



QUESTION TIME

The analysis of the recent parish questionnaire is in, and has thrown up some interesting results. Since the last exercise was carried out in 2018 a number of elements of the local demographic have changed radically.

In many cases changes directly linked to the after-effects of the covid pandemic in 2020. In 2018 only 21% of respondents worked from home on a regular basis. Today over 60% of respondents in employment work at least three days a week from home. This is also reflected in the increase in the number of businesses that are run from the village - no doubt also partly a reflection of the improved internet speed and coverage. However, mobile phone coverage, which was a major grievance in 2018, is still noted by almost three-quarters of respondents as poor or bad.

Other fundamental changes to the demographic come with the new developments that have been built recently, clearly bringing in younger villagers with families, the survey revealing that 25% of respondents are under 40 years of age, although those over 60 years of age count for half the population!

Despite recent improvements to the bus service, the car is still king, with 86% of people reliant on a car to access outside services and for travelling to work. When we come to location, unsurprisingly, respondents noted the rural location, but with easy links to the major road system. The sense of 'community' and village facilities and services; shop, cash dispenser, pubs, GP surgery and dispensary, all featured very strongly in responses, as did strong support for the village school and local pre-school facilities.

Understandably, traffic issues featured strongly again, this time around, with over three-quarters of respondents concerned about the speed and volume of traffic and HGV traffic in particular. Policing issues highlighted included the lack of visual presence policing and response to local issues, such as fly-tipping. Anti-social behaviour, relating to dog-fouling in particular, and low but significant, incidents of petty vandalism and fly-tipping were noted in many comments.

A public meeting to highlight the results of the questionnaire will be staged in the near future. Meanwhile, copies of the full report of the questionnaire results are available on request to the Parish Clerk.

LOCAL SHUFFLE

You may recall that in July we ran an article about Leicester City Council's proposal to extend the city boundaries into the district council areas surrounding the city, leaving the remains of the seven districts strung out like a 'donut' ring around it.

This carving up of the local authorities stems from a national government directive aimed at streamlining local government, cutting costs and duplication, and also the city ploughing in with the claim that they need the revenue and housing space from the extended area to balance their books.

The district councils, along with the County Council, for their part have countered the city's proposed 'land grab' with a proposal of their own, which would see the city remain as it is, with the county divided into two, north and south - 'north-city-south' option. This proposal would see Harborough, Hinckley and Bosworth, Blaby and Oadby and Wigston joining forces in the south of the county and the city staying put, in the middle.

The city has now come up with an even more controversial proposal to put to Government. The new plan, which would see the City, Oadby and Wigston, Blaby and Harborough amalgamated, has already been slated by the leaders of the affected councils. They claim that the mix of the rural and urban areas within the proposed county 'slice' would make administration irregular and complicated across such a diverse area, which would lump entirely rural tracts, such as Westerill and Starmore in the very south and Tilton in the east, with inner city blocks.

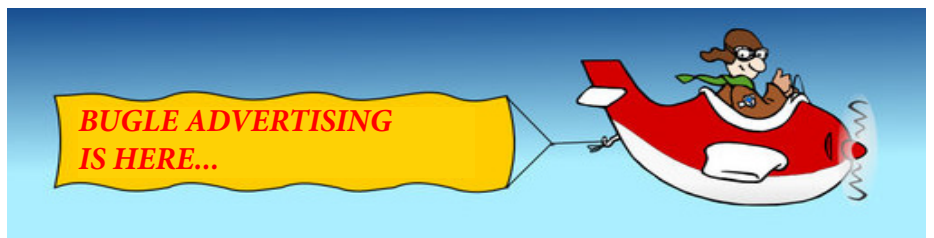
Cynics are suggesting that this is a ploy to frighten the local authorities into accepting the lesser of the City's two evils.

Final, fully-costed proposals need to be with central government by the end of November... Watch this space!

BUGLEADS - WATCH THIS SPACE

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From Action Fraud, Leicester

Beware of winter fuel payment scams

Since the announcement of the re-instatement of the Winter Fuel Payment to pensioners in April, Action Fraud has received nearly 3,000 reports relating to claim and payment scams via text messages. The scam has had a major effect already, with reported incidents alone totalling over £27,000.

