

# COPING WITH THE 'C' WORD...

**C**oronavirus... the state of affairs, identifying and dealing with the virus, moves on so quickly that periodically produced articles such as our *Bugle*, are bound to be a million miles out of date only a few days, or even hours later.

So, any advice given here will undoubtedly be superseded numerous times over between the time of writing and publication. There is plenty of sound, qualified advice around and any number of sources of trusted information through the media and on-line that are far more up-to-date. Locally focussed social media - the community's telegraph - has a major and responsible role to play in keeping us informed and up-to-date with the emerging situation in our community and there is also going to be great reliance on self-help. Check on the Parish Council website at [www.husbandsbosworthpc.org.uk](http://www.husbandsbosworthpc.org.uk) for regular updates on local government advice and a host of other community issues that are still going on about us and follow the Husbands Bosworth Facebook page for social information.

Simply being good friends and neighbours and embracing offered assistance will be the mainstay of getting us through to the other side of this problem. In Bosworth we're blessed with Good Samaritans; the *Helping Hands* group was quick off the mark, setting up a brilliant *WhatsApp* chat line to offer help to the vulnerable and needy. The group is also offering help for frontline or key workers, who may be struggling to carry out their duties or those who simply need to hear a reassuring voice.

Obviously many, if not all, events that we publicise here will be cancelled, or at best postponed for the duration, with social mobility severely curtailed. Certainly the focus of the *Bugle* will shift from a diary and report newsletter to a village voice-piece and noticeboard and, hopefully, a bit of lighter entertainment! There WILL be a return to normality at some point. What we, the *Bugle*, as a community facility, can do is, like everyone else, hopefully... KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON - as best we can.

## FRIENDS OF BOSWORTH

**I**n view of the above responses to current events and others, like the Bosworth litter-picking Wombles initiative, that have shown community spirit locally over the past few weeks it's disheartening to come across a particularly negative comment on the village's Husbands Bosworth community Facebook page...

Recently, a new couple who have moved into the village posted about the aggravation that they've received, from their neighbours in particular and the poor reception they've had from villagers in general.

I doubt that those of us who have lived here for a while will recognise the problems that this couple and their family have had. Certainly the response that the post has generated on the Facebook page indicates that their experiences are certainly not normal.

Many folk, this couple included presumably, come to Bosworth to experience the rich community life that a village promises and we like to think that we all have a share in fostering this. With the 'magic' of social media we don't know who this couple are, but they tell us that they are nice people. So, we hope that they soon come to love Bosworth as much as I'm sure the vast majority of us do!

In the meantime, just in case any of us are guilty of being a little unwelcoming, let us, like the couple themselves suggest, be kinder to others especially, as in this case, to our new neighbours. Saying 'hi' and a smile in passing cost nothing, but can have a great impact on public relations...

## NO GO AREAS

**O**ur enthusiastic approach to the events planned for 2020 in the March *Bugle* has been very much overtaken and now we're busily pulling back as events are cancelled. It's now fair to expect that no public gatherings of any sort planned before at least the middle of June will go ahead.

The organisers of BosFest 2020 have cancelled the event and the Parish Council have closed the Sports Pavilion to events, including the VE Day 75 celebrations, for the duration, whilst Welford Canal Festival are looking at rescheduling for the autumn.

Elsewhere in this issue we note numerous activity and interest groups that have also messaged to say that their meetings are cancelled.

## SUPPORT NETWORK

**S**canning down the *Bugle* Inbox, heavy as it is with messages informing us of events and dates that have been cancelled, focusses the mind on the knock-on effects to the local businesses that will be affected by these lock-downs and cancellations.

The big worry is that some, perhaps many, of the much-loved and familiar facets of our community's social structure may not have the financial resilience to survive the body blow.

It's vitally important therefore that we support these services and businesses during the crisis, where we are able, and continue to help them as they emerge through the other side.



The developers of the new Welford Road site are obviously cutting down on signage costs...

## BUGLE POSTBAG

*From Heather Lydall, Cherry Tree Close*

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For our elderly dog owners who are self-isolating my dog walking will be offered free of charge. Please get in touch. Thanks Everyone...

