

DOG DAYS

We wouldn't normally lead with a story about dogs and dog poo, but the Parish Council's new initiative, based on responses in the parish's Neighbourhood Plan, to provide a dedicated dog walking area, deserves some recognition!

It is great to see the new Dog Walk is so popular now that it is ready for use, and good to see so many messages of support on the village's social media pages. New signs are now in place and further work is being undertaken to make the area dog-secure. Access to the wider Playing Field and pitch areas for other users is open, either through the corner of the Dog Walk or through the children's Play Area. Please note, however, that dogs are still NOT allowed on the wider field or in the children's Play Area.

Already the facility is proving popular with dog walkers, but what is not quite so great is the dog waste which is not being picked up. Remember this is a dog exercising area, not a dog toilet! Leaving dog poo is not only messy and unsightly but downright dangerous as the *toxicara canis* worm, present in dog faeces, can lead to blindness in children and severe illness in puppies. There is a temporary bin provided specifically for dog poo and more bins are promised in due course - please don't abuse the facility - use the bin.

The majority of users are caring and responsible and do pick up, but c'mon folks, (and you know who you are) it can't be so difficult to collect your dog's doings... Do we really want to resort to surveillance or live-streamed CCTV to shame the culprits? As we are repeatedly reminded - there is no such thing as the Dog Poo Fairy!

Looking to the future, the Parish Council is thinking about laying a pathway through the Dog Walk to make it more convenient to use when the ground becomes very wet. The timing would depend on the cost and if there is funding available but, if the village wants it, then we will try to do it! Please let us know what you think? Good or bad!



PLAY RESUMES...

The Government and FA have changed the rules for football, which means that contact training is now allowed and groups of six don't have to be separated. We still need to keep our risk assessments and procedures in place and know who is at training to enable us to isolate should any individual come down ill in the following days. From the beginning of August, friendly matches will



be allowed and the league seasons are scheduled to start for the beginning of September. I just wanted to make everyone aware in case you saw people playing football and wondered if it was allowed. Please note that for tracing reasons these arrangements only apply for registered players of a club and not a bunch of friends playing informally on a field.

Richard Brown NKFC

MIKE JOHNSON

It is with sadness that we note the untimely passing of our friend Mike Johnson of Welford. Mike and his computer skills helped the *Bugle* 'get out of jail' on a number of occasions when technical issues tried to scupper things. Before covid-19 Mike could be found most lunch-times propping up the bar in the Wharf Inn, ready to engage any unsuspecting visitor with his forthright views. A dedicated activist when he felt that the heritage of the canal at Welford Wharf was threatened, Mike was a leading promoter of the Welford 50 canal celebrations in 2019 and, subsequently, the lease of the old terminal building.

BRIGHT SPARKS

We've heard a number of reports recently of bonfires being lit inconsiderately around the village, usually late in the afternoon and often left to smoulder slowly, smoke hanging in the air overnight.

It has obviously been a particular problem where doors and windows have been left open during the recent spell of warm weather, and during lockdown, when folk have had more time to do work in their gardens.

The laws concerning the lighting of bonfires in built-up areas, outside designated Smokeless Zones, are as grey as a smokey sky.

So, it really comes down to personal sensitivity and social responsibility, with public nuisance laws the only remedy in extreme cases.

Even your innocently lit barbecues have the potential to cause problems, especially if you're not sharing your sausages and burgers with your neighbours!

So, please be considerate when lighting up and treat others as you would wish to be treated...

BUGLE POSTBAG

From Keith Lee and Gail Bell, Bell Lane

With regards to your front page article on shopping locally (July 2020) we feel that no feature should pass without mention of the wonderful contribution to the village made by the *Springfield* supermarket during these last few difficult months.

I'm sure we are not alone in having been accustomed to using the big supermarkets until, of course, lockdown started. Then, suddenly life became very different and it wasn't so easy anymore. We found out just how lucky we were to have a supermarket right in the village. I think we owe a big thank you to Roy and Chris Holyland and all their wonderful staff, who have opened every day without fail. They have worked hard to keep the shelves fully stocked, ensured social distancing was observed, even keeping, where necessary, a 'one out - one in' policy. We owe them a big thank you, and more importantly some local loyalty in the future.

