

IN THE SCHOOL'S GOOD BOOKS...

Spring is definitely in the air at Husbands Bosworth School following their recent Ofsted inspection. Graded assessments are no longer given, but the inspectors noted that the school has maintained the high standards identified at the previous inspection, when the grading was 'good'.

The Ofsted inspection team visited the school in January and looked into various aspects of school life - from how the curriculum is built and delivered, to how well supported the children feel academically and emotionally.

The report highlighted the following key points:

- Pupils, staff and parents and carers all agree that this is a small school with a big family feel
- Pupils are inclusive and eager to support one another
- Pupils behave well and are helped to understand their feelings and emotions
- Content is taught in a logical order and builds cumulatively over time
- Early reading is taught well and pupils go on to become fluent readers
- Support for pupils' wider development is a strength

At the inspection the school roll is noted as 98.

For further information on the school or to read the full Ofsted report please visit www.husbandsbosworth.leics.sch.uk or www.reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/143252



TRAVEL PLANS

You will no doubt have heard that our beloved Centrebus 58 service, Market Harborough to Lutterworth, has not only been saved but has been enhanced to allow for additional evening journeys and an extra stop at Market Harborough Train Station. For some probably obscure reason, the service will be renamed LC10 although, mysteriously, it will still be operated by Centrebus...

The new service runs the same timetable as previously during the day, but two later return journeys will improve the lot of those who were previously stuck for transport that fitted in with normal working hours. Hopefully this will encourage more use of the service, which will add to any future arguments that may threaten it or the way it operates.

We are reminded that the county council's subsidised bus services are in constant review and they will obviously not hesitate to cut marginal routes. So, again, *use it or lose it* still applies... Remember that the government-sponsored £3 single journey fare continues.

MONDAY - SATURDAY (No Sunday Service)

Lutterworth, Morrisons	0700	0830	1000	1200	1325	1525	1650	1815
Walcote, Petrol Station	0707	0837	1007	1207	1332	1532	1657	1822
South Kilworth, North Road	0710	0840	1010	1210	1335	1535	1700	1825
North Kilworth, White Lion PH	0714	0844	1014	1214	1339	1539	1704	1829
Husbands Bosworth, High St	0718	0848	1018	1218	1343	1543	1708	1833
Theddingworth, Hothorpe Road	0721	0851	1021	1221	1346	1546	1711	1836
Lubenham, The Green	0727	0857	1027	1227	1352	1552	1717	1842
Market Harborough, Market Hall	0736	0906	1036	1236	1401	1601	1726	1851
Market Harborough, Market Hall	0740	0910	1115	1240	1405	1605	1730	1855
Market Harborough, Rail Stn	0745	0915	1120	1245	1410	1610	1735	1900
Lubenham, The Green	0753	0923	1128	1253	1418	1618	1743	1908
Theddingworth, Hothorpe Road	0756	0926	1131	1256	1421	1621	1746	1911
Husbands Bosworth, High St	0801	0931	1136	1301	1426	1626	1751	1916
North Kilworth, White Lion PH	0805	0935	1140	1305	1430	1630	1755	1920
South Kilworth, North Road	0809	0939	1144	1309	1434	1634	1759	1924
Walcote, Petrol Station	0814	0944	1149	1314	1439	1639	1804	1929
Lutterworth, Morrisons	0822	0952	1157	1322	1447	1647	1812	1937

BIGGER BOSWORTH

Thank you to everyone who came along to the recent Neighbourhood Plan introductory evening. Even if you are not able to help out with the review, your views and the discussion on the evening will go forward into the melting pot with all the other comments, evaluations and assessments as the community's thoughts on how you would like the village to develop. If you have any strong views or particular thoughts on any aspect of how the village and wider parish should embrace the proposed changes please email the Parish Clerk: clerk@husbandsbosworthpc.org.uk or call in at the Parish Office, 2a Mowsley Road.