*From Sylvia Price, Highcroft*

As you are all probably aware by now, I am going to be running the London Marathon on behalf of *Guide Dogs* charity. I am still fundraising and would be really grateful if you could spare a few pennies (or £££s!!) for this really good cause.

I parkrun regularly at Market Harborough and guide for the visually impaired on occasions, which has enlightened me to how important assistance dogs are.

If you want to read more of my story please log onto <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SylviaPrice>

You can donate through this page or if you prefer and find it easier, you can just donate straight into a bank account which I have set up specifically for the fundraising, HSBC: 40-32-04 71718142 or indeed cash and pop it through my letterbox, 3 Highcroft. If you are a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid can be reclaimed but we need to know your address in order for me to fill in the sponsorship form.

*Editor's Note: The London Marathon has been postponed, provisionally until October. Sylvia's place is confirmed whenever it does go ahead and assures us that she will continue to train and take sponsorship and all funds raised WILL go to Guide Dogs.*

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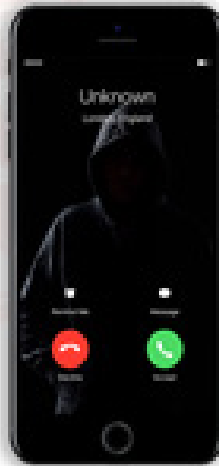
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Never install any software as a result of a cold call. Unsolicited requests for remote access to your computer should always raise a red flag.

Always question unsolicited approaches in case it's a scam. Instead, contact the company directly using a known email or phone number.

Have the confidence to refuse unusual requests for personal or financial information. It's easy to feel embarrassed when faced with unexpected or complex conversations. But it's okay to stop the discussion if you do not feel in control of it.



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## BOSWORTH IN FOCUS

### SULBY OPEN GARDENS

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Sulby Open Gardens has been a regular feature of the local events calendar for the last seven years and has raised a tremendous £22,690 for the Scheme, helping to support the NGS headline charities, Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Carers Trust, Queen's Nursing Institute, Parkinsons UK, MIND and also a number of local horticultural, rehabilitation and children's charities.

We thank everyone who has supported us in the past, enjoyed our lovely gardens and our homemade afternoon teas and have contributed to our fantastic donations to charity.

We are obviously hoping we shall be able to open later in the year for some or all of our other regular openings in June, August and October and look forward to welcoming visitors back.

Alison Lowe

### WILD ABOUT BOSWORTH

#### Field vole - *Microtus agrestis*

The field vole is one of Europe's most common mammals. It is also known as the short-tailed vole, a feature that distinguishes it from its cousin, the bank vole. Its scientific name comes from the Greek for small eared - '*micro otus*', and Latin for field, '*agrestis*'.

Their preferred habitat is ungrazed grassland where they spend their time scurrying along purpose made runs and burrows, which makes them particularly hard to spot. Their furtive nature is reasonable, as they're on the menu for every carnivore; owls, weasels, foxes, kestrels, etc. It's been shown the number of young successfully raised by owls and kestrels is related to the vole population. As kestrel numbers are declining, taking what positive steps we can to encourage these little creatures, such as leaving verges unmown, may help with their recovery. Their diet is predominately vegetarian, consisting of grasses, seeds, leaves and roots. During the breeding season, which is March to December, they construct nests of shredded grass. Naturally, they are extremely skilled at concealing these nests in burrows or amidst tussocks. Breeding males exude a musty smell and, like African lions, they maintain a territory which they vigorously defend, frequently to the death. Litters number four to six young and a female can have six litters in a year. After two or three weeks, the pups are weaned and leave the nest. The large number of offspring is balanced by the high attrition rate.

The individual pictured above was spending the winter under a piece of corrugated sheeting in our Millennium Wood. Voles don't hibernate, but their coat thickens during cold weather, and they moult in the spring. As this piece of real estate is the summertime residence of a grass snake, relocating to a safer neighbourhood would seem advisable.



