

LAST POST

Sadly, Husbands Bosworth & Theddingworth Branch of the Royal British Legion have recently announced that the branch is to close after 100 years of dedicated service to armed forces personnel and veterans.

In our picture [right] we see Standard Bearer, John Clarke, who took over the honour from his father, Aubrey, passing the Standard to his grandson, Reuben Clarke at the British Legion parade on Remembrance Sunday 2023.

Sadly, this was the last time that the Branch Standard is likely to be paraded, as on the closure of the branch, the Standard must be laid up. Meanwhile, arrangements have been made for the Standard to be finally furled and laid up in All Saints Church.

The village will continue to honour those who have given their lives in service to the country by carrying on the tradition of parading with the Scouts and Brownies to the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday and supporting the Poppy Day Appeal.

[Below] The Branch parade in Honeypot Lane 1987



CANAL CLOSURE

The Canal and River Trust, which administers the Grand Union Canal through Husbands Bosworth, have given notice that they intend to close Husbands Bosworth canal tunnel to navigation on Saturday, April 27th, from 10.30am to 1.30pm. Between these times boaters will not be able to navigate through the tunnel. The closure is necessary to enable the Trust to carry out staff safety, rescue and recovery training on site.

The public is assured that, whilst full towpath access and passage will be maintained at all times, visitors will need to take extra care, as there is likely to be more activity in the area during the operation.

STAMP RISE

Postage rates go up again from April 2nd, when the fourth increase in two years will take the price of a first-class stamp up to £1.35 and the cost of the second-class service to 85p. Back in March 2022, first-class stamps cost 85p and second-class stamps were 66p, but there has since been a run of increases, most recently last October.

Royal Mail said the new price of first- and second-class stamps remained below the average prices in Europe of £1.66 and £1.26 respectively.

It said the number of letters sent had fallen from 20bn in 2004-05 to 7bn in 2022-23, while the number of addresses had risen by 4m.

Under the terms of the Universal Service Obligation (USO) Royal Mail is legally bound to offer a six days a week and a single price point delivery service of all addressed mail to the UK's 32m addresses.

Editor's note: Royal Mail is currently trying to renegotiate the terms of the USO to reduce the number of delivery days per week.



BUGLE POSTBAG

From James Bolter, Husbands Bosworth & Theddingworth Branch Royal British Legion
It is with a heavy heart that the membership of the local branch of the Royal British Legion announce the formal winding up of the branch.

Our branch was founded in 1924 to support veterans of the Great War and it then went into a brief period of suspended animation from 1940 to 1945 until the next generation of veterans from World War II returned from the battlefields.

Members will continue to support the Poppy Appeal every year but our Branch Standard will be laid up at Husbands Bosworth Parish Church in the coming months.

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.

LUTTERWORTH BEAT SURGERIES

Tuesday, April 9th, 6.00pm - 7.00pm
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Friday, April 19th, 11.00am - 11.30am
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Friday, April 19th, 2.30pm - 3.00pm
Leys Crescent, South Kilworth

SECRET POLICE

On Thursday May 2nd the electorate gets the chance to change the country's administrative landscape when we go to the polls... Unfortunately this is not our opportunity to vote on the state of the nation - this time we will be voting for who we would like to be our Police Commissioner...

I know... at *Bugle* HQ we are also beside ourselves with excitement at the prospect. Just in case you are wondering exactly what the Police Commissioner does, here is a run-down of his (or her?) duties.

- set local policing priorities in response to community concerns and crime trends
- set the portion of our Council Tax that is allocated to local policing
- liaise with individuals and communities, and host Police and Crime Panel
- provide grants for road safety and crime awareness issues
- ensure an effective link to the national Criminal Justice and judicial system
- consult, listen to and involve the public with regard to local concerns
- set out a five year Police and Crime Plan, set an annual budget
- ensure local policing gives value for money
- hold the Chief Constable to account
- appoint, and if necessary dismiss, the Chief Constable...

