



Burton Overy Newsletter

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Due to some changes, BOPC would like to introduce their revised line-up of Councillors so you know who we are:

Carolyn Carson (Chair), Sarah Rankine (Vice Chair), Bob Warwick, Dave Fletcher and Kate Marshall.

The work of the council would not happen without our fantastic Clerk, Kate Barker; so a massive thank you to Kate for all she does for us and our village. If you wish to e-mail BOPC, feel free to use our specific address of clerk@burtonoverypc.org.uk

Planning: Sadly, the Oaks Road, Great Glen development of 180 houses has been given the go-ahead. We have no dates on this, but we will keep you posted. The real concern is the allowance made for 360 cars, which obviously may affect us.

On a more positive note, a national appeal rejected an application to build in the countryside on Scotland Land, behind King's Orchard. The Inspector noted the conservation nature of our village and our Neighbourhood Plan. All the hard work in delivering the Neighbourhood Plan should help us resist inappropriate applications whilst supporting development where we have recognised a need. You may not be aware but the conservation status also impacts on land adjacent to Burton Overy parish, which assisted in the refusal of a planning request to develop the site of Gaynors old kennels opposite the end of Mayns Lane.

Some positive news: this is our first winter with all new street lighting! All of the old lights have been replaced by new LED technology – so we are now eco as well as hopefully free of the need to replace lightbulbs (and repeat this newsletter item) for some time.

The council has received quite a few complaints about issues which affect others, namely dog fouling of the footpaths and inconsiderate car parking.

The council have no powers to enforce the inconsiderate actions of a few residents, but we can ask that we respect each other. Please pick up dog waste from all footpaths and sides of lanes and either put it in one of the three dog bins in the village: Main Street, Rectory End and the newly sited, Town Street; or your own black bin which is a perfectly acceptable option, endorsed by Harborough District Council.

When parking your car, please think about who may need to access a driveway; is the street wide enough at this section of the road; do I need to park on a footpath that prevents pedestrians using it adequately; is it parked dangerously too close to a junction? It is difficult when

many of our homes were built before cars, but we should be considerate of each other whenever we can.

We have no current news about the A46 by-pass, but Cllr Rankine will keep us all up to date with any developments when they occur.

Lastly, BOPC are looking at a new initiative for keeping us better in touch with each other on-line. The scheme is called 'Next Door' and we have set up our own page called '**Next Door Burton Overy**'. Have a look and either join us directly and spread the invitations, or respond when you receive an invitation. It's a scaled down version of Facebook, intended to send out messages of relevance to all but also to be used to ask for help and support, or to let others know what you can offer. Its not a space for advertisements from the rest of the world,

purely for it to be what we would like it to be. Have a look and let us know!

Many thanks and don't forget you are welcome at all our public council meetings; full details as always on the notice board on the wall of Higher House, and of course on-line at www.burtonoverypc.org.uk : where you can find all agenda's and minutes of meetings.

Dog Mess

As already mentioned in the Parish Council part of this newsletter, there have been complaints about the amount of dog mess around the village. Dog bins are provided (located by the phone box on Main St., Rectory End and Town Street), please use them.

No one wants to have to scrape dog faeces from their shoes

Christmas Tree Festival.

WE'VE SCORED!!

**The TWENTIETH Burton Overy Christmas
Tree Festival takes place:**

**FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER – SUNDAY 1
DECEMBER INCLUSIVE.**

As ever, plans are again in full swing for this popular event, which many local people regard as the beginning of their Christmas. Let's hope this momentous occasion will be our best yet.

Details of the Festival, with Tree entry forms and other essential information have been delivered to all village

residents and to many groups and individuals on our mailing list.

As ever, the organising committee are relying on everyone in the village to help make the Festival a success, so if you can volunteer again this year, please fill in the help form. There are a variety of tasks, from taking the money and giving out programmes at the church door, to sweeping out the church each morning, supervising in the village hall, baking a cake (or cakes!), wrapping raffle prizes. Any help you can offer will be much appreciated.

The Raffle is always a major attraction in the village hall, and its success depends on the value and variety of the prizes. If you can contribute an item, or items, Carolyn Carson will be delighted to receive them at The Old Coach House,

Main St. tel. 259 3736, or they can be delivered to the village hall on the Thursday prior to the Festival.

The Festival is a village effort and its continuing success has always depended on people in the village who willingly contribute their time and thought to it. Let's make our twentieth Festival a memorably enjoyable event for villagers and visitors alike.