Mike Chanter

### VILLAGE HALL QUIZ

In what, in the event, turned out to be the last village gathering before coronavirus closed the country down, sixteen teams battled for the prestigious Village Hall Quiz Trophy, which was set by last year's winning team, *The Village Idiots*. After a fair fight, that went all the way to the Picture Round for its resolution, the victors were the *Why Are We Here?* team who garnered 126 points. Second place went to *Quelle Fromage!*, who scored 120 points, with the *Let's Get Quizzical* team close behind at 117 points. Holding up the tail-end of the competition was the *Demolition Squad* team on 74 points. Many thanks to the *Idiots*, Wendy, Penny, Ceri and Tom (and Rowan!) for presenting a fair and testing contest that ran all the way to the wire in its conclusion, and congratulations to the winning team who have the honour of organising next year's competition.

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## MORE BOSWORTH IN FOCUS

### FIRS FARM INCIDENT

Leicestershire County Council have issued the following advice relating to the contamination issues at Firs Farm, Welford Road.

At present no specific toxic contamination has been identified on the farm. The material is mainly semi-processed household waste, agricultural waste and building waste. Our understanding is that the public health risk is minimal due to the type of waste and the time scales involved.

Ground water testing has indicated slightly raised levels of nitrates, which the Environment Agency are monitoring. The manure heap is predominately animal bedding, animal waste and plasterboard waste used as bedding material. It is considered that there is minimal risk of contamination affecting the growing of crops on the allotments, but plot holders should take the usual precautions including not using groundwater to irrigate crops, ensure that all root crops are properly washed and properly cooked.

The smell coming from Firs Farm is mainly hydrogen sulphide gas originating from the manure heaps and the degradation of the plasterboard waste. Whilst the gas is toxic in very high concentrations, in this instance it is venting directly to the air and is considered a low risk. However, anyone experiencing breathing difficulties associated with being in the vicinity of the farm should contact their doctor or the NHS telephone line for further advice. *Questions relating to this incident and the ongoing investigation should be directed to the Parish Clerk who will contact the relevant authorities on your behalf. Additional information and updates will be added to the Parish Council website: [www.husbandsbosworthpc.org.uk](http://www.husbandsbosworthpc.org.uk) as it becomes available.*

### BYGONE BOSWORTH

*Images from the Historical Society's Archive Collection*

The Historical Society recently had a talk about the history of gliding and gliding today given by Sid Gilmore of the Gliding Club, which is based at the Gliding Centre. Sid noted that some of the earliest experimentation into powered flight was carried out only a few miles away at Stanford Hall, four years before the Wright brothers took to the air in America.

Even nearer to home in the 1930s the fledgling gliding movement had established a base at Cote Hill Farm, off Station Road, attracting a host of the aviation luminaries of the day to our doorstep.

Amongst those beating a path to Bosworth to showcase the aviation scene were the pioneer aviatrix Amy Johnson and the celebrated showman and adventurer, Sir Alan Cobham. Cobham brought his Flying Circus to Bosworth on a number of occasions, promoting aviation, lobbying for regulation for the industry and giving joy-rides.

By chance this new photograph of Amy Johnson and Sir Alan Cobham at Cote Hill has recently come into the Historical Society's Archive.



### FOBS NEWS

We are cancelling Safari Supper for the time being but hope to rearrange when this nightmare is over. We will return!

*Abby Ascough*

### STAY VIGILANT

During these difficult times don't make it easy for criminals. Keep a special look-out for any suspicious activity around closed businesses and community facilities, such as the church and community halls.

There will undoubtedly be people who will take the opportunity of the confusion and uncertainty to carry out break-ins or thefts. Report a crime that you suspect is in progress on 999. For general policing enquiries or to report a crime call 101.

*The fraudsters are also active and taking advantage of the uncertainty surrounding coronavirus. Don't open any links to websites purporting to contain up-to-date news on the pandemic or health organisations, and hang up on any cold calls offering services or advice. Trust only official government, media and BBC information!*



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### Welford Table Tennis Club

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### Workers Education Association

Contact: Sally Sherratt 571064

## ACTIVITY & INTEREST GROUPS

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As with all usual events and gatherings of any kind, the Historical Society committee has decided to suspend activities for the time being, pending further information on the virus situation.

