FOR THE COMMUNITY OF HUSBANDS BOSWORTH

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BROAD CHURCH

his month we say a fond farewell to Rev. Liz Bickley, who for the past 8 years has been our parish priest at Husbands Bosworth and rector of the Hexagon Benefice.

We will remember Liz's incumbency for her ready warmth and approachability. During her time amongst us, Liz has maintained close ties with the school, the school children and the other village churches. We wish Liz well in her new venture in Warwickshire.

Until such time as the Bishop appoints a new priest in charge, the parish will enter a state of interregnum.

Leicester Diocese is in the middle of a major re-organisation, which was planned before Covid. Additional financial burdens caused by the pandemic have intensified the need for reforms, and the diocese is likely to take Liz's departure as an opportunity for change. As Liz discussed in her *Bugle* piece last month, a new curate, Stephen March, has been appointed curate to the Hexagon Benefice and it is expected that Stephen will hold the fort for the time being!



As we also heard last month, the news from All Saints comes at the same time as major changes at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. St. Mary's is in the grounds of Bosworth Hall and is one of a small number of privately owned Catholic churches in the country and changes



to the ministry and administration outlined by Father Matthew Pittam, the new incumbent, will help to safeguard the future of the church.

Editor's Note: St Marys Church now has a website. Go to: https://husbandsbosworthcatholic.org.uk

OUARRY NEWS

The proposal to re-open the quarry site off Butt Lane and establish a landfill site, tabled by Mick George Ltd, who have taken over the operation of the Bosworth Quarry site, has ground to a halt.

Leicestershire County Council, which administers mineral and waste sites within the county has recently issued a request for further information from the applicant. Planning officers are seeking additional information relating to environmental and visual impact and mitigation on a number of issues, including ecology, landscape, highway and heritage. A spokesman for the planning department has said that the amount and nature of the information requested, and the necessity to undertake seasonal surveys, is likely to delay a response from the applicant. He added that to all intents and purposes the application is temporarily in abeyance whilst this is being undertaken.

Once this information is received, the application will be re-submitted, consultations undertaken and comments invited by all those who previously made representations.

ocal dog-handlers acquitted themselves well in the Husbands Bosworth and Theddingworth Sheepdog Trials, held at Bosworth Hall in July.

In the Local Class, village shepherd, Ben Smith with Kirby, walked away with a cash prize and the Mrs D Constable Maxwell Challenge Cup, beating Tilton-based breeder and trainer, Nij Vyas and Mist into second place. Ben also took third place in the same class with Lace.

Ben and Nij also took second and third places in the Open Class, against challengers from across the country.

FIRS FARM UPDATE

eicestershire County Council response to a request for information by the Parish Council: The initial delays in tackling this incident were due to legal technicalities in obtaining possession of the farm from the previous tenant and the ongoing police investigation into the background to the illegal incidence of dumping. In terms of the clean-up operation itself, this too has been a slow process due in part to not knowing the nature of the material and the quantities that have been left in and around the farm buildings and in the fields. We have, it is fair to say, not had to deal with this amount of material before and it has taken a while to consider the best way of

We expect that survey work to assess the extent of the problem should start shortly, which will then guide on how the mess can be cleaned up and the timescale for this. Once we have some more information on this we will write to let you know..

BUGLE POSTBAG

From: Concerned, Highcroft

We've had an issue down Highcroft with workmen from Fernie Court having their cars and vans keyed - and although I know it can be annoying having cars parked along Highcroft at Berridges Lane end, there is absolutely no reason and excuse for that kind of behaviour. It's not the first time such instances have occurred. I think the same thing happened during VE celebrations last year when residents of Fernie court parked their cars to make way for their street party.

Whilst I realise that it's quite restrictive parking there, they aren't actually breaking any laws and I can't believe people can be so destructive. If too many people report and claim on their insurance for such damage it will cause all our premiums to go up!