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BOSWORTH IN FOCUS

WILD ABOUT BOSWORTH

Crab apple - *Malus sylvestris*

This time of the year crab apple trees provide a stunning splash of colour at the western end of millennium wood. Its scientific name means 'forest apple'. Previously, crab apples were thought to be the progenitor of modern cultivated apples, but DNA analysis has shown that honour goes to *malus sieversii*, a wild apple from southern Kazakhstan. Apple tree genes are so hybridized nowadays though that species can only be positively identified by DNA testing.

Typically, crab apples can be found growing in hedges and woodland margins. They don't grow well in densely wooded areas as they are poor at competing for sunlight. In spring its sweetly scented pink-white blossom is a welcome pollen source for bees and other insects. When the leaves appear, they're a food resource for caterpillars, including those of the magnificent eyed hawkmoth. Due to their long flowering period, crab apples are often planted in commercial orchards as pollinating partners for cultivated trees. As a result, trees that grow from discarded apple cores frequently exhibit crab apple characteristics.

In late summer the fruit ripens into small, green apples. You can usually find a carpet of them on the towpath next to the Board Lane canal bridge. Naturally, this bounty doesn't go to waste and it's an important autumnal resource for local wildlife, including badgers, blackbirds, thrushes, mice and voles. Of course, they are harvested by foragers with a taste for crab apple jelly and crab apple wine. Mythologically, crab apples symbolise fertility and are associated with love and marriage. It is also said you can test if the love of your life is true by throwing their pips into a fire - provided they explode all is well...

Regarding last month's article on violets, though I cannot be 100% certain, the lack of stolons and scent leads me to believe they are dog violets.

Mike Chanter



SCOUTING FOR BOSWORTH

I would like to start with a huge thank you to all who supported our recent book sale. It was a successful fund-raiser and we really enjoyed meeting lots of you, who had either been leaders in days gone by or were involved in the construction of the Scout Hut. It was heartwarming to hear your memories and words of encouragement. We will be planning some more events throughout the year in the hope of engaging with the community more. Watch this space!

All our sections have been working hard on badges, including, Astronomy, Experiment, Safety and Faith. Cubs are excited and are looking forward to be stretching their legs and hiking to a secret location for their Easter sleep-over. There have been some interesting guesses from the young people as to where they will end up, but they won't find out until they arrive at their destination! We have let them down gently by telling them already that it is not a follow on from the Astronomy badge and they will be remaining firmly on planet Earth! All will be revealed next month!

There are lots of upcoming District and County events to keep the young people (and their taxi driver parents) active. We are entering teams into the Rambling Fox incident hike and celebrating St. George's Day at Ullesthorpe Camp Site.

After the Easter break there will be a couple of spaces available in Beavers for anyone aged 6/7. If you have eligible children, please email kilworthbeavers@gmail.com for more information.

Louise Hepworth

TENNIS CLUB

Spring has sprung, so it's time to exercise... The Tennis Club Annual General Meeting and Enrolment Evening will be on Thursday, April 25th at the Bell Inn, from 7.00pm. Members and prospective new members are warmly welcomed.

For any further information please call George Walker on 880222

CAUSEWAY COFFEE

The next meeting of the Causeway Coffee group will be on Friday, April 12th.

The group welcomes new members... If you are retired and living alone come along for a cuppa and a friendly chat.

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SCHOOL REPORT

HUSBANDS BOSWORTH C. of E. PRIMARY SCHOOL Head Teacher Alan Eathorne

Husbands Bosworth Primary School - Farm School update

Class 4 were lucky enough to spend the morning with Leicestershire & Rutland Young Farmers Club last month, to discover all about Young Farmers Clubs and careers in agriculture. Thank you to County Chairman, Matt Kirk and County Organiser, Emma Lovegrove for visiting as part of our Farm School initiative. The children had a great time discovering all the job roles that go into producing a supermarket sandwich - helping them to realise how interesting, diverse and exciting the agricultural industry is. Everyone (including the staff) learnt loads and the children did the school proud with their farming knowledge and quiz scores.