From Concerned of Fernie Court

Some time between the hours of 4.00pm on Saturday 27th June and midday on 28th June, three cars parked on the road in Highcroft were keyed - such a senseless act of vandalism is so sad (and pathetic). The owners of these cars had done nothing wrong and are hard working individuals who live in our village. If anyone saw anything, or knows who did this, please report this to the police.

Since writing this I have also heard of quite a few other similar incidents in the village too.

From Joe Green, Fleckney

I read with interest the *At Home in Bosworth* article in July's issue, but note there is a significant point that Mr Baldwin fails to address.

Every damp problem has a source of water - from leaking pipes, cracked drains, increased ground level compared to the inside of the house and various other causes. Eliminate the water and the problem will be resolved. None of them however will be resolved by damp proofing if the source is still there - a point that seems to elude 'damp proofing' firms. The website <https://www.heritage-house.org/damp-and-condensation/managing-damp-in-old-buildings.html> explains the physics of household damp!

Can I also mention the number of houses in the village that I've seen recently being re-pointed using cement-based mortar? Most older houses will have been built using lime mortar, a sacrificial material which erodes in place of the bricks, thereby protecting them. If the house was built with lime mortar, it should only be re-pointed with lime mortar, with no cement. Owners of listed buildings should be particularly aware of this to avoid possible prosecution, but it applies to every old house. I hope this is of interest.

POLICE FILE



We have received reports of a spate of thefts from allotment sites around our area, including Kibworth, Lutterworth and Husbands Bosworth. These appear to be targeted thefts where higher value power tools, including mowers, cultivators and strimmers have been stolen. The thieves know that similar items will be found in garden sheds so please ensure that you secure your sheds with a good lock and/or alarm. Also, consider marking items with your postcode and, of course, report any suspicious activity you may see.

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BOSWORTH IN FOCUS

WILD ABOUT BOSWORTH

Birds-foot Trefoil - *Lotus corniculatus*

Birds-foot trefoil is a perennial plant that flowers from June to September. This common wildflower can be found growing along the canal and in the millennium wood. Its leaves are divided into five leaflets, three of which are more prominent than the other two. Hence the moniker, Trefoil. The flowers ripen into small pea-like pods or legumes, which bear a resemblance to the claws on a birds foot. Due to its colour it is sometimes known as 'Egg and Bacon', and also the descriptive, if somewhat unpleasant, 'Granny's Toenails'!

Like most legumes, it fixes nitrogen from the atmosphere. Nitrogen is crucial to the survival of plants and animals but the nitrogen in our atmosphere (80%) is inaccessible to flora and fauna.

To the rescue comes *rhizobia* bacteria. These microorganisms reside in nodules in the plant's roots. It's a symbiotic relationship, where the plant provides the bacteria with sugars and the bacteria to change N_2 to HN_2 (ammonia), which the plant can use.

Animals acquire nitrogen by eating plant life and the usable nitrogen isn't lost when the plant or animal dies. It is returned to the soil from where it's taken up by later generations. So, life on earth is dependent on these microscopic creatures.

Three final points of interest: In the ecosystem, the flower is a nectar source for insects, including bumblebees. It is also used as a food plant by species of *lepidoptera* such as six-spot burnet and the common blue.

In traditional medicine, the flowers were used as a sedative and to help with anxiety. However, it is best not to give Bird's-foot Trefoil in a floral gift, as in the language of flowers (floriography) it symbolises revenge...



TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club courts on the village Playing Field are still open, free of charge to non-members by arrangement. Players are asked to share the courts fairly with other users, respect the courts and surrounding areas, relax the nets after use and take all litter home with them.

Please call Mike on 880455 to obtain the gate key-code for access.

Mike Chanter

WEATHER LOG

JUNE 2020

Highest temp: 32.3°C on 25th

Lowest temp: 0°C on 17th

Air frosts: 0

Rainfall Total: 73.2mm (2.88")

Wettest day: 18.3mm (0.72") on 16th

Rain days: 15

Total sunshine: 168.2hours

Cummulative Rainfall 2020: 331.2mm

Brian Smith



SULBY OPEN GARDENS

The National Gardens Scheme Open have a new way of opening our gardens safely, which will hopefully enable us to open, but in a slightly different way.

