



Burton Overy

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Christmas Tree Festival

1st - 3rd December - Doors open from 10am each day

Everyone in the village will by now have received the package of information about our forthcoming Christmas Tree Festival – our 18th – and the Festival Committee have been busy over the last few months planning the event.

Last year's Festival raised £7,118 (including £1,780 proceeds from the Raffle) and attracted more than 2,000 visitors.

The nominated charity for this year is the Motor Neurone Disease Association: there is a great deal of support for the charity in the village, so this is an opportunity to help Vicki Ryall and her helpers to raise a large amount for its work.

The Festival is always an opportunity for everyone in the village to contribute some help, whether by baking a cake, selling raffle tickets, raffle prizes, greeting visitors at the church door, or helping with the décor.

As always, the success of the Raffle depends on the number and quality of the prizes on offer – and we have a high standard to maintain. So please help by donating a prize or prizes and asking friends, work colleagues and business contacts if they could donate a prize too.

Prizes can be delivered to the Village Hall on the morning of **30 November** or dropped in to Carolyn Carson (0116 259 3736) at The Old Coach House any time before then. If Carolyn is not there, please leave donations in her greenhouse. She would also be grateful for containers for prizes – so if you have suitable baskets or other packaging, do please drop those in to her as well.

Of course, the Christmas trees in the church are the main attraction for visitors. Do please enter a tree if you can – size is not important as long as the tree has lights and decoration. Part of the fun of entering is the camaraderie and note swapping among people who enter a tree – plus they have the opportunity of a preview of the display before it is open to the general public. What's not to like? And, of course, when you take your tree home after the Festival, it is all ready for the big day – one job you can tick off the Christmas list!

The Village Hall will offer something for everyone – top quality tea, coffee and home made cakes from the kitchen, stalls packed with goodies including gifts, crafts, plants, jewellery, and lots more plus a chocolate tombola and face painting for the children.

Please help to spread the word about our Festival – recommend it to family, friends, and colleagues at work. It's a popular and highly enjoyable event and the best possible start to the festive season.

Parish Council

The Tree Warden Scheme

This is a national initiative to enable people to play an active role in conserving and enhancing their local trees and woods. In Leicestershire, Tree Wardens are volunteers who are appointed by parish councils to gather information about their local trees. They also get involved in local tree matters such as reporting early signs of pests and diseases and encouraging local projects related to trees and woods.

Leicestershire County Council will support and offer guidance to Tree Wardens at a local level and provide networking events each year. Links to funding schemes will also be provided to encourage volunteers in their efforts to increase tree cover in their parish.

We are looking for a volunteer to take on the role of tree warden for our parish with the support of the Parish Council. If anyone is interested in this scheme, please give me a ring (259 3184) or email the Parish Council at burtonoverypc@gmail.com

Street Lights

There are a number of streetlights currently out in the village. I have asked the County Council to replace the bulbs. As the County Council no longer holds a stock of the old type of bulb still in use in most of our lights, there will be a delay whilst the bulbs are ordered in. You will be aware that we have now had LED lights fitted in three of the column lamps. We only have six column lamps in the village. The majority of our streetlights are overhead fed lights attached to telegraph posts and buildings. These require adaptation to take LED lights. The County Council is working on a scheme for the replacement of pole brackets and when it has a contractor in place it will launch a parish pack detailing the costs. The cost is of course borne by the Parish Council. This scheme is expected to be available in March 2018. As mentioned in previous newsletters the Parish Council is working towards replacing all street lights with LEDs and the cost of this will need to be reflected in the precept over the next three to four years.

Mention has also been made previously of converting all night-lights to part night. The fact is however that this in itself carries a cost and once the lamps are converted to LEDs any saving on electricity would be negligible. In any event the all night-lights are in strategic positions at road junctions and at the entrances to the village warning motorists that they are entering a 30 mph area.

Website: www.burtonoverypc.org.uk

Don't forget that the website carries a lot of information about the Parish Council including details of meetings, agendas and minutes and financial information. It is also regularly updated with local consultations and planning applications affecting the parish and other local schemes and initiatives which may be of interest to parishioners. If you are interested in the business that is covered and how the parish council works, the meetings are open to the public, so please feel to sit in on a meeting. We usually meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 in the Brian Pollard room of the village hall.

Fran Brown

Burton Overy Flower and Garden Club.

During the summer, members have enjoyed outings to visit gardens in Woodhouse Eaves, Little Bowden, Thistleton, and Sulby.