Thank you to Leicestershire Young Farmers for all their support and we hope to see them back again soon - especially as we've got a few new farming recruits ready to start work ASAP!



BYGONE BOSWORTH

Images from the Historical Society's Archive Collection

Villager, Mike Chanter recently came across mobile farrier, Phil Duffin expertly shoeing Milly at Highcroft Farm.

In the wild, feral horses travel up to fifty miles a day in search of food, slowly abrading their hooves and keeping them healthy. The pampered life of domesticated horses, living in stables and paddocks, causes their hooves to soften and suffer from splitting. An early solution to the problem was shoes made from woven material or hide. It is unknown when iron horseshoes were introduced, but there are records of them being used in England in 900AD. Shoeing, when performed correctly, causes no pain to the animal - a bit like a mani-pedi...



The superstition regarding the luck of horseshoes derives from the legend that when Saint Dunstan, was working as a farrier the Devil asked him to shoe his horse. Dunstan accepted the commission but craftily nailed the shoe to the Devil's foot! Amid cries of pain, the Devil pleaded to have the shoe removed. Dunstan agreed, only on condition he swore never to enter a household with a horseshoe nailed above the door.



This image from our Archive shows the organised chaos in the High Street workshop of the last practising village blacksmiths, John Turner and Bill French. At this time the local blacksmith had to be a jack-of-all-trades, not only shoeing horses but also repairing machinery and making hand tools, servicing the needs of local farmers and hunting stables.

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Badminton Club

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HB School

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Historical Society

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Millennium Woodland Trust

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Parish Council

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Sports Pavilion & Playing Field

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St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church

Contact: Matthew Pittam 01788 833547

Tennis Club

Contact: George Walker 880222

Turville Memorial Hall

Contact: Liz Linnel-Jones ????

Village Lunch

Contact: Jo Hutton 07534 057575

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Historical Society will be our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, April 3rd, 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Kilworth Road.

The AGM will be followed by an illustrated talk by member Peter Bugge, who will be taking us behind the scenes of the mysterious liveries and guilds...

'*The Livery Companies of the City of London*' - the history of the medieval Guilds, their present activities and their relevance today.

We welcome visitors and friends to all our meetings - we do request a door charge of £2.50 for non-members. Coffee/teas and biscuits served afterwards.

This will be our last indoor meeting of the season.

We have arranged a summer outing to the Ashby Canal Association headquarters at Snarestone Wharf near Ashby on Wednesday, June 26th.

The site has a visitor centre, shop and picnic area beside the Ashby Canal. We have been promised a historical tour and will have the chance to walk the course of the proposed canal restoration towards Moira.

VILLAGE LUNCH

The next village lunch will be on Tuesday April 30th 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 if you would like to book a place, arrange transport to the venue or for any other information.

Next month's Village Lunch date:
Wednesday May 29th

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? Why not come along and give us a try...

Art Group dates for April are: Tuesdays, 2nd, 16th and 30th.

For more information please call Melvyn on 880281.

PUDDING CLUB

Saturday, April 27th in the Village Hall 7.00pm to 9.00pm

A special treat for those of a sweet disposition - don't forget All Saints Church Pudding Evening. Skip pud that night and come along and join us... there will be loads of scrummy puddings to try, and ideas to take home.

There's no need to book - just come along with your sweet tooth and a bit of cash - this is a FREE event, but donations are requested in aid of All Saints Church funds. There will also be a quiz session and raffle...

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NPhoto Magazine Issue 160

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Husbands Bosworth Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion

Present: Full Council and one visitor

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as correct

Matters Arising for report only

- ☐ Clerk advised that the application process to move bank accounts would not now be undertaken until the new financial year
- ☐ Clerk confirmed the successful contractors had been advised that their quotations had been accepted in relation to parish maintenance work.
- ☐ Clerk advised that the current parish office laptop will be replaced
- ☐ Clerk noted thanks from the PCC for the offer of a donation towards refurbishment of church clock face.

