

Burton Overy

Newsletter

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Village Show

This year the Village Show made a profit of £454.63. Up over £150 from last year, thanks largely to increased revenue from the auction (A big thank you to Steve Kirk who conducted the auction). Also much thanks to Graham Thompson and his committee for producing another successful and enjoyable show.

A record number of entries this year. Stunning display of papier mache masks made by the children of the village. Thanks to Chris Fletcher for helping the children to make the masks.

Village show winners

Childrens Cup	- Poppy Robinson
Bert Ashby Trophy(Best Dahlia)	- Margaret Pollard
Flora James Rose Bowl (best Arrangement)	- Judith Olsson
Johnson Cup(Heaviest Marrow)	- Geoffrey Grant
Tom Cooper Shield (Three Dressed Onions)	- Gerald Welch
Best Exhibit (Flower/Produce)	
Glebe Garden Trophy	- Gerald Welch
Aggregate Cup	- Geoffrey Grant
Best of Show	- Angela Nowill

(Angela Nowill produced a Hand knitted item from hand spun wool from Craig Langton's sheep!)

Christmas Tree Festival, December 3, 4 and 5.

After the resounding success of our 10th Christmas Tree Festival, plans are now in full swing for the 2010 Festival, our 11th.

The nominated charity for this year's Festival is LOROS, who will receive 20 per cent of Festival profits,

Invitations/information have been sent to every household in the village, and the Festival committee, chaired by Lizzie King, hope that everyone will take part in the event, either simply coming along to view the trees in church or by visiting the Village Hall where there will be a variety of stalls – an opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping!

Or of course, you could contribute by entering a tree (entry form in the information pack), or by volunteering to help with the various aspects of the Festival. As always, Jennifer Grant will be grateful for donations of home-made mince pies, cakes or tray bakes.

There will be no Friday evening reception this year, and no official opening. The Festival will be open from 10 am until 6.30 pm each day. We have cut down on publicity expenses this year, so please tell your family and friends about the Festival and encourage them to come along and take part in this popular annual event. It might be worth pointing out to people that the least crowded day/evening is Friday, so that is the best day for people to come and view the trees/shop in the Village Hall in comfort.

There will be a short church service on Sunday evening, to close the Festival. Watch out for details in the church newsletter and News in the Pews.

Village Hall Committee

A big night was had on October 23rd when Brian York entertained us with his Frank Sinatra songs. This event was oversubscribed so please make sure you order your tickets early for future events. These events have two purposes. They provide a good local night out for villagers and their friends but importantly also raise funds for the upkeep of the hall.

Since the rebuilding of the hall we have now seen the annual running costs stabilize to around £7500 per annum.

This is a significant amount and your support for future events will help to maintain our superb facility.

Each month Steve Kirk runs an enjoyable quiz which is less about intellect and more about banter.

If you haven't given it a try then join us. The quiz is normally held on the 2nd Friday of each month but for confirmation there is a poster at the bottom of Carlton Lane for the 5 days before each quiz.

Watch out for information about the Christmas lunch and the ever popular Burns Night supper in January.

Our main fundraiser is always our Midsummer Ball which will be held next year on Saturday June 18th.

News from Burton Overy Parish Council

Meeting 1st November 2010 in Village Hall – The village hall management committee, experiencing a shortfall in funding due to increased running/maintenance costs and falling revenue from fund raising events, requested a donation from the Parish Council. The Council agreed a donation of £250 in both the current and following year, saying it would do all it could to encourage village residents to support fund raising events in the hall.

The hall committee does a magnificent job in maintaining the hall in such a splendid condition and providing a venue which is the envy of many other villages in the county. The Council hopes that more residents will turn up at the regular fund raising events, such as the monthly quizzes run by Steve Kirk and ensure that the facility remains on a firm financial footing.

Precept 2011/2012 – For the second year in succession the Parish Council precept has been set at £2500.

Telephone Kiosk – As reported in Minutes of previous meetings the Council has purchased the redundant telephone kiosk from BT for £1 and has sought the views of villagers on potential uses. A number of suggestions have been made, for which Councillors are most grateful, together with offers to paint the kiosk and do whatever work is required to put it to a new use for the village. A decision on its use will be made at the next meeting.

Election of Parish Councillors – In May 2011, elections will be held for the position of Parish Councillors. Villagers with an interest in standing for election should contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Steve Kirk for further details.

Parish Council and Planning Meetings – Agendas and Minutes for meetings are posted on the Parish Notice Board. Councillors welcome the attendance of residents at these meetings. The next full meeting is on Monday 14th February 2011 at 8pm in the Village Hall

News from The Women's Institute

The Burton Overy W.I. meet on the second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 – 9:15 at the Village Hall.