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BUGLE POSTBAG

From A Disgruntled Householder, Bosworth

Through the pages of the *Bugle* can I appeal to those car drivers who persist in parking their vehicles inconsiderately opposite or close to folks' driveways making it difficult or impossible for the householder to get in or out of their property?

Many parts of the village are blighted by narrow roads and awkward junctions, however there are plenty of places where cars can be parked without inconveniencing residents and possibly restricting access to delivery and emergency vehicles.

Editor's Note: We heard recently of a fuel delivery lorry that couldn't get through to an address in the village and turned around and went away... not to mention the bin-lorry.

Our own Mike Price, who you will probably have seen tuning up his running shoes around the village over the past couple of months, will be participating in the London Marathon on Sunday 27th April in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. Any donations to this worthwhile charity would be greatly appreciated by Mike, making all the hard work of training worthwhile.

Catch Mike at 3 Highcroft or 880902 for more details.

POLICE FILE



To contact your Dedicated Neighbourhood Team (DNT) online, use the quick and simple online contact tool - Search *Lutterworth Police*. You will be asked a few questions to make sure your query gets to the right place.

Leicestershire Police Road Safety Team are trialing a new approach to road safety with two new 'state-of-the-art' Trucam II speed cameras, which combine a speed-detecting laser with a video recording function, can capture the information needed to prosecute offenders without them having to be stopped. The cameras, which are road-side stationed can detect speeds, but can also be used to capture evidence of traffic offences such as not wearing seat belts and illegal mobile phone usage. They also record moving footage and provide a high-definition image which can be processed without the need to stop the vehicles at the scene and will be helpful in tackling illegal car-meets and street racing incidents.



The cameras cost about £9,000 each and were paid for by Section 106 contributions from developers, as part of local planning approvals.

The Road Safety Team were in Husbands Bosworth recently, testing the new technology on High Street.

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BOSWORTH IN FOCUS

WILD ABOUT BOSWORTH

On a recent walk down the quarry lane, we caught sight of a pair of red kites wheeling extravagantly overhead in the blue sky and mewing, presumably in an elaborate courtship display. To be honest it's not a surprise to see red kites locally. They've been around here for a few years now and seem to be well established in the area, largely displacing the few buzzards that stalked the area previously. Slightly larger than the buzzard, the kite has a more leisurely, effortless gliding flight, where the long forked tail is very evident. Their distinctive brick-red body plumage contrasts with white and dark brown in the wings.

No, it's not a surprise to see them... the surprise is that we're not surprised to see them! Thirty years ago red kites were only seen in a few small pockets in Wales, having been persecuted almost to extinction. My 1959 *Observer's Book of British Birds* doesn't mention them at all and the 1991 *RSPB Book of Birds* has no picture and only graces them with a brief '...limited to a small number of breeding pairs in mid-Wales'.

Their comeback is the result of one of the UK's most successful wildlife reintroductions. In 1990, two native Welsh birds and a small number of Spanish birds were released in the Chiltern Hills on the Oxfordshire/Buckinghamshire border. Over the next four years more birds were released in the area and releases in other parts of the country followed.

The birds that we see are probably the result of the release of birds in Wakerley Woods, near Corby in Northamptonshire in 1995. The enlargement of their range seems to confirm a spread westwards from the Wakerley focus in the east, rather than from the Chilterns to the south; first appearing in the east of Harborough district and now seen across the whole of south Leicestershire. Today there are estimated to be 1,800 breeding pairs in the UK.



SCOUTING FOR BOSWORTH

1st Kilworth Scout Group are starting to take advantage of the brighter weather to enjoy more activities outside during our section meetings. Scouts have thoroughly enjoyed making pancakes and participating in a Pancake Olympics - partly by torchlight to add to the fun!

Beavers have connected with their senses outside and tried some yoga to help nurture good mental health and awareness.

Inside the hut, Cubs have thoroughly enjoyed making noodles and taste testing them, a close win between BBQ and chicken flavours. Cubs were also able to visit Lutterworth Leisure Centre for a kayaking session, which was a fun challenge with lots of the young people having their first time doing a water sport.