POLICE FILE



The Action Fraud helpline has received over 700 reports from members of the public relating to emails purporting to be from the NHS. The emails claim to be able to provide people with a 'digital passport' that 'proves you have been vaccinated against COVID-19'. These emails are fake, and the links within them lead to genuine-looking websites that steal your personal and financial information.

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The NHS will never ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport, driving licence, bills or pay slips.

Your vaccination status can be obtained for free through the official NHS app, NHS website or by calling the NHS on 119.



Remember... there are TWO mobile device apps relevant to the Covid-19 issue.

The Covid-19 Track & Trace app is still active and issuing tracing information.

The NHS app gives you access to a whole raft of NHS services, including access to your health records, ordering repeat prescriptions and your covid vaccine status and official pass.

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BOSWORTH IN FOCUS

BOSWORTH GARDENS

September starts the transition from summer to autumn and a perfect time to start planning autumn bedding plants and spring bulbs displays! Keep deadheading and tidying up spent annuals to keep your garden looking beautiful.

Seeds to sow

- •Turnip, oriental veg, spinach and winter lettuce
- •Flowers like wildflowers, calendula, scabious, viola and poppies
- Green manures like red clover or *Phacellia* tanacetifolia are heaven for pollinators, fix nitrogen and add organic matter

Flowers

- •Hunt out self-sown seedlings such as foxglove, marigolds and verbena, pot them up or move them to a preferred location
- •Plant wallflowers where they are to flower and pinch them out for bushier plants
- •Start planning and planting spring bulbs displays

Vegetable Patch

- •Keep watering pumpkins and pinch out the growing tips to divert energy into the fruits
- •Cut down brown asparagus foliage and mulch the crowns
- •Earth up celery for the last time so that just a tuft of leaves shows to blanch the stems
- Add organic matter to beds for planting shallots and onion sets to overwinter

Fruit Patch

- •Support heavily laden fruit trees and bushes
- •Clear fruit windfalls to stop wasps visiting
- •Pot up strawberry runners to make new plants

Pests and diseases

- •Water consistently, as irregular watering can cause end blossom rot in tomatoes and root vegetables to split
- •Clear foliage and debris while lifting potatoes. Second-earlies keep for a few weeks, while main crop will store till next summer.

Hannah Edge

WILD ABOUT BOSWORTH

Bee Hotels "If you build it, they will come."

The subtitle is a miss quotation from the film 'Field of Dreams', but it's an apt maxim when referring to bee hotels.

A clear illustration of the decline in insect numbers can be seen on your car number plate. Years ago, after a summer's day drive, it would be splattered with copious insect bodies. Nowadays, there's barely a single corpse. It's a sad and scary story; thirty per cent of our crops and roughly ninety per cent of our plants are pollinated by insects. What will happen to our wildlife; birds, bats,



reptiles, small mammals and fish when their food supply disappears?

A recent report on agricultural pesticide cocktails found they can kill twice as many bees as single formula products. Add in habitat loss, stress from virus and parasite infestations and their decline is inevitable.

But we can help! Planting nectar-rich flowers, leaving a corner of your garden 'messy' and providing nesting and hibernation sites in the form of bug houses and bee hotels.



Making a hotel is simplicity itself. Bundle together some dried plant stems, and/or bamboo sticks, or drill holes in a log - there are numerous instructive videos on *Youtube*. An ideal location would be a sheltered spot around six feet off the ground, facing south or southeast and with luck, leafcutter and/or mason bees will check-in. The bees lay eggs and stock the cells with nectar and pollen.

After a few days, the eggs hatch, eat the food store and weave a silken cocoon in which to overwinter. An entrance blocked with mud or leaves shows the cell is occupied.

For an even simpler design, drill some holes in a fence post, 7cm to 15cm deep and 5mm to 10mm wide. A boring job. (Pun intended!)

