

# CARLTON NEWS

**August 2019**

**Carlton Fete      Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019      1 - 4pm**

## **Carlton Green, Shackerstone Walk**

Please stop what you are doing and mark this fantastic day on your calendar. As always, we've a great mix of music, games, fitness challenges and a few special surprises to make sure you have an afternoon to remember. Why not treat yourself to a little tippie and sit back and enjoy the entertainment?

This year will feature something new as we run a "Me and my Mutt" competition. Simply match up the picture of the dog with their owner. It should be great fun – please contact Pat on 292542 for information on how to enter. We will also be holding a paper aeroplane competition, with all materials supplied on the day.

As well as asking for your attendance, as usual we are asking for donations of

Books    Toys    Pre-loved items    Unused gifts suitable for a raffle prize    Full bottles  
Any other suitable raffle prizes    Cakes, bakes, preserves and jam

Helpers are needed to run stalls on the day – if you are available please let Pat Lockwood know a minimum of a week before the 24<sup>th</sup> August. Tents will be erected on the Green on the evening of 22<sup>nd</sup> August and then taken down on the day after the Fete – please do come along if you can help.

We will be auctioning off the award winning fresh produce from the Horticultural Show in the early evening whilst enjoying some fish and chips. All will be welcome to join us.

Thanks for supporting this great event which raises much needed funds for the Church.

***Pat Lockwood 292542***

## **Carlton Heritage Day**

On Saturday September 28th we will be holding a Heritage Day in Church from 11am -3pm. You will be able to learn about the history of the village and our Church, take part in a guided walk at 11.30 am or 2 pm and enjoy a Treasure Hunt around the Church. There will be displays from the various groups that work within the village and you will be able to see the Millennium Tapestry. Refreshments will be available all day and there will be a sale table. If you need more information please contact Pat on 292542.

## **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

Will be taking place at The Gate Hangs Well, Carlton on Friday 11th October 11am to 1pm. Come along and join us – coffee and cakes for all. Any queries please telephone.

*Tania 290105*

## **Harvest Festival**

Service – St Andrew's Church on 13<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm. At 6pm there will be a Harvest Supper at 34 Main Street. Could those wishing to attend please let Tania or Bill know on 290105. The Church will be open on the Saturday from 9am to 5pm for those wishing to donate items for the Harvest Festival or for those wishing to decorate a window or part of the church. All are welcome to decorate the Church and to come to the Harvest Supper.

## **The Progressive Supper**

This very sociable event will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Each couple will present one course for 6-8 guests. You will have the other courses at different homes before we all meet up for the cheese course at one venue.

Everyone is asked to donate £10.00 to the Friends of St Andrew's Fund. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to take part, but certainly before 14<sup>th</sup> October.

*Enid Morgan 290453 enidmorgan24@btinternet.com*

## **Pilates in Carlton**

Pilates classes take place every Monday evening at Bank Farm in Carlton. The classes are open to all levels and very welcoming. Pilates is a great way to improve your balance and flexibility while strengthening your abdominal core. The new term commences on 2<sup>nd</sup> September so if you would like to come along please contact me.

*Nigel Axelrad (nigel@bankfarm.org)*

# **I never thought it would happen to me!**

Being robbed isn't the best of experiences. When listening to other people's stories, I never considered it would happen to me. After all, we live in sleepy ol' Carlton.

Early one morning in May this year I was alerted by a neighbour telling me that my car was open and had been for some time. I wandered into the road to find my car very open and the contents all gone! Reality sinking in; the sick feeling in the stomach. OMG!!

I suspect my car was opened electronically, all of the contents stolen, computers and documents locked in the boot for an important board meeting that morning had been swiped, gone, lifted, pinched - not there anymore. Was the car locked? Yes, as I am conscientious about locking it up. Last thing the previous night I had loaded my car for an early set off to South Yorkshire, never considering what might happen during the night. Foolish? In hindsight, probably. Unreasonable? Not really. I had done the same thing for the last 5 years - every second Tuesday in the month a board meeting - so, load the car last thing, leave early, beat the traffic.