Winter Fuel Payments are made automatically, you do not need to do anything. If you receive any text messages about how to claim Winter Fuel Payments, it's a scam. Action Fraud's general guidance to those receiving unsolicited messages of any kind, be they by text, social media or email, is to check that it is genuine before committing to any further action...

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If you have spotted any suspicious message, you can report it for FREE by forwarding it to 7726.

Lastly, if you think you've been a victim of fraud, contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud online at actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.

SCAM WARNING

Fraudsters target public with winter fuel payment scams



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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.

Leicester County Council have issued a scam warning following a spate of bogus text messages that have been reported across the county in recent months. The messages purport to be related to an unresolved PCN (Parking Charge Notice) and include a link to a payment service. The message urges that the 'fine' should be paid immediately, and warns of further action if not paid. The Council advises anyone receiving these 'notices' to ignore them and not to click on any links and reminds them that the local authority wouldn't have access to mobile phone numbers and any genuine parking charge notices would be issued to the registered keeper by post.

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WILD ABOUT BOSWORTH

Buddleia

Although the greenery that was recently removed from the church steeple turned out to be willow-herb, the real menace in inaccessible crevices usually turns out to be buddleia, another of our non-native 'invaders'... As we see so often in invasive species, buddleia (buddleja) is vigorous, tenacious and hardy - often growing in the most inhospitable situations.

Introduced into England from the Caribbean as an ornamental shrub in 1730, and named in honour of the eminent British botanist Adam Buddle, the plant quickly established itself in our temperate climate. Over 140 subtly different sub-species have evolved within the buddleia family and their abundant and gloriously coloured flowers vary from white through lilac and mauve to an almost-black crimson, often with several different hues present in the same vicinity.

The plant favours brashy areas of low fertility, and is particularly keen to colonise abandoned waste ground and redundant buildings, establishing itself well in cracks and crevices in dry stonework where its roots, in their quest for moisture, can soon cause serious structural damage.

Like many introduced species, buddleias have established an unfortunate and often well-deserved reputation as weeds and pests in many places. However, where they are controlled in a managed environment their flowers can be appreciated for their undoubted beauty and also their contribution to ecology .. their common name is the butterfly bush, due to their attractiveness to butterflies, bees and other nectar seeking insects!



FRIENDS OF WELFORD ARM

The Friends of the Welford Arm, canalside conservation and maintenance group, ended their work-party year with a concerted effort to spruce up the area around the lock and wharf.

The group has been working around the canal closures, caused by the summer drought, and have carried out minor maintenance jobs including smarteneing up the lock beams and the over-bridge with a fresh coat of paint.

Ongoing maintenance around the wharf area during the year has included work on the warehouse doors and timberwork and scrub clearance round the old lime-kilns area.



WELFORD MOVIE NIGHT

Our next film is the *Ballad of Wallis Island*, a classic British comedy, featuring an eccentric lottery winner who lives alone on a remote island and tries to make his fantasies come true by getting his favourite musicians to perform at his home.

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SCHOOL REPORT

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

Our Years 5 and 6 recently enjoyed an unforgettable residential trip to Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire, creating memories that will stay with them for many years to come.



Despite the less-than-ideal weather, the children showed incredible spirit as they tackled the rock-climbing wall, giant swing, zip line and vertical challenge. They also demonstrated great teamwork during orienteering, survival skills, combat games and many other activities. We were especially proud of the resilience and encouragement they offered each other as they faced and conquered their fears!



FOBS NEWS

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON THE PLAYGROUND

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THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER
6PM



BYGONE BOSWORTH

Images from the Historical Society's Archive Collection

Christmas is for the children, so they say... So, here are a some seasonal snippets from the Historical Society Archive...

