

SLEEPING POLICEMAN

The apparent abduction of Welford Road's own 'passive policeman', whilst quietly going about his traffic calming and road safety duties, was a matter of some concern to village residents recently.

Our village speed vigilante disappeared overnight and was reported as being held to ransom by person or persons unknown, eventually turning up in such disparate places as Mowsley, Thornby and Daventry - and even spotted frolicking with Postman Pat (and his black and white cat) at Welford.

Installed recently by nearby residents as part of a series of traffic speed reduction measures, our hero had showed his true colours in reducing core speeds along Welford Road. Comparisons, which were based on long term data for the road from his mate SID (the parish Speed Indicator Device), showed a clear reduction in both average speeds and maximum speeds - proof that the initial impact at least, of a pair of fluorescent trousers and jacket, strategically placed, can have a marked effect on drivers' attitudes.

Traffic speed and road safety measures, especially on the approach roads to the village, were some of the main concerns raised when our Neighbourhood Plan was formulated. Calls were made for developers to consider traffic calming measures as part of any future developments, which resulted in the permanent speed indicator devices installed by Davidsons and the extension of the 30mph zone by Snowdon Homes on Welford Road.

Bosworth Traffic Action Group has also undertaken some initiatives and pressed the County Council and Leicestershire Police Roads Safety Partnership for the speed 'reminders' that recently appeared around the village, along with more frequent visits by the speed camera van.

In a report recently released by the RAC, the combined thinking/stopping distance increases from 23m at 20mph to 36m at 40mph...

Furthermore, it is proven that drivers do, in general, take notice of simple measures such as signage... or cheery fluorescent mannequins!

Any reduction has got to be a good reduction!



CHRISTMAS COMES...

Following on from the success of All Saints Christmas Trail around the village last year you are again invited to deck your homes, frontages and roadside windows with festive cheer.

Participating or not, follow the Trail, get into the festive spirit (perhaps partake of a warming cup, or two, maybe...) and see how everyone interprets the festive theme! As usual, we start at the church, where you can pick up a trail map for £2.50.

As you walk around, you will be able to judge the displays and choose your favourite one in several categories, and enter a competition to win a prize. In church there will be a raffle, bric a brac stall, crafts and homemade jams and preserves. Return to the church after your walk and enjoy delicious homemade cakes and drinks. All proceeds to All Saints Church.

If anyone would like to help during the weekend, please contact Di Jones on 880741.



BUGLE POSTBAG

Aneurin (Taff) Owen, of Mowsley Road has been in touch to ask us to pass on his very best wishes for the Festive Season to all his friends around the village. Taff won't be sending cards this year, but will be making a donation to the Millennium Wood instead.

CRIME FILE



The Best Way To Keep Hackers Out of Your Online Accounts

Enabling two-factor authentication (2FA) is the single most important thing you can do to improve the security of your online accounts.

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Enabling 2FA will help to stop hackers from getting into your accounts, even if they have your password.

How do I enable 2FA on my accounts?

Many of the most popular online services and apps are geared up for 2FA:

Gmail, Yahoo, Outlook, AOL, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn you should be able to set up the facility within 'settings' or 'security'.

For more of the government's latest advice on how to stay secure online, visit the Cyber Aware website: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware>

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BOSWORTH IN FOCUS

SCOUTING FOR BOSWORTH

On Remembrance Sunday 1st Kilworth Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and some South Leicestershire Explorers took part in the annual parade from the Old Green to the cenotaph outside All Saints for the reading of the names and the laying of wreaths for those who have given their lives in times of war. Afterwards five Cubs and a Scout attended the service inside to read out prayers and a passage from the Bible. We at 1st Kilworth are quite honoured to be a part of this annual event, in particular as it is one of the two most important days in the Scouting calendar, and because last year's commemoration had been cancelled due to COVID.

1st Kilworth children have also returned to activities they haven't done in almost two years. Over Halloween weekend, the Scouts camped at John's Lee Wood and had a wonderful time carving pumpkins, hiking up to Old John and building a campfire in the rain. In December the Cubs will be camping closer to home at Ullesthorpe Campsite and the Beavers will be attending the Countesthorpe Scout Group's panto at the Sue Townsend Theatre in Leicester.

