



Burton Overy Newsletter

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St Andrew's Church News

Things at the church have been changing and growing and I hope some of you will take a chance to come and see what God is doing. We have had another successful "Donkey Walk" on Palm Sunday with over 125 people joining us for bacon sandwiches, a lively service and donkey rides that followed with the Methodist minister, Rev Fran Rhys, sharing a talk with us. It was lovely to see so many from the village and others from Great Glen joining us on the day. Thanks to Rebecca, Nicola and team for all of their hard work.

There have also been a few visits from intercity schools and local schools to the Langton's farm, which are always a real blessing to the students. Thank you to all of those who gave at last year's Harvest Service that allowed that to happen.

There have been changes to our monthly services as well, allowing us to open a time slot for a new service. In October we started a 9:15 am service to allow for a more modern style of worship. We have the first three Sundays a month in Great Glen and the 4th Sunday in Burton Overy. It has been great seeing the church full of a mixture of young and old with new children and families joining us each week. If you haven't been to one of the services why not bring the family and have a look? All are welcome.

Our next big service will be 17th June when we celebrate Father's day at St Andrew's. It is a service for the whole family and the men receive Yorkie bars as a special treat so do come and join us. We are also looking forward to a special celebration the 21st July as Caroline Hatfield comes to marry Nii Anteson. We pray that the day and the years to come will be happy and blessed for both of them.

I would like to say thank you to all of you who continue to support the church in so many different ways, your care and attention means so much to us and it is very appreciated. We as a church are always open to suggestions about how we can serve you better. If you have any thoughts or ideas of how we can help, what kind of things you would like to see happen or different ways we can serve the village please don't hesitate to get a hold of me and have a chat or send me an email or have a chat with the church wardens Anne Bloor or Steve Rankine. We are very willing to listen to any cares or concerns, thoughts or ideas you may have.

You can contact me on 259 2238 or kimberleykford@aim.com.

I wish you all a very wonderful Spring and Summer and I pray you will find many blessings throughout the year to come.

News From The Parish Council

Councillor Changes

Councillor Tim Ramsey has resigned from the Council due to the difficulty of combining the role of being an effective councillor with increasing work commitments. Sincere thanks are due to Tim for his work on the Council including involvement with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. The casual vacancy that arose as a result of Tim's resignation was duly advertised and I am very pleased to say that Sarah Rankine has now been co-opted to the Council. Sarah has recently retired from her teaching post as Head of Nursery at Radcliffe College and is ready to take on a new challenge as a parish councillor for which we are very grateful. Full details of all councillors can be seen on the Parish Council website: www.burtonoverypc.org.uk

Don't forget the Parish Council website has lots of useful information. Kate Barker the Parish Clerk works hard to keep it up to date. You can find out what is happening on the Parish Council including viewing minutes, agendas and financial information. Details of current planning applications are available as well as information and links to local consultations. There are links to services provided by the District Council and County Council, emergency numbers, a fault reporting form and much more.

Dogs

We have had some recent complaints from residents regarding dog waste on pavements around the village. Dog mess is a hazard to people and livestock. It is an offence not to pick up after your dog (this includes on all land to which the public have access and covers footpaths over fields). Owners can also be fined if they cannot produce a means to collect the waste when asked by an officer of HDC. We have three dog waste bins in the village but dog mess can be disposed of in any waste bin including your black wheelie bin. Dog owners please be considerate and clean it up.

Our fields are full of sheep and lambs and as the weather improves more livestock will be out in the fields. **TAKE THE LEAD** and keep your dogs under control around livestock. Go to www.nfuonline.com/BackBritishFarming for more information and advice.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Burton Overy Neighbourhood Plan when made will form part of the basis for planning decisions applicable to Burton Overy Parish up to 2031. The plan sets out a vision and planning policy that aims to help shape future development in Burton Overy. The plan focuses on planning issues which consultation shows matter most to this community. These include policies that:

