

KEEPING WATCH...

Some time ago an attempt was made to rejuvenate the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the village and a meeting was called by the Parish Council to gauge interest. At that time, although there was some response shown nobody stepped forward to follow up the feelings of the meeting and to coordinate the venture.

A couple of years down the line and we have new faces in the village and the technology of information gathering and dissemination has evolved. So the Parish Council have agreed to launch another attempt at pushing forward the formation of a new scheme or the village. An open meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, September 12th at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. If you came along to the previous meeting please come again and reaffirm your support. Bring along your neighbours and friends and help to build up a whole community scheme. Henry Whatley, Market Harborough policing unit's community liaison officer, will be on hand to discuss Neighbourhood Watch and will be able to answer any queries about running the scheme.

It is proven fact that schemes such as these do work to reduce community crime. Statistically, crime against the public is irritating and anti-social rather than serious or threatening. Most criminal activity is petty and opportunist - the type that is likely to be controlled by simple deterrent measures. NW schemes stimulate an interest in, and awareness of, local criminal activity and lead to greater vigilance and sharper response from the whole of the community.

SCRAP HEAP CHALLENGE

Following a spate of thefts of lead roofing from local churches recently the PCC has taken steps to deter the thieves from targeting All Saints Church. Improvements have been made to the floodlighting of the churchyard and lighting to the rear of the church. The PCC also asks those living nearby and those passing by during darkness to keep an eye on the church and churchyard. If you see anyone acting suspiciously in the vicinity of the church and you suspect that a crime is being committed, please notify the police.

In other parts of the county a number of thefts of stainless steel items have been recorded. Parts of play equipment from recreation grounds, milk vat lids from farms, public works of art and repair panels from ancient monuments have all been removed for their scrap value. Please keep your eyes open and report anything that you feel is suspicious to the police.

ALL CHANGE

Changes within Abbott's Creative Print of Lutterworth mean that they are no longer able to print our *Bosworth Bugle*. The *Bugle* Team would like to take this opportunity to thank Abbotts, especially former villager Gordon Carmichael, for the excellent quality reproduction and service they have given us over the past 6½ years. The *Bosworth Bugle* now moves on with a new print-house, ImageCopyPrint of Theddingworth and we are taking the opportunity to try out a new format. The content, hopefully, will remain largely unaltered. However we have been forced to make a few changes in order to continue to produce the *Bugle* within the constraints of our income.

QUARRY LINES

Lafarge Aggregates, the operator of the sand and gravel quarry site at Welford Road, Husbands Bosworth is seeking to vary the conditions of planning consent granted in 1998.

The company is proposing to realign boundaries and adjust retaining bank angles near to the Neolithic causewayed enclosure, which has been registered as a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

Reports carried out on behalf of the company suggest that the proposed works would have no undue effect on the stability or integrity of the enclosure site. The report notes that the work would allow the company to manage the adjacent quarrying and infill operations more effectively.

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LOCAL CRIME FILE

■ Please look out for a white recovery vehicle with a crane unit attached. This vehicle has been targeting abandoned cars. They are removed and are believed to have been taken for their scrap value. If you see a vehicle matching this description recovering a vehicle, please call the Police immediately on 999.

■ A number of garage and shed burglaries have been reported recently in the area. Portable items including fishing tackle, garden tools and golf clubs have been taken. Easily fitted battery-operated alarms cost only about £6 but may deter the opportunist thief.

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON ANY CRIMINAL ACTIVITY CALL MARKET HARBOROUGH POLICE on 0116 222 2222.

Countryside Watch Co-ordinator

Henry Whatley Ext. 3875

Local Beat Team

PC 1756 Mike Marshall

PC 1959 David Venables

Voicemail Service 0116 2485675

CRIMESTOPPERS

0800 555111

POSTBAG

From Ted & Jenny Ryan, Newton Harcourt

Ted and I would like to thank everyone involved in the presentation of the beautiful bench and planter. We were totally overwhelmed by the wonderful gesture. We have settled in at Newton Harcourt, but, miss the people of Bosworth very much. We keep looking in Country Properties for something to come up in Bosworth!!

Once again, thank you very much. Ted and Jenny (0116 259 0098)

From Ken & Jennifer Rogers, Highcroft

We should like to thank all those who contributed in any way to the success of the Barn Dance at the end of June, which started the Bosworth Festival Weekend.