Charles Lauder, Jr

WILD ABOUT BOSWORTH

Blackbird - *Turdus Merula*

Blackbirds are everyday visitors and people come to recognise individual birds. Females have brown plumage, highlighted with lighter spots on their breasts. Both sexes have bright orange-yellow beaks and eye-rings.

Young males claim a territory in their first spring and once paired with a female, stridently defend their domain until the end of the breeding season in July or August. Territories are re-established in the late autumn and held through the winter.

The location is selected mainly for nesting opportunities, typically amongst evergreen or thorny species such as ivy, holly or hawthorn. They raise 2 or 3, exceptionally four, broods a year of around four eggs. The female builds the nest and sits on the eggs and both parents feed the chicks. The youngsters are incubated for two weeks and fledge about two weeks later when they scutter away to seek cover nearby. It is usually the males that care for these truant offspring. So, if you find a blackbird chick in the undergrowth, just leave it, as it's probably fine. There's a high attrition rate, largely due to domestic cats and chicks can starve during hot dry periods. The good news is, the RSPB has recently upgraded blackbirds' status from 'AMBER' to 'GREEN'.

They are ground feeders, who search for insects and worms, but they will eat berries and fruit in season.

The tuneful song you hear from high places and treetops, will be a male blackbird. They are fantastic songsters who compose individualised melodies. In part by mimicking their neighbours' songs, whistling humans and even the beeps of reversing lorries.

Before the 18th century, larger birds like crows were called 'fowls' and smaller birds, 'birds'. So, blackbirds were the only 'black birds'. Lastly, there's evidence the 'Four calling birds' of Christmas were blackbirds.

Mike Chanter



TOYS ON THE TABLE

Providing toys for deserving
Children in Leicester, Leicestershire and
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This amazing charity works throughout Leicestershire and Rutland, providing NEW toys and gifts for those children, regardless of faith, who might otherwise receive nothing at this festive holiday season. Only new toys are given to these children and it relies upon the generosity of the general public to donate toys or funds.

In 2020, 4350 children benefited from the charity, which aims to give two or three toys per child. Children are referred to the charity by GP's, Social Services, or other community help schemes and those up to age 16 are eligible to benefit.

The Parish Council have kindly offered the Parish Office, 2a Mowsley Road, as a central drop off point. So... if you can, please call during opening hours and Derek will take your donation. Please leave the toy UNWRAPPED and it must be a NEW toy or gift.

Opening hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9.00am - 1.00pm and Wednesday 9.00am - 4.00pm. *[This facility will be open until Thursday, December 16th.]*

Any questions please message or call on 07523146227.

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BYGONE BOSWORTH

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There are a few interesting observations to be made from this photograph of the parish church, taken on January 2nd 2017.

Firstly it is fairly unusual in being taken on a day when snow was on the ground... an increasingly more novel event as humanity careers blindly into global warming.

The second point is the unusual viewpoint of the shot, taken from the Church Hall, showing the back of the church; the north, and less glamorous working side.

Although during the winter (and in the summer...) the congregation may sometimes question the decidedly brisk character-building chilliness of the building, there is a boiler house to heat the church tucked away down cold, dark, steps, beneath the vestry at the back of the church. A spooky job for Boilerman Mike, no kidding...

These days the boiler is fuelled by oil, but in the past the verger would have stoked the boiler with coke or coal - in the picture you can make out the old stone chimney rising above the vestry.



LIGHTING UP BOSWORTH

At a recent meeting of the Parish Council members agreed to provide festive lighting to brighten up the village during the festive season. Two sites; the churchyard and around the Village Hall, were considered as being suitably prominent and visible.

After some discussion, and consultation with the Village Hall Committee and the church members, it was agreed to provide multi-coloured festoon lighting to span the roadside trees around the Village Hall carpark and to provide a decorated Christmas tree, to be sited on the high bank in front of the church tower in the graveyard. It was agreed that both the displays will remain the property of the Parish Council and be available for use in future years, so contractors will be on site at the end of November to install a permanent sleeve for the tree in the graveyard.

The tree is being supplied by Welford Christmas Tree Farm at Portly Ford and will be delivered, sited and decorated on Wednesday, December 1st.

Whilst having electrical work carried out recently at the Village Hall, the Committee took the opportunity to install a suitable external electricity supply for the festoon.

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MORE BOSWORTH IN FOCUS

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We'll meet again...

Forces's sweetheart, Vera Lynn, was perhaps overly optimistic in her wartime ballad, but pointedly didn't specify precise timings for reunion.