Sulby Gardens first opening of the year will be on Thursday, August 27th. To ensure the safety of our visitors and volunteers, all entry tickets will be sold in advance on ngs.org.uk/garden-tickets.

Visitors can pre-book from a choice of one hour time-slots, from 11.00am, with the garden closing at 5.00pm. Pre-booking should be possible from Monday, August 17th. Plants will be available for sale but please note there will be NO REFRESHMENTS and NO TOILET ACCESS

Hope to see some of you then!

MILLENNIUM WOOD

It is good to see that youngsters and families have obviously been using the community woodland for fresh air exercise and recreation during lockdown. Please do respect the area, take away your litter and try not to disturb the wildlife and nature whilst you enjoy the facility.

Although we've had no formal volunteer work party days at the woodland since the spring our volunteers have been beavering away individually, when possible, on small jobs to keep the site in order and accessible to visitors.

Very special thanks go to the 'phantom' grass mower, the Good Fairy [Editor's Note: ???] who regularly trims the walkways around the wood and picnic areas.

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BYGONE BOSWORTH

Images from the Historical Society's Archive Collection

As we write, the finishing touches to the re-thatching of Hunters Cottage on High Street are under way and the cottage will soon be revealed in all its glory. So, we thought it would be a good time to pull out an old picture from our Archive Collection of the cottage in a previous 'life'. At the time the cottage was a general store and fishing tackle shop run by L. Lang.

This picture was sent in by former villager, Mike Parkin, and shows the cottage in the 1960s, when the roof was clad in asbestos sheeting. Later pictures, taken when the asbestos was being removed show that the sheets were laid over the original thatch on a crude wooden framework - a typical 'bodge' that meant that the inner ceilings of the upper rooms need not be disturbed.

Asbestos was often the roofing material of choice after World War II, being cheap, effective and easily transportable - the large sheets enabling the quick production of a waterproof covering with only a minimal amount of skilled labour. It wasn't until later that the sinister nature of the material and its carcinogenic propensities were fully understood and production in its lethal form banned.

The steep pitch of the roof, to shed rainwater away quickly, is typical of thatched roofs - a profile that can be seen elsewhere in Bosworth on the corrugated iron-roofed cottage presently being renovated at 32-34 Bell Lane and at 48 High Street, which is asbestos clad, similar to Hunters Cottage. Difficulties arranging guttering meant that thatch roofs typically have a large overhang and the guttering is usually an open gully in the pavement!

The asbestos on Hunters Cottage was removed in the summer of 1979, when it was owned by George Scrimshire, and replaced with traditional thatch, complete with the thatcher's trademark thatch pheasant, which became decidedly skeletal over the 40 years perched on the ridge!



HARBOROUGH NEWS

Harborough District Council delayed bringing back parking charges for a number of weeks until we were given the go-ahead by Government to reopen the town centre. However, parking charges have now been reinstated at all Council-run car parks in the Harborough district from Monday July 13th after a lengthy period of suspension as part of our contribution towards helping to fortify the local economy as local lockdown restrictions were relaxed. The Council has, however taken the opportunity to install more temporary 'pop and shop' bays with the free time-period being extended from 30 minutes to one hour, which will still allow shoppers to park for a short period free of charge. This will be especially welcome in areas where some of the on-street parking bays are currently unavailable due to the short-term road closures brought in within the district to help ensure safe social distancing measures.

To help reduce standing times at the pay-meters, for the time being drivers will also not be required to input their vehicle registration number when purchasing a pay-and-display ticket, as they were previously required to do and social distancing markings have also been introduced at all pay-and-display machines. Also, drivers are being urged to use non-cash methods of payment where possible to speed up transactions and minimise contact with the pay-and-display machines, either using the *PaybyPhone* app or by calling the telephone number displayed on signs in the car parks. There are no add-on transaction costs for phone payments as the Council will continue to absorb these extra charges.