Our April meeting was due to be the last indoor meeting of the season anyway and was to be the Annual General Meeting at which we elect our Committee for the next year. Since a meeting of members cannot now go ahead we've asked if the present committee be willing to be re-elected, *en bloc*.

The proposed trip to the John Taylor Bell Foundry in Loughborough has also been put on hold and will go ahead as soon as the situation improves.

In the meantime we'll be beaver away pulling together the strings of next year's programme, which hopefully will be able to start in October. Any suggestions for speakers would be welcomed, especially new ones that come with a recommendation!

Melvyn Forman

### VILLAGE LUNCH

In these extraordinary times it's now necessary to cancel all Village Lunch meetings until further notice. Look out for notice of the return of the Village Lunch in the *Bugle*.

Hopefully we'll all be through this by the beginning of the summer!

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Theddingworth has had a Women's Institute for over 100 years and are still going strong, but with different personnel! We extend a warm welcome to visitors from surrounding villages to our monthly meetings, and request a donation of £4 from visitors for the evening. There is a yearly subscription if you decide to join. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.45pm in Theddingworth Village Hall.

*Meetings are obviously suspended for the time being, but any Bosworth ladies who would like to join us, or just come along to a meeting, are assured a warm welcome!*

Liz Horton

## WEATHER LOG

### FEBRUARY 2020

Highest temp: 12.9°C on 23<sup>rd</sup>

Lowest temp: 0°C on 6<sup>th</sup>

Air frosts: 0

Rainfall Total: 117.9mm (4.64")

Wettest day: 19.5mm (0.76") on 9<sup>th</sup>

Rain days: 21

Snow: 3

Total sunshine: 143.8hours

Cummulative Rainfall 2020: 170.7mm

Brian Smith



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### CRIME NUMBERS...

A worrying new crime to the area cropped up recently when car number plates stolen in the village were used to steal fuel from Howkins Filling Station. This may not be an isolated case and may be a new trend in crime, so as always, keep an eye out for any suspicious activity.



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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## Report of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020.

Present: Full Council, District Councillor Amanda Nunn and five members of the public.

### Visitor's Questions

■ Councillor Nunn outlined the District Council's understanding of the land contamination problems at Firs Farm and reassured the meeting that they had been advised that the situation was being monitored by the relevant authorities and there were no apparent public health issues at present.

■ Concerns were raised about road fouling by quarry traffic on Welford Road. Coun. Mrs Hobson informed the meeting that the issues related to landfill traffic and at a recent meeting with quarry managers she had been assured that the problem would be addressed.

■ The problem of dogs on the Playing Field was raised. It was agreed there was sufficient signing about dogs not being allowed and the Dog Warden had been asked to increase patrols in the area.

### Ordinary Meeting

#### Matters Arising from the previous meeting

■ No information regarding the planning enforcement issues relating to the new marina at North Kilworth had been received.

■ No progress had been made with Canal & River Trust regarding canal towpath improvement works.

■ Blocked storm drains in Welford Road had been cleared.

### Annual Parish Meeting

■ Council agreed format and other details for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 [Meeting subsequently cancelled]

### Mowing Contract

■ Council discussed at length quotations received for the Mowing Contract to 2024. After discussion it was agreed to continue with the present contractor.

### Bus Shelter

■ It was agreed to accept a quotation for cleaning the bus shelter adjacent to Waterworks Way. The work would be carried out as soon as weather permitted.

### Bell Lane Planter

■ Council agreed size, design and supplier for a new planter for the Berridges Lane/Bell Lane corner to replace the one destroyed by a car.

### Gliding Centre

■ Members agreed to proposals tabled by the Gliding Club for a revision of airspace allocation to establish a safe operating area in the airfield.

### Pavilion

■ Council agreed a request from the organisers of the Conker Championships for the use of the Playing Field and Pavilion for the event in October.