Finance

- ☐ February 2024 Bank Statements, Cashbook and Bank Reconciliation were presented and accepted

Planning Overview

- ☐ February 2024 planning application summary was presented and agreed as accurate

Parish Office – Future Electricity Contract

- ☐ After review it was proposed that a 24-month quote be accepted

PC Website Provider

- ☐ Clerk advised that we await updated proposals from our current provider's successor company.

[To be added to the April PC meeting agenda]

Neighbourhood Plan Review

- ☐ In order to progress the Neighbourhood Plan review it was agreed that Councillors will provide feedback on any areas where they feel updates should be considered. Cllr. Forman agreed to collate and liaise with HDC

Cllr. Hobson left the meeting at this point and Cllr. Bolter took over the Chair

Millennium Pavilion

- ☐ Lighting - Posts for the solar-powered lights over the Pavilion car-park have been installed. Clerk is currently assessing options for installation of the lighting units. Provision for mains power, if necessary in the future has been incorporated in the installation
- ☐ Bench - The Knight memorial bench has been placed and secured
- ☐ Waste Bin - A waste bin has been installed on the Playing Field
- ☐ Furniture - 28 new Pavilion meeting room chairs have been delivered

Financial Auditor (Internal)

- ☐ After review it was agreed that the existing auditor be reappointed for the 2023/2024 internal audit process.

Old Green

- ☐ Clerk advised that no response had been received regarding the issue relating to the Coronation Oak on the Old Green

Charles III Coronation Oak

- ☐ It was agreed to progress the provision of the Charles III Coronation Oak with a different supplier

Any Other Business

- ☐ Cllr. Forman asked if the Historical Society could hang framed items in the Pavilion for public interest. *[To be added to the April PC meeting agenda]*

- ☐ Council heard that the Bosworth Festival Committee would be prepared to fund some form of catering at the D Day anniversary beacon lighting on 6th June. *[To be added to the April PC meeting agenda]*

- ☐ Clerk was asked to investigate the provision of signage from sponsors of recent community projects

- ☐ Cllr. Bolter confirmed that the Husbands Bosworth Branch of the Royal British Legion will close and the Husbands Bosworth Standard can no longer be used. The Bosworth Festival Committee has agreed to purchase a Union Flag and pole for use on parade duties

- ☐ Clerk reminded Council that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 2nd April, when a speaker from the East Midland Ambulance Service will give a short talk on the benefits of defibrillators.

Next Meeting

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 2nd April 2024 at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion followed by an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting at 8.00pm

LOCAL OFFICERS

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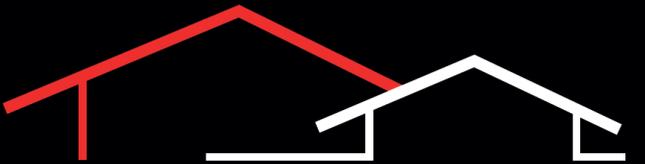


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ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

John 19.26-27

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple, whom he loved, standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son'. Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

It is difficult to even imagine Mary's pain, as she stands at the foot of the cross watching her son die in agony. She stands there in unimaginable torment of soul, watching all her dreams and hopes shatter before her eyes.

All those angelic visitations, all those divine promises, all those wonderful words about all generations calling her blessed, all the successful ministry and the miracles - all fallen to dust and ashes.

Where is God now? Where are all those wonderful promises and prophecies now? How do you find the courage to make it through such horror? Well, Mary is supported by others, present with her, sharing her pain - Mary's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene, plus the Beloved disciple John. Jesus also helps Mary, by giving her a new role. She is losing her son, but she can be a mother to his closest friend, John.

Catholic theologians see this event as deeply meaningful, and understand this passage telling us that Mary is being designated as the mother of all Christians. The beloved disciple, John, represents all believers. So, Jesus is saying that Mary is now the mother of all the faithful.