In 1992, over 60 parents and friends attended a special Christingle service, led by the Children's Society, where six year old Francesca Haigh-Lumby opened the singing of carols with the first verse of the classic, 'Away in a Manger', after which the rest of the junior school joined in. The service concluded with the distribution of fifty-six Christingles that had been made by parent-governor, Yvonne Durrant and school secretary, Miranda Eldridge. Back in 1995 the juniors at the village school put on two Christmas shows for parents and friends, 'Sleeping Beauty' and 'The Golden Goose' in the School Hall. In our photograph we see Mark Fountain, Ginny Haigh-Lumby, Luke Eldridge, Aggie Haigh-Lumby, Thomas Miller, and James Logan in full costume rehearsal.

The singing of carols by the children of the school is something of a tradition, although these days Carols in the Playground with mince pies tends to be a static display of festive bonhomie!

Even during the darkest days of the Second World War the children were 'doing their bit', out carol singing and raising funds for charity. On Christmas Day in 1940 Bosworth school children took to the streets, singing on street corners and outside homes and collected the princely sum of 16 shillings (£50 today), which was donated to the Lord Mayor's Red Cross Fund.

This year's 'Carols in the Playground' is on Thursday December 11th at 6.00pm



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Contact: Ralph Horton 880526

HB School

Contact: Office 880212

Historical Society

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Millennium Woodland Trust

Contact: Jackie Fletcher 880910

Parish Council

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Playing Field & Pavilion

Contact: Patricia Hobson 07712 630197

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church

Contact: Matthew Pittam 01788 833547

Village Lunch

Contact: Jo Hutton 07534 057575

Village Hall

Bookings: Sue Fisher 880026

VILLAGE LUNCH

The next village lunch will be our special Christmas Lunch on Thursday, December 18th at the Kilworth Springs Golf Club, South Kilworth Road, North Kilworth. We meet at 12.30pm to eat at 1.00pm.

The cost of the special Festive meal including tea/coffee and traditional mince pies is £18.00 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.

Village Lunch meeting are held every month at Kilworth Springs Golf Club. The Lunch is a great place for those new to the area, and those retired or living alone, to meet up with old friends and make new ones and catch up with all the local gossip, whilst enjoying an excellent home cooked meal in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

The normal cost is £13.50, too include tea/coffee and mints.

Next month's Village Lunch date:

Tuesday, January 27th

CAUSEWAY COFFEE

The next Causeway Coffee morning will be on Friday, December 12th.

Causeway Coffee Mornings are held regularly on the second Friday of each month, 10.00am to 11.30am at the Sports Pavilion, Kilworth Road.

Our coffee mornings are relaxed and informal and are a great opportunity for anyone in the parish who is retired and living alone to meet old friends and make new friends.

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

If you know of anyone living locally who may be alone, vulnerable or needing support, please let the Causeway team know...

Please contact: Heather on 880165 or 07773 063063

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

For our November meeting, our friend, villager, Penny Arscott, museum manager at Foxton Locks Museum, took us on a pictorial tour of the Foxton Inclined Plane boat-lift, explaining the building of this wonder of Victorian engineering, its historical significance and documenting its decline.

Our December meeting follows the canal theme, when canal artist and historian, Kay Andrews delves into the rich history of canal art and its origins.

Kay, a former lecturer in industrial architecture, has been a canal-based trader for a number of years, touring the inland waterways system in her distinctive narrowboat 'Pea Green', selling her traditionally decorated naïve art 'roses and castles' canal-ware along the way.

The meeting is on Wednesday, December 3rd at 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Kilworth Road and is open to friends and non-members.

For visitors, a door charge of £3 is requested.

Our New Year meetings kick off on Wednesday, January 7th, when conservation book-binder, Caroline Bendix will be taking us on a journey into the history and technicalities of the art of book-binding.

Caroline has worked on many commissions for the National Trust, national and international libraries and museum collections.

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.

ART GROUP

Bosworth Art Group is a small, friendly and informal group of arty minded souls meeting on 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, coffee and biscuits!

The group is self-tutored and supportive of beginners, with all mediums and skill levels are welcomed.