I called the Police from my mobile phone using the 101 service which was a mistake. If you do use the 101 number call from a landline, it connects in a few seconds instead of 5 minutes. You will be encouraged to report the car theft or car crime online, but if you use your mobile you may have to wait up to 35 minutes before the automated voice tells you to do this. Call from a land line - it is very much quicker. Reporting a crime online is quick and easy, after which you will be able to get on with dealing with the aftermath. Do not expect the flying squad for a minor crime - it doesn't work like that. The Police have a heavy workload and after all, no-one had been injured and my belongings were long gone. It did take a while for a face to face meeting with a policeman, but they were very good and above all interested!

We were lucky to have a CCTV recording of the crime in real time. A scary piece of footage shows the hooded sticky-fingered thief wearing oversized sunglasses and a hoody in my car at 1.44 am. It took just 90 seconds to empty my car. The footage showed the robber's car registration number, which led to the arrest of 3 individuals by Staffordshire Police some weeks later, and the car being impounded following several similar local crimes and sightings. So, it could happen to you, and if it does it will be a horrible experience. In the case of a computer, the cost of a new one is insignificant when compared with the costs arising from the loss of the information in the stolen one.

Some personal advice: lock your car; do not leave belongings in it; use a Defender Pouch (£2.50 from Hinckley Police Station or Carlton Fete); join the Carlton Neighbourhood Watch Group; follow the Carlton Villagers Facebook page; keep your eyes peeled; report anything suspicious; be neighbourly; look out for each other.

If you are in danger or a crime is in progress ring 999 and you will get a fast response. Otherwise report the crime on-line, or on 101 using a landline, and you will get a response after a few days.

*Simon Cooper*

## **Defibrillator - Volunteer Needed**

We aim to have six volunteer households that will bring the defibrillator to Carlton residents if called upon. Unfortunately, one of our volunteer couples has left the village and we now seek a replacement. To be a volunteer all you need is a broadband connection for the emergency phone. The First Responders will provide you with the necessary training for CPR and using the defibrillator.

Please contact me if you would like to help. You are unlikely to be called but if you are you may save a life. If you are new to the village, you should put the emergency number (056 0368 0268) into your phone. If anyone suffers a cardiac arrest you only have 8 minutes to restart the heart before there is irreversible brain damage.

***Nigel Axelrad (nigel@bankfarm.org)***

## **Carlton Charity Lands – Two Fields for Rent**

The current tenancy ends in September. The existing tenant has given notice that he does not wish to continue. The Trustees are seeking expressions of interest from those who may wish to rent the two fields on the southern side of Congerstone Lane to the east of the railway bridge. The fields are currently a combination of permanent grass and arable. They are to be let under a Farm Business Tenancy to commence on October 1st 2019. If you are interested please contact the Clerk to the Trustees (call 01455 290733, or email madrailfan@aol.com).

***Hazel Davenport (Chairperson)***

## **Speed and traffic monitoring**

Our Speed Indicator Device (SID) was monitoring vehicles heading into the village at the western end of Main Street from 9<sup>th</sup> April to 13<sup>th</sup> May. During this period 20,335 vehicles were counted. The average number of vehicles per day was 719 on weekdays, and 683 during the week as a whole. The average speed was 23.2 mph, and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was 29.5 mph. The highest speed recorded was 50.0 mph at 16:25 hrs on 11<sup>th</sup> April.

The SID was moved to the bottom of Bosworth Road on 27<sup>th</sup> May, and remained there until 15<sup>th</sup> July. During this period 41,484 vehicles were counted heading into the village. The average number of vehicles per day was 1014 on weekdays, and 944 during the week as a whole. The average speed was 33.8 mph, and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was 44.2 mph. The highest speed recorded was 85.0 mph at 22:20 hrs on 31<sup>st</sup> May.

