

## WALK ON THE WILDSIDE...

**T**he Trustees of Husbands Bosworth Millennium Woodland have recently embarked on an ambitious project to upgrade and enhance the facility. The community woodland, off Mill Lane, was established in 2002 as a project to mark the new millennium.

The land, which was the site of a former clay-pit and open-hearth brick works was purchased on behalf of the village from Leicestershire County Council. With the help of public subscription and grant-aid, various schemes for planting, interpretation and public access within the site were carried out, much of which was carried out by local volunteers.

As the work progressed, local groundwork contractor, David Glithro, opened up and extended the old pond to form a lake and island refuge, a small carpark was opened onto Mill Lane and extensive pathways opened up the interior of the site.

Recent visitors to the site will have noticed new works that aim to improve and extend access to more of the woodland. A new boardwalk over the wetland in the centre of the wood will open up

a new area for exploration and encourage visitors to investigate the flora and diverse wildlife in this area. Improvements and repairs to the pathways, drainage of the boggy area at the top of the site and repair of the top access gate are all on the agenda as part of the new scheme.

*The work has been made possible by the award of a grant from The Mick George Community Fund, the Huntingdon based construction and waste management company.*



**FOOTNOTE:** *It is especially discouraging, in view of the work that is being carried out at the Woodland that we note damage caused recently by the irresponsible use of disposable barbecues. Not only does such damage look unsightly, and may encourage other vandalism, but it may possibly cause a fire, which could have more drastic consequences. The Woodland is our community public open space, and the Trustees would ask that visitors respect the facility and place barbecues on the metal plates provided and ensure that used barbecues are dowsed, cooled and disposed of sensibly and safely.*

### LEAVERS SERVICE

**A**s this issue of the *Bugle* goes to press we hear the news that Rev. Liz Bickley will shortly be leaving Husbands Bosworth and the Hexagon Benefice.

Liz will be leaving us to return to her 'roots', rejoining her family in Warwickshire and taking up the post of Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Baddesley with Grendon and Dordon.

The *Bugle* Team would like to thank Liz for the warmth of her ministry amongst us and extend our good wishes for her new venture.

The date of Liz's licensing is to be confirmed.

### WELFORD WHARF

**F**riends of the Welford Wharf (FOTWA) volunteers have been busy recently, clearing the area in front of the wharf buildings, cutting back the weeds around the lime kilns and painting the fence.

The group, which meets regularly to carry out maintenance and repairs around the wharf and the Welford Arm of the Grand Union Canal, would warmly welcome new members.

Some gardening tools are available but if you have a favourite weeding tool it would help if you could bring it along. Bottled water, disposable gloves and overalls can be supplied.

For more information please contact Tim Underhill

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### HARD BACK BUGLE

**L**ast month we celebrated 25 years 'in business' as the *Bosworth Bugle*... this month we present our 300<sup>th</sup> issue.

With our first issue back in 1996 we offered the newsletter as a village mouthpiece and noticeboard, with the rider that the Team had launched it, but it would be the community that would maintain the velocity for it to fly... or see it flutter to the ground.

In the 25 years since we set the *Bugle* on its journey, a lot has happened in the way that we communicate and inform. During this time much has been said about the future of 'old-fashioned' print and the redundancy of 'hard-copy'. However, the ancient and ponderous process survives - presumably because readers still like to hold a physical copy and to view information without having to switch it on, or contend with it 'crashing'...

The *Bugle* is produced by a dedicated team of volunteers and distributed free. However, there is, of course, a cost to all this selfless altruism and we are grateful to our financial supporters, sponsors, subscribers, advertisers and donors for covering the not-inconsiderable cost of printing.



## BUGLE POSTBAG

Noah Nelson, High Street

It is with a heavy heart that the Nelson family of Husbands Bosworth announce the passing of their one year old dog Sweetie. The incident occurred at the overflow section of the Welford wharf.

Sweetie was a Chorkie, which is half Chihuahua and half Yorkshire Terrier. Her soft, kind eyes prompted the name, and countless people who came in contact with her would say, "What a little Sweetie", without yet knowing her name.