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Art Group dates for December are: Tuesdays, 2nd and 9th.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Report of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th November 2025 at 7.30pm in the Millennium Pavilion

Present: Five Councillors and 2 visitors

Visitors Questions

■ A visitor sought to open discussions relating to additional facilities for youngsters within the recreation area. It was agreed to seek further information and discuss this more fully as an agenda item at the December PC meeting

Minutes of the Previous Meeting were read and approved

Matters arising (for report only)

■ Clerk was asked to contact the quarry operators regarding extending their safety monitoring to this area following reports of fast moving HGV traffic on lower Bell Lane

Digital and Data Compliance - Assertion 10

■ Clerk gave an overview of the requirements of this new addition to the external audit , specifically the requirement for data compliance and digital security

Planning Overview

■ The October 2025 planning applications overview was presented and agreed

Millennium Pavilion & Playing Field

Frieze project

- Council reviewed artwork completed so far and discussed a number of preliminary sketches for further works
- Council agreed to the supply equipment for the artist to download the artworks in order to free up computer space
- Council agreed a second Stage Payment for the project

Garage/ Store

■ After review of the quotations, it was agreed to proceed with a steel-clad building 9m x 5m x 2½m to eaves

Millennium Wood Trust

■ Clerk advised there are challenges around the dissolving of the Trust, which the Trustees are seeking to resolve to allow the Parish Council to take over the ownership

■ Council heard that the Section 106 (Greenways) grant application for the installation of a new raised footway at the Millennium Wood had been successful, pending clarification of the transfer

Neighbourhood Plan Review (NPR)

■ After discussion with NP advisors it was agreed that the non-designated heritage assets that the group had identified would be protected by existing statutory measures

■ It was agreed to review the results of the recent NP questionnaire and undertake a comparative analysis with the 2018 version

Any Other Business

■ The untidiness of the planters, particularly in the High Street was raised and it was agreed to add this to the December agenda for discussion

■ Clerk was asked to contact Leicestershire Police to follow up on the recent accident caused by a speeding vehicle in Bell Lane

■ Clerk was asked to raise the issue of pavement and nuisance parking on Welford Road with the relevant authorities

■ It was noted that the speed indicator device on the A5199 (outbound) appears not to be picking up vehicle speeds until the vehicles are almost past the device. Clerk to request the Highways authority check the alignment

■ Clerk advised Council had received two notifications of interest in the Community Grant Fund

■ A late-received request for funding from the Council's Community Fund could not be included in proceedings and would be added to the December meeting agenda.

Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd December at 7.30pm in the Millennium Pavilion

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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CHURCH NEWS

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

Remembrance Sunday was very well attended this year, with many village residents and others from further afield assembling at the War Memorial outside All Saints church. A short, reflective service at the War Memorial was led by Father Matthew, from St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, during which the two minute Silence was kept and wreaths were laid. Afterwards some 80 people took part in the full service in church, which was also taken by Fr. Matthew, to whom we are most grateful. Thanks, too, to the ladies who decorated the church so beautifully with poppies.

The theme of remembrance was evident on Thursday, 30th October, just before All Saints Day and All Souls Day (Sunday, 2nd November), when a class from the primary school planted daffodill and narcissus bulbs along the newly turfed banks at the side of the church path. The planting was concluded on Saturday morning by residents from the village, which should give a good show of colour in the Spring and remind us of loved ones no longer with us. The Christmas Tree Festival will take place each afternoon on 6th and 7th December from 12.00noon until 5.00pm. In addition to the lovely displays there are some really great raffle prizes to be won and of course lots of good things to eat and drink! A food bank collection point will also be available in the church over the weekend, for your gifts of special festive treats!

Our service of Carols and Lessons will be a week later on 14th December at 7.00pm and will be conducted by candlelight - always a glorious sight in church, with the Christams trees held over from the Festival!!

Christmas Eve falling on a Wednesday will coincide with our usual 10.00am service of Holy Communion, and the Benefice Christams Day service will be at St. Nicolas', Mowsley, at 10.30am taken by Rev'd Myrtle Cook. All are welcome!

Peter Bugge (Churchwarden)

FLOWER POWER

The school children recently helped church members plant bulbs in the newly re-turfed pathway embankments at the parish church. In all a total of 500 bulbs were planted in an hour, promising a glorious display on the approach to the church in the spring!