Summaries of all data collected by the SID can be downloaded from the Parish Council website.

***Parish Clerk***

## Neighbourhood Watch

There was 1 reported theft in Carlton in March, nil in April and 3 reported crimes in May of theft, vehicle crime and anti-social behaviour.

### **Bosworth Beat Team**

Our local team are Sgt James Cross 2100, PC Phil Hale 537, PC Rob Cross 207 and new member PCSO Allan Charles 6649. They can be contacted by calling 101 and asking for the voicemail of the individual collar number. The Market Bosworth Police Facebook page is a mine of information and photos about local policing activity, updated on a daily basis and a useful way to comment directly on any local issues.

### **NHW National Update**

Leicestershire Trading Standards is warning about firms overcharging for services which can be applied for directly. These firms generally operate online and are known as copycat websites: they often charge for a service you can get for free or at a much lower cost on the genuine site. Sometimes they take an exorbitant cut of a refund, but this detail is hidden in small print and you only realise when it is too late. Examples are European Health Insurance Cards, tax refunds, passports, visas & driving licences which can all be accessed legitimately through [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

To report a copycat website to Trading Standards or for consumer advice contact Citizens Advice on 03454 040506.

***Rosi Yule, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, Tel: 292212  
chalkstorm@btopenworld.com***

## Carlton Charity Lands – Applications for an Award

If you are, or you know of, a young person aged from 16 to 23 years, who is in, or planning to go into, Further Education or training and would benefit from the Charity Lands' help then please encourage them to apply.

Successful applicants, who will receive up to a maximum of £150, must provide proof of purchase before monies are released. When an award is made, the applicant may not apply for another award until twelve months have elapsed.

Application forms for the 21 November 2019 meeting must be received no later than 7th November 2019. Retrospective applications will be considered for expenditure that has been incurred since the Trustees' previous meeting, in this case, 21st March 2019. Further information and an application form are available from the Clerk to the Trustees (call 01455 290733, or email [madrailfan@aol.com](mailto:madrailfan@aol.com)).

***Hazel Davenport (Chairperson)***

# **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 Book Club**

We are a lively group of readers who meet every 6 weeks to ponder and discuss a variety of books, popular and classical, re-visiting old favourites and sampling new authors. This often leads to discussions about films, theatre productions, TV and radio programmes featuring the authors and books that we have read.

Books are chosen by our members in turn who then host the evening discussion with a bottle of wine, nibbles and lots of good spirit. We are always looking for new members. If anyone is interested in joining us please get in touch.

*Anne Swallow 292496*

## **More on Bosworth Road signage**

Changes are to be made to the highway signs at the southern end of Bosworth Road. There will be two *Carlton* village nameplates, one on each side of the road, on the Bosworth side of Park View Farm, followed by five advance warning bars painted across the road. The *dragon's teeth* markings and *30 roundel* will remain, and there will be thick white lines on each side of the road at the 30 mph signs. The aim of these changes is to give an earlier indication of the start of the residential area, and to create an enclosing effect to encourage drivers heading into the village to slow down. County Highways has kindly agreed to implement these changes without charge.

Having rejected proposals to introduce a 40 mph speed limit (see last issue), the Parish Council asked for 3, 2, 1 warning signs to be installed in advance of the 30 mph speed limit. This request was refused by County Highways because these signs are only authorised for use at level crossings. The Parish Council then asked for signs advising that there is a 30 mph speed limit 150 yds ahead. This request was also refused because these signs are non-standard.

It is frustrating that the 30 mph signs on the other approaches to the village are located before the first houses, yet this cannot be achieved on the road with the most serious speeding problem.

Most frustrating of all is the fact that most drivers are local residents, and that if they would only observe the sensible speed limits of 30 mph through residential areas a lot of time, effort and money could be saved, and possibly also a few lives.

*Parish Clerk*

## Parish Council News

**Bench seat** – in Jubilee Orchard will be installed later this year, thanks to a 50% grant from the Borough Council's Parish & Community Initiatives Fund.