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Northern Loop

Starting at the top of Broad Lane, head north crossing the canal and continue along the bridle track. After 300 yards the path veers to the left and up the slight incline for another 400 yards, passing small derelict farm building, which was once the site of Days Lodge, a remote farmstead. Further on you will pass by a blue above-ground slurry store. As you follow the track down the hill the public footpath technically crosses slightly diagonally to your left over a footbridge but everyone walks downhill, through the gate at the bottom, bearing slightly left then turning right up the hill keeping the hedge on your right.

If you reach a gate with a sign that says, 'private', you've missed your turn and will need to retrace your steps back to a metal gate, where you will see the yellow path marker. Go through this gate, turn left, keep the hedgerow on your left and head for the wooden kissing gate in the far corner. Continue while keeping the hedge on your left until you reach the Mowsley Road. Turn right and walk about 400 yards down to the canal.

From here it's an easy walk along the towpath back to Bosworth. Leave the canal at Honeypot Bridge No.46 and you'll find yourself back on Broad Lane. Allow around a hundred minutes to complete the walk.

Mike Chanter



AT HOME IN BOSWORTH

An EXPert Eye on property

Older properties can be full of unwanted surprises. Many of them are not that hard to spot, so before you even think of handing money over to a surveyor, you should have a good look at the property yourself in order to determine the condition so as to see whether it's even worth picking up the telephone to instruct a professional.

Starting from the outside and working in you should get up close and be nosy! Are there any tiles missing or falling off the roof? Is the brickwork or mortar crumbling? More importantly than that, are there any cracks in the walls, which could mean subsidence. A house showing any of these symptoms should raise alarm bells immediately.

What are the windows frames like, rotting old wood or modern uPVC? Wooden frames that need a spruce up but aren't terminally rotten needn't necessarily be replaced; they can be patched up and repainted, but their shoddy look can be a useful negotiating tool.

Have a look at the central heating system to make sure that everything is working as it should be. New systems can set you back thousands of pounds, so budget for this if the current setup is prehistoric.

Ask the vendor if he has any objections to you looking in the loft and get up there and have a nose around. Be careful where you tread, not everybody covers the loft in boards strong enough to take a person's weight. You really will look stupid if your leg appears through the ceiling of the master bedroom! Turn off the light or your torch for a moment when you are in there. If you can see daylight then you may well have a problem with slipping or missing tiles. It's not necessarily a disaster if there are problems of this nature or others, but you need to know what's what so that you can work out the costs of putting them right, add a little bit for good measure and use them as a lever to negotiate with later on.

Using your own simple observations may 'weed out' unsatisfactory properties before you commit to the cost of getting a professional survey done.

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REMINDER TO LANDLORDS

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Since the Parish Council has been in the news more lately, with the new Dog Walk, the repairs and refurbishment of the Play Area, and the arrival of the Football Club, some people have been curious as to what else the Parish Council does. We've also been asked a few times lately what the Parish Council is responsible for, who are our Parish Councillors and how do we contact them?

We have direct responsibility for the following:

- Employment of a Responsible Financial Officer and Parish Clerk
- Administration of the Playing Field, Play Area, Sports Pavilion and Parish Office
- Administration of the village's Welford Road Cemetery (not the churchyard)
- Administration of the allotments (the site is rented from Leicestershire County Council)
- Street furniture such as some benches, bus shelters, litter bins and planters
- Provision and maintenance of the defibrillator
- Provision and maintenance of the salt grit bins
- Provision and maintenance of the Speed Indicator Device (SID)
- Provision of dog-poop bins (emptied under contract by Harborough District Council)
- Care and maintenance of the War Memorial
- Care and maintenance of our green spaces, Council-owned trees and hedgerows
- Setting an annual budget and precepting funds from Council Tax to pay for the above

Recent issues with which we have been involved include:

- The production of a Neighbourhood Plan (almost complete but now on hold due to Covid-19)
- The threat to our bus service - a lifeline for some to reach Market Harborough and Lutterworth
- Firs Farm, owned by Leicestershire County Council, where huge quantities of waste have been dumped illegally
- Liaison with the Canals and Rivers Trust regarding improvements to our towpaths
- Liaison with Leicestershire County Council over county-provided services, including Highways issues
- Liaison with Husbands Bosworth Quarry management regarding working practices