Sweetie ran through some unusually tall grass without seeing the water. Before anyone could stop her, she fell in. Within seconds she was swept into the tunnel. Her owner entered the water to try and rescue her, to no avail.

Sweetie was a dear member of the Nelson family and will forever be missed. One positive that will come from this is a host of preventive measures being implemented by the Canal and River Trust, to ensure no child or pet suffers the same fate.

A protective gate is being installed in front of the tunnel to prevent objects passing through. The grass will be better maintained to allow for visibility of the overflow and a length of fencing on each side of the overflow is going to be installed.

The Nelson family ask you be extremely careful around this section of the canal with both yourselves, children and pets.

Ralph & Jo Horton, Highcroft

How time flies. The note in last month's issue reminded us that the *Bugle* has now been in operation for 25 years.

We well remember the very first editorial meeting - would anyone be interested? Would it pay its way? Would we have enough news to fill the pages?

Since then the *Bugle* has expanded from four to eight pages and has covered such diverse and long running sagas as the church bells, the dog poo epidemics and the infamous Millennium Hill.

Huge thanks should go to Melvyn, who beavers away each month compiling and editing the content. Without his sterling efforts, the *Bugle* would be consigned to the village historical archives (with which Melvyn is also heavily involved).

The *Bugle* has also helped to keep us fit - we have walked over 300 miles whilst making deliveries.

*Editors Note: As always, it is a team effort... The Bugle wouldn't have survived this long without the back-up and unstinting support that I have from everyone in the Bugle Team... I am only able to carry on doing my bit because I know that I can rely on the dedication of the rest of the Team to do theirs.*

## POLICE FILE



From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021, venues are no longer legally required to ask customers, visitors and staff to 'check in' (although visitors are still urged to continue to do so by scanning the NHS QR code poster or provide their contact details). Although it isn't a legal requirement, venues are encouraged to retain these check-in facilities. By asking individuals to check in, those who share their contact details will continue to help to identify people who may have the virus. The scheme will only ask for records if there is an outbreak at that venue, and only then will attendees who checked in on the same day be alerted.

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# BOSWORTH IN FOCUS

## ENGLISH WINES

Wimbledon, the Chelsea Flower Show and other events remind us that England is rather lovely. But, as a nation we have a tendency to be glass half-full and self-deprecating. So, let us celebrate what is good...

**English wines** - by all international comparisons are doing very well indeed. Often beating French counterparts in blind tastings, our sparkling wines enjoy a growing reputation due to the soils and climate being very similar to that of northern France (including Champagne). Throw in global warming and hard work of vintners, such as *Hambledon* of Hampshire (the first British winemakers, est. 1952), and English wine really is in rude form.

An expensive sparkling *cuvée* is made by *Nyetimber Estates* in West Sussex, which Waitrose has on offer at £37 at the moment. Sauvignon blanc seems unstoppable and if you are a fan, look out for wines based on the Bacchus grape, which resembles the New Zealand sauvignons.

The Wine Society has a very refreshing English White made by *Three Choirs* at £8.50.

Finally, when it gets later into the evening or the weather is not so summery, I reach for a medium bodied red, especially the *Chianti-classico* I enjoyed with my sister-in-law recently. Medium-bodied, smooth and fruity (the Chianti, not my sister-in-law...), Chianti, made from the sangiovese grape is an oft-forgotten classic.

*Morrison's Best Toscana* is reduced from £10 to £8 at the moment.

If you want to find out more, please visit: [Taylor-Made Wine Tasting.co.uk](http://Taylor-Made Wine Tasting.co.uk)

*Richard Taylor*

## WELFORD ART GROUP

Do you like painting? Welford Art Group meets in Welford Village Hall every Wednesday, 9.00am to 12noon and welcomes new members at any level, in any medium. We have occasional workshops with an established artist.

For more information please contact Karen Perrin on 07747364037 or Jennifer Rogers on 880401, or just come along and see what we do on a Wednesday morning.

*Jennifer Rogers*

## WILD ABOUT BOSWORTH

### Mosquito

Mosquito, from the Spanish *mosca* (fly) and the suffix *ito*, meaning small.

