

## **A Big Thank you from the Village Hall Committee**

Trish Crouch, Liz Neill, Jan Clayton Warren and Sally McGarrick (the Village Hall Committee), would like to thank all the supporters of the Quiz night which raised over £760 for the Village Hall in a night of fun and hilarity with the intrepid Bernie Crouch, our very slick question master, on the microphone and our mathematical genius Alison Kind keeping score among a band of bright but noisy rabble! Our grateful thanks to Bernie and Alison for a wonderful night.

The next Village Hall event will be 6th June, My Brilliant Divorce, courtesy of Library Theatre Productions. Tickets will be limited due to stage size for this professional production during which you will be offered canapés to go with your glass of wine during the interval. Ticket prices will be £10 and the Committee will announce when they will be on sale.

The autumn event in the Village Hall is a Jumble Sale with lots of bargains including new as well as used goods. The date will be announced nearer to the time. If you would like to help with the organisation for the Jumble Sale or if you would like to join the committee please contact Trish on 717227.

## **A NIGHT AT THE RACES**

**The horses are parading and preparing for the starting line at 6.30 pm on 18<sup>th</sup> April. Bar from 6.30 and nosebags (slow cooked pork rolls) are available from 7.00 pm and they'll be 'off' for the first race at 7.30!**

Tickets available from The Sun (717227) for A NIGHT AT THE RACES in aid of Belton Recreation Group. This hugely popular event is only run once a year so be sure to be early to get yourself in the saddle for the ensuing fun. Tickets which include your first drink are £5 per person or a family ticket for £12. It promises to be a truly great night out.

## **The Mobile Library now calls at the following times:**

New Road (opp. Goughs Lane) at 15.50 (up to 20 mins)

Littleworth Lane (Apple Tree Cottage) at 16.15 (15 mins) which started on 25th February Wednesday 2015 and continues on ALTERNATE WEDNESDAYS THEREAFTER. Please contact Oakham Library on 01572 722918 if you require any further information [www.rutland.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.rutland.gov.uk/libraries)

## **Flowering Trees in Memory of a Loved One**

The Parish Council has in the past been approached by villagers who wish to have a living memorial planted for a loved one. They are inviting villagers who would be interested in such a memorial to contact them for a planting scheme of flowering trees which is being considered. The first two trees, fragrant flowering japonicas have been planted on the right hand side hedge line. Contact [beltonpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:beltonpc@hotmail.co.uk) for more information or ring Jan on 717623.

## **Neighbourhood Watch Advice re cold calling scams**

Fraudsters are targeting people by "cold calling" them on the telephone.

The scam starts with the following simple activity:

1. They will state that they are from the Bank Fraud department, the Police or other Law Enforcement.
2. They will tell the victim that fraud is being carried out on the victim's bank account and that to prevent it they need to

carry out any of the below activities:-

- Need to access your bank accounts online.
  - Need to hand over your pin numbers and bank cards to a courier/official sent to collect them.
    - Need to hand over money to A courier/ official sent to collect them.
  - Need to transfer your money to another “safe” bank account(s) which they provide details of.
3. In order to prove their own credentials they will often ask you to telephone the “fraud” number you may have on the back of your bank card, or they may even ask you to telephone the Police to check that there is an official investigation, or telephone your own bank once the phone call to them is terminated.

**Do not be fooled!**

**Do not telephone anyone at that stage as the phone line remains open and you are simply telephoning them back without realising. They will then continue with your assistance in stealing your money by any of the above methods.**

#### **PROTECT YOURSELF**

- The bank or the police will never telephone you “out of the blue” to ask you to transfer money into another account or hand over any of your money or bank cards. It is your money!!
- The bank or the police will never ask for your personal bank account details, or pin numbers over the phone.
- If you really want to check the credentials of a caller then go into your bank and ask to speak to the bank manager or use another phone to call the bank or police.
  - If you are still unsure then attend a police station.
  - **Never discuss your banking details with strangers who call you!**

## **Dog Fouling and the Law**

It has come to the attention of the Parish Council that there has been a considerable improvement on our streets and lanes with a lower incidence of dog fouling as negligence. However, it would seem it still continues with unaccompanied dogs in particular. Those allowed to roam without their owners and those who follow riders where the riders are unaware of the problem that is left behind them. In order that everyone has a clear understanding of the law in relation to dog fouling there is an informative brochure from the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign . The Parish Council are launching a new initiative in an attempt to reduce the problem even further and you will shortly see new posters on the noticeboards and bus shelters.