### Christmas 2020

■ Members discussed ideas for a whole village decoration initiative for the festive season. A Christmas tree on the Green was suggested and the possibility of providing brackets or hangers for decorated trees on the High Street was mooted. Ideas from the community were sought.

### Any Other Business

■ It was agreed to engage The Conservation Trust volunteers to plant the remaining hawthorn quicks from the previous planting along the fence line adjacent to the Pavilion.

■ Council heard that the water supply to the allotments and cemetery would be disrupted whilst work was carried out at Firs Farm. LCC had assured Council that the supply would be returned in time for the growing season.

A full copy of the Minutes can be viewed or downloaded at: [www.husbandsbosworthpc.org.uk](http://www.husbandsbosworthpc.org.uk) or by request to the Parish Clerk.

*The Parish Office is closed during the period of uncertainty surrounding the virus pandemic and Parish Council meetings have been cancelled until further notice. Any issues relating to Parish Council business should be addressed to the Parish Clerk, 2a Mowsley Road, answerphone on 881109, mobile 07555 714087 or [clerk@husbandsbosworthpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@husbandsbosworthpc.org.uk)*

## SID REPORT

Readings from the Speed Indicator Device

### Theddingworth Road (inbound)

Period: 20.02.20 - 27.02.20

Vehicle movements: 10618 Av./day: 1517

Average speed: 30.54mph

Highest recorded speed: 57mph

### Theddingworth Road (inbound)

Period: 27.02.20 - 04.03.20

Vehicle movements: 10436 Av./day: 1491

Average speed: 30.61mph

Highest recorded speed: 55mph

### Bell Lane

Period: 04.03.20 - 11.03.20

Vehicle movements: 7347 Av./day: 1050

Average speed: 23.31mph

Highest recorded speed: 42mph

### Bell Lane

Period: 11.03.20 - 18.03.20

Vehicle movements: 6959 Av./day: 994

Average speed: 23.34mph

Highest recorded speed: 37mph

## LOCAL OFFICERS

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# CHURCH NEWS

All Saints Parish Church, Methodist Chapel & St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church

## FROM THE RECTORY

Coronavirus 'fever' seems to have overtaken our whole world at the moment, causing some to live in fear, thousands, if not millions are being asked to isolate themselves and that causes more fear, not only of catching the virus, but of how to cope with not being with other people, possible depression and wondering how we will cope with daily life, the basic necessities. On the plus side, this plague on our lives has caused an upsurge of care for one another in this village, and many others, with people organising themselves to help those who can't go out at the moment. I would like to say well done to those in this village who have done that, leafleting us all and being prepared to give their time and effort to help. It is evidence of the innate goodness in people.

It says in the bible that God can make all things work together for good for those who love him. That means that he can take this pandemic, which is obviously not good, and bring good things out as a result. This raised level of concern for one another in a time of adversity, demonstrating human kindness, is perhaps one of the good things which has come out of the bad. If community spirit is built up and we are more aware of our neighbours and their needs as a result, then that has to be a good thing. Much of what God does in the world today is in partnership with people of goodwill - so thank you to all who are working with God in this way. Maybe there will be other good things that will come from this awful time in due course. If God the Father could bring good things out of his only son dying on the cross, then this pandemic is not beyond him either. Roll on the resurrection - can't wait! Keep faith, stay well and Happy Easter.

Liz †

## CHURCH SUPPORT

Most of our church members are over the age of 70 and therefore in the category that should be self-isolating, so are unlikely to be running errands for others at this time. However, we are praying and hopefully our telephone lines will be busy supporting others in a similar situation.

*Prayer for Today*

*Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Amen

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## SPIRITUAL CLEANSING

At All Saints Church we have a small group who clean the church on a regular basis, and meet on the last Monday of each month to tackle some of the bigger jobs together. We meet at 9.30am and usually finish at 11.30am, with a break for coffee and a chat! We could do with a little help, especially cleaning the brass, which could be a sitting down job. If you would like to join us, you would be very welcome to help keep our lovely church clean.

We would also welcome help in the graveyard, to keep the borders in order.