As the spring and summer terms progress, the Scout Troop will be tending to the hut, testing their D.I.Y skills out. If you see them whilst visiting the park, please give them a wave and word of encouragement.

As always, we are looking for more adults to help. At the moment we are running Beavers and Scouts with a bare minimum of adults. If you feel you could offer some time to help, whilst developing new skills yourself, please do get in touch via kilworthbeavers@gmail.com or kilworthscouts@gmail.com

Louise Hepworth



OPEN GARDENS SCHEME

On April 27th Westbrooke House at Little Bowden [LE16 8AX] opens, 10.00am - 4.30pm. The six acres of garden, includes mature lime and redwood trees, a walled garden and a wildlife pond. For the April opening in leaf will be acers, hostas, rhododendrons with

dog-tooth violets, primroses and narcissus. Over 10,000 tulips will provide a spectacular display, which this year features bold oranges and yellows. A white wisteria will be coming into bloom and there is access to the bluebell wood.

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SCHOOL REPORT

HUSBANDS BOSWORTH C. of E. PRIMARY SCHOOL Head of School Alison Vickers

An amazing eleven of our swimmers took to the pool in Market Harborough to swim against other schools in the Small Schools Swimming Gala. After gaining first place in half of the races, we were crowned joint first and are now through to the final, which will be held at Leicester Grammar School. We are so proud of all of them. Well done Team HB!



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BYGONE BOSWORTH

Images from the Historical Society's Archive Collection

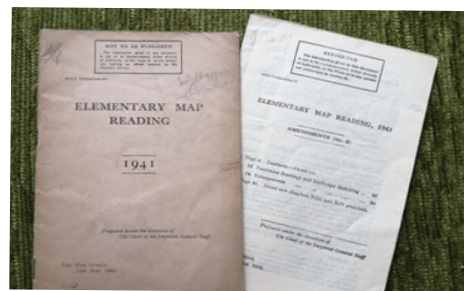
We're always pleased to see items of historical interest, especially if they are local. Whilst these booklets and notes, passed to us by villager Sue Hicks, are not actually local, they do relate to wartime civil defence and her father's time in the Home Guard. Certainly, the men in the group in the photograph would have been familiar with them and their content. The photo is of the Husbands Bosworth & Theddingworth Home Guard and was taken in the grounds of Gumley Hall on the occasion of their 'stand down' in 1944. The artefacts relate to Home Guard training and procedure and are remarkable survivors from the time.



Particularly interesting is this simple HG sign that would have been displayed in a vehicle windscreen whilst on Home Guard duties. One can imagine the urge to tear up and throw away these reminders of fraught times once they were no longer needed...



Initially set up as the Local Defence Volunteers (LDV), the Home Guard was an unpaid armed citizen militia supporting



the 'Home Forces' of the British Army during World War II. Operational from 1940 to 1944, the Home Guard comprised more than 1.5 million volunteers otherwise ineligible for military service, such as those who were too young or too old to join the regular armed services and those in reserved occupations. Their primary role was to act as a secondary defence force for their local communities in the event of an invasion.



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HB School

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St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church

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Tennis Club

Contact: George Walker 880222

Village Lunch

Contact: Jo Hutton 07534 057575

Village Hall

Bookings: Sue Fisher 880026

ART GROUP

Bosworth Art Group is a small, friendly and informal group of arty minded souls meeting on alternate Tuesday mornings, 10.30am to 12.30pm 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.

Interested? Come along and try a session... Art Group dates for April are: Tuesdays, 1st, 15th and 29th.

For details call Melvyn on 880281.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next Historical Society meeting will be on Wednesday, April 2nd, when we will be holding our Annual General Meeting.

The AGM will be followed by an illustrated talk by member, Helen Allen, who will be recalling her time living in the village of Invergarry in Highland Scotland - *A Highland Village*. Helen's presentation promises clans, kilts and Clearances!