At Historical Society HQ, much as we would like to reopen our winter programme and reinstate our regular monthly meetings, we are wary of gathering in the close confines of a meeting room. The Sports Pavilion meeting room, whilst cosy does limit the ability for social distancing and ventilation when a large group is being considered, especially if the large group is generally historical itself!

So, in view of the stubbornness of the statistics, we have decided to err on the side of caution, and see how the pandemic progresses over the crucial Christmas/New Year period. If the picture does then show a sustained improvement we can look at perhaps meeting in the Village Hall or, later in the spring, consider a programme of outdoor visits.

In the meantime please follow us on the Historical Society Facebook page for lively comment about Bosworth history!

PAYMENT DIVERSION FRAUD

Be aware of this scam, which could see you defrauded out of a lot of money, and maybe even make you homeless...

The problem is known as payment diversion fraud, where fraudsters insert themselves into a property purchase, tricking people into transferring over their deposit and/or the balance of purchase monies to them. The frauds almost always involve the criminals pretending to be the victim's solicitor in order to con them into changing their payment details to those of an account that the fraudsters control. One buyer was scammed into handing over £640,000. Emails between the buyer and their solicitor had been intercepted and detailed information relating to the purchase had been collected. Using a fake email account (made to look like that of the solicitor) payment was requested, the amount being exactly what the buyer had expected.

How to protect yourself

Get bank details from your law firm either in person or over the phone at the start of the conveyancing process and agree a robust mechanism by which any legitimate changes in bank details would occur, such as confirming them in person. Law firms almost never change their bank details, so question any changes. Do not feel pressured - use a trusted phone number to check the information, not the one given in the email demanding payment.

Set strong and separate passwords for your accounts, and make sure that you have anti-virus software installed on your devices; these frauds usually rely on email accounts being compromised. To create a strong password, simply choose three random words. Numbers and symbols can still be added if required. Avoid posting on social media about buying/selling your house or getting a mortgage. Fraudsters may get hold of this information and, knowing the next step is a large financial transaction, seek to target you.

If you are making a payment to an account for the first time, transfer a small sum first and then check with the law firm using known contact details that the payment has been received.

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CAUSEWAY COFFEE

The Causeway Coffee group Christmas Lunch will be on Friday, December 10th when we will be going to the Greyhound Inn at Lutterworth for a traditional Christmas Lunch. *[Those attending should already have their menu choices and arrangements for travel to the venue.]*

The Causeway Charity is a social group for the older members of the parish, which meets regularly, 10.00am to 11.30am on the third Friday of each month at the Sports Pavilion. The group is open to those villagers living alone and retired. For more information please call Heather on 880165

ART GROUP

Bosworth Art Group is a small, friendly and informal group of arty minded souls meeting on alternate Tuesday mornings, 10.00am to 12.00noon in the Sports Pavilion, Kilworth Road. Meetings are on a pay-as-you-go basis, £2.50 per session to cover room hire and coffee. The group is self tutored and all mediums and skill levels are welcomed.

Art Group dates for December are: Tuesdays, 7th and 21th.

For details call Melvyn on 880281.

VILLAGE LUNCH

The Village Lunch annual Christmas lunch party will be on Wednesday December 15th at Kilworth Springs Golf Club.

It is always good to meet old friends and make new friends at our regular meals each month, and it is especially welcome that we can get together in this season of joy after all the turmoil of the past couple of years.

The cost of the three course festive meal, with crackers and all of the trimmings is £15. *We traditionally make a donation to the LOROS hospice from the proceeds of our Christmas raffle - this year we will instead be taking a simple collection, so please give generously!*

Date for your 2022 Diary...

The first Village Lunch of the New Year will be on Thursday, January 27th.

CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Committee Room of the Village Hall. This is a friendly and informal gathering where craft-minded practise their crafts in a relaxed atmosphere away from the distractions of home life.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Report of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, November 2nd 2021.

Present: Full Council and one visitor

Visitors Questions

■ The visitor requested an update concerning an untended allotment plot. Council noted that the plot had now been relinquished and will be re-let.

Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, October 5th 2021 were approved and signed as correct.

Matters Arising

■ Clerk updated Council on a recent application for LCC funding to clear the footpath towards Theddingworth. Council felt that the refusal was based on incorrect information and Clerk was asked to revert to LCC.