- Ensure that housing development takes place in the most sustainable locations, is of the right quantity and type and does not harm the existing and historic character of the village;
- Encourage the right types of development that meet local needs;
- Protect important buildings and structures of historic and architectural interest;
- Protect community facilities;
- Promote high quality design in new development which enhances the Parish's special character and identity;
- Protect the countryside and special landscape and where possible improve biodiversity and important habitats; and
- Protect open spaces that are important to the community and/or wildlife

The Neighbourhood Plan has now been submitted to Harborough District for the next phase in the statutory consultation process. All residents will have received a leaflet advising of this consultation stage which runs from 18 April to 20 May 2018. The plan and supporting documentation can be viewed on the Parish Council website (details above). Hard Copies of the plan are also available at the Bell Inn Public House and the Telephone Box Book Exchange.

For further details of the consultation process and representation forms please visit:

<http://www.harborough.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning>

or

<http://www.harborough.gov.uk/consultation>

Representations should be submitted to Harborough District Council by 30 May 2018 by email: burtonoverynp@harborough.gov.uk or by post to Strategic Planning, Harborough District Council, The Symington Building, Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough, LE16 7AG

Trees and Tree Warden

Tree wardens are a national force of local volunteer tree champions and a key part of The Tree Council's Community Action Programme. The Tree Warden Scheme gives people who feel that trees matter an opportunity amongst other things to:

- Champion their local trees and woods
- Plant and care for trees
- Survey Trees
- Provide early warning of threats, disease, decay or vandalism
- Get together with like-minded people for training and field trips
- Champion Tree Council initiatives such as its Hedge Tree Campaign to reverse the decline of trees and hedges

Tree Wardens also have access to trees at reduced costs and sometimes at no cost, at certain times of the year.

I am pleased to say that the Parish Council has now appointed Neil Phillips to the role of tree warden for Burton Overy. Neil has 18 years of experience as the Tree Warden for Great Glen and we look forward to working with Neil.

Burton Overy village is a Conservation Area and this designation recognises that the character of the area is worthy of preserving and enhancing. With regard to trees this means anyone proposing to cut down or carry out work to trees (excluding trees with a diameter not exceeding 75mm) is required to give Harborough District Council (HDC) six weeks prior notice. HDC can either make a Tree Preservation Order to preserve the tree or allow the work to go ahead. HDC is not able to make conditions such as requiring the planting of a replacement tree. We are keen however to encourage residents to replant a suitable tree in an appropriate location in place of one that is felled thereby helping to maintain the biodiversity and landscaping which is so important to our Parish. So please give this some thought when removing a diseased or problem tree.

Parish Council Notice Board

This has been located on the wall of Wheatridge, Main Street by kind permission of Larry and Myra Lambert for a number of years but we are now looking for a new home for it. The notice board contains all the information the Parish Council is by law obliged to display in a public place. It is glass fronted, is kept locked and measures 1000mm wide by 800mm high. It has recently been renovated and many thanks to Nick Jones for attending to that. If any one has any ideas as to where it may be placed and/or is willing to offer a wall to host it, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please give me a call on 259 3184. In the meantime the Parish Council notices are being displayed in the telephone box book exchange.

Burton Overy Three Peaks Walk – 9th June 2018

You will have read about this sponsored walk in the flier delivered to your home. You can also read more details on the village website. Plans are well underway. The day promises to be another memorable occasion in the life of our village. The walk will be a real challenge, but also an opportunity to see some of the magnificent scenery in North and West Leicestershire.

We hope that everyone will join us. Whether you feel up to the challenge of the whole walk or whether you would prefer to walk a shorter distance, makes no difference. You are all most welcome. Do as much as you want. For those who would rather walk only the first leg from Newton Linford to Old John and then on to Beacon Hill, we will provide transport to bring you back from Beacon Hill to your starting point at Newton Linford.

Some of the attractions on the route are: Old John and Bradgate Park, Broombriggs Farm Country Park, Beacon Hill Country Park, the “Old Man of the Beacon”, Noon Column, Bardon Hill Wood and Quarry, Hill Hole Quarry Nature Reserve, Old Cliffe Hill Quarry..... and much more.

By the end you will know your beautiful county much better, you will know your fellow walkers much better, you will have raised much needed money for the village hall and the Laura Centre and you will be ready for a good supper in our village hall.

