

# CARLTON NEWS

May 2021

## Plant and Book Sale

This will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm till 4.30pm, at 34 Main St, Carlton. The event will also include a raffle etc, and refreshments will be served. All proceeds to go towards the new kitchen and toilet extension at St Andrew's Church, Carlton.

*Tania*

## Carlton Village Fete

We are going to try and hold the Fete on Saturday August 28th, so we will be looking for helpers to run stalls and sell raffle tickets around the village. The raffle will take place even if the fete doesn't so we would welcome all donations of prizes please. If you are able to help or donate a prize please contact me on 292542.

*Pat Lockwood*

## Carlton Parish Plan 2021

The Parish Plan Group has reviewed the current position, and we have been surprised by how much things have changed since 2011, and how many of the questions posed in the previous questionnaire are now redundant. We have used Egan's Wheel as a template for the review – a tried and tested approach which objectively considers community governance, transport and connectivity, services, housing and the built environment, the natural environment, the economy, and social and cultural factors. We have now done as much work as we can by email, and are waiting for Covid-19 restrictions to be lifted so that we can begin to hold physical meetings. All meetings will be advertised on the Parish noticeboard and on the PC's website and any parishioner will be welcome to attend.

*Chris Peat tel:290934 email:clerk@carltonpc.co.uk*



*Spring in Carlton - cowslips and lambs next to footpath S68, bird cherry in Little Lane*

# 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 Charity Lands to meet in November

As no applications were forthcoming, the Trustees decided that a physical meeting was not needed in March. In observance of the Covid restrictions, a meeting was conducted by email. The next meeting will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> November and applications must be received by 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021. For an application form and further details please call 01455 290733, or email - [madrailfan@aol.com](mailto:madrailfan@aol.com).

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 or higher education or training and would benefit from the Charity Lands' help then please encourage them to apply. Grants are made to help with the costs of apprenticeships, buying books, equipment, fees, travel costs and starting a business. Retrospective applications will be considered for expenditure that has been incurred since the Trustees' previous meeting, in this case, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Carlton Charity Lands distributes the annual rental income from two fields in the Parish of Carlton in the form of financial assistance to young people at the early stages of their careers. Successful applicants must provide proof of purchase or costs incurred before monies are released. When an award is made, the applicant may not apply for another award until twelve months have elapsed from the date of the initial award.

As the next meeting takes place after the start of the forthcoming educational year, the Trustees are looking forward to receiving many applications. Please stay safe and take care during these difficult times.

***Hazel Davenport (Chairperson)***

## Horse Manure

If any village residents want a trailer load of well rotted horse manure we have plenty available and have a small trailer so can deliver. Please get in touch with me to arrange, and get those veggies growing for the Horticultural Show!

***Mandie 07939267766***

## Building St Andrew's Community Hub

Great news! We now have the funds to build St Andrew's Community Hub at St Andrew's Church! Just after writing the article for January's edition of Carlton News, I heard that the National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund had decided to support us, helping us to achieve our funding target. We have also been delighted with the number of donations flowing in from Carlton residents. Thank you all.



*Bill Sharp, PCC Chair, signing the building contract.*

In April, Bill Sharp, Chair of Carlton Parochial Church Council (PCC), signed the building contract for the Hub with Ackroyd Construction. Ackroyds are expert in working with historic buildings. They expect to start work early in July, subject to obtaining the building materials.

AR Demolition, our local supporters, will work with Ackroyds to provide the groundworks for the foundations and water and waste pipe connections. Ackroyds expect to complete the building work in November 2021. We will then need to furnish the Hub before holding an opening event, hopefully before Christmas.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me, either around and about in Carlton, or at [rgarnold1@gmail.com](mailto:rgarnold1@gmail.com)

***Robin Arnold, Carlton Parochial Church Council & Project Lead***

## An New Elm Tree in Carlton

An English elm tree (*Ulmus minor var vulgaris* 'Upper Swell' = *U. procera*) has been planted just inside the Carlton Parish boundary at the side of the footpath between Saint Andrew's Church and Barton in the Beans, by kind permission of the landowner. Our hope is that this tree will establish and make a significant contribution to the local landscape as it grows and matures.

The planted sapling elm was micro-propagated from a tree in the Gloucestershire village of Upper Swell which had not been affected by Dutch Elm Disease. The pot-grown sapling was kindly donated to Carlton Parish Council by Goscote Nurseries, Syston Road, Cossington. This nursery carries a very good stock of ornamental and fruit trees and is well worth a visit.

