

CARLTON NEWS

November 2021

Christmas Coffee Morning & Sale

In Church on 4th December from 10.15 am to 12.30 pm. Please join us for coffee and cake and find some Christmas gifts to buy. This will be an opportunity for you to see the alterations that have been going on in church over the past few months.

Donations of cakes and things to sell will be gratefully received at "Bumble Cot", Shackerstone Walk. Entry £3.00 to include refreshments. There is no charge for children. We are only able to accept cash or cheques.



Christingle service 2019

Carlton Rock Choir Christmas Concert

Monday 6th December 7.30 pm in church, followed by seasonal refreshments. The Rock Choir will be leading a concert of carols and songs on a Christmas theme, so do come and join us for a festive evening.

There will be a collection on behalf of "Rainbows", which provides respite care for children and young people. We are only able to accept cash or cheques. For more information please contact me on 292542. The tickets will be £3.00 and this includes refreshments.

Light a Candle & Christingle

If you would like to light a candle in memory of a loved one at Christmas, the Church will be open from 9.30am on 19th December. The Christingle service will start at 5 pm.

Pat Lockwood

Parish Plan 2021

Every resident should have received a questionnaire by now. If you have not yet done so please contact Chris Peat on 290934.

Please complete your questionnaire, and wait for it to be collected. We hope to finish coding the responses before Christmas and will begin working on the final report in the New Year.

Carlton Parish Plan Group

Open Gardens 2022

7 keen gardeners have been given the green light to open their gardens on 3rd July 2022, under the National Gardens Scheme, ngs.org.uk. This will run from 11am until 4pm, entrance fee will be £6. This will support the NGS charities MacMillan, Marie Curie and others and a share of the proceeds will be donated to Carlton Church.

The gardeners themselves are already working hard in preparation for this day and they will need to be in their own gardens talking to the visitors and helping to showcase their gardens. To help make this day a success, we are looking for volunteers to help with teas, car parking and plant sales. We would also appreciate any plants that you have grown from seed or cuttings to sell on the plant stall. If you are keen to get involved and help out in any way, please contact Liz or Judith.

Thank You.

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Carlton Charity Lands – Your last chance to apply

Time is very short for young people aged from 16 to 23 to apply for a grant of up to £200. The Trustees of Carlton Charity Lands next meet on 17th November 2021 to consider any applications that have been received. Applications must be submitted by 4th November 2021 (or later by arrangement).

Recipients do not have to pay the grant back. The impact of the recent virus remains with us and has caused much disruption to young people's lives. We think that our grants can support them in their return to education and training.

If you are, or you know of such a young person, who is in or planning to go into Further or Higher Education or training, they are likely to be eligible for a grant from the Charity Lands' fund. Grants are made to help with the costs of apprenticeships, buying books, equipment, fees, travel costs and starting a business. We would welcome applications from anyone meeting the criteria to help with any costs upto the value of £200 associated with their education or training. For an application form and further details please call 01455 290919 or email grabradgate@hotmail.com

Hazel Davenport (Chairperson)

Neighbourhood Watch Group

There were 6 reported crimes in Carlton from March to August, 2 violence and/or sexual offence, 1 burglary, 1 vehicle crime, 1 drugs offence and 1 criminal damage. Please keep your sheds, outbuildings and vehicles secure and keep an eye out for suspicious behaviour or vehicles. If a crime is in progress ring 999, if concerned about something ring Leicestershire Police on 101 or 0116 222 2222. Car registration numbers and descriptions are always helpful as the call centre can check immediately if they are of interest.

Bosworth Beat Team

There have been a number of changes in the Beat Team over the last few months including our local officer PC Rob Cross moving onto a new rural beat team covering a wider area. The current team are PC 41 Greg Rawinsinski, PC 3004 Mike Statt, PC 658 Allan Charles, PCSO 6051 Tom Vaughan, PCSO 6073 Simon Stevenson, PC 4579 Richard Heath and SGT 2194 Shaun Wilson. They are always happy to hear local views at mbpolice@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk, or ring Leics Police and ask for officers by name.

Local beat priorities are selected according to feedback from the Community through Neighbourhood Link. The current priorities are Anti-Social Behaviour, Drugs dealing and Drug use, Shop theft, COVID19 Adherence and Road Safety. Please register with Neighbourhood Link and complete the online survey.