You can bring friends and family on the walk.

Photos of the day will be taken and there will be a quiz to test your powers of observation and your knowledge of nature.

Please sign up for more details of the day itself.

There are 10 leaders who will all pre-walk the route to ensure that on the day you do not get lost.

There is a Just Giving page for donations and sponsor forms for the walkers. For more details and to sign up please contact myself or one of the following:

Carolyn Carson – cdalec20@gmail.com Tel: 2593736

Sarah Cripps – sarah.cripps@saladskills.co.uk Tel: 07817 685 039

Caroline Ramsey – c.ruddock@doctors.org.uk Tel: 07801560381

Robert Brown – robertalanbrown@sky.com Tel: 2593184

Women's Institute

We were saddened to lose our oldest member Jean Brown in January, she had been ill for some time. Always a keen member of the Institute, Jean was involved in every aspect of WI life, never missing a meeting until her last illness, and always ready to volunteer her help. She is greatly missed.

The January meeting was preceded by lunch. This was intended to be in December but bad weather forced us to postpone the meal. Jane Chandler did us proud with a splendid late Christmas lunch, complete with candles and crackers, thank you Jane. Lunch was followed by a talk from Duncan Sims entitled "Most people have got the wrong kind of Will - don't let it be you" a very informative and amusing speech.

The February meeting, also in the afternoon, was on the 13th. Members spent an enjoyable time decorating cupcakes for Valentines Day. This was also arranged by Jane.

In March we reverted to evening meetings. Several members brought along an item which was special to them and told us why they loved it.

The April meeting will be on the 24th, not our usual date but as Burton Overy WI was formed 100 years ago on the 25th April 1918, we chose the nearest Tuesday.

Members will each be presented with a framed group photograph taken by Graham Thompson. Our speaker will be Richard Adams who will present a slide show set to music which he has called "Memories are made of this." This has been specially made for us. Champagne and a birthday cake will be served.

At our May meeting, after discussion we will vote on the resolution Mental Health Matters. Our decision will go to the National Annual Meeting in Cardiff held in June.

After the vote Ian Milne will give a talk on Kenya.

June meeting, Flower arranging by Jackie Palmer.

July meeting, an outing to Barnsdale.

Burton Overy Friendship Club

During the winter the group continued to meet for coffee mornings once a month.

In January we met at “Bunkers Hill” with Jo and Julian Swain

February’s coffee morning saw 16 of us with Mary Parker at “The Sallows”

March meeting was at “White House Farm” thanks to Mr and Mrs Grant

April's meeting is planned for “Thorndale Cottage” home of Lynn & Bill Bayliss

Future meetings planned are;

May 17th Spring Lunch at the “Fox & Goose” Illston on Hill

June 21st Coffee Morning at “Brindles” Scotland Lane.

July 19th Strawberry, Cream Tea at “Cantu” Beadswell Lane.

August 16th Coffee Morning at “Kingarth Farm” Town Street.

Thanks once again to all our Hosts for their very kind hospitality.

The Friendship Club meets once a month, normally on the third Thursday between 10.30 until 12.00 at different venues around the village.

The Club is friendly and informal. It’s a great way to get to know your fellow villagers to meet socially for a chat over coffee/biscuits ***and very often cake!***

Villagers old and new and friends of the village will always be made very welcome. There is no membership or admission charge

The Bring & Buy table and a monthly raffle 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 Thelma Short on 259 2137, Patrick on 259 2350 or Jean Harris on 259 2251

Village Show 2018

On Saturday 1st September the traditional Village Show will take place once again in the Village Hall.

An event that brings the Village together in their desire to show off their skills, whether it be in growing, cooking or craft making. A chance to win a “First in Class” certificate or even a cup to put on the mantelpiece!

I appeal once again to the youngsters in the village to enter. Look out for the schedule coming through your letterbox in July, giving plenty of time to produce an exhibit.

The Show committee also welcome anyone who would like to help run the Show OR at this stage have any new idea for entries.