What we have NO authority over or responsibility for (although we make representations where appropriate):

- Approval or rejection of Planning Applications
- Utility works, road works, temporary traffic lights and diversions
- Setting Council Tax (although we set our own portion of this, known as the Parish Precept)
- The provision and running of the bus service
- Street lighting, roadsigning, footpaths, bridlepaths, canal towpath or roads

Currently we have 6 Councillors, who normally stand for election every four years and work on an entirely voluntary basis:

- Patricia Hobson, Chair 880070
- Bill Fletcher, Vice-chair 880910
- Laura Meredith 07960 415606
- Melvyn Forman 880281
- Jackie Fletcher 880910
- James Bolter 07789 528245

We employ a Parish Clerk, who normally works part-time in the Parish Office at 2a Mowsley Road. (01858 881109). We normally meet formally every month and all our meetings, even where virtual meetings are held, are open to the public. All our meetings are publicised on the Parish Council Website, www.husbandsbosworthpc.org.uk. The Parish Council website has loads of useful information about the parish, together with lots of helpful phone numbers and information about other agencies. Also, take a look at our Facebook page, *Husbands Bosworth Parish Council*.

Feel free to contact the Parish Council if you need our help or some information. If we can't help you ourselves then we can probably point you in the right direction!

Patricia Hobson (Chair)

SID REPORT

SID LIVES AGAIN!

Following Sid's enforced lockdown during the coronavirus problems we are pleased to say he is now back on duty, diligently recording traffic and speeds...

Readings from the Speed Indicator Device

Theddingworth Road (inbound)

Period: 01.07.20 - 08.07.20

Vehicle movements: 11086 Av./day: 1584

Average speed: 31.24mph

Highest recorded speed: 58mph

Theddingworth Road (inbound)

Period: 09.07.20 - 15.07.20

Vehicle movements: 10090 Av./day: 1441

Average speed: 31.03mph

Highest recorded speed: 57mph

Bell Lane

Period: 15.07.20 - 22.07.20

Vehicle movements: 7270 Av./day: 1039

Average speed: 27.36mph

Highest recorded speed: 52mph



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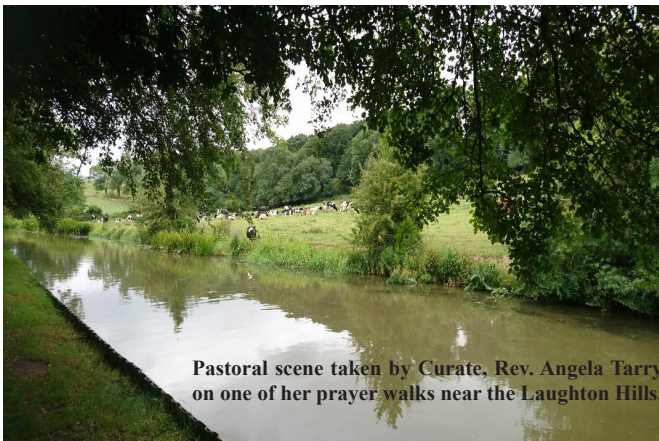
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FROM THE RECTORY

In this summer when many of us will not be able to take the holidays we would have liked to take it is perhaps more important than ever to find beauty in the world around us. In this village, in this county, we are blessed with great beauty and it is something we perhaps take for granted because it is always just there, on our doorstep. Our gardens



Pastoral scene taken by Curate, Rev. Angela Tarry on one of her prayer walks near the Laughton Hills.

change with the changing seasons, as do the fields around us, but with each season there is fresh beauty. Different colours, as the crops ripen and as different flowers come into bloom. It is worth taking time to stop and ponder, admiring the view or observing the detail of a flower. One of the things I have noticed while the traffic has been less is the quantity and volume of the birds' song, and the continual background hum of the bees. If we can stand still and take pleasure in the world around us, then maybe we will find the peace we need and be refreshed as we would hope to be on our holidays.