Howard and Carmel Grant moved from Burton Overy to Bruntingthorpe several years ago and we went to see their garden there in August. They have worked hard and put a great deal of thought and imagination into making it beautiful, so it was good to see them both again and to spend an evening admiring the garden which, apart from a rich variety of plants and shrubs, has some very interesting sculptures and objets d'art.

In April we had a talk on southern Chile by Dr Mary Walmsley, who included wildlife and history as well as plants in her illustrated talk.

Gayle Shell, who is one of Leicestershire's leading flower arrangers, gave us an inspiring demonstration of her art in October. She created seven arrangements which were raffled at the end of the evening, so several members and guests went home with flowers.

Making door wreaths will be the subject of the **November** meeting, **7.30 pm** in the Village Hall. As ever, guests are welcome.

Following the Village Show, a number of people have expressed interest in learning something about flower arranging. If there are enough takers, the Club could arrange some informal workshop/tuition sessions in the Village Hall. Please e-mail joanscribble@yahoo.co.uk if you would be interested in taking part.

Our first meeting in 2018 will be on **Thursday 1 March, 7.30 pm** in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Sue Blaxland on Walled Gardens in Leicestershire and Rutland.

Burton Overy Friendship Club

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

April's gathering was hosted by Lynn & Bill Bayliss at "Thorndale Cottage"

In May the coffee morning was at "The Sallows" thanks to Mary Parker

And in June at "Gartree Cottage" by Patrick McArragher

July was the Strawberry Cream Tea – beautifully prepared by Jane Chandler at Vicky Ryall's house.

August and September saw coffee mornings at "Brindles" (Janet & Keith Smith) and "Kingarth Farm (Mr & Mrs Barbour)

In October the group went to Hallaton for a meal at "The Fox" followed by a very interesting visit to Hallaton Museum which was specially opened for the group.

Future meetings planned are;

November 16th Coffee Morning at "The Springs" (Mr & Mrs Bloor)

December 7th Christmas Lunch at "The Crown Tur Langton

January 15th (Wednesday) Coffee Morning at "Bunkers Hill" (Mr & Mrs Swain)

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.

Villagers old and new and friends of the village will 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 coffee/biscuits and very often cake!

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

Burton Overy Dancers

Burton Overy Dancers folk dance club resumed its regular Wednesday evening dancing (8.00 to 10.00pm) in the Village Hall on September 6. We have a varied programme planned which features dancing to both club and visiting Callers, and live music on some occasions. We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members who would like to take up this sociable and fun activity. We dance a mixture of English country and courtly (Playford) style dances along with American Square and Contra formation dances. Club members will teach you the moves, ensure you are included in the dances, and generally make you feel welcome - so why not come along and give it a try?

On Saturday October 28th, we held our **BOD Autumn Barn Dance** with live music from the band "*Pandemonium*"; the Callers for the evening were *Ken Judd* and *Richard Spendlove*, both from the club and well-experienced in running a fun-filled evening. This was open to the general public and featured traditional barn dances that could be enjoyed by everyone, young and old, experienced dancers and beginners alike. We were pleased to welcome a few non-member visitors who joined us on the night for an evening of fun and frolics!

Other **BOD** activities over the next few months will include a **Ghosts and Ghouls** Halloween celebration on Wednesday November 1st, with live music from the band "*Belzebub*". The club plans to enter a decorated club tree in the Annual Burton Overy Christmas Tree Festival, and we shall hold the **BOD** Christmas Party with live music from "*Kurly Kale*" on Wednesday December 20.

In early 2018, we shall be holding two "Dancers' Dances". Firstly, a **New Year Tea Dance** on Sunday January 7; the Caller will be *Lynne Render* from Loughborough with music from the band "*Patchwork*". The second event will be the club's **31st Annual Dance** on Saturday March 10th; for this we are delighted to welcome the well-known Caller *Frances Richardson* supported by the very talented band "*Momentum*". For both, events we anticipate an excellent programme and invite dancers from the region to join us.

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).

Village Hall

The Village Hall has been well used during the summer, both for village events and individual bookings.

The Management Committee is currently examining detailed estimates for the work involved in the re-vamp of the Hall entrance. This will include more disabled parking space, non-slip paving stones and easier access to the main doorway for all users.

Work is expected to take 2 – 3 weeks and will start in early spring. When the outdoor work is completed, there are plans to replace the windows in the Brian Pollard Room, to carry out the necessary re-sealing of the Hall floor, and the cleaning/replacement of the awning.

Film shows have proved to be popular – watch out for the next one, which will be in January or February 2018.

Quizzes continue to attract increased participation and competition between the teams increases in intensity too! The next quiz will be on Friday 15 March 2018, and, just to ring the changes, the fare on offer will be pie and chips rather than the traditional fish and chips. Details will be circulated round the village in due course.