Mike Chanter

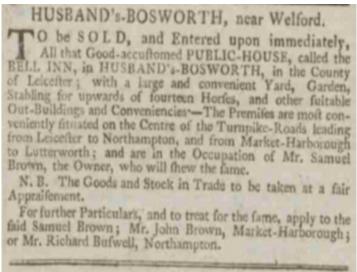
PEBBLE HALL WASTE PLANT

At their recent meeting members of the Welford Action Group (WAG), which monitors traffic problems along the A5199 route, heard that Leicestershire County Council officers overseeing traffic matters relating to the Pebble Hall waste plant off Theddingworth Road were experiencing problems assessing the HGV movements at the site. WAG are concerned about the high number of HGVs servicing the facility that are travelling along the A5199 corridor through Welford village. The meeting heard that there is a planning obligation in place limiting the number of HGV movements servicing the site. However, there is no planning condition, which would have a stronger control of movements.

For the time being the council's officers are seeking more information about recorded traffic movements from the site operators and are consulting with their legal team on the matter before investigating any enforcement action.







This picture is the earliest showing The Bell Inn that we have in the Historical Society's Archive Collection and was taken in the early 1920s. By the time this photograph was taken much had changed in long distance travel and the Bell's long history as a coaching inn, servicing the needs of the horse and the stagecoach traveller were long past. The focus of travel

motorists was the order of the day. I must say that the place still looked quite spruce, after over 200years.

Interestingly our Bell Inn was one of a number of pubs acquired by the Lichfield based Lichfield Brewery Company, a major player in the inter-war brewery business, that was sold to the even more adventurous conglomerate, Samuel Alsopp & Co. in 1930.

now had moved to the motor car and accommodation and services for

Our old friend, The Bell Inn has had some ups and downs in the past few years but this advert from the Northampton Advertiser, dated July 5th 1788 reminds us that the place has a long history. It would be interesting to know the outcome of this sale...

To put the date in some sort of context, in the same issue of the newpaper, a report of House of Commons proceedings records Sir William Dolben introducing a parliamentary motion proposing the regulation of the mode of transport of slaves from Africa to the 'West India Islands and other parts of the British Dominions'.

Also, on the same page, is the case of one Richard Williams who had evidently 'eloped from his Master's service', absconding from his apprenticeship to John Brown, weaver of Clipston. Williams is described as 'short and thick set, with light hair...' and 11 years of age! We are told that should he return to his Master his misdemeanour would be overlooked, but should anyone choose to harbour him, that would constitute a criminal act.





HUSBANDS BOSWORTH MEDICAL CENTRE

The Medical Centre is looking to recruit a full-time trainee dispenser who will have on the job training and also undertake on line training to gain an NVQ Level 2 Dispensing MARKETHARBOROUGH qualification. We also require a part-



time dispensary counter assistant and full time Patient Services Administrators. For all roles training will be given. However, customer service experience would be beneficial.

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MORE BOSWORTH IN FOCUS

OPEN GARDENS

ART GROUP

The National Garden Scheme is opening a local garden at Oak Tree House, North Road, South Kilworth LE17 6DU (between South Kilworth and North Kilworth) on September, 4th and 5th from 11.00am to 4.00pm.



This is a classic English country garden, which features extensive herbaceous borders and colourful perennials combined with traditional planting of roses, including an attractive pergola with late flowering clematis.

There are also many colourful annual plants in containers which provide more colour and interest. Modern sculptures are dotted around the garden, which also includes an ornamental vegetable garden. The garden is divided into three different areas of interest and there is much to see and enjoy.

This garden is owned by the county organiser for Leicestershire and provides an ideal opportunity to find out more about the National Garden Scheme and our open gardens. For full details of how we are operating within Government guidelines, more information about the gardens, where gardens are open locally this autumn, and how to book tickets go to our web site www.ngs.org.uk

Please note: Pre-booking is not required for this garden.