We leave out a bowl of water for passing hedgehogs, and I recently discovered it was occupied by some undesirable residents. Mosquito larvae, otherwise known as wrigglers.

A mosquito's life cycle consists of four stages. The first three; egg, larva and pupa are aquatic. Only in their adult stage do they emerge from their watery nursery and take to the air. While in the water, they feed on algae and organic material and typically, each phase lasts around five to fourteen days.

There are 36 native species in the UK, and not all of them bite. It's only females that seek blood meals, as they need the proteins for egg production. Fortunately, in England, it's extremely rare for them to transmit a disease. However, if temperatures rise due to climate change, we could experience outbreaks of malaria and dengue fever. In fact, between the 16th and 19th centuries, thousands of people in England died from "the ague", or "marsh fever", as malaria was then known.

In return, mosquitoes don't have an easy life. They're devoured by just about everything that moves. In water they're eaten by minnows, sticklebacks and goldfish, also tadpoles, newts, frogs and toads. Not forgetting, legions of water-dwelling arthropods. And after hatching, they face predation from spiders, bats and birds.

If you're not a fan of mosquito bites, replace standing water once a week, as this interrupts their life cycle. Avoid being out and about at dawn and dusk when they are most active. Be warned, they are attracted to heavy breathing, sweat and type "O" blood. And there's some evidence they enjoy a touch of alcohol with their meals! Lastly, a splash of Avon's Skin So Soft or Victoria's Secret Bombshell perfume acts as a deterrent (so I'm told)!

*Mike Chanter*

## TENNIS CLUB

### NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

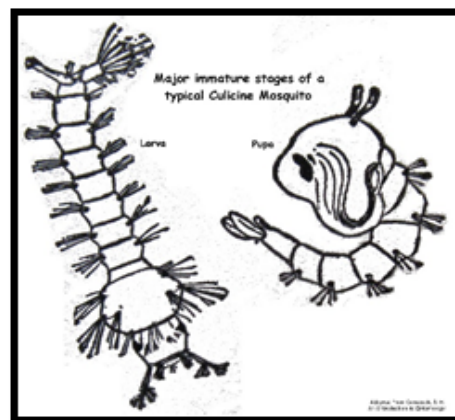
Husbands Bosworth Tennis Club AGM will now be held on Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Pavilion starting at 7.00pm.

Our courts have been freely available during COVID restrictions but now need to enlist players as members. There has been a lot of interest from new residents and it would be good if we could have some new committee members to take the club forward.

Membership costs will be at a reduced rate valid until April 2022.

Adults £20 \* Juniors £10 \* Family £40

Contact: *George Walker 880222 or Mike Pennington 880455*



## VILLAGE LUNCH

Bosworth Village Lunch is Back!!

We will be starting back on Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at our usual venue, Kilworth Springs Golf Club, South Kilworth Road, North Kilworth. Meet at 12.30pm to eat at 1.00pm.

Cost of the two-course meal, including tea/coffee and mints is £11.50 per person. Payment can be made by card at the bar or cash at the door. (We customarily take a tip at the table!) Please call me on 01858 880668 if you would like to come or for any more information. Village Lunch is a great place for anyone new to the area, retired or living alone to catch up with old friends and make new friends in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

*Janice Staples*

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As, hopefully the community starts to get back to something like normal, here is a photograph sent in by Carole Lister of Bell Lane, reminding us of how carefree our events were in the past...

Carole tells us that in the 1970s there was a Dance School in the Village Hall. The dancers put on a show each year and in this picture, from 1979, a group of village mums are seen performing the can-can. Apparently the dance went down well, especially when the dancers threw their garters into the audience and, for their Grande Finale, one dancer performed an amazing cartwheel, followed by the splits!

*From left to right: Janice Prowse, Carole Lister, Audrey Marlow, Gill Ribton, Janice Davies, Heather Jeffries.*

By chance a programme for a previous Village Hall concert from 1975 - *Bosworth Palace of Variety* - has recently come to light in which another group of dancers performed the can-can. Billed as 'A grand spectacle of music, singing and dancing' the concert was styled as an Old Time Music Hall evening and featured over 40 acts.