The Murder Mystery evening on 24 June was a great success. The thespian talents of all the actors recruited by impresario Barbara Lloyd for the show were appreciated by a full house and applause for their dramatic impact almost raised the roof of the hall. An Old Thyme Music Hall is planned for next June so watch out for the date and brush up your rendition of My Old Man and Burlington Bertie...

The Village Show, masterminded by Graham Thompson and his committee, raised a record sum of £400.

Following the AGM in April, the committee welcomed three new members: Sarah Cripps, Helen Matthews and Caroline Ramsay.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER: Christmas Lunch in the Village Hall.

FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2018: Quiz Night, with Pie and Chips.

News from St Andrew's Church

We are very sorry to have to say goodbye to Marianne Robinson and Kit Burrows. We know all in the village will feel their loss and our thoughts and prayers are with both families in this time of grief. May they both rest in God's peace.

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There has been a big change in the churchyard in the last few weeks. If you haven't been up to the church recently do come by and have a look at our new path. Due to the footfall of all those who come to events like the Christmas Tree Festival, weddings, church services and other events it was decided that it would be good to make the surface more accessible for those in who have walking difficulties. There are also plans a foot to add a hand rail for the steps once planning permission has been granted. We hope the new path will make it easier for everyone to come and join us during the up coming events.

We have also made some changes to one of our services. We have changed the 10:45 am to 9:15 am service on the 4th Sunday of each month. The service is a more informal service designed to involve young and old alike. We had our first informal service on the 22nd of October and it was lovely to see the church full of life. We had several children, young families and older generations as well. We celebrated communion and the children were able to show us their craftwork at the end of the service. We also sang familiar hymns to a guitar. Our hope is to make our services accessible to all. Do come and see for yourself and join us on the 4th Sunday of any month.

We hope and pray that as you come into the Christmas season you will find the peace and joy that arrived over 2000 years ago with the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Soon we will be sending out a Christmas card with all of the up coming services over the Christmas season we do hope you can join us.

Many blessings to you all

Kim

W.I.

Here is news of the WI meetings which have taken place since the last newsletter. As ever please alter or abridge as necessary.

In May, we were informed that the two resolutions to be taken to the AGM in Liverpool were on Alleviating Loneliness and Plastic Soup (pollution of the oceans). A collective vote passed both resolutions unanimously. Quizzes organised by Pauline Wells and refreshments followed.

At the June meeting representatives from Boots Cosmetics talked about the help cosmetics could give to ladies undergoing chemotherapy. Alison Tasker received a facial make-over, others enjoyed a soothing hand massage.

On a wet day in July, members enjoyed a brief look round the gardens at Coton Manor between showers, followed by an excellent tea.

In August there was a bring and share meal at the home of President Margaret Pollard. Jean Brown won the raffle for the painting donated by artist Ray Riley at the April meeting. Jean has been unwell for several months, we hope she is starting to recover now.

September started with the Village Show. Prizes for the WI section were awarded as follows:

Craft Thimble. Beryl Connolly

Cookery spoon. Mary Parker

Flower goblet. Anne Bloor

Aggregate cup. Beryl Connolly

The speaker in September was Moira Bartlett who gave an interesting talk on improving care for women in Ghana.

At the start of the October meeting Graham Thompson took a group photograph of us ahead of our celebrating next year 100 years since the Institute was formed in Burton Overy in 1918.

After that we had a Crafts for Christmas evening organised by Jane Chandler and Beryl Connolly. Thank you both for a good evening.

November will be the AGM and in December we hope to enter a tree in the Village Christmas Tree Festival.

Village Show

This year's trophy winners were:

Aggregate Cup: **Barbara Lloyd**

Glebe Garden Trophy (Best Exhibit in flower/produce): **Judy Rollin**

Tom Cooper Shield (three dressed onions): **Alan Chandler**

Flora James Rose Bowl (best arrangement): **Judy Rollin**

Bert Ashby Trophy (best dahlia): **Margaret Pollard**

Anne Holden Trophy: **Jo Taylor**

Children's Cup: **Daisy Cook**

Best of Show Trophy: **Beryl Connolly**

There were 49 entrants. 274 entries. A profit of £382 was made. £400 was given to the Village Hall.

Newsletter

Newsletter items are generally sent in reply to an email asking for contributions. However, this mailing list does get out of date. If you receive this newsletter but are not notified when items are due, for the next edition, and would like to be, then please drop me an email at gummi800@hotmail.com and I will be glad to add you to the mailing list.

