

## Village Events Diary

**Christmas Carol Service** – in St Andrew's Church on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm

**Village Christmas Party** - in The Crown Public House on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7pm

**Midnight Mass** – in St Andrew's Church on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 11.40pm

**Parish Council Meeting** – in the Village Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

**Neighbourhood Planning Meeting** – in the Village Hall on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 3-7pm

### Getting in Touch

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If you would like to receive this newsletter by email please contact the Clerk.

## Tur Langton Defibrillator

A magnificent sum of £2,020 has been raised. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the defibrillator fund and to those who supported the fundraising event in July. A special mention goes to Sharon, Trevor and Jan at the Crown for organising the fundraising event and to James Tyson for managing the entire project.

Following a demonstration of equipment models by a representative from the Community Heartbeat Trust ([www.communityheartbeat.org.uk](http://www.communityheartbeat.org.uk)) a model was selected at the November Parish Council meeting and preparations are now underway for it to be installed in the phone box, which the Parish Council is adopting for this purpose.

Once it is installed information will be circulated in the village and there will be an opportunity to attend an awareness event to find out more and become familiar with the equipment. In the meantime if anyone wants to find out more information please contact the clerk.

## New Website

The council is taking steps to purchase a domain name. We will circulate details of the new website address as quickly as possible, however as soon as it has changed the new address will be put on the notice board and so check there if you are not able to access the site using the address shown on the left.

Most of the information has been transferred over from the old website and it is hoped to transfer the remainder shortly.

If you have details of community events or activities that you would like us to include on the site please contact the clerk using the contact details below.

## The Village Hall Needs YOU

The Parish Council has been involved in long and protracted negotiations with Merton College over the lease for the land that the hall stands on and is currently working with the college to agree a Design Brief for the work to upgrade the building. The council is optimistic that once this has been agreed the lease can be signed.

Once the lease is secured a celebration event will be held and a fund raising initiative launched to get the hall up to the standard the village deserves. The Village Hall Management Committee will be looking for volunteers to help to make this happen.

In the meantime the garden needs some attention. The council has arranged for the shrubs on the verge outside of the hall to be removed and grass seed will be applied in the spring.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to join the Village Hall Committee, help with the fundraising initiative or help with the gardening please give your details to the clerk in the first instance.

## Fly Tipping

Following the withdrawal of the free green bin collection fly tipping has increased. There is a District wide campaign to highlight the problem and encourage reporting incidents. In our own village there has been evidence of cut grass and hedge trimmings being dumped on verges and in ditches which is very unsightly and ultimately will block water flowing and potentially cause flooding. This is not an acceptable situation, Tur Langton Parish Council will be following up any complaints and reporting incidents in 2017

## Neighbourhood Plan

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing steadily and will be presented for a second consultation at an open event in January.

At this consultation our community will be given the opportunity to comment on and contribute to this important document which will shape the future of Tur Langton. The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared using the data from the questionnaires you completed, the open event and several working parties. The plan will also include a revised limit to the development line which shows all the plots of land that have been proposed by landowners for development in the future. We will be using the consultation to rank the proposed sites with a view to choosing the most appropriate for our small village. After the period of consultation, the requested amendments will be made before the village votes whether to accept the plan in a referendum. It is therefore really important that we get as much feedback in this stage of the process of writing our plan.

## Fire Ambassador

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service are keen to create closer and more effective relationships between communities and your fire service. As part of this initiative they are looking to have a nominated Fire Ambassadors in each parish across the Harborough District and they are seeking volunteers for this role.

The role of the Fire Ambassador would include:

- To be Leicestershire Fire and Rescue's Primary point of contact within the village
- To receive information to share within the village. The Fire Ambassador could forward information to the Parish Council for inclusion in newsletters, on the notice board and on the website.
- Receive questions or concerns from residents to pass to Leicestershire Fire and Rescue
- Help Leicestershire Fire and Rescue to identify and assist with some of the most vulnerable of local residents
- Have the opportunity to attend safety events that take place in the district.

If you are interested in this role and want to find out more please contact the Parish Council Clerk. It can then be arranged for a representative from Leicestershire Fire and Rescue to come and meet us to tell us more about the scheme.

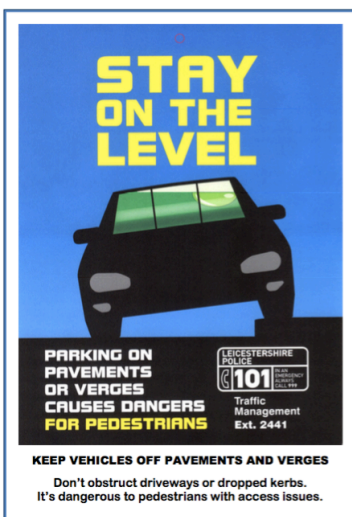
## Tree Warden

Tree Wardens are volunteers appointed by their Parish Council to:

- be a contact and support for all things tree related in their local area;
- protect trees by reporting on early signs of pests, disease and vandalism;
- gather information, survey and record information about trees important for wildlife or heritage in their parish (some work has already been undertaken on this in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan and it would be good to build on this);
- help look out for opportunities to plant more trees in the local community, enhancing the environment for parishioners;
- help find the money to fund local tree planting projects, e.g. The Tree Council have grants only available to Tree Wardens;
- get involved in campaigns to raise awareness about the importance of trees.

The Parish Council would like to hear from anyone interested in taking on this role in Tur Langton. For more information please contact the Parish Council Clerk or see the leaflet at the following link:

<http://www.leicestershireandrutlandalc.gov.uk/uploads/low-res-q0255-a4-tree-warden-leaflet-20-6-16.pdf>



## Pavement etiquette

Several residents have raised complaints concerning the presence of dog dirt on our pavements. This is not acceptable and is a nuisance as well as being unsightly and dangerous to the health of humans and other animals. All dog dirt should be picked up and taken home (please do not put it in other people's bins this can cause deep offence).

The rules have changed recently, not picking up or not having the means to pick up can face an on the spot fine of £100. This also applies to public footpaths or any area that the public have a right of access.