This will be our last formal indoor meeting of the season.

Meanwhile, look out for details of our summer outing in June or July to the Framework Knitter's Museum at Wigston. Homeworking and piecework manufacturing was a major cottage industry during Victorian times, with items being sent out from the factories for finishing in the local villages, including Bosworth. The Museum still has much of the original machinery, housed in a typical workshop, which would have been within a domestic home.

An added bonus is that they have a garden and serve refreshments during the summer.

VILLAGE LUNCH

The next village lunch will be on Tuesday April 29th at the Kilworth Springs Golf Club South Kilworth Road, North Kilworth. We meet at 12.30pm to eat at 1.00pm.

The Village Lunch is a great place for those new to the area, retired or living alone to meet up with old friends, catch up with all the local gossip and make new friends whilst enjoying an excellent home cooked meal in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

The cost of the two-course meal including tea/coffee and mints is £13.50 per person. All dietary needs are catered for, please ask for details.

Please call Jo on 07534057575 to book a place or for any other information.

Next month's Village Lunch date:

Wednesday, May 28th

CAUSEWAY COFFEE

The next Causeway Coffee is on Friday, April 11th at the Sports Pavilion, Kilworth Road, 10.00am to 11.30am.

Causeway Coffee Mornings are on the second Friday of each month and are open to anyone in the parish who is retired and living alone.

Come along and have a coffee and a piece of cake with us, have a chat and browse our extensive jigsaw and book library.

If you hear of anyone living locally who may be alone, vulnerable or needing support let the Causeway team know - we offer a warm and friendly welcome to everyone...

CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, 7.00pm to 9.00pm. This is a friendly and informal gathering where craft-minded people can pick up new ideas and practise their craft in a relaxed atmosphere away from the distractions of home life.

For details contact Gail on 880413.



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- Towels
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Report of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion
Present: 5 Councillors and 4 members of the public. Apologies received from Cllr. East.

Visitors Questions

■ A trustee from the Millennium Woodland Trust attended the meeting to discuss the potential transfer of the ownership of the Woodland to the Parish Council. Council agreed that more information relating to the transfer and ownership was needed. It was agreed to discuss this at the next PC meeting, when more information from both parties should be available

■ Two representatives from North Kilworth Football Club (NKFC) attended the meeting to discuss a proposed 6 year FA sponsored Ground Management Project to improve the Sports Field and to request a degree of funding support from Council. Council agreed to discuss this as an agenda item later in the meeting

■ A resident had noted a pothole at the bottom of Bell Lane (A 5199) where Bell Lane becomes Leicester Road. Clerk to report to LCC Highways

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed as correct

Matters Arising (for report only)

■ Clerk confirmed the pothole outside Bosworth Hall had been repaired

■ Clerk notified the contractor that his quote had been accepted to re-paint the cemetery railings and play park equipment.

■ Clerk confirmed the key safe for the Pavilion had been purchased

■ Clerk advised that the quarry road cleaning had been extended

Finance

■ The monthly schedule of receipts and payments, bank statements and reports were received and agreed.

Harborough District Council Local Plan 2025 to 2041

■ Council noted the recently published draft HDC Local Plan and an allocated 105 new homes to Husbands Bosworth and agreed to monitor the development of the Plan

FA Pitch Improvement Scheme

■ Council reviewed the proposal submitted earlier by North Kilworth Football Club. Council felt that there would be benefits to the parish and agreed to support the project.

Neighbourhood Plan Review

■ Clerk and Cllr. Forman summarised recent work on the Neighbourhood Plan Review and distributed recently received documentation. It was agreed to promote a public meeting on Monday 10th March 2025

Community Grant Fund

■ Cllr. Hobson confirmed that she and the Clerk would attend a Community Grant meeting. Despite publicising the availability of the grant widely, no village groups had responded

Pavilion Interior Project

■ Council agreed the next stage of this project, the council agreed to review images from the Historical Society archives that may be suitable for the frieze, should the grant application be successful.