We are especially grateful to the Garner family who allowed us the use of the Oak Lodge Grainstore. The Macmillan Raffle raised £200 and we thank all the local businesses and individuals who generously donated prizes. The ticket receipts raised £795 for the Village Hall - a much-needed boost to funds.

From Anon (Name and address withheld)

I am disgusted at the article "Village Vandalism" in the August edition of the *Bugle*. The lazy and unfounded assumptions (based on nothing other than their own prejudice) that the author uses to justify questioning local parents about the whereabouts of their children at night does nothing to make young people in our community feel included. Is it any wonder children and young people sometimes have a "whats the point?" attitude when it is obvious some people blame them collectively for any damage or problems in their communities? How does the author know that it wasn't someone in their late 20s or older that did this damage, perhaps someone who is even a parent themselves? They don't. They are entitled to their *Daily Mail* related beliefs, but they have no place in a community newsletter.

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Jackie Fletcher 880910

CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS

Janice Staples 880668

SPORTS PAVILION ENQUIRIES

Audrey Marlow 880316

SPONSORED RIDE & STRIDE

Ride or walk around local churches and raise money for the church or chapel of your choice. A great way to raise funds and keep fit at the same time! Proceeds are divided equally between your chosen church and the Historic Churches Trust, which provides funding for church restoration projects.

This year the event takes place on Saturday, September 8th and 400 places of worship in the county will be open from 10.00am to 6.00pm. For a sponsor form and list of open churches contact the county organiser, David Knowles on 01509 268354 or see the website: www.leicshistoricchurches.org.uk or Peter Jones, All Saints churchwarden on 880741.

TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club committee, on the advice of the Lawn Tennis Association, is currently updating the club's Constitution and Health & Safety regulations with the help of a lawyer.

Non-members are welcome to come along and join in play for a limited period on a trial basis on Club nights, which are held every Monday evening at the courts on the playing field from 6.00pm. So, dust off your old racket; any standard accepted!

LUNCHEON CLUB

The Luncheon Club will be meeting on Wednesday, September 26th at Kilworth Springs Golf Club. Diners are asked to meet in the bar as usual at 12.30pm.

The cost of the two-course meal, including coffee is £6.50 per person. Please book by calling Janice on 880668.

MAKING YOUR WILL CHEAPER

For a limited period, Age Concern Leicestershire & Rutland has persuaded a number of local solicitors' firms to reduce their Will Writing charges for older people to only £35 + VAT for a single uncomplicated Will - a huge reduction, with no strings attached. The offer is available from 1st September until 31st October. Hundreds of people took advantage of this deal last year, either to make their first will or revise an old one. This has proved to be one of Age Concern Leicestershire & Rutland's most successful regular initiatives. To find out more, please ring 0116 2992233.

BOSWORTH BELLES

The September meeting of the Bosworth Belles will be on Wednesday, 26th when the group will be taking a guided tour around the secret yards and alleyways of Market Harborough. Contact Ruth Bingham for more information on 880644.

METHODIST CHURCH

Coffee Morning

Wednesday, September 12th 10.00am-12.00.
at the home of Beryl and Lloyd Jones,
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From the Parish Registers

Gordon Grant

of Welford Road

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Aged 76 years

Joan Malkin

of Mowsley Road

Died July 29th 2007

Aged 85 years

Mildred Heard

of Hill House Farm

Died July 30th 2007

Aged 91 years

R.I.P.

THE MEANING OF LIFE...

Have you ever questioned the relevance of God in today's world? Are you still searching for answers? Then why not come along to the *Alpha* course starting on Monday, September 24th at 7.00pm at The Bell Inn and discuss these and other Christian issues in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

A Buffet Supper will be provided at a charge of £3.50. For more details contact Revd. Alison Hampton 880351 or email: gladthatilive@hotmail.com

ACTIVITY GROUPS 2007

All Saints Parochial Church Council

Contact: Peter Jones 880741

Art Workshop

Contact: Ann Saxton 880971

Badminton Club

Contact: Lorrie Forman 880281

Bosworth Belles

Contact: Claire Smith 880655

Bosworth Blokes

Contact: Ralph Horton 880526

Conservative Association

Contact: Robert Maxwell 880361

Handbell Ringers

Contact: David Staples 880668

Historical Society

Contact: Isobel Pepperill 880081

1st Kilworth Scouts/Beaver unit

Contact: Andrew Lambert 880922

Playing Field Committee

Contact: Jennifer Rogers 880401

Royal British Legion

Contact: Robert Maxwell 880361

Short Mat Bowls

Contact: Frank Thorp 880003

South Kilworth Riding Club

Contact: Steph Ashby 880628

Tower Bell Ringers

Contact: Geoff Armitage 880066

THANKSGIVING DINNER

One of the really good ideas that have come out of America is Thanksgiving, when people join together to give thanks for families, friends and the good things in their lives.