NHW National Update

NHW continue their warnings against cyber based crime: cryptoassets and cryptocurrency investments are currently being marketed by fraudsters as “get rich quick” schemes. It is really important to know that certain cryptoassets, like Bitcoin and Ether are not regulated in the UK. This means that buying, selling or transferring these cryptoassets falls outside the remit of the Financial Conduct Authority. The same is true for the operation of a cryptocurrency exchange.

This means that if you invest in certain cryptoassets you will not have access to the Financial Ombudsman Service or the Financial Services Compensation Scheme and if things go wrong you're unlikely to get your money back. If you have already invested in a scam, fraudsters are likely to target you again or sell your details to other criminals. The follow-up scam may be completely separate or related to the previous fraud, such as an offer to get your money back or to buy back the investment after you pay a fee.

Stay in control – avoid uninvited investment offers, especially those over cold calls. If you're thinking about making an investment, get independent advice and thoroughly research the company first.

Are you interested in Psychology?

Scammers use Psychology to hook people in. NHW advises the following five behaviours are commonly used by scammers:

- They imply they're doing you a favour (reciprocity)
- They indicate everyone else is doing this (social proof)
- They say your only chance is to act now (urgency)
- They act like they're similar to you so you like them and want to please them (connection)
- They ask you to do one little thing which makes you do more (commitment)

Victims often report that in hindsight they felt something wasn't quite right at the time. By raising awareness of the tactics scammers use NHW encourages people to 'stop and think' if something doesn't feel, seem or sound right. Trust your gut instinct and avoid becoming a victim.

Rosi Yule NHW 292212

Building St Andrew's Community Hub

Our project to build St Andrew's Community Hub is nearing completion. The extension is built and roofed, the new floor has been laid at the back of the church, the new church path has been laid and the water and sewer connections have been made. Thank you to everyone for your patience when we closed Main Street in September to make these connections.

We hope to have completed the building work by November, ready to move in. On 4th December there will be a coffee morning at St Andrew's, where you will be able to see the new kitchen extension and community space for yourselves. We hope you will come along to look around, have coffee and cake and think about what groups or activities you might like to see in the Hub.

Pat Lockwood is the person to talk to should you wish to book the Hub for an event, group or activity, she can be contacted on 01455 292542 or by email on m.p.lockwood855@btinternet.com. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me, either around and about in Carlton or at rgarnold1@gmail.com

Robin Arnold
Carlton Parochial Church Council & Project Lead



Whist & Bridge at the St Andrew's Community Hub

The new St Andrew's Community Hub is progressing well and it looks like there will be an opportunity to develop some afternoon clubs when it opens for business.

I was wondering if anyone would be interested in an afternoon Whist Drive. 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. You do not need a partner. Ideally, I need 8 people to make it interesting and give us a couple of hours entertainment. This could be weekly, 2 weekly, or monthly whatever is the majority, and a pleasant afternoon to while away the coming winter. I would be happy to set this up, so if you are interested and want to know more please telephone me on 292496.

If there are any Bridge players out there who are interested in playing Bridge in the afternoon then please let me know also. Exciting times!

Anne Swallow

Ash Die-back Disease

I have now surveyed the roadside ash trees in the Parish for the last three years, and this disease is not only resulting in progressively more severe dieback in previously infected trees, but is inexorably spreading and infecting healthy trees. Out of the 68 ash trees and groups of ash trees surveyed, 38 (56%) were assessed as infected in July 2021.

The full survey can be found in Report 2021-16 on the Parish Council website. Landowners have been advised to monitor the condition of infected trees near to roads and footpaths.

There are of course many more ash trees in woods and hedgerows, and particularly along the railway line and canal. Over the next few years the loss of these trees will have a significant impact on the local landscape and wildlife. Could I please ask local landowners to consider promoting or planting other species of trees on their land to compensate for the expected losses.

Chris Peat Tree Warden



Mature ash tree infected with die-back.
This tree is on Odstone Road, Barton in the Beans

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.

Carlton Gardening Group

The chestnut logs being used as seats in the Diamond Jubilee Orchard were rotting and no longer suitable for this purpose. They have been cut up and the slices retained as wildlife habitat – they had several different fungi growing on them and contained some very chunky beetle grubs. One of the logs has been replaced with a simple bench seat made from recycled timber.

