



PINDERS CIRCUS

The circus will be visiting Bosworth Road Recreation ground in September. They will be setting up on Sunday 23rd and have shows running on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday that week.

Pinders are a family friendly, non animal , fun circus, for more information visit their website at www.pinderscircus.co.uk

CENTENARY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The parish council are looking for descendants of those listed on the War Memorial on Bosworth Road who lost their life in service during World War 1. This year a special service to commemorate the centenary of the end of the War will be held on Remembrance Sunday, 11th November with the service starting at 10.45am.

A roll call of those names listed will take place and the parish council want to invite family members to place a memorial item on the monument at that time during the service. Anyone who wants to know more information about the names listed or they are descendants and would like to get involved, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

CENTENARY GRANTS

The Parish Council also has grants available for any community groups, schools, pre-schools etc who would like to hold their own Centenary events, contact the office for more information on how to apply.

NEXT PARISH MEETINGS

The next **Parish Council** meeting will take place on Thursday **September 6th** at Measham Leisure Centre at 7pm.

The next **Planning Committee** meeting will take place on Thursday **September 20th** 7pm at The Boardroom on Bosworth Road.

All parishioners are welcome to come along to these meetings with a period of time set aside at the beginning to raise questions with members.

ARE YOU A PEOPLE PERSON?

Age UK are looking for people in Measham and the surrounding villages who can spare an hour or two to make a difference to an older, isolated person by being a befriender.



For more information about the scheme, contact Donna Watson on 01530 460553 or 01530 833000.

LATEST SPEED SIGN STATS

Atherstone Road Post 20, outgoing

85th percentile: 32.7 mph

Average: 27.2 mph

Max: 80.00 mph

Total number of vehicles: 25,794





A WORD FROM the Parish Clerk

When I applied and was offered the job of Parish Clerk 20 years ago next month, I could never have imagined how the village, local government and indeed the job would change over that time. We have a much larger population, we have Localism and I am a qualified Clerk having taken the industry recognised qualification in Local Council Administration.

But back to the beginning of my time with the Parish Council, I had a baptism of fire, the very first phone call I took on my first day was from an extremely irate parishioner who was very unhappy that there was dog poo on the path outside his house, he wanted to know what I personally was going to do about it! New to the job I didn't really know the answer, should I offer to go and pick it up? Was I responsible for it? I certainly didn't leave it there myself! After a bit of investigation I arranged for the Dog Warden (yes we had them in those days!) to contact him and sort out the problem. Some issues remain the same and dog fouling is a complaint we still and always will hear about all the while inconsiderate owners refuse to pick up. Nowadays we have the new Public Space Protection Order in place and Enforcement Officers are employed by North West Leicestershire District Council to deal with this along with many other environmental crimes in the District such as fly tipping and graffiti.

When I first took on the role, the parish office was based at the back of Measham Community Office with no email and certainly not Twitter, I shared a computer with my assistant at the time, Charlotte and we communicated to the maintenance staff via a pager system. Nowadays as most people will know the parish office is based within Measham Leisure Centre of which the Parish Council is the Trustee of, and we are looking to improve access to the public even further in the coming months.

I have been fortunate to work with 53 councillors during my time and the passion and devotion they put into improving the village and helping people is astonishing, they don't receive expenses for the time they freely give and they rarely get thanks either but they do it to make a difference. Councillors have to make decisions and form opinions on some very controversial issues, some of which not everyone will agree with but they are taken with the best of intentions. As Parish Clerk my role is to carry out the actions of those decisions whether I think it they are right or not. Elections are coming up in May next year, anyone thinking of having a go at being a councillor should certainly contact me for more information in due course.

The staff that are employed by the Parish Council are the biggest asset, currently we have Alan and Andy, who look after parish owned property and land, they can be seen around one of the 6 play areas, cemetery, memorial garden or in any one of the numerous pieces of open space that we look after, they work tirelessly keeping the areas tidy whilst battling vandalism and theft. In the office with myself is Anthea who amongst other duties, looks after the minutes and planning applications, she also collects the data from the mobile speeding sign and is secretary to Christmas@Measham, Leisure Centre Management Committee and administers the disaster plan that we hold, she does all this in 7.5 hours a week! Many of you may remember years ago we also employed Ken who would often be seen up and down the High Street with his black wheelie bin and litter pick stick and what a great job he did too.

The village currently has several volunteer community litter pickers with the two ladies Dawn and Ann who do the majority of the work and what a fantastic job they do. If anyone is interested in volunteering to do this as well, let me know and I will put you in touch with the Green Footprints scheme.

Parishioners who want to call into the office for a chat or to find out some information about what we do are welcome, someone is always in the office Monday—Friday between 9—11.30am or give us a call first to check using the details below. The phone line diverts to Measham Leisure Centre when the office is empty but quite often staff there can help with general enquiries or point people in the right direction. *Dawn*

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