In July, a visit to learn all about the Burton Overy Church with Miss Rosalind Willatts (Conservation Officer, Market Harborough DC), preceded by a fish and chip supper

August saw a house meeting where 80th and 60th birthdays were celebrated with a delicious meal, wine, birthday cake and a lot of chat.

September saw Charlotte Cook visit and give a fascinating talk and slide show on the past ladies of music hall, included Marie Lloyd, Lillie Langtry and Julie Andrews who graced the Empire Theatre, Nottingham (which closed in 1958). Charlotte also sang many of the songs and had members joining in the chorus.

The W.I. trophies for the Produce Show were presented by acting President Jane Chandler, winners were:

Overall Aggregate Cup	– Mrs Phyl Hallam
Cookery Spoon	– Mrs Margaret Lee
Flower Goblet (won jointly)	– Mrs Phyl Hallam & Mrs Joan Stephens
Photograph Frame	– Mrs Pauline Wells
Craft Thimble	– Mrs Pauline Wells

In October Jane Chandler demonstrated and helped to make all sorts of greetings cards.

To come: The W.I. entry to the Christmas Tree Festival, a Christmas house party, Faith Supper and Sing Song Evening and an invite to Illston on the Hill's 90th Birthday Party.

St Andrew's News from the DCC

Over 100 adults and children attended the Harvest Festival service with a full choir conducted by Helen Alloway. Many said they had never seen the Church more beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. The considerable gifts of produce have been given to CARE village. The collection was given to the fund paying for buses which bring inner City children to attend the farm days given by Craig and Nicola Langton.

Local farmers participated in a talk about farming today, and reading and prayer.

After the service 90 people attended the Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall. A delicious two course meal was prepared and served by Rebecca Broughton and her team. Many thanks to Rebecca and her team. There were plenty of "seconds"!

Team BOGG (youngsters from Burton Overy and Great Glen) competed again this year in the Rutland Water Grand Challenge (canoeing, orienteering, climbing and raft building).

Congratulations to Cameron Masters, Ben Parkinson, Eeve Kirk and Harriet Gill who won the junior section. Well done to all the other members of Team BOGG and to Dave Fletcher for organising our youngsters.

A new sound system has been installed in the Church, which has received praise from those now able to hear well in all parts of the Church, and hearing aid users who appreciate the "loop" system. The much improved facility allows CD playing at weddings, funerals and at the Christmas Tree Festival. Many thanks to David Nowill who made and gave the handsome cabinet which contains the equipment.

Quinquennial Inspection – as a Listed Building the church has to be surveyed for repairs every 5 years. The large beech tree in the churchyard has already been pruned. The major repairs are to the roof, which leaks and estimates are currently being obtained.

Grateful thanks to those on the rota for opening and closing the Church. At the moment there appear to be numerous visitors, some from quite far afield including foreign visitors.

Flower and Garden Club.

The club has had an interesting year, with talks from George Marshall of the Hammond Arboretum in Market Harborough, and Colin Olle, the National Gardens Scheme Organiser for Leicestershire and Rutland, plus visits to local gardens, including Owston, Tilton-on-the-Hill, and the Cramden Geranium Nursery in Northampton.

A talk on Bee keeping was organised in October by Fran Brown, in conjunction with the Parish Council.

The final meeting for 2010 will be on Thursday November 4, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, when Adrian Dayman of Radio Leicester Down to Earth and East Midlands TV fame, will give a talk on growing and using chillis. Non members are welcome at all meetings.

Burton Overy Society

In September we enjoyed a very interesting talk and pictures of Kate Moore's experiences during a gap year in Bolivia.

The next meeting on Tuesday, 16th November at 7:30 pm will be a short AGM followed by a talk on "Life in a Medieval Village" by Gareth King.

Tuesday, 25th January, 2011 at 7:45 pm Harborough Movie Makers will show three films: Brampton Valley Way, The Harborough Canal and Gilbert's hardware shop.

Everyone is welcome to these meetings: Members £1, Visitors £2

The New Editor of the Burton Overy Newsletter is Angus MacKinnon. Having edited the Newsletter since its first appearance in September 1995, Joan Stephens has decided it is time to retire, and wishes Angus a happy period in the Editor's chair..

If there is anything you would like to be in the next newsletter, or any village events/groups you would like mentioned (even if just to say they exist) please contact Angus on: telephone 0141 or e-mail: gummi800@hotmail.com

Anne Bloor has been elected to the General Synod of the Church of England, the National Church's governing body.