Burton Overy Flower and Garden Club

Members have enjoyed summer outings to gardens in Harringworth, Newtown Linford and Bitteswell, as well as a flower demonstrating evening at Mon Amie headquarters in Kibworth.

Our speaker at the October meeting was Gill Hadland, Assistant Organiser for the Leicestershire and Rutland branch of the National Gardens Scheme. Gill opens her garden in Great Glen several times a year for the NGS and it is a popular venue for visitors.

Blooming Burton Overy in May gave members an opportunity to display their flower arranging skills and ingenuity, and many did. As a result, the club welcomed new members, some of whom have

volunteered to help with church flowers, either on a regular monthly basis, or for special events such as Easter and Harvest Festival. Many thanks to everyone who helped decorate the church for Harvest Festival, when it looked especially beautiful.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 7 November, for an evening with Louise and Julie at Mon Amie in Kibworth, when we shall be hoping for inspiration for winter flower arrangements and Christmas. 6.30 for 7pm.

Newsletter

You may notice that the font in this issue is bigger than in previous versions of the newsletter. Hopefully this is now better for those readers who were struggling with the small font I was using.

Village Show 2019

Trophies were awarded as follows.

Children's Entries-

Children's Trophy- Charlotte Dyer

Cookery-

Anne Holden Trophy- Helen Eggerton

Flowers-

Bert Ashby Trophy- Paul Watkins

Flora James Rose Bowl- Katrina Inchley

Produce-

Johnson Cup- Sally Muir

Tom Cooper Shield- Jane Chandler

Alan Chandler Trophy- Barbara Lloyd

Overall Winners-

Aggregate Cup- Jo Taylor

Best in Show- Paul Watkins

Once again it was a well attended show. Thanks to Jane Chandler and her team for providing Tea and Cake.

Always relieved by 12 noon on the Saturday to see the tables in the hall full of entries, but we can always cope with more!

Thanks to all those who entered, and those who came to the show, we made £363 profit towards the Village Hall. But, this event is not just about money.

My committee and I love the friendly, competitive, spirit that this traditional show brings to the village. We hope that, with the help of those who live in our village, this event will continue for many more years. If you are interested in joining the organising committee, or have any ideas for next year, please let me know.

Graham Thompson

St. Andrew's Church

Food for the Homeless

We have a basket in church for offerings of food for the homeless. These are taken to the Dawn Centre on Conduit Street where they are always very grateful to receive food. The Dawn Centre project provides temporary accommodation, support, advice and help for homeless people. Giving food is a positive way we can help with the problem of homelessness. Tinned food is best, as packet food attracts the mice in church! The church is open during daylight hours. Add a tin to your supermarket shop and pop it into the basket in church. Thank you.

The plans for a servery and toilet in church are proceeding. If all goes smoothly, we should be starting work in the New Year.

Ride and Stride is an annual event run by the Historic Churches Trust to raise money to help with the upkeep of our historic church buildings. Riders and Striders are encouraged to visit as many churches which open for the day, offering a drink and biscuit to all callers.

Many thanks to Jo Taylor, Katrina Inchley and Sally Muir for cycling around 22 churches and covering 39 miles, raising £225.00 in sponsorship for St Andrew's Church and the Trust. Thank you to all the people who welcomed visitors - Burton Overy had 29 visitors and one dog!



Burton Overy WI

Everyone was saddened to hear of Alan Chandler's passing in June, such a lovely man and greatly missed.

The speaker at our June meeting was Lizzie Hornsby, her talk was called King Richard III, the man behind the myths. Lizzie is an excellent speaker who gave a real insight into the known facts about the king.

In July there was an outing to Foxton Locks where members enjoyed lunch overlooking the water. Margaret Pollard hosted a Bring and Share supper at her home in August. In September Jane Chandler and Beryl Connolly organised a craft evening where a start was made on making the decorations for the WI Christmas tree to be entered in the village Christmas Tree festival.

In October Ruth Austin came from Hydes Herbal Clinic to tell us about her work there. She willingly answered our many questions.

November is the AGM, not a long procedure! In December there will be a Christmas party held at the home of Alison Tasker. This is always a happy and festive occasion.

Burton Overy Friendship Club

During the past summer the group has continued to meet socially once a month.