■ Cllr Meredith confirmed that the grant application for funding to upgrade the Skate Park had been successful.

■ Cllr. Hobson confirmed that she had attended a meeting with representatives of HDC, relating to Section 106 funding. Following on from this meeting a consultant had contacted Council with a view to undertaking an energy audit of the Sports Pavilion.

■ The Clerk confirmed the order for the Christmas Tree to be sited outside the parish church and associated services.

Site meeting regarding the Pavilion hedge with second contractor has been confirmed.

Finance

■ October 2021 Bank Statements and Cashbook reconciliation were presented for review. The statements were accepted as an accurate representation of the financial situation.

Planning Overview

■ The Clerk presented the October planning application summary. It was agreed that this was an accurate representation of the Parish Council's response during this period.

Traffic Matters

■ Cllr. Bolter presented an overview of opportunities for speed reduction measures. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Bolter could engage with LCC Highways Department on behalf of Council.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

■ It was confirmed that the 2022 Bosworth Festival will not be switched to the weekend of the Platinum Jubilee. It was therefore proposed that potential options for Parish Jubilee celebrations be reviewed at a special meeting with interested village groups. It was confirmed that the Beacon on the Sports Field would be lit, as part of a chain of beacons across the country.

Cemetery Wall

■ Clerk confirmed that he had approached a local company with a view to quoting for this work. The contractor had looked at the damaged wall and advised he would like to quote. Despite this, no quote had yet been received.

Defibrillator at Pavilion

■ It was confirmed that NK Football Club would purchase a defibrillator to be sited externally on the Sports Pavilion wall.

Any Other Business

■ The draft lease relating to the Scout Hut had been received. However, concerns were still raised on some elements of the draft. It was agreed to revert to our Solicitor to deal directly with the Scout Association to bring this matter to a speedy conclusion. It was also noted that the Scout Hut was going to be used in breach of the lease. Clerk to write to the Scout Group advising them of this breach of the lease agreement.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the 2022/23 Precept Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, November 23rd 2021 at 7.30pm at the Sports Pavilion.

A full copy of the Minutes can be viewed or downloaded at: www.husbandsbosworthpc.org.uk or by request to the Parish Clerk.

SID REPORT

Readings from the Speed Indicator Device

High Street easterly

Period: 20.10.21 - 27.10.21

Vehicle movements: 13986 Av./day: 1998

Average speed: 25.60mph

Highest recorded speed: 58mph

Welford Road

Period: 27.10.21 - 04.11.21

Vehicle movements: 7924 Av./day: 1132

Average speed: 27.37mph

Highest recorded speed: 61mph

Welford Road

Period: 04.11.21 - 11.11.21

Vehicle movements: 8227 Av./day: 1175

Average speed: 26.93mph

Highest recorded speed: 60mph

Kilworth Road

Period: 11.11.21 - 18.11.21

Vehicle movements: 10782 Av./day: 1540

Average speed: 33.36mph

Highest recorded speed: 75mph

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Christmas Contrasts

On Sunday, November 21st the liturgical year finishes with the celebration of 'Christ the King of the Universe'. The culmination of the Christian hope - our eternal King Christ ruling and reigning over the whole cosmos.

The following Sunday, December 2nd we move into the next liturgical year with the season of Advent - a time when we look forward to celebrating Christ coming among us, being born as a baby in the most humble of circumstances.

I find it quite a shock to the system - one Sunday to be celebrating Christ as the exalted King of the Universe, the next we find ourselves looking at that SAME Christ, born as a baby and lying in an animals' feeding trough on the ground. Doesn't that make your head spin?!

But I suppose that was the whole point that the Church Fathers were trying to make. We need such 'helps' to be reminded of the outrage of the incarnation; of just how unthinkable it is.

In juxtaposing so incongruously these two festivals, the Church Fathers sought to help us be shocked by the incarnation, and by the unthinkable degree of God's love for us. As we celebrate Christmas this year may we all once again be shocked by God's outrageous love for us, and may we be moved to respond with our own costly acts of love and worship.

We are the people of the 'great history', and the people of the 'greater hope'.

Stephen ✠

ST.MARY'S NEWS

We had a lovely Mass on All Souls Day at the end of November, when we remembered those no longer with us. This was well attended and we had a visiting organist, Brother Robert.