Feel free to contact me, Graham Thompson,

Email – grahamapt@btinternet.com

Burton Overy Flower And Garden Club

Members of the Flower and Garden Club are looking forward to our first outing to White House Farm, Ingarsby, on Thursday 3 May.

Future visits are planned to Mon Amie’s new base in Kibworth, to Woodhouse Eaves, Kelmarsh Hall and the Wooden Owl in Clipston. A Members’ Evening is planned for October, and our speaker at the meeting on 1st November will be garden designer Sue Blaxland, who was due at our March meeting, which had to be cancelled because of the snow and ice.

Flower Club members, under the guidance of the Christmas Tree Festival’s Artistic Director, Judy Rollin, helped with the décor for the Festival and also decorated St Andrew’s Church for Easter.

The Flower Arrangement section in the Village Show attracted a great deal of interest, and several people asked if the Club would arrange a flower arranging workshop. This took place in February, led by Judy, and was enjoyed by those who took part.

They are keen to practise their newly acquired skills – so watch for increased entries in the Village Show (Saturday 1st September) and a very high standard.

Visitors are welcome to join our outings, or to attend events in the Village Hall. Contact Joan Stephens, 259 2210, joanscribble@yahoo.co.uk for programme details.

Burton Overy Village Hall

All events since the last Newsletter - quizzes, the Christmas Lunch and the Christmas Tree Festival have been successful. The Village Hall share of the Festival profits was £2,500.

Currently, the Village Hall Management Committee's main preoccupation is with maintenance of the building: 18 years on, as with any building, repairs and renovation are now badly needed.

The recent re-vamp of the entrance to the Hall is a huge improvement and it will look even more welcoming when the remaining small garden area is planted with shrubs and low maintenance items. The cost of the alterations, a little over £13,000, has been met mainly thanks to a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund of £10,000.

Attention will now focus on new flooring in the Brian Pollard Room, replacement of the windows, which are rotting, and re-decoration of the room.

In the Main Hall, the toilets need refurbishment and adjustments to the overflow, plus redecoration .

Owing to constant use, in particular during the Christmas Tree Festival, the Hall floor, needs to be re-surfaced every seven or eight years and the work is now due. Hopefully, profits from the Three Peaks Walk in June will make a substantial contribution to the cost, estimated at £4,000. We are grateful to Robert Brown for this initiative.

The canopy in the Main Hall , generously provided by Jonathan Vaughan when the Hall was re-built, needs to be either cleaned and repaired, or replaced, a major undertaking, likely to cost at least £1,500.

Coming events are The Old Time Music Hall, on June 23, which is already a sell out, autumn quizzes, the Village Show, on 1 September, and the Christmas Tree Festival, 30 November – 2 December.

In order to conform with recent data protection laws we need confirmation from you that you are happy for us to continue emailing you from the Village Hall with information and details of events.

Could you please email burtonoveryvillagehall@gmail.com to confirm whether or not you are happy to continue receiving emails.

If you have never received an email from us and would like to be added to our list, please email us.

The Hall currently has a full quota of committee members but we are always looking for volunteers to be involved in various activities throughout the year.

If you are happy to be contacted at these times please let us know by e mail.

The committee are grateful for support from regular users such as the Women's Institute and the Burton Overy Dancers. We need outside bookings too, so whenever you have the opportunity, please mention the Hall as a venue for events – we work hard to keep it in tip top condition to provide an asset the village can be proud of.

NB Please take a look at the item **(below)** on the Harborough Lotto – your participation in that will bring in much needed funds for the Hall – and offer you the opportunity of a cash prize too.

Harborough Lotto

Our village hall is an asset which needs constant attention and we have now arranged to participate in an exciting new project organised by Market Harborough authorities. It's called the Harborough Lotto. (website www.harboroughlotto.co.uk/support/burton-overly-village-hall).

This lotto has a weekly draw where you pick six numbers between 0 and 9. You can win up to £25,000 with smaller prizes for fewer correct numbers. Just visit the website and look for the Burton Overy Village Hall link. Entries are £1 per line and 50p of each pound is donated to the Hall charity funds. It is easy to set up a direct debit or credit card monthly entry and there is no long term commitment – you can simply sign in if you wish to opt out. Be sure to select Burton Overy Village Hall as your chosen beneficiary. There are no numbers to check as you will be emailed when you win and paid out automatically! The first draw is on 5th May.