Here we see the children during their endeavours, assisted by Head of School, Mrs. Vickers and church member, Mrs. Kendrick.



✠CHURCH SERVICES ✠

Hexagon Benefice

December

Sunday 7th 10.30am Shearsby

Sunday 14th 10.30am HB

Carols by Candlelight 7.00pm

Wednesday 17th

School Carol Service 10.00am

Sunday 21st 10.30am Thedd.

Wednesday 24th

Chrstmas Eve Com. 10.00am

Thursday 25th

Christmas Day 10.30am Mowsley

Sunday 28th 10.30am HB

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ST. MARY'S NEWS

Special Christmas Services

December 21st 3.00pm Candlelight Carols

Christmas Eve December 24th 8.00pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day December 25th 10.00am Festival Mass

Our usual regular Masses continue:

Sundays 8.00am and 10.00am

Tuesday 9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass

Wednesday 6.30pm

Evensong 7.00pm Mass

Thursday 9.30am

Morning Prayer 10.00am Mass

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday December 2 nd	Bosworth Art Group, 10.30am - 12.30pm Sports Pavilion
Tuesday December 2 nd	Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm Sports Pavilion
Wednesday December 3 rd	Historical Society 'The History of Traditional Canal Art' 7.30pm Sports Pavilion
Sat./Sun. December 6 th & 7 th	All Saints Christmas Tree Festival
Saturday, December 6 th	Welford Cinema: 'The Ballad of Wallis Island', [2025], 7.00pm Welford VH
Monday December 8 th	Mobile Library
Tuesday December 9 th	Bosworth Art Group, 10.30am - 12.30pm Sports Pavilion (Note: Extra meeting)
Thursday 11 th December	FOBS 'Carols in the Playground' from 6.00pm
Friday December 12 th	Causeway Coffee, 10.00am - 11.30am Sports Pavilion
Thursday December 18 th	Village Lunch, 12.30pm Kilworth Springs Golf Club
Tuesday December 23 rd	Bosworth Art Group, 10.30am - 12.30pm Sports Pavilion
Thursday December 25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY
Tuesday January 13 th	Parish Council Precept Meeting (TBC)
Tuesday January 27 th	Village Lunch, 12.30pm Kilworth Springs Golf Club

LOCAL PLANNING NEWS

The following applications have been submitted to Harborough District Council:

- 25/01500/FUL Conversion of offices, storage and staffroom to a single residential dwelling, Stable Barn Farm, Leicester Road
- 25/01538/FUL Demolition of agric. barn and erection of single dwelling (Self-Build), Land off Theddingworth Road

Recently determined applications:

- 25/01263/PCD [Approved] Discharge of Condition 4 (Windows) of 23/00878/LBC, 19 High Street
- 25/01342/TCA [Approved] Works to trees (Fell), 2 The Green
- 25/01428/NMA [Approved] Change to material and finish of west elevation of barn, Oak Lodge Grain Store, Welford Road
- 25/01439/TCA [Approved] Works to trees, 7 Bell Lane,

Current applications may be inspected during normal working hours at the Council Offices, The Symington Building, Adam & Eve Street, Market Harborough or at the Parish Office, 2a Mowsley Road.

Planning applications can be viewed on-line at www.harborough.gov.uk/planning

BANK BREAKING NEWS!

The Harborough Banking Hub, which has been located temporarily in the Symington Building in Market Harborough since March, is set to move to a permanent location at 1 St. Mary's Place. The hub is funded by various banks and overseen by the Post Office, providing basic banking services.

For the time being services are still operating from The Symington Building, Adam & Eve Street, 9.00am - 12.00pm and 1.00pm 5.00pm

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| *Monday: Natwest | *Tuesday: Santander (from July) |
| *Wednesday: Lloyds | * Thursday: HSBC |
| *Friday: Barclays | |

MOBILE LIBRARY

Visiting library times: Monday every three weeks

Stops & Times (See dates above)

Welford Road:	12.05pm - 12.30pm
Butt Lane:	12.40pm - 1.00pm

Mobile library Service 0116 3052695 libraries@leics.gov.uk

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