On Saturday 24th November, in the Village Hall, Husbands Bosworth, All Saints Church is hosting a real American Thanksgiving Evening with entertainment by the Market Harborough Choral Society followed by a traditional American thanksgiving dinner (roast turkey, pumpkin pie etc.!).

For further information, or to provisionally book a place (we have limited numbers) please contact Di Jones on 880741. Further details next month.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The first meeting of the season will be on Wednesday, September 5th when the Society will be taking enrolments from 7.30pm. The evening will continue with an illustrated talk entitled, Nene - River of History by a Blue Badge Guide.

The Society meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm, during the winter, in the Church Hall, Honeyput Lane. Subjects discussed usually have local historical links, and are given by local historians. The cost of membership is £5 per annum with a 50p per meeting door charge. Call the Secretary on 880081 for more information.

BADMINTON CLUB

Autumn is almost here again and the new season of Husbands Bosworth Badminton Club will start on Thursday, September 27th with the Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This will be followed by play at 8.00pm. New playing members are always welcome. Play is friendly and informal rather than fiercely competitive. For further information please call Lorrie on 880281 or Ralph on 880526.

CRAFT GROUP

The craft group has been meeting in the evenings on the first Monday of the month for a year now. The group covers a wide variety of skills, including needlework and paper-craft. Meetings have proved enjoyable and productive and are a relaxing way to learn new skills. What's more the meetings are free!

The next meeting is on Monday, September 3rd at 29 Bell Lane from 7.30pm. New members are welcome to join. Contact Margaret Bradley, 29 Bell Lane or phone 880652.

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Rev. John Harris has recently retired as Circuit Minister. His ministry in the village was appreciated by everyone who had contact with him. Church members would like to thank Janet and Geoff Armitage who arranged for All Saints towerbell ringers to ring a Quarter Peal in his honour recently. Church members welcome the new minister, Rev. Brian Kennard to the Circuit and look forward to his ministry.

ARTISTS ALIVE! OPEN STUDIOS

Artists' studios throughout Northamptonshire and Market Harborough will be open during the first two weeks of September. Ann Saxton welcomes you all to visit her working in her studio at 25 Bell Lane from the 1st to 16th September, Thursdays to Sundays inclusive. Brochures are available from Ann at any time. Telephone 880971.

✠CHURCH SERVICES ✠

All Saints Parish Church

SEPTEMBER

- 2 6.30pm Evensong
9 8.30am Morning Praise
16 10.30am Benefice Communion
23 10.30am All-Age Worship
30 10.30am HARVEST FESTIVAL
Churchwardens:
Peter Jones 880741
James Avery 880164
Vicar:
Rev. Alison Hampton 880351

Methodist Church

- 2 Circuit Service at Kibworth
9 Rev. B Kennard
16 Mr G Herbert
23 Rev. B Kennard (Communion)
30 Mr J Pearse

Services every Sunday 6.30pm.
All Welcome

Contact:
Senior Church Steward:
Mr. A Lloyd Jones 880343

St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

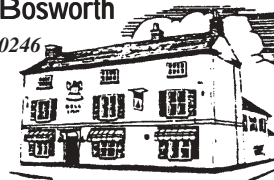
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Report of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, August 7th

Five Councillors, 4 members of the public and County Councillor Graham Hart were present.

Visitors' Questions

Concerns were raised about an application for an extension to a dwelling in Green Lane. Residents living next to the proposed building were worried that the development would overshadow their garden. A report was presented to Council for perusal. Council members agreed to consider the points raised before making any comments on the proposal.

Council was asked to consider amendments to the footway and grass verge in front of the redeveloped cottages in lower Mowsley Road. The proposal is to extinguish the highway rights over a section of the grass verge in front of 55 Mowsley Road, extend the existing footway line and reinstate the grass verge. It was felt that this proposal should be considered before a full Council and agreed to defer judgement.