By joining in you can not only support our Hall, you can also win a really good prize in the process.

Good luck!

Poppy Appeal

This year's Poppy appeal, collected from around the village and in The Bell, raised a fantastic £614.22.

Thanks once again to Peter Barbour and family for their collection efforts and everyone who kindly donated.

Christmas Tree Festival

Thanks to the enthusiastic support of everyone in the village and the careful planning of the event by the Christmas Tree Festival committee, our 18th Festival was a great success, both in terms of the number of visitors who came to view it and the amount of profit made – just over £7,700. A donation of £1,540 was made to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Visitors always enjoy voting for their favourite tree . This year Rachel Margetts won first place in the Adult section with Merry Christmouse; The Burton Overy Quilting and Sewing Group won second place with The Little Christmas Festival; Sally Muir won third place with Tree-Cycled Christmas.

In the Children's section, George and Arthur Barbour won first place with Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow; Laurie King won second place with Have a Crate Christmas, and Stoneygate School won third place with Afternoon Tea at Stoneygate.

Home-made refreshments in the Village Hall with a Grand Raffle, a children's chocolate Tombola and stalls offering crafts, jewellery, greeting cards, ceramics, plants and local beer all helped to attract visitors and swell the funds.

The Festival organising committee are already planning the 2018 Festival, which will take place from Friday November 30 until Sunday December 2, inclusive. If you have suggestions for the charity to be supported, please contact Barbara Lloyd, barbaralloyd21@gmail.com

Junior Tennis

starts again for children on May 2nd – come along to The Springs, Carlton Lane on Wednesdays between 5.00 and 6.00. Dave Henson has kindly agreed to teach the children – plenty of rackets to borrow, and drinks and crisps available after the sport. Older children and parents are welcome to play after the youngsters finish. Anne Bloor 259-2440 rabloor@gmail.com

Burton Overy Dancers

Despite the atrocious winter weather, and having to move temporarily to Great Glen because of building work to the Village Hall entrance, **Burton Overy Dancers** folk dance club has enjoyed a busy winter period with regular club nights on Wednesday evenings, and several special dances over the Christmas and early New Year period.

We held our **2018 New Year Tea Dance** on Sunday January 7 when the Caller was *Lynne Render* from Loughborough with music from the excellent band "*Patchwork*". And then on March 10 was the club's **31st Annual Dance** when we welcomed another nationally-known Caller, *Frances Richardson* from Lichfield, supported by the multi-talented London-based band "*Momentum*" who played exhilarating music for the dancing. At both events we had a capacity crowd of around 60 people travelling from far and wide. Another notable occasion was our **Playford and Regency Night** on March 14th when several members donned period costume or formal evening wear for dances from the 17th and 18th centuries with piano accompaniment from a club member, *Jennifer Hawley*.

The club will continue its dancing programme until the end of June with other highlights to look forward to - a **Maypole-Dancing** evening on May 2nd, and the **BOD Summer Party** on June 27.

Later, during summer or Autumn, we plan to work with the Village Hall Management Committee to run a "**Village Hall Ceilidh**" in order to raise funds towards the refurbishment of the Village Hall floor. This will be open to the general public and feature ceilidh dances and traditional barn dances that can be enjoyed by everyone, young and old, experienced dancers and beginners alike. We do hope that residents of Burton Overy and neighbouring villages will join us for a fun-filled evening. Watch out for posters around the village announcing date, time and ticket outlets - and come along!

We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members who would like to take up this sociable and fun activity. Full details about these events and all **BOD** activities can be found on our web site at <https://burtonoverydancers.wordpress.com/>, or you can contact the current Chairman, Peter Meacock (tel: 0116 279 3600. email: petermeacock112@btinternet.com).



Burton Overy Dancers "Playford & Regency Night"; March 14th, 2018

Village Website

<http://www.burtonoverypc.org.uk/>

Newsletter

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