2024-12 on the PC website.

Hinckley & Bosworth Local Plan 2020-2041 – a public consultation on the updated plan closed in September. The revised (Regulation 19) draft will be published at the end of 2024 or early in 2025 and will be subject to examination in public.

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

Robin Arnold, 53 Main St, 293663

Judith Boston, 64 Main St, 291880

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

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Carlton Village Fete

Thanks to everyone who supported the fete, especially the raffle ticket sellers and buyers, the stall holders and entertainer Vanessa, the labourers and everyone who attended and who helped to make the day a success. Despite the inclement weather a profit of £2,900 was made. This goes to help meet the running costs of the church, which are in the region of £8,000 a year.

Pat Lockwood

Ride and Stride

This event is held every year in September to raise funds for the *Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust*. Thanks to Dr. Paul Davenport and Dr. Irene Peat who took part on behalf of our church and raised £1,266. Half of this money has been returned to our church.

Community Lunch



Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council are celebrating 50 years of service to the borough. As part of their celebrations, they sponsored a Community Lunch, which was held in St. Andrew's Hub. A two-course meal of Beef Bourguignon and chicken in white wine sauce, followed by lemon sponge and custard was provided by Murry Lockwood and Jill McDonald. Our thanks to them and HBBC for making the event such a success.

Harvest Festival

Thanks to everyone who helped decorate the church for our Harvest Festival. After the service £100 was sent to the charity *Self Help Africa*. This charity works with farmers to help them become self-sufficient.

Dates for Your Diary

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

Coffee Morning at The Gate Hangs Well - Fridays 11am

November

- 9th Sat 7pm Community Progressive Supper Party
10th Sun No church services
13th Wed 7pm Carlton Parish Council meeting, Community Hub
24th Sun 9am Communion, St Andrew's Church
27th - 28th Donations for Ukraine to church please

December

- 7th Sat 10 - 12am Christmas coffee morning and sale, St Andrew's Church
8th Sun 6pm Christmas Lights Switch-on with Carlton's Rock Choir, followed by carol singing, mulled wine and mince pies in the church
15th Sun 10am Lessons and carols, St Andrew's Church
16th Mon 5 - 6.30pm Rotary's Santa and his Sleigh, village tour
22nd Sun 9am Communion, St Andrew's Church; church open for reflection until 4.30
24th Tues 5.30pm Christingle Service, St Andrew's Church, followed by mulled wine and mince pies

January 2025

- 8th Wed 7pm Carlton Parish Council, Annual Finance Meeting, Community Hub
12th Sun No service in church
20th Mon Deadline for February issue of Carlton News
26th Sun 9am Communion, St Andrew's Church

February

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

March

- 4th Tues 7pm Pancake Party, Community Hub
12th Wed 7pm Carlton Parish Council meeting, 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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