English Elms are impressively rough and rangy trees, living for 250-300 years and growing 30m tall with a girth up to 7m. They were a major feature of the local landscape until almost all were killed by Dutch Elm Disease which took hold in the late 1960's. There

were once many elm trees in Carlton village, and at one time Main Street was informally known as Butt Lane because of the many stumps of felled elm trees along it. This was before infill development had taken place between Hall Terrace and Barton Road.

Carlton Parish Council tried to save a splendid elm tree at the corner of Main Street and Bosworth Road by pumping a fungicide into the trunk, but the treatment did not work. I remember the late Tony Cooper (PC Chairman 1968-91) telling me that they pumped until liquid squirted out of the ends of the branches, but to no avail.

Elm trees have always been closely associated with human settlements, and 'elm' is one of the commonest components of Anglo-Saxon place names. English Elm trees rarely produce viable seed in our current cool climate, and usually grow up from suckers. Elm is still very common in local hedgerows, but the plants are susceptible to Dutch Elm Disease and if allowed to grow up they become infected and die back when the trunks achieve a diameter of about 150mm. A longer version of this article was published in the April Issue of Aspect.



## Spring Clean Litter Pick – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

This event was exceptionally well supported. 41 volunteers managed to clear the roads between Carlton and Market Bosworth, the Marina, Congerstone, Barton in the Beans and Osbaston as well as Gibbet Lane. We collected more than two cubic metres of rubbish, mainly bottles, cans and food packaging, although spent gun cartridges, tyres, a smashed cathode ray TV tube, a Sat-nav and bedding added to the variety.



*Group mascot Orinoco Womble with the rubbish collected*

Prizes were awarded as usual for the most useful, most interesting and most disgusting finds, and a new category – most decorative item- was added this year. Thank you to all the pickers and thank you also to the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Clean Neighbourhoods Team who loaned equipment, provided refuse sacks, and collected the rubbish. I hope you will be able to join our 30th Anniversary Litter Pick in March 2022!

***Irene Peat Chairman Keep Carlton Tidy Group, Tel 290934***

## The world is getting smaller

Some time ago Chris Peat forwarded an email from someone called Athos in Greece, who had read the Carlton PC website and was interested in the Goddard and Oldacres families. We sent him some details and the family trees which my brother had produced, and it transpired we are related to him. It turned out that Athos was the great-great-grandson of George Hollis who lived in Carlton from 1920 to 1964, most of that time at the Fernlea Plant Nursery on Barton Road. In the early fifties my family lived on Nailstone Road opposite George's house on Barton Road, and my sister, brother and myself used to play with George's grandchildren when they visited. Athos's grandmother is still alive, and we have now communicated and shared our memories of those days.

The Greek connection comes about because Athos's grandmother was a doctor in London and married a Greek surgeon. Athos has worked out from the Oldacres connection we are 4<sup>th</sup> cousins but that is not surprising: if you are from a longstanding Carlton family you most likely are related to the Oldacres family, closely followed by the Goddard family. I have also sent Athos a greetings card sent by his great-great-grandmother to my mother when one of her children was born.

***Richard Liddington***

# Neighbourhood Watch Group

There were 2 reported crimes in Carlton from December to February,: both violence and/or sexual offence. Figures are published by the Home Office monthly, if you wish to be included on the monthly circulation of reported crime in Market Bosworth and neighbouring villages please email me, Rosi Yule on [chalkstorm@btopenworld.com](mailto:chalkstorm@btopenworld.com).

## Bosworth Beat Team

The speed camera team have been dealing with speeding in Bosworth, Twycross, Desford, Sheepy, Stapleton and Barlestone. The local beat team have been investigating fly tipping, arson and some house burglaries across the wider area. Bosworth Police say "CCTV is an excellent visual deterrent and can help us identify those responsible. It is affordable, easy to install and there is a host of DIY units on offer".

Neighbourhood Link is a direct way of keeping up to date with local police information, priorities and results and a link to have your say to the police about things that matter. Go to [www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk) and follow the prompts.

## Neighbourhood Watch National Update

NHW continue their warnings against cyber based crime. There has been a 93% increase in the use of spyware and stalkerware apps in the UK since lockdown measures were first introduced. Stalkerware is unethical software that allows people to track someone's location, without the victim's knowledge or consent. Stalkerware gives the perpetrator access to a victim's personal photos, videos, emails, texts and app communications such as WhatsApp and Facebook, as well as eavesdropping on phone calls and making covert recordings of conversations over the internet.

Stalkerware is a form of technology abuse. Usually installed secretly on mobile phones by so-called friends, jealous spouses and ex-partners, stalkerware tracks the physical location of the victim, monitors sites visited, phone calls and text messages, undermining a person's online freedom and individual liberty. The growth in stalkerware seems to echo the increase in domestic abuse crimes across the UK since lockdown measures came into force.