A good congregation turned out for this midweek service, which was encouraging as we possibly look to having further celebrations during the week in the future. We have also been grateful to various visiting organists who have supported us following Mary's eye operation. We look forward to Mary playing again soon.

Forthcoming events

There are a number of things happening at St Mary's Church over the next few weeks and I hope that you are able to come to some of them.

Saturday, December 11th - St Mary's Retreat Day led by Peter Green. Peter is a former Methodist Minister and also comes to St Mary's. This is a good opportunity to have some guided reflections in this busy season. The day runs from 10.00am - 3.00pm. Please email to sign up or at St Mary's. There is no charge although you can make a donation on the day to cover the cost of the hire of the room.

Sunday, December 12th - 3.00pm Carol Service followed by a reception [details tbc]

It is wonderful to see St Mary's as a lively little church and I am slowly getting to know you all and enjoying being with you. It is my hope that we will continue to grow as a community in faith and I look forward to the future. I am grateful for the generous welcome St Mary's people have made to the Ordinariate and the support that everyone has shown (hopefully we are all St Mary's people now!). We are also grateful for a donation, which we received in the form of new vestments for the Church, which will help to lift our worship.

With every blessing

Father Matthew ✠

✠CHURCH SERVICES ✠

Hexagon Benefice

DECEMBER

5 th	10.30am Benefice Comm. Shearsby
12 th	10.30am Benefice Comm. B'thorpe
15 th	7.00pm Carol Service HB
16 th	7.00pm Mowsley Carol Service
19 th	10.30am Benefice Comm. with Baptism, Shearsby
25 th	10.30am Benefice Comm. HB <i>Children (and adults) bring your presents to show and tell!</i>
26 th	No Service

JANUARY

2 nd	10.30am Benefice Comm. Arnesby
9 th	10.30am Benefice Comm. Mowsley
16 th	10.30am Benefice Comm. Shearsby
23 rd	10.30am Benefice Comm. B'thorpe
30 th	10.30am Plough Sunday Comm. Thedd.

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DECEMBER

4 th	10.00am -3.30pm Advent Retreat Day [book via Fr Matthew]
12 th	Traditional Carol service 2.00pm
24 th	10.00pm Midnight Mass
25 th	10.30am Mass during the day
26 th	11.00am A quieter Mass!

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Tuesday, December 7 th	Art Group, 10.00am - 12.00pm Sports Pavilion
Tuesday December 7 th	Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm Sports Pavilion
Friday, December 10 th	Causeway Christmas Lunch
Saturday Dec. 11 th & Sun. 12 th	All Saints Christmas Trail, 2.00pm - 6.00pm starting from church
Wednesday, December 15 th	Traditional Carol Service, 7.00pm All Saints
Tuesday, December 21 st	Art Group, 10.00am - 12.00pm Sports Pavilion
Friday, January 21 st	Mobile Library
June 2 nd - 5 th 2022	HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 4 day holiday weekend



LOCAL PLANNING NEWS

The following applications have been submitted to Harborough District Council:

Recently determined application:

- 21/1552/03 (2021/CM/0112/LCC) (*Refused*) Continued use of aggregate bagging plant facility, Husbands Bosworth Quarry, Welford Road
- 21/01743/TCA (*Approved*) Works to trees (fell), 2 The Green
- 21/01776/TCA (*Approved*) Works to trees (fell), Bosworth Hall, 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

LOCAL MINERALS PLAN

County Council Application Number: 2021/CM/0041/LCC

Extraction of sand and gravel. Importation of inert material and topsoil for restoration of the site, installation of concrete batching plant, placement of mineral washing plant and continued use of bagging plant. - Husbands Bosworth Quarry, Welford Road

APPEAL DECISION

Appeal Ref: APP/F2415/W/21/3278895 Southfields Farm, Leicester Road, Husbands Bosworth

- The appeal is made under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- The appeal is made against a refusal to grant planning permission by Harborough District Council.
- The application was refused by notice dated 25 May 2021.
- The development proposed is a change of use of agricultural land to use for tourism accommodation including the erection of three timber holiday lodges, use of existing access drive including alterations to existing access, formation of car parking area and ancillary landscaping.

Decision

The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for a change of use of agricultural land to use for tourist accommodation including the erection of three timber holiday lodges, use of existing access drive including alterations to existing access, formation of car parking area and ancillary landscaping at Southfields Farm, Leicester Road

MOBILE LIBRARY

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