

## Village Diary

Tur Langton Christmas Evening will be held in The Crown on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017. Please contact Trevor or Sharon to buy a ticket.

Parish Council Meetings are held in Tur Langton Village Hall and are open to the public.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Full Parish Council Meeting - 7.30 p.m.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Full Parish Council Meeting - 7.30 p.m.

The 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!

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## Police News

PC Steve Winn attended the Parish Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November and reported that over the previous three months the village had suffered four crimes. One of these was the theft from a works van which the Police are running under the banner of "Operation Pioneer". This is a force wide issue and was a real problem over the summer months. Arrests have been made and the issue does seem to have tailed off.

The three other crimes were burglaries. These all seem to be linked by the **modus operandi** in that the rear doors of each property were attacked. This again fits with a regional crime trend and a targeted approach by the offenders. Again a lot of work is going into the investigations and arrests have been made. We have seen a dramatic decrease in recent weeks of this type of crime.

### Crime Prevention

As far as crime prevention goes it is PC Winn advises that it is difficult to give generic advice however it is all about making it a bit more difficult for the criminals and making yourself less of a target.

- If you have an alarm set it
- If you have lockable gates, windows and doors then lock them
- If you have lights and CCTV ensure they are all working and operational
- CCTV is a great crime prevention tool but don't feel you have to spend money to keep your house safe. Locked doors and windows and being aware of possible weak points such as access to the rear of the property and blind spots are all things to consider.
- Finally with the dark nights on us if you are not expecting guests and the door is knocked don't feel you have to answer it. Shout through the door to determine who they are. **If you don't know them then don't answer.** You are under no obligation to answer the door and if its law enforcement demand to see identification.

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email or would like to advertise your event or business please contact the Clerk.

# Community Parish Plan

Tur Langton Parish Council, in partnership with Harborough District Council and The Local Resilience Forum are working on an Emergency Response Plan for the Parish.

This plan is being written by the Parish Council to interact with current procedures produced by the emergency services, local authority and other agencies involved in responding to an incident in our parish. The plan will provide a guide as to how and where the local community may support the Emergency services in terms of information and providing predetermined resources where appropriate. All major emergencies are dealt with by the Emergency Services, Local Authorities, Utilities and Voluntary Agencies in a combined response. A Parish Council Emergency Plan can help the parish prepare for an emergency and minimise its impact should it affect their community. This would therefore increase the Parish and Community's resilience. In extreme conditions such as heavy snow and flooding, there is a possibility that the emergency services may not be able to reach the scene immediately. In such circumstances, the initial response may rely entirely on local people.

## How you could help?

Thank you to those who have already agreed to be included in the plan. The plan identifies people with the following skills and resources who would be prepared to help in the event of an emergency:

- 4 x 4 Vehicles
- Chainsaws
- First Aid
- Transport
- Electricians
- Plumbers

If anyone with these skills / resources is willing to have their details included in the plan please get in touch with the clerk using the details at the beginning of this newsletter. Also if you can offer anything not listed above but which would be useful in an emergency please contact the clerk. Please note that the Plan will not be available to the public and only the Parish Council and the Local Resilience Forum will have access to the plan, so your personal details will not be available for people to see.

## Lottery Launch

Harborough Lottery is a new exciting lottery that is launching in the New Year to support Good Causes in the Harborough District. It will be a fun and effective way for a good cause to raise funds. The Good Causes will receive 50% of all ticket sales from supporters that sign up for their cause and funds will be transferred into their bank account every month.

The draw will take place every Saturday night with results posted on the website, Facebook and Twitter. Winners will be advised directly.

All supporters will get the chance to win prizes of up to £25,000 for just £1 per week. Every ticket has a **1 in 50** chance of winning a prize every week! That's better than the National Lottery and the Health Lottery.

Harborough District Council is now sending out invites to the District's Good Causes to sign up and find out more details. The launch will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at the Council Chambers, The Symington Building, Market Harborough, LE16 7AG from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Local Good Causes can register their interest or ask any questions at [lottery@harborough.gov.uk](mailto:lottery@harborough.gov.uk)

## Gas site, Mere Road

As you may be aware, National Grid is carrying out improvements to the Tur Langton Gas Distribution Offtake Station and their Above Ground Installation (AGI) site on Mere Road. They are replacing the perimeter fence and installing new access gates, lighting and CCTV. It is routine work and part of their ongoing commitment to look after the land they own.

Their contractor, Kier Siemens, won't be on-site over Christmas. Their Community Relations team is available during the festive break so please give them a call if you need to speak to someone about the Mere Road site. You can reach the team on 0800 073 1047 Monday to Sunday from 7am to 7pm.

From January, Kier Siemens may extend their working day (currently 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. weekdays) and work certain Saturdays, if required. If they do they'll make sure that noise and light levels are within acceptable levels. They have written to local residents and businesses to let them know.