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Bosworth Art Group is a small, friendly and informal group of arty minded souls, who meet on alternate Tuesday mornings, 10.00am to 12.00 in the Sports Pavilion, Kilworth Road. Meetings are on a pay-asyou-go basis, £2.50 per session to cover room hire, coffee and biscuits.

The group is self-tutored, with members offering support, advice and friendly encouragement (mostly...) in a wide variety of mediums.

All skill levels are welcomed - we would especially welcome those seeking the incentive to pick up latent skills from the past!

We are restarting in October. Numbers may be restricted, initially, so if you are interested in coming along to try a session please call Melvyn on 880281 or 07714 025566.

SCOUTING FOR BOSWORTH

With the start of a new term, Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts are back meeting in person at the hut on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Cubs and Scouts took advantage of the lovely summer weather this past month to spend a day at Ullesthorpe Campsite where they built dens, cooked their own lunch and dinner over an open fire, and with compass and map in hand led the leaders on a walk to the Claybrookes and back. Some joined us for the first time, and we hope it was a precursor to camping later this autumn. It's been wonderful to see everyone again, to be away from screens and to be outdoors having fun.

VILLAGE LUNCH

at 12.30pm to eat at 1.00pm.

more information.

Bosworth Village Lunch is Back!!

The next meeting of the Village Lunch will

be on Wednesday, September 29th at our

usual venue, Kilworth Springs Golf Club,

South Kilworth Road, North Kilworth. Meet

Cost of the two-course meal, including tea/

coffee and mints is £11.50 per person. Payment

can now be made by card at the bar or cash

at the door. (We customarily take a tip at the

table!) Please call me on 880668 if you would

like to book a place if you've not already done

so, for help getting to the venue or for any

Village Lunch is a great place for those new

to the area, retired or living alone to catch up

with old friends and make new friends in a

Janice Staples

warm and friendly atmosphere.

The Exec is still looking for a new Chair and Secretary, but Norman Byrd and Louisa Beighton are willing to stay in their respective roles until new volunteers are found. We're also still in search of new Beavers Leaders: 4–5 parents to share in the running of the section. It won't be necessary for all of the leaders to come each week, but to take it in turns and to keep the Beavers going strong. Our outgoing Beaver Leader Nic Anderson is on hand to fully train the new volunteers in the roles. We know everyone leads busy lives, our leaders know this especially, but to volunteer a few hours a week makes a big difference in these young people's lives. If you are interested, please contact me: kilworth@southleics-scouts. org.uk. If we are unable to find anyone to take over, then Beavers will have to shut. It's not an option we want to take, but we can't do it without people stepping up and dedicating their time, so we greatly appreciate those willing to make the commitment and help the community.

Charles Lauder*, Jr.

CAUSEWAY COFFEE

Causeway Coffee is back! The Husbands Bosworth Causeway group administers funds derived from the Bosworth Charities; an amalgamation of local charities dating back to the 17th century. Our meetings are specifically aimed at those in the parish living alone and retired. We meet at the Sports Pavilion on the second Friday of the month, 10.00am till 11.30noon.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, September 10^{th} . For more information please contact Heather on 880165.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Report of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, August 3rd 2021

Present: Full Council and 1 member of the public

Visitor's Questions

• The visitor raised concerns about the growth of grasses on the Firs Farm field adjacent to the allotments and the impact on the allotments. Council advised that there is ongoing communication with regarding several matters relating to Firs Farm.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed as correct

Matters Arising

- Clerk confirmed he had written to Cllr. Pain re the footpath to Theddingworth but no response to questions raised had yet been received. Clerk was asked to secure a response.
- Clerk advised he had written to Bowbridge Homes regarding works to Playing Field ditch. No response had been received. Clerk to continue to try and elicit a response.
- Clerk confirmed that the agreed work at the Play Area had been completed.

Planning Applications

- Camping and touring pitches, Sibbertoft Road It would appear the safety issues associated with this application are impacting on the time frame for a decision.
- Bosworth Quarry It is understood there are ongoing discussions on various elements of the application between LCC and the applicant.