I am reminded of the song from the *Sound of Music* where the children are frightened because of a thunderstorm. They all end up in Maria's room on or around her bed and she sings the song 'My favourite things'. The things which help her not to feel so bad are those ordinary everyday things that we can find around us now - the raindrops on roses, whiskers on kittens... the list goes on.

As the summer progresses I encourage you to take the time to stand and stare, to take pleasure in the beauty of creation and let joy seep into your soul that you may be refreshed.

Take care and God bless

Liz †

Parish Notices

David Lord
of Bell Lane
Died June 15th 2020
Age 86 years
R.I.P

Husbands Bosworth Parish Magazine July 1883

Letter from the Curate-in-Charge. Rev. Routh Tomlinson

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

We are reopening our churches gradually, starting at Arnesby on July 12th, giving us a chance to get a feel for what we have to do to meet the covid-19 requirements.

On August 2nd we shall be at All Saints Theddingworth for our 10.30am communion and August 9th at All Saints Husbands Bosworth, also 10.30 am with communion. St Mary's Bruntingthorpe will be hosting our service on August 16th, St Nicholas Mowsley on August 23rd and St Mary Magdalene Shearsby on August 30th, all services at 10.30am and with communion. *All are dependent on the individual churches managing the necessary cleaning and there being no change in regulations from government or diocese. We are taking it week by week and venues may change.*

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday August 4 th	Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm (This meeting may be conducted as a virtual meeting - see Parish Council website for details)
Friday, October 16 th	Millennium Wood Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper (tbc)
Saturday November 28 th	Action for Children charity disco
Sat./Sun. 28 th /29 th Nov.	Christmas Festival

LOCAL PLANNING NEWS

The following applications have been submitted to Harborough District Council:

- 20/00860/FUL Erection of 3 timber stables (painted blue) [retrospective] Lavender Lakes Livery, Leicester Road
- 20/00907/PCD Discharge of condition 18 (bat survey) of 18/01320/FUL, land adj Knights Close, Welford Road
- 20/00972/FUL Erection of a storage building, Airfield Park Sibbertoft Road
- 20/00989/TCA Works to tree (fell) 19A Bell Lane
- 20/01024/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension and internal alterations, 1 Townend Close
- 20/ 01062/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension 4 Fernie Court

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

HAVE YOU MADE PURCHASES ONLINE RECENTLY?

Almost 34% of all retail sales during May 2020 were carried out online and new research suggests that only 16% of UK consumers intend to return to their old shopping habits post-lockdown.

Action Fraud, the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cyber crime, received over 16,000 reports relating to online shopping and auction fraud during the lockdown, with losses totalling over £16m. Members of the public have reported buying mobile phones, vehicles, electronics such as games consoles and mobile devices, clothing, footwear on auction and social media sales sites only to have the items never arrive.

If you're making a purchase from a company or seller you don't know and trust, carry out some research first, for example, by checking to see if others have used the site and what their experience was. Remember, if a deal looks too good to be true, it probably is. If you decide to go ahead with the purchase, use a credit card if you have one as other payment providers may not provide the same protection.

We all make mistakes and these days the scams can be incredibly convincing. If you think you've visited, or made a purchase on, a bogus website, you should first, take a note of the website's address, then close down your internet browser. You should then report the details to Action Fraud and contact your bank to seek advice.

Whether you've been a victim of fraud will depend on how much information you've provided to the website, so keep an eye on your bank transactions, if you can. Contact your bank immediately about anything that you don't recognise, even small amounts.

For more information about how to stay safe online, please visit www.actionfraud.police.uk/cybercrime

LIBRARY SERVICES

County libraries are all closed, however library members can still access thousands of digital books, audiobooks, magazines and newspapers for free through their phones, tablets or computers. The digital titles also offer a personalised and accessible experience with options for font sizes, translation and voice-overs. To start using the digital library, visit: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/digital-library

You will need a valid Leicestershire Library Card and PIN number and an internet connection. If you are not already a library member you can register online to get started. For help with the service or if you have any questions, please call 0116 305 2695 or email libraries@leics.gov.uk

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