The acts were themed around eras in the history of the village. Opening the scene were bawdy tavern songs from the Wheatsheaf Inn in 1895, followed by Great War songs from the Western Front, the inter-war years, the forties and World War II, through to 'Youth in the 60s and 70s' led by DJ Stuart Begley.

Interestingly, the performers in each sketch are meticulously named, except for one sketch by the Phyllosan Male Quartet, who remained anonymous... Those of a certain age will recall that the tonic, Phyllosan, fortifies the over forties! Apparently at that time anyone over forty was rapidly approaching decrepitude and in need of restoring.

*[Editor's Note: We need to know which can-can girl did the cartwheel and splits...]*



## MEMORIES OF DR. ROBERTS

David Roberts joined the Husbands Bosworth Practice in 1976 as a partner with Dr Colin Mann, replacing Dr Stubbs, who had retired due to ill health. Always a conscientious and caring GP, David enjoyed his work and living in the countryside. He was interested in local history and the village community and over the years he formed lasting friendships with local residents and patients.

He was especially well thought of by families with young children and in his consulting room he proudly displayed many pictures drawn by the children and pupils of the village school. He well remembered school children coming to say 'goodbye' to him on his last day at the Surgery, which he found very moving, and would often refer to it in letters to his friends.

In the early eighties, Dr. Roberts, or Dr. R, (the name given by his staff), showed great interest in GP surgeries dispensing medicines, which led to his being instrumental in becoming a founder member of the Dispensing Doctors Association (DDA). He would later become their Chairman and editor of the association's magazine, and enjoyed the challenge this gave him!

He retired from the Surgery in 2001 after working here for 25 years. Following retirement, he continued to work in a consultancy role, travelling to GP Surgeries to advise on setting up their own dispensaries. He moved away from the area, and later made plans to relocate to a cottage in the South West of England, with partner Kate. Sadly, this did not materialise owing to his deteriorating health problems. He died on May 10<sup>th</sup> this year, but will be affectionately remembered as a 'good doctor with a sense of humour' by his staff, and many patients.

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# MORE BOSWORTH IN FOCUS

## BOSWORTH GARDENS

August is a fabulous time to enjoy the flowers, plenty of fruit and veg and fresh herbs to cook with. Look after wildlife by topping up bird baths and ponds and feeding hedgehogs with chicken-based dog or cat food and water.

### Seeds

- Sow Swiss chard, radish, spinach and salad leaves for a fast crop
- Make final sowings of over-wintering brassicas, turnips and swedes
- Sow winter-flowering pansies, viola, poppies, larkspur, calendula and cornflowers

### Flowers

- Dead-head and support dahlias and lilies so your plants put energy into their blooms
- Take cuttings of tender perennials like salvia, fuchsia, penstemon and pelargoniums
- Look out for 'clematis wilt' and cut out any infected parts - dispose with household waste
- Water camellias and rhododendrons regularly so the buds develop for next year.
- Trim lavender plants when the flowers fade to keep them compact

### Vegetable Patch

- Keep feeding tomato plants and remove the lower leaves to encourage air circulation and prevent diseases
- Cut back herbs to encourage a new flush of leaves. Dry, blitz and store in a jar
- Harvest second early and maincrop potatoes when the foliage dies back. Store in sacks to exclude light but allow ventilation

### Fruit Patch

- Pot up strawberry runners and plant established plants somewhere they haven't been grown in the last 3 years
- Cut back fruited canes of summer raspberries, leave the green canes for next years crop

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## HORTICULTURE AND CRAFT SHOW 2021

The village 2021 Horticultural and Craft Show will take place on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall.

Doors will open for exhibitors from 8.30am. All exhibits must be displayed by 10.30am, ready for the Leicester & Leicestershire Horticultural Guild judges. Doors will open to the public from 2.00pm.

There will be classes for a multitude of exhibits including produce, flowers, home bakes, craft and special classes for children's exhibits. Awards will be given for best in class, with trophies for best in show.

For visitors there is a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours and admire the exhibits on display. There will also be a tombola and raffle, a second-hand DVD's/books and games stall and homemade cakes and refreshments for sale.