Skate Park

- Options for the refurbishment of the Skate Park were discussed and a preferred option was agreed. It was agreed to prepare the grant application. **Firs Farm Update**
- There has been no progress in relation to the clean-up operation. A survey of the site will hopefully identify the amount and type of waste to determine a plan of action.

Clerk's Contract [Clerk left the meeting for this agenda item]

- Following the Clerk's annual appraisal it was agreed that the Clerk's hours be increased from 15 to 20 and an incremental salary increase be applied. **Christmas Tree Update**
- Clerk confirmed that the cost would be about £1,000.00. After discussion, it was agreed that The Green site would not be suitable. It was agreed to explore the possibility of siting a tree in the churchyard, in a prominent position.

Play Area

• It was agreed to purchase hawthorn saplings to repair gaps in the hedge at the Play Park / Skate Park. It was also agreed to seek advice on the condition of the hedge bordering the Pavilion car park.

Litter Picking Support

• Council agreed to support the village litter picking volunteers with a donation to cover equipment costs.

Concrete bases for dog bins and Dog Walk bench

• Quotes received were reviewed and a decision made on a contractor who will undertake this work.

Any other business

- Following the recent removal of the defibrillator Clerk was asked to communicate with a frequent user to establish a better communication when the device is activated in future.
- Following a site meeting to the Cemetery, it was proposed to source quotes to cut, dry and remove the grass in the wildflower area.
- Council heard that The Bell Inn is not currently designated as an Asset of Community Value. Council confirmed they would support an application , should one come forward from the village.
- Clerk was asked to bring to the attention of LCC Highways a fallen tree in Dag Lane. It was also noted that the footpath along Welford Road is becoming difficult to pass due to overgrown verges. Clerk agreed to contact LCC Highways requesting footpath clearance.

Next meeting time and date

The next meeting will be an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday September 7th 2021 at 7.30pm at the Sports Pavilion.

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Average speed: 26.64mph

Period: 04.08.21 - 11.08.21

Average speed: 28.26mph

Period: 11.08.21 - 18.08.21

Average speed: 27.65mph

Welford Road

Welford Road

Highest recorded speed: 55mph

Highest recorded speed: 56mph

Highest recorded speed: 62mph

Highest recorded speed: 64mph

Readings from the Speed Indicator Device

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CHURCH NEWS

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

FROM THE RECTORY

You know from last month's Bugle that I will soon be moving away from the village and the benefice. It is a time of very mixed emotions, with thanksgiving for this place, which has been my home for 8 years, and sadness at moving away from the many friends I have made here. It is the last home I shared with my late husband Paul, and so it holds special memories on a personal level.

Alongside those feelings there is the sense of excitement about where I am moving to. I shall be moving to be the Priest in Charge of Baddesley Ensor with Grendon and Dordon, living in the vicarage at Baddesley Ensor. I previously lived in Grendon from the time of my marriage until the time of my ordination in 2009 and my daughter and her family still live there, so there is a sense of going home about this. It is also a new chapter for the parishes I am going to as they have not been together as a group before, so some exciting times there and new challenges for us all to face.

The Church of England always leaves a gap between the departure of one vicar and the arrival of the next, and at the moment there is a freeze on appointments in this diocese while they decide how they are going to deploy clergy from here on. It is a time of uncertainty for the church, so perhaps a time for people to keep together and support one another, keeping the body of the church strong so that whatever decisions are made and however long it takes the church will remain, both the building and the people.

If you are a person of prayer, please do pray for your church during this time, and pray for the diocese as they make decisions which will affect the future of the church across the county. My last Sunday services in the village here will be Sunday, September 19th at 10.30am and Wednesday 22nd at 10.00am. My final service in the benefice will be on Sunday, September 26th at 10.30am at Theddingworth with a farewell 'do' in the afternoon at Arnesby village hall (check with church warden for details). I thank you for accepting me as Rector here among you all, and pray God will continue to bless you in coming days, weeks and years.