Car Boot Sale – Playing Field

■ Council received an enquiry from a group wishing to hold a car boot sale on the Playing Field. It was agreed to discuss this further when the insurance situation of the group is known

VE Day 80th Anniversary

■ Cllr. Bolter agreed to lead the planning for this event. In line with national activities, there should be church bell ringing and Beacon Lightning

Annual Parish Meeting

■ The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 1st April, followed by the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Councillor Surgeries

■ After discussion, it was agreed that the Councillor Surgeries would take place every second month starting in July 2025, as there is no Parish Council Meeting in July. Two councillors will attend each session.

Any Other Business

■ Following a query from a resident, clerk confirmed that the small green on Highcroft is on Council's grass cutting schedule. Clerk was asked to arrange the removal of ivy on the tree

Next Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st April, at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion, followed by the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting at 8.30pm
A full copy of the Minutes can be viewed or downloaded at: www.husbandsbosworthpc.org.uk or by request to the Parish Clerk.

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

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

Saved by the Cross

There is a very strange story in the book of the prophet Ezekiel in the Old Testament. It is a nightmare that God gives to the prophet, as a warning to share with the community.

In this nightmare, God sends destroying angels through the community to kill anyone who is living in a way that is sinful, selfish, and hurting others. It is a nightmare because the community is currently doing very badly. They have turned away from God. Their lives are full of selfishness and greed, and the poor are being crushed and oppressed. So, men and women, old and young, are all to be struck down by destroying angels. Horrific!

But the story has an odd wrinkle. Before sending out the angels, God commissions another angel to go throughout the community to identify everyone who is upset by all the wickedness in their community. These people are to be marked on their foreheads. Whenever the destroying angels see this mark, that person will be kept safe.

What is interesting is that in the Hebrew - the language in which this part of the Bible was first written - the word we translate 'mark' is actually 'tav'. 'Tav', the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The letter 'tav' originated as a sign of two crossed sticks that marked a certain, agreed place. So, if people were agreeing where to build a house, or where to put up a fence, they would mark the place with two crossed sticks, like when we still say, 'X marks the spot'. So, 'tav' came to symbolise an agreement. So, in Ezekiel's nightmare, the 'tav' put on people's foreheads was a sign that they agreed with God about all the horrible things going on in their community.

Six hundred years later, when Jesus died on the cross, Christians finally understood that the mark of the 'tav' was actually a secret code. It was to show us that it is the cross of Jesus that keeps us safe from the punishment our sins deserve. Jesus' death is what saves us.

Like the people in Ezekiel's nightmare, we are saved by the cross and putting a cross on your forehead became something we do in church at baptism, when the priest traces a cross with holy oil on the person's forehead - the spiritual mark or seal that shows that this person is now protected, forgiven of their sin, and that they now belong to Jesus because they carry his mark. The Ash Wednesday liturgical practice of tracing an ash cross on our foreheads is another instance of this. We go into the period of Lent marked by Christ's cross, the cross that saves.

Stephen †

Parish Notices

Ivor Dann

formerly of Fernie Court

Passed away 11th February 2025

Age 83 years

Nicholas Raven

formerly of Church Lane

Passed away 26th February 2025

Age 82 years

† R.I.P †

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Holy Week and Easter Services

Maundy Thursday

17th April Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watch 7.30pm

Good Friday

18th April Liturgy of the Day 3.00pm

Holy Saturday

19th April Easter Vigil 8.00pm

Easter Sunday

20th April Festival Mass 10.00am

Normal Services each week

Mass: Tues. & Thurs. 10.00am, Wed. 7.00pm

Evensong: Wednesday 6.30pm

Morning Prayer: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am

Father Matthew †

† CHURCH SERVICES †

Hexagon Benefice

April

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Sunday 20th Easter Sunday

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Sunday 27th 10.30am Arnesby

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