

Village Diary

The **Harvest Festival** is on Sun 13th Oct at 10.30am. Canon Rev Brian Davis is taking the Service and no doubt those who attended the Christmas Service will recollect that he made it very entertaining. There will be Teas, Coffees and light refreshments after and everyone will be very welcome.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 8th October 2019

The Parish Council Meetings will be held in the church while the Village Hall is closed during refurbishment.

All meetings are open to the public. Parish Council Meetings are an opportunity to hear what the Council has been doing and for you, the electors, to raise matters of importance that you wish to be considered. Please do pop in!

Clerk: Alison Gibson – 07437 569934/
clerk@turlangtonparishcouncil.org.uk
Please note the new web address -
www.turlangton-pc.org.uk

Councillors:

Cllr Tessa Bladon (Chair) - 01858 545303

Cllr Paul Officer - 01858 545717

Cllr Clare Staveley - 07891788059

Cllr Janine Haynes - 01858 545577

Parking

There has been some recent focus nationally on inconsiderate parking and the dangers that it can cause to road and footpath users. It is also a common complaint received by the Parish Council. The Parish Council would therefore ask residents and visitors to park considerately, legally and safely. Dangerous or inconsiderate parking can lead to accidents which no one wants.

Parish Councillors

Councillors Katrina Briggs and Chris Weston stepped down from office at the election in May and at the Annual Parish Meeting on 21st May Cllr Bladon gave her heartfelt thanks to them on behalf of the council for their valued contribution and support. We welcome Councillor Clare Staveley, who joins Councillors Bladon and Officer.

There is currently a vacancy on the council and we are keen to fill this as soon as possible. There is information about being a councillor on the website at:
<https://www.turlangton-pc.org.uk/2019-parish-council-elections>.

You can also find out more by talking to one of the current councillors or the clerk (contact details above).

Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council is pleased that following the positive referendum on 27/6/19 Tur Langton Neighbourhood Plan is "made" and therefore becomes part of Harborough District Council (HDC) Development Plan. Its policies, along with those of HDC Local Plan, will be used to determine planning applications in the Neighbourhood Plan area. The adopted plan can be seen on the Parish Council website at
<https://www.turlangton-pc.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan>

The council would like to thank everyone who worked on the plan, including former councillors Briggs and Weston and members of the Steering and Environment Groups and those who supported it at the referendum.

Speeding

Speeding is a constant concern in the village, particularly on the B6047, but also on Main Street. The Parish Council is seeking volunteers / concerned villagers to help address this problem.

An exercise which has been run successfully in the past is the Community Speed Watch. We need one person to organise and coordinate it, as well as a minimum of six people to act as Speed Watch Volunteers. Tur Langton is already part of the scheme having run exercises in the past. Community Speed Watch is run by Leicestershire County Council and is fully supported by the police. It is an educational scheme to help people reduce speeding traffic through their community. Schemes can only operate in 20 mph, 30 mph and 40 mph speed limits areas. More information can be found on the Community Speed Watch website at
<http://www.communityspeedwatch.org.uk/>

If you are interested in taking a leading role in exploring the options to address this problem, or to get involved as a Speed Watch Volunteer, please contact the clerk. All volunteers receive training.



Village Hall Update

You may have seen that the renovation work has now begun on the village hall. The first packages of work are the repair and insulation of the roof, closely followed by the installation of new double glazing.

When the hall is weather-tight, the work will then move inside, starting with the repair and insulation of the floor, replacement of the lighting and heating with new energy efficient fittings, and installation of the new accessible toilets.

When the main building work is complete, we will be looking for volunteers to help out with the decoration and finishing touches – watch the space. The current programme is for the refurbishment to be largely complete by early in the New Year. If anyone would like to know more about the refurbishment plans, please contact any of the Councillors and we'll happily talk it through.

Reporting Problems on roads and rights of way.

Roads and Pavements

Most types of problems on County Roads or pavements, including signs, potholes, overgrown trees and hedges, can be reported online by following the relevant links at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/report-a-road-problem>.

Public Rights of Way

Problems on public rights of way can be reported by following the relevant link on this page - <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/cycling-and-walking/where-to-walk-in-leicestershire>. This page also includes an interactive link showing different types of public rights of way in the county. You may also find this link useful - <https://www.findmystreet.co.uk/map> - This includes adopted highways including roads and paths, public rights of way, and private streets. Clicking on each blue line on the map, will bring up details including its title, status and maintenance responsibility.

Homebrew Beer Festival

Thank you all who came along to the Beer Festival - it was the biggest and best festival yet! The beers went down well, with Beer No. 1 being crowned the beer of the festival! The Bathtub Gin festival was also a huge success, with some villagers showing real expertise with creative infusions and recipes! The competition was too close to call, so we have decided to run it again next year to help us to make our minds up! Thank you to Matt and Pat for opening up their garden and Tiny 'ouse! Watch the space for next year - and start developing your bathtub gin recipes now!

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A reminder that Cabinet East Langton 5, which is at the junction of Cranoe Road and the B6047 has been upgraded and 59 more properties in the village have been moved to this cabinet. The upgrade to Superfast is not automatic. If you would like to upgrade you will need to contact your broadband provider and take out a fibre package. A number of villagers have already upgraded, with significant increases in speeds.

If anyone has any questions or issues please contact the Superfast Broadband team on broadband@leics.gov.uk and they will be happy to help.

Join others and save on Energy Bills

Residents across the Harborough District are being encouraged to join others in saving money on their gas and electricity bills. Harborough District Council's new 'Switch & Save' initiative, launched in partnership with iChooser, can help residents save money by switching to lower energy tariffs as part of a group. Residents can sign up to the scheme whereby energy companies bid against each other to provide the lowest tariffs. Once a price is fixed, residents who have signed up to the scheme have a choice of whether to proceed and sign up with the new supplier. There are no obligations for the resident to switch if they choose not to.

Cllr Jonathan Bateman, Harborough District Council's regulatory services lead, said: "Anyone who lacks the confidence or knowledge of how to switch energy companies can really benefit from 'Switch & Save' and could potentially save a lot of money on their energy bills. Residents can sign up online, via the Council website www.harborough.gov.uk/switchandsave, or – if they don't have access to the internet – they can just phone the Council on 01858 828282 or visit The Symington Building in Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough, LE16 7AG, and get help from a customer services advisor to sign up to 'Switch and Save'. Sign up for free before the next deadline of 8 October 2019.