With love and thankfulness.

ST MARY'S NEWS

In July we welcomed the Rt. Revd. Keith Newton, who will act as the Bishop for the Church, to St Mary's. He very much enjoyed his visit and meeting the St Mary's congregation. St Mary's now has a new organ and we have started to sing again following the lifting of the restrictions. It was lovely to be able to sing again as part of our service.

On August 15th we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption, a day of special celebration as this date is also the anniversary of the opening of St Mary's in 1873.

The new 11.00am Mass time is becoming established and it is good to see old and new friends joining us. We hope to welcome more people over the next few weeks. On Sunday, September 19th we are holding a traditional Harvest Service at 11.00am. This will be followed by a Harvest Lunch at The Stables, North Kilworth. All are welcome to the service and places can by booked for the lunch by emailing matthewpittam@yahoo.co.uk.

Matthew **廿**

Liz ₽





Hexagon Benefice SEPTEMBER **Arnesby** 6.00pm Evensong Mowsley 12^h **Shearsby** 4.00pm Harvest Praise B'thorpe 19th **Husbands Bosworth** 3.00pm Harvest Service Knaptoft Speaker: Malcolm Harrison (FCN) **Theddingworth** Senior Churchwarden: Di Jones 880741 St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

Contact:

Robert Constable-Maxwell 880361 Fr. Matthew Pittam 01788 833547

ALL SAINTS NEWS

We will be holding a Service of Thanksgiving for the late Rev Bob Hutchings, on Saturday September 25th at 3.00pm.

We also give thanks for the ministry of Roy Oldham who is retiring from Reader Ministry in October after serving the church in this benefice for 28 years. Thank you Roy for all you have done, and we shall be glad to see you among us still at our services.

ALL SAINTS FLOWER ROTA

Month: September Jean Hutchings



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 2nd Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm Sports Pavilion

Friday, September 10th Causeway Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 11.30pm Sports Pavilion

Friday, September 17th Mobile Library

Saturday, September 25th Action for Children live music event ***EVENT CANCELLED***

Wednesday, September 29th Village Lunch, Kilworth Springs Golf Club, 12.30pm

Tuesday, October 12th Art Group, 10.00am - 12.30pm Sports Pavilion

Friday, October 15th Mobile Library

Sat. December 11th/Sun. 12th All Saints Church Christmas Trail (more details later)

June 2nd 2022 HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 4 day holiday weekend

LOCAL PLANNING NEWS

The following applications have been submitted to Harborough District Council:

■21/01312/FUL Change of use of land, erection of training assessment hub, dog kennels, outdoor training facilities, associated drainage and access infrastructure, Meadow House, Leicester Road

21/01347/TCA Works to trees (fell), The Rectory, Honeypot Lane

Recently determined applications:

- ■21/00923/FUL (Approved) Erection of a single storey rear extension, rear balcony and re-modelling of front porch (*Revised scheme of 20/01724/FUL*), 32 Honeypot Lane
- ■21/01038/FUL (Approved) Change of use from Bed and Breakfast C1 to Residential use Class C3, Barchill 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

Mick George Ltd - Continued use of aggregate bagging plant facility - Husbands Bosworth Quarry (County Council Identity Number: 2021/CM/0112/LCC)

An application for planning permission has been received in respect of the above proposal. Details of this application can be viewed and downloaded on the Leicestershire County Council website using the County Planning Application/Decision Search at: https://leicestershire.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Consultee?cuid=CE97F7E4-B791-4315-BF94-9F674745B901

For more information please contact the case officer, Nick Bowden on 0116 305 4701 or email: planningcontrol@leics.gov.uk. Comments relating to this proposal should be recieved before 9 September 2021. Please send them to the Case Officer above using the on-line form or the email address above.

The Bell Inn

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