Council was also asked to consider recommending the adoption of Broad Lane, the historical name for the lower end of Mowsley Road. Members agreed to support an application by the developer and suggested that the Historical Society or the County Records Office might have further information.

Matters arising from minutes of the previous meeting

Council noted that two plastics bins were now sited in the Scout Hut carpark. Delays in securing permission from the Church Commissioners to undertake the renovation work on the War Memorial has meant that some grant opportunities have lapsed. Council agreed to meet any possible shortfall in funding in order that the work should begin without delay.

Cemetery

Members had conducted a site meeting prior to the Council meeting and discussed outstanding issues.

It was agreed to ask the mowing contractor to cut back the margins, which were encroaching into the site again.

Members discussed the proposed gateway and access from the allotments and agreed to progress this project.

It was agreed to seek a quote for installing a gravelled path along the head of the gravestones in the cemetery extension to assist pedestrian access and help to drain off surface water.

Play area

Following problems with youngsters moving the second picnic bench it was agreed to have it concreted in place within the play area.

Allotments

Council discussed proposals put forward by allotment holders to install a second water supply near the carparking area. Members agreed but needed to get permission from the landlords, Leicestershire County Council.

Council noted pernicious weed growth on one allotment and it was agreed to write to the allotment holder concerned asking that this be controlled.

Traffic issues

A brief report of the recent meeting of the Traffic Action Group (TAG) was heard. The main points raised concerned traffic calming measures. Council were unconvinced that the safety camera was effectively sited. It was understood that as the village has a camera, vehicle activated signs, such as have been recently installed elsewhere along the A4304, wouldn't be considered. Council asked that TAG investigate the possibility of installing a vehicle activated sign on Welford Road.

DIARY DATES for SEPTEMBER

- Sat. 1st - Sun. 16th Local Artists Open Studios fortnight.
- Mon. 3rd Craft Group meeting, 7.30pm 29 Bell Lane.
- Tues. 4th Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm Village Hall
- Wed. 5th Hist. Soc. enrol & talk, 'Nene; River of History', 7.30pm CH
- Sat. 8th Historic Churches Ride & Stride Day
- Tues. 11th Mobile library
- Wed. 12th Neighbourhood Watch open meeting, 8.00pm VH
- Sun. 16th Knaptoft Harvest Festival, 3.00pm
- Mon. 24th HDC village street-cleaning
- Mon. 24th Alpha introductory meeting, 7.00pm The Bell Inn
- Tues. 25th Mobile library
- Wed. 26th Luncheon Club, 12.30pm Kilworth Springs Golf Club
- Thurs 27th Badminton Club AGM and start of season, 7.30pm VH
- Sun 30th All Saints Church Harvest Festival 10.30am

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Tues. 2nd Parish Council meeting
- Wed. 3rd Oct. Quarry Liaison meeting

Local Planning Applications

The following applications have been submitted to Harborough District Council:

- Erection of extns. & revised roofline, Walton Lodge, Leicester Road.

[S Watts]

Current applications may be inspected during normal working hours at the Council Offices, Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough LE16 7AG. Comments concerning planning applications should be addressed to the Head of Planning Services.

Planning applications and other aspects of local government can now be viewed on-line at www.harboroughonline.co.uk

Members discussed the siting of the new bus shelter and traffic problems that had arisen recently.

Council noted that new village entrance signs were to be installed shortly.

Planning and correspondence

Council heard that the application seeking permission to install rear accesses from Fernie Court properties onto Highcroft had been deferred by HDC Planning Committee pending further clarification by Highways.

Concerns were raised about health and safety issues during the recent demolition of the former High Street garage workshop.

Council asked that a response be requested from HDC regarding the out-of-character windows in the show-home of the Cheney Court development.

Any other business

It was agreed to initiate a meeting to discuss the rejuvenation of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the village. A date was set for Wednesday, September 12th at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Council discussed the condition of the planters. It was agreed to fund a regular maintenance programme and co-ordinate the planting.

Concerns were raised regarding the vandalism of a number of trees in Dag Lane. Clerk was asked to notify Highways and the Rights of Way Officer as it was felt that there were likely to be safety issues.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, September 4th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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