Husbands Bosworth Horticulture and Craft Show has been running for over 140 years and is a wonderful opportunity to meet neighbours, old friends and maybe make new friends. The show is open to amateur gardeners, home bakers, crafters, and children.

If you have a friend or neighbour who is a successful amateur gardener or home baker or crafter, please encourage them to enter into the show. If you are away on the day of the show, ask someone to bring your entry in on your behalf.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO LIVE IN HUSBANDS BOSWORTH to exhibit in the show.

You should have already received a Show Schedule through your door. Read the programme and showing tips carefully. Beginners are welcome! If you are unsure or need help, please ask. Most of all... enjoy participating!

## AT HOME IN BOSWORTH

It might seem odd for house prices to be rising at this time. But this month, average asking prices are at a record high of £255,000. So why is this?

Demand is outstripping supply. Homes are selling fast and a record number are being sold at or above asking price.

Larger, detached homes with big outdoor spaces are in demand from buyers with big budgets, as many work remotely and commute less. Sales at the top end of the market are lifting the average price. Also, lots of people are moving from more expensive city areas to the countryside, pushing up prices in towns and villages in the most in-demand regions.

The Stamp Duty Tax 'holiday' in England is nearly over, but offered buyers up to £15k of saving - prices rose to swallow up the saving, meaning buyers didn't benefit from the holiday, but sellers did. Very low interest rates have also helped more get on the property ladder, or to upsize.

Also the government-backed mortgage guarantee scheme launched in March, has offered buyers with small deposits access to up to 95% mortgage loans.

Many of you reading this might think that this combination of low interest rates and high loan to value lending sounds awfully familiar...

*So is it a bubble?* Thankfully there are signs of calming in the market; prices have not risen in some areas since March and the rate of rise is slowing everywhere. As always, time will tell!

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**Our Bosworth Pop-Up in Bosworth is now closed, but we are hoping to reopen for specialist orders in the autumn.**

**Meanwhile all your favourites (and much more...) are available at our bakery and deli in Northampton Road, Market Harborough**

This photo of a solitary bee orchid (*Ophrys apifera*) was sent in by Jan Wilson of Hunters Close.

Jan came across the flower on the verge near the quarry, on Butt Lane and is the first she has ever seen in Leicestershire. Unfortunately the verges have now been cut, so it has gone.



The Wildlife Trusts website tells us that the bee orchid is a sneaky mimic - the flower's velvety lip looks like a female bee. Males fly in to try to mate with it and end up pollinating the flower. Sadly, the right bee species doesn't live here, so this orchid is self-pollinated in the UK.

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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Husbands Bosworth Parish Council held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

*Present: Four Councillors and Parish Clerk*

*Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. Meredith and Cllr. Bolter*

The minutes of the virtual AGM and the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were approved.

### Matters Arising.

- Clerk confirmed he had written to Cllr. Blake Pain again regarding the footpath to Theddingworth. An acknowledgement was received but answers to the questions raised have not been forthcoming. Clerk to follow up.
- Clerk to contact Snowdon Homes regarding the Playing Field ditch.
- Clerk confirmed he had requested quotes for the concrete base work for the dog-bin and bench in the Dog Walk and three other bins.
- Cllr. Mrs Fletcher confirmed that any new grit bin for the Parish, even if serviced by LCC, would need to be purchased from Parish funds.

### Finance

- May bank statements and Cashbook reconciliation were presented for review and accepted.

### Planning Application Overview

- The Clerk presented the May /June planning application summary. It was agreed that this was an accurate representation of the Parish Council's responses during this period.

### Audit Review

- Internal Audit - The Clerk summarised the internal audit process that was undertaken and highlighted the progress made in the past year. No recommendations were made.
- External Audit - Cllr. Hobson clarified the process that needed to be undertaken. Councillors approved the Accounting Statements and all associated documents.

### Christmas Lights

- After discussion, and based on known and unknown cost elements, a decision was taken not to proceed with illuminating the oak tree on The Green. Clerk was asked to investigate the options for siting a temporary Christmas Tree.
- As part of this discussion, it was noted that the tree needs some maintenance work. Clerk was asked to get a tree specialist to survey the tree and submit a quotation for required work

### Cemetery

- Council noted several overgrown plots in the cemetery that require attention. Clerk to follow up with contractor.