## How to prevent stalkerware if you think you are at risk:

1. Secure your phone against all unauthorised physical access by using two factor authentication such as a pin code, and a second form of identity confirmation such as an email backup or thumbprint.
2. Install a reliable anti-virus product on your mobile phone. A good mobile anti-virus will treat stalkerware as a PUP (potentially unwanted programme) and give you the option to remove it.

## How to spot the signs:

- You notice your device's performance is suddenly and unexpectedly worse: you may notice slow-downs or more frequent crashes or freezes.
- Your settings have changed without your consent: if you suddenly have a new browser homepage, new icons on your desktop, a different default search engine, or other changes that you didn't make, it might be due to stalkerware.

- You get odd messages: a sudden flood of pop-ups or error messages from programmes that always worked fine before may indicate spyware.
- You have unexplained calls on your bill.

### **How to manually remove stalkerware from your phone:**

- Reboot your phone into safe-mode: hold down your phone's power button to see your Power off and Restart options. Long-press the Power off option and the Reboot to safe-mode option will appear. Tap OK.
- Remove any suspicious apps: once rebooted in safe mode, open up your Settings and tap Apps or Apps & notifications. Sort through your apps and look for anything you don't recognise.
- Remove any Malicious Apps: tap Uninstall to remove them from your device. If you're not sure if an app is malicious, search for the name of the app on the internet to see if other people have shared issues with it.

*Rosi Yule, NHW, 292212*

## **Parish Council News**

**County Council elections** – will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> May. Ivan Ould, who has served as our County Councillor for the past 24 years, will not be standing for re-election. We thank Ivan for his regular attendance at PC meetings, and for his personal commitment to and strong support for democratic and accountable local government.

**Finance** - the Parish Council's accounts for 2020-21 have been finalised and details can be found on the PC's website (under Reports for next meeting until approved, and then under Finance). The accounts and supporting documentation will be made available for public inspection at 7 Main Street from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July inclusive.

**Toddlers Play Area** – extra play-bark has been laid by the Gardening Group to compensate for settlement.

**Speed Indicator Device** – is in storage as we are waiting for a renewed licence permitting deployment on street lighting columns.

**White railings** – along Congerstone Lane and around the Carlton Road/Congerstone Road junction have been repaired by County Council Highways.

**Kissing gates** – have been installed where footpaths leave Congerstone Road, Barton Road, and the A447, thanks to a grant from the County Council's Highways & Community Fund. The last gate listed was a joint installation with Nailstone Parish Council and means that footpath S47 from Harry's Grave to Nailstone is now completely stile-free.

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

*Judith Boston*, 64 Main St, 291880

*Simon Cooper*, 48 Main St, 290964

*Ian Sarson*, 74 Main St, 290733

*Mick Vann*, 91 Main St, 290976

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**Parish Clerk**

# Dates for Your Diary

Every Friday - Coffee Morning at The Gate Hangs Well, 11am commencing 30th April

## May

- 6<sup>th</sup> Thur County Council elections; Police & Crime Commissioner election  
9<sup>th</sup> Sun 9 am. Communion, St Andrew's Church  
11<sup>th</sup> Tue 12.45—1pm. Mobile Library at Carlton Green  
12<sup>th</sup> Wed 7.30 pm. Annual Parish Meeting, to be followed by the Annual Meeting of Carlton Parish Council, St Andrew's Church  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sun 9 am. Communion, St Andrew's Church

## June

- 8<sup>th</sup> Tue 12.45—1pm. Mobile Library at Carlton Green  
8<sup>th</sup> Tue 7.30 pm. Carlton Gardening Group Annual General Meeting at 3 Main Street, all welcome  
12<sup>th</sup> Sat 2 - 4.30pm. Plant & Book Sale & Refreshments at 34 Main Street  
13<sup>th</sup> Sun 9 am. Communion, St Andrew's Church  
14<sup>th</sup> Mon Parish Council accounts for 2020-21 open to public inspection  
27<sup>th</sup> Sun 9 am. Communion, St Andrew's Church

## July

- 11<sup>th</sup> Sun 9 am. Communion, St Andrew's Church  
13<sup>th</sup> Tue 12.45—1pm. Mobile Library at Carlton Green  
14<sup>th</sup> Wed 7.30 pm. Carlton Parish Council meeting, St Andrew's Church  
19<sup>th</sup> Mon Copy date for August issue of Carlton News  
23<sup>rd</sup> Fri End of public inspection period for Parish Council's accounts  
25<sup>th</sup> Sun 9 am. Communion, St Andrew's Church

## August

- 10<sup>th</sup> Tue 12.45—1pm. Mobile Library at Carlton Green  
28<sup>th</sup> Sat Village Fete and Horticultural & Produce Show

## 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.

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