The moment is highly significant. It is the culmination of Jesus' life and mission. Who are there - his mother, and his closest disciple. Mary, who was the first to believe, and John who was the best believer. Two people who have stayed with Jesus right to the end. One is his blood-mother, the other is in a chosen relationship of devoted discipleship. The two people who believe in Jesus the most, are brought together at the foot of the cross, and a new family is created. We often think of Pentecost as the birth of the Church, but perhaps it is right here in this moment. Two people, both devoted to Christ, are brought into a new familial relationship - the Church, the family of Christ. As Christ's blood is shed on the cross, he makes Mary and John, blood-relations. As Christians we are also blood-relatives, united by the blood of Jesus.

Do you see the wonder of this!? Jesus, at the very moment of greatest weakness, at the very point of death, achieves His greatest success. He creates the Church.

Easter is complicated to celebrate. The horror of Good Friday, with its betrayal, denial, abandonment, torture, false accusation and agonising death, all of which should be acknowledged. But then the joy of Easter Sunday, Christ's victory, the great reversal.

As you celebrate Easter, you might think of the role mothers play in all that, and give thanks for those that have mothered you, whether birth mothers or otherwise.

Easter Blessings.

Stephen †

ST.MARY'S NEWS

Please Note: From Easter Sunday our Sunday Mass will be at 10.00am

Midweek Services

☐ Tuesday: We have a house Mass each week which rotates around different venues in the village area. We gather in peoples homes to say Mass and then have refreshments afterwards. Please email Fr. Matthew for details.

☐ Wednesday: 6.30pm Evensong. 7.00pm Mass

☐ Thursday: 9.30am Morning Prayer. 10.00am Mass



†CHURCH SERVICES †

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† R.I.P †

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

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Father Matthew †

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● Tuesday April 2 nd	Art Group 10.30am - 12.30pm
● Tuesday April 2 nd	Annual Parish Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Sports Pavilion
● Wednesday April 3 rd	Historical Society AGM followed by 'The Guilds of London', 7.30pm Sports Pavilion
● Friday April 12 th	Causeway Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 11.30am Sports Pavilion
● Saturday April 13 th	FOBS Bingo Night [Note date change]
● Tuesday April 16 th	Art Group 10.30am - 12.30pm
● Friday April 19 th	Mobile library
● Saturday April 27 th	pudding Evening, 7.00pm - 9.00pm Village Hall
● Tuesday April 30 th	Village Lunch, 12.30pm Kilworth Springs Golf Club
● Thursday May 2 nd	POLLING DAY Police & Crime Commissioner election
● Tuesday May 7 th	Parish Council Annual Meeting followed by Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
● Saturday May 18 th	FOBS Safari Supper
● Tuesday May 29 th	Village Lunch
● Saturday June 6 th	D-Day 80 celebrations
● Friday June 7 th	All Saints Foodbank Collection and Coffee Morning
● Wednesday June 26 th	Historical Society Summer Outing

LOCAL PLANNING NEWS

The following applications have been submitted to Harborough District Council:

- 23/01360/LBC Replacement window to gable end of north west flanking range, Canal Wharf, Welford Road
 - 24/00102/LBC Installation of four replacement windows to the rear elevation, 11 Church Street
 - 24/00202/NMA Changes to landscaping and materials (proposed non-material amendment of 22/00178/VAC), 9 Broad Lane
 - 24/00220/VAC Erection of two dwellings (Reserved Matters of 18/01313/OUT including details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale). Variation of Condition 5 (Plans) of 19/01080/REM, 9 Broad Lane
 - 24/00221/FUL Erection of two detached garages, 9 Broad Lane
 - 24/00283/FUL Installation of air source heat pump to the rear elevation, 10 Fernie Court
 - 24/00292/FUL Installation of air source heat pump, 9 Fernie Court
 - 24/00294/CMA LCC/RMS Non-material amendment to Plot 1 to comply with Natural England GCN licence (proposed non-material amendment of 2021/0683/03) LCC reference 2023/VOCM/0093/LCC, Husbands Bosworth Quarry, Welford Road
 - 24/00324/FUL Single storey side and rear extension, 14 Lammas Close
 - 24/00335/PDN Determine of Prior Approval for proposed change of use from commercial to dwellinghouse, Old Barn Farm Welford Road
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