### Play Park

- Fencing Quote - It was agreed to accept the quotation to erect temporary fencing where there are currently gaps in the roadside hedge.
- It was agreed to accept a quotation for the maintenance work and painting.

### Any other business

- It was agreed that the annual ground-rent fee for the Tennis Club courts would be waived for the period April 2020 to March 2021.
- Responding to enquiries regarding re-opening the Pavilion, it was agreed to await further government guidance.

### Next meeting

*The next meeting will be a face-to-face meeting and will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 at 7.30pm at the Sports Pavilion.*

Full copies of Minutes from Parish Council meetings can be viewed or downloaded at: [www.husbandsbosworthpc.org.uk](http://www.husbandsbosworthpc.org.uk) or by request to the Parish Clerk.

## SID REPORT

Readings from the Speed Indicator Device

### Leicester Road

Period: 23.06.21 - 30.06.21

Vehicle movements: 5842 Av./day: 835

Average speed: 33.09mph

Highest recorded speed: 65mph

### Leicester Road

Period: 30.06.21 - 07.07.21

Vehicle movements: 5868 Av./day: 838

Average speed: 56mph

Highest recorded speed: 33.25mph

### High Street easterly

Period: 07.07.21 - 14.07.21

Vehicle movements: 13508 Av./day: 1930

Average speed: 25.78mph

Highest recorded speed: 57mph

### High Street easterly

Period: 14.07.21 - 21.07.21

Vehicle movements: 12540 Av./day: 1791

Average speed: 26.03mph

Highest recorded speed: 54mph

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# CHURCH NEWS

*All Saints Parish Church & St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church*

## FROM THE RECTORY

Over the centuries we have seen the church adapt in order to remain alive and current in each generation. In the early days of the church the people met together in homes or hired buildings or out in the open air under trees, beside rivers or in the catacombs. Holy space was found and then enclosed with churches, or abbeys - some, very permanent structures that we still have and some were more temporary, which are long gone. At one time, before benches were introduced, people would have stood.

Congregational singing was not always part of worship, but there would have been gallery singers with minstrels as musicians. When later, the organ was introduced it was thought to be too loud! Choral music and a more orderly form of worship were introduced. The Victorians introduced pews and heating and much of the internal furnishing which we see today.

One of the ways currently under exploration in some parts of the Church of England is the idea of pioneers - people who are willing to discover new ways of being 'church'. They might meet in different settings, possibly weave their acts of worship into other activities, often taking the faith to the people rather than expecting people to come into the church building to find it. For some years now Leicester Diocese has been licencing pioneer ministers, sometimes for specific projects, sometimes in specific places. Sometimes these people are later ordained as deacons and priests in the Church of England. Stephen March is one such person, who has been appointed to the Hexagon Benefice as a curate, initially as a licensed lay-worker, but to be ordained deacon in October and priest after that. It is good to welcome Stephen among us, we look forward to what his pioneering curacy might mean for us all. We ask God's blessing on him and his wife, Sharon, as he takes this next step in his life of faith.

Once more the church adapts and carries on believing. Stephen, come walk with us this next stage of your journey, and ours... Here is to what is to come. God bless.

*Liz* ✚

## RUGGLES FISHER

Older villagers will no doubt remember Rev. T. Ruggles Fisher, who was rector of this parish from 1963, and subsequently of Mowsley, Knaptoft and Theddingworth, until his retirement in 1982, who recently celebrated his 101<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Born in Essex, Ruggles joined the Royal Norfolk Regiment at the start of World War II and went on to serve with the Chindits Special Operations unit, which fought behind Japanese lines in Burma. Rising to the rank of major, he retired after 20 years in the army to join the priesthood. Still living independently today in Oakham, Ruggles is fondly remembered for his time as incumbent here in Bosworth.



## NEWS FROM ST. MARY'S

I am Matthew Pittam, the new priest, serving St Mary's Catholic Church. I have been a priest for just over 10 years, much of that time as parish priest of Monks Kirby, near Lutterworth. I continue to look after the Monks Kirby community whilst also serving St Mary's.