Building works at the Church will soon be complete and the Group will be levelling parts of the churchyard near the new building and re-instating the areas of grass disturbed and compacted by the contractors.

Chris Peat

Speed & Traffic Monitoring

Our speed indicator device (SID) monitored northbound vehicles on Bosworth Rd between 23rd June to 23rd July. During this period 22,617 vehicles were counted: the average number was 758/day on weekdays, and 726/day over the week as a whole. The average speed was 33.5 mph and the 85th percentile speed 43.7 mph. The highest speed recorded was 75.0 mph at 19:05 hrs on 9th July.

From 26th July to 31st August the SID monitored southbound vehicles on Barton Rd. During this period 10,799 vehicles were counted: the average number was 316/day on weekdays, and 310/day over the week as a whole. The average speed was 28.0 mph, and the 85th percentile speed 36.4 mph. The highest speed recorded was 65.0 mph at 18:55 hrs on 18th August.

From 31st August to 30th September the SID monitored southbound vehicles on Nailstone Rd. During this period 24,238 vehicles were counted: the average number was 863/day on weekdays and 775/day over the week as a whole. The average speed was 30.8 mph and the 85th percentile speed 37.4 mph. The highest speed recorded was 65.0 mph at 00:10 hrs on 12th September.

The Police have been asked to deploy their speed enforcement team in the village. The 85th percentile speed is the preferred statistical measure used by the Police and Highways. If 100 cars pass the SID and their speeds listed from low to high, the 85th percentile speed will be the speed of the 85th vehicle in the list.

Parish Clerk

Parish Council News

Carlton Gate Information Board – is being made and should be installed in the garden of The Gate Hangs Well before Christmas.

Cemetery Paths – should be repaired and extended later this year.

Diamond Jubilee Orchard – the northern hedge should be laid over the winter.

Damaged railings – on north side of Congerstone Lane have been reported to LCC Highways for repair.

Fly tipping – the PC has complained that the current policy for the collection of hazardous waste means that dangerous material is being left exposed for long periods (for example the plastic box on the side of Lount Road).

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

Judith Boston, 64 Main St, 291880

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Borough Councillor Maureen Cook and Luke Evans MP at Carlton Fete

Carlton Village Fete

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the fete such a success. It would not happen without the support of the many people who run stalls, sell raffle tickets, donate prizes and things to sell. The sun shone and people came to enjoy the activities, entertainment and refreshments. Our profit this year was £3,900.00, which will help us to pay the church's bills next year.

Pat Lockwood 292542

Horticultural & Produce Show

The Annual Show was held in a hired tent on Carlton Green, and attracted 121 entries from 29 Parishioners and 140 visitors. We thank everyone who took part and the Parish Council for a support grant.

Chris Peat and Bill Sharp

Dates for Your Diary

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

November

- 9th Tues 7.30 pm. Carlton Parish Council meeting in Seasons Restaurant at The Gate Hangs Well
- 14th Sun 6.30 pm. Remembrance Evensong at St Andrew's Church
- 17th Wed Meeting of Trustees of Carlton Charity Lands
- 28th Sun 9 am. Communion at St Andrew's Church

December

- 4th Sat 10 am. Volunteers welcome to help put up the village Christmas tree on Carlton Green
- 4th Sat 10.15 am - 12.30 pm. Christmas Coffee Morning & Sale at St Andrew's Church
- 6th Mon 7.30 pm. Carlton Rock Choir Christmas Concert at St Andrew's Church
- 15th Wed 8 pm. Book Club
- 12th Sun 9 am. Lessons and Carols at St Andrews 's Church
- 19th Sun 9.30 am onwards. Light a Candle at St Andrew's Church
- 19th Sun 5 pm. Christingle at St Andrew's Church
- 25th Sat 9 am. Communion at St Andrew's Church

January 2022

- 9th Sun 9 am. Communion at St Andrew's Church
- 12th Wed 7.30 pm. Carlton Parish Council Annual Finance Meeting, St Andrew's Church
- 23rd Sun 9 am. Communion at St Andrew's Church
- 26th Wed 8 pm. Book Club

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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