**Sewer overflows** – at western end of Main St have been caused by damage to the pipes by tree roots: the pipes will need to be replaced at some point.

**Number 7 bus** – will begin a service to and from Carlton on schooldays and at school times from September. The timetable will be published towards the end of August.

**Heritage Trail** – for Carlton is expected to be published by the Borough Council as part of the Heritage Strategy.

**Ash die-back disease** - a survey of roadside ash trees in the Parish can be found on the PC website.

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

***Judith Boston***, 64 Main St, 291880

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## Carlton's First Scarecrow Trail

Thank you to everyone who took part in Carlton's very first Scarecrow Trail. Whether you purchased a quiz, made one of the 23 fantastic scarecrows or purchased raffle tickets, it all helped towards creating a successful first Scarecrow Trail in Carlton.

In total we raised £618 for The Harley Staples Cancer Trust. This is a local charity in memory of the Staples family's son, Harley who lost his battle with a rare leukaemia B Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia Burkitt type in 2009, 9 months after he was diagnosed. Harley was just 8 years old. The charity enables families with terminally ill children to make some lasting memories in their holiday home or caravan in Rutland.

We had some fantastic entries in our first year and we are already looking forward to a bigger and better one next year, although this year will be difficult to beat. This year's winner was Up! – which must have been hours in the design and manufacturing – well done to Team Smith.

It was a shame to have just one winner as there were many other fantastic creations including Tin-man, Mary Poppins and of course the scary Gruffalo! It was also another great opportunity for the village to come together.....well done Team Carlton.

Many thanks to everyone that took part and watch this space for next year's event.

***Mark Roscoe***

# Dates for Your Diary

Every Friday - Coffee Morning at The Gate Hangs Well, 11am

## August

- 11<sup>th</sup> Sun 9am Communion at St Andrew's Church  
21<sup>st</sup> Wed Quiz Night at The Gate Hangs Well  
22<sup>nd</sup> Thurs Evening Putting up tents for the Fete, Carlton Green  
24<sup>th</sup> Sat 12.30-4pm Horticultural Show, St Andrew's Church  
1pm-4pm Carlton Village Fete, Carlton Green  
25<sup>th</sup> Sun No Communion service

## September

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon Start of term for Pilates  
4<sup>th</sup> Wed Book Club – 'All the light we cannot see' by Anthony Doerr – venue TBC  
8<sup>th</sup> Sun 9am Communion at St Andrew's Church  
11<sup>th</sup> Wed 7.30pm Carlton Parish Council meeting, St Andrew's Church  
18<sup>th</sup> Wed Quiz Night at The Gate Hangs Well  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sun 9am Communion at St Andrew's Church  
28<sup>th</sup> Sat 11am-3pm Heritage Day, St Andrew's Church

## October

- 9<sup>th</sup> Wed 7.30pm Carlton Parish Council meeting, St Andrew's Church  
11<sup>th</sup> Fri 11am-1pm MacMillan Coffee Morning, Gate Hangs Well  
13<sup>th</sup> Sun 5pm Harvest Festival, St Andrew's Church  
13<sup>th</sup> Sun 6pm Harvest Supper, 34 Main Street  
16<sup>th</sup> Wed Quiz Night at The Gate Hangs Well  
22<sup>nd</sup> Tue Copy deadline for November issue of Carlton News  
23<sup>rd</sup> Wed Book Club – book to be arranged – venue TBC  
27<sup>th</sup> Sun 9am Communion at St Andrew's Church

## November

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Progressive Supper  
7<sup>th</sup> Thurs Closing date for applications to the Carlton Charity Lands  
10<sup>th</sup> Sun 6.30pm Remembrance Evensong at St Andrew's Church  
13<sup>th</sup> Wed 7.30pm Carlton Parish Council meeting, St Andrew's Church  
20<sup>th</sup> Wed Quiz Night at The Gate Hangs Well

## 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

### Editor

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