Unusually for a Catholic priest I am married with a teenage daughter. I was married and a Church of England vicar before I became a Catholic priest and in such circumstances the Catholic Church can waive the requirement to lead a celibate life. My family are enjoying worshipping with the community at St Mary's and taking part in the life of this special place.

As a priest, I am part of the Personal Ordinariate of our Lady of Walsingham, rather than the local diocese. The Ordinariate was founded by Pope Benedict XVI to enable former Anglicans to enter the Catholic Church, whilst maintaining many of their customs and heritage. This means that churches served by the Ordinariate will often have a more Anglican feel, with many familiar prayers and services.

This will certainly be the case at St Mary's, which will still be recognisably Catholic but where others will also hopefully feel at home - an ecumenical endeavour, developing friendships with Christians of other traditions, building on the good relations with other local churches and seeing St Mary's thrive as part of the local community.

St Mary's is a real jewel in the crown of the village and I hope more in the local area will discover this remarkable, stunning and prayerful place. Everyone is welcome to come and see what is happening - Mass will be at the new time of 11.00am every Sunday, which will hopefully be more accessible and we hope to have other occasional services and events as things develop. I hope to meet more people from the village over the next few weeks and months.

*Fr. Matthew* ✚

## ✚CHURCH SERVICES✚

### Hexagon Benefice

#### AUGUST

##### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>

*10.30am Benefice Communion, Arnesby*

##### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

*10.30am Benefice Communion & Baptism, Husbands Bosworth*

*3.00pm Evening Prayer, Shearsby*

##### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

*10.30am Benefice Communion, Theddingworth*

*3.00pm Knaptoft Open Air Service*

##### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

*10.30am Benefice Communion, Mowsley*

##### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

*Benefice Communion at Bruntingthorpe*

*10.00am Mid-week services every Wednesday at Husbands Bosworth*

**Contact: Rev. Liz Bickley 880351**

**Senior Churchwarden: Di Jones 880741**

### St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm Sports Pavilion
Wednesday, August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tennis Club AGM and Enrolment evening, 7.00pm Sports Pavilion
Friday, August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile library
Saturday, August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Millennium Wood work-party, 9.30am
Sunday, August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Horticulture & Craft Show, open to public from 2.00pm
Saturday, September 25 <sup>th</sup>	Action for Children live music event
Sat. December 11 <sup>th</sup> /Sun. 12 <sup>th</sup>	All Saints Church Christmas Trail ( <i>more details later</i> )

## LOCAL PLANNING NEWS

The following applications have been submitted to Harborough District Council:

- 21/01038/FUL Change of use from Bed & Breakfast to Residential, Barchill Farm, Welford Road
- 21/01114/FUL Erection of a single storey front extension, 14 Welford Road
- 21/01134/FUL Change of use of storage building to Micro-Brewery (rev. scheme of 21/00424/FUL), North Kilworth Wharf, Station Road
- 21/01224/FUL Erection of front extension, NBJ London, Airfield Park, Sibbertoft Road
- 21/01260/TCA Works to tree, The Green, High Street

### Recently determined applications:

- 21/00796/REM (Approved) Erection of a dwelling (Reserved Matters of 18/00943/OUT, including details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale), 2 Lammas Close
- 21/00872/TCA (Approved) Works to trees (fell), 1 Wells Close
- 21/00967/FUL (Approved) Erection of an agricultural building, Glebe Farm, Welford 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)

Variation of Condition 3 relating to planning permission 2010/0798/03 - to allow restoration works to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 - Husbands Bosworth Quarry, Welford Road (County Council Identity Number: 2021/VOCM/0096/LCC)  
Details of this application can be viewed and downloaded on the Leicestershire County Council website at: <https://leicestershire.planning-register.co.uk>. For more information please contact Nick Bowden 0116 305 4701 or email: [planningcontrol@leics.gov.uk](mailto:planningcontrol@leics.gov.uk). Closing date for comments: 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021

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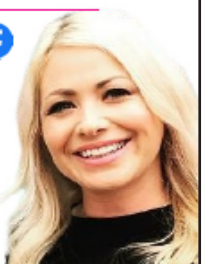


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