Di Jones 880741

## SPEAK-2-7

During this time of isolating ourselves from one another there is real possibility of people who are shut in at home becoming depressed. The Church is asking you to think of seven people of your acquaintance who are isolating themselves and commit yourself to ringing them for a chat each week until this pandemic has passed. Just one call a day will mean that seven people will be less isolated than they would otherwise have been. Be their lifeline - and let's get through this together.

## JIGSAW LIBRARY

The Causeway Group has an extensive jigsaw and paperback book library that we are happy to share with anyone, (any age or ability!), isolated or not, in the village. Delivery could be arranged for those unable to get to the library store at the Sports Pavilion.

Call Heather on 880165.

## †CHURCH SERVICES †

### Hexagon Benefice

Church authorities have made the decision that all public worship will cease in our Anglican churches while this pandemic is in force. There are therefore no services in the benefice to advise you of this month. We are still allowed to take weddings and funerals, but numbers are meant to be limited and social distancing observed. In order to support people in their worship at home, we are producing a booklet of readings and prayers for each Sunday, as well as providing some prayers for daily use.

The booklets contain daily prayers, which address the crisis, prayers for those who are ill, carers and those who are isolating. We are inviting everyone to use these prayers at 10.30am on Sundays, so there is a sense of coming together and still belonging to one another as a church. Those who come regularly to church will receive a booklet, but if anyone else would like a copy please let me know and I will let you have either a paper copy or can send it by email attachment. There will also be additional worship material produced specifically for Holy Week.

*1 cross + 3 nails + 4 ever...*

Rev. Liz †

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## DIARY DATES for APRIL

# ALL FORTHCOMING EVENTS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

GOOD NEWS... IT WILL STILL BE EASTER EVEN IF WE CAN'T CELEBRATE IT IN QUITE THE SAME WAY!

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	GOOD FRIDAY
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	EASTER SUNDAY
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Millennium Wood work party, 9.30am - 12.30pm ( <i>tbc</i> )

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SUBJECT TO CHANGE - PLEASE CHECK

Saturday May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Millennium Wood Work party
Friday July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Causeway Annual Outing ( <i>cancelled at the present time</i> )
Saturday, July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bosworth Hall Sheepdog Trials
Sunday, August 30 <sup>th</sup>	Horticultural Show
Friday, October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Millennium Wood Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper ( <i>tbc</i> )
Saturday November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Action for Children charity disco
Sat./Sun. 28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Christmas Festival

## LOCAL PLANNING NEWS

The following applications have been submitted to Harborough District Council:

■ 20/00235/PCD Discharge of Conditions, levels, foul water drainage, construction/site traffic management plan, surface water drainage, surface water during construction, surfacing, tree protection and surface water drainage measures of 18/01320/FUL, Land off Welford Road.

Recently determined applications:

■ 19/01413/FUL (*Refused*) Formation of new agricultural access, Southfields Farm, Leicester Road

■ 20/00094/FUL (*Approved*) Installation of GF210 biomass boiler, Dene Lodge, Theddingworth Road

Current applications may be inspected during normal working hours at the Council Offices, The Symington Building, Adam & Eve Street, Market Harborough.

Planning applications and other aspects of local government can now be viewed on-line at [www.harboroughonline.co.uk](http://www.harboroughonline.co.uk)

## CORONA VIRUS UPDATE - with a nod to the Monty Python team (Just for fun!)

We Brits are feeling the pinch in relation to the ongoing coronavirus threat and the government have therefore raised the threat level from 'Miffed' to 'Peeved'. However, it is expected that the level may soon be raised yet again to 'Irritated' or even 'A Bit Cross'. We English have not seen 'A Bit Cross' threat level since the blitz in 1940, when tea supplies nearly ran out.

The virus itself has been re-categorized from 'Tiresome' to 'A Bloody Nuisance'. The last time 'A Bloody Nuisance' category was seen was in 1588, when the Spanish Armada was sailing up the Channel.

## MOBILE LIBRARY

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Mobile library services are suspended until further notice. Some restricted library services may be available at main libraries. Please go to: [www.leics.gov.uk](http://www.leics.gov.uk) and search 'library services' for current situation.

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