On May 16th The Coffee Morning was at “Gartree Cottage” (Patrick McArragher)

On June 20th a Coffee Morning was held at “Thorndale Cottage” (Lynn Bayliss)

July 18th was the **Strawberry & Cream Tea** at “Cantu” Beadswell Lane. (Vicky Ryall) (*Our thanks’ to Jane Chandler for the lovely strawberries and cream, scones and cakes*)

August 15th The Coffee Morning was at “The Sallows” (Mary Parker)

September 18th was a Day visit to **Kelmarsh Hall** – 15 regulars and friends met at the hall on a glorious sunny day. We had an introductory talk on arrival followed by Tea/Coffee and biscuits and were then free to explored the house, gardens and

the recently opened and award winning
“Below stairs” servants quarters.

Many thanks to the Burton Overy village
charity for the donation towards the costs.

I visited Jean Harris our past organiser who
is now in Sibbertoft nursing home. She is
doing well and was pleased to receive a
visitor and to see the group’s pictures of the
Kelmarsh visit.

Future meetings planned are:

**THURSDAY November 21st “The
Springs” Carlton Lane**

**WEDNESDAY December 4th Christmas
Lunch at “The Crown” Tur Langton**

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15th 2020
“Bunkers Hill”(Mr & Mrs Swain)**

As usual a big thank you to all our Hosts for
their very kind hospitality this past year

The Friendship Club meets once a month,
normally on the third Wednesday or

Thursday between 10.30 until 12.00 at different venues around the village.

The coffee morning club is for Villagers **of all ages** and friends of the village.

So please come - everyone will always be made very welcome.

The Club is friendly and informal. It's a great way to get to know your fellow villagers and to meet socially for a chat over Tea/coffee & biscuits ***or sometimes even cake!***

There is no membership or admission charge

The monthly raffle and Bring & Buy table raise the funds for all the club's other events.

So if you can spare an hour once a month, please do drop in, we would love to see you!

If you would like more details or a lift -
contact Patrick on 259 2350

Patrick@mcarragher.com

Burton Overy Dancers

Burton Overy Dancers folk dance club recently started a new year of dancing at the beginning of September and held its AGM on September 11. Under the terms of our Constitution some Committee members had to stand down or change their roles, so the new Chairperson is Margaret Pollard, a well-known Burton Overy resident.

The club has a busy Wednesday evening programme planned for the 2019-20 season, featuring several visiting Callers as well as our own club Callers. We shall be dancing to **live music** from some great bands on two occasions during the current term ; **Belzebub** with Callers Roy & Norma Garrington at our Halloween evening on October 30, and **Hobson's Choice** with Callers Jeannie Byron and

Peter Meacock at our Christmas Party on December 18 which will have a "Medieval Christmas" theme .

As is customary, early in the new year, 2020, we shall be holding two "Dancers-dances" at weekends. Firstly, on Sunday January 19 we have an afternoon **Tea Dance** (2.30 to 6.00pm) with the ever-popular band ***Kelly's Eye*** and Guest Callers **Kathryn & David Wright** from Lichfield. Then, on Saturday March 28 the club will hold its **33rd Annual Dance** with the nationally-known Caller **Frances Richardson** supported by the superb band ***Keeping Thyme***. Both events should be great fun and we hope they will be attended by dancers from near and far; ticket prices and contact details are on the club website at

burtonoverydancers.wordpress.com

We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members who would like to join us in this sociable and fun activity. We dance in the Village Hall on Wednesday evenings from 8.00 to 10.00pm, with a short refreshment break halfway though. We mostly use recorded music with occasional evenings of live music, as detailed above. Dances are called by club members or invited visiting Callers, and all dances are fully explained and walked-through before setting them to music, and then called throughout. There is no need for any special clothing, just wear something comfortable and loose with lightweight, preferably flat, shoes or sandals. And you do not need to come with a partner; singles are very welcome. Our members will see that you are included in the dancing and help you with the moves if they are new to you. So, why not come along and try this fun and

sociable activity that promotes good health and well-being?

Full details about these and all **BOD** activities can be found on our web site at burtonoverydancers.wordpress.com

Alternatively you can contact Margaret Pollard (tel: 0116 259 2406, email: mrgtrtpollard@gmail.com), or Peter Meacock (tel: 0116 279 3600. email: petermeacock112@btinternet.com).

Village Websites

Please do not forget about the village and Parish Council websites,

www.burtonoverypc.org.uk/village-website

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