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NEWS FROM THE BURTON OVERY PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Application – Beadswell Lane

At the full Parish Council Meeting held on 14th February 2011 a number of residents attended to voice their opposition to the planning application in respect of the erection of two houses on land in Beadswell Lane which lies to the rear of Beresford Cottage, Bell Lane. The Council took notice of the residents' objections and resolved to oppose the planning application. Their reasons can be read in the Minutes of the Meeting which are displayed on the Parish Notice Board on Main Street*.

Use of telephone box

After considering suggestions from residents as to the future use of the telephone box it was decided that it would be used as a **book exchange facility** in which villagers can leave books for which they have no further use and take books which they would wish to read or own. It will also serve as a place where those with excess garden produce can leave it for the benefit of others.

Councillors expressed their thanks to Stewart Weselby and Glen Postle for their offer to repaint the telephone box and to David Nowill for offering to do the necessary work within the box to fit it for its newly intended use.

Councillor Frances Brown volunteered to manage the facility.

When the box is ready for its new use villagers will be notified by leaflet.

Election of Parish Councillors

On 5th May 2011, should more **candidates seek election** than there are positions then an election will be held. Councillors Peter Stephens and Margaret Pollard have signified that they will not be seeking re- election but the remaining three Councillors, Brian Pollard, Julian Swain and Frances Brown will be standing.

It is important, particularly as the new government is seeking to bring local governance closer to the people it affects, that the Parish Council truly represents the views of villagers and is in a position to articulate the village needs to both the District and County Councils. To this end villagers are encouraged to stand for election.

Application forms and information can be obtained from the Clerk to the Parish Council, Steve Kirk.

* This planning application was turned down by Harborough Council

Council Tax

Parishioners may have noticed a **mistake in the Guide to Council Tax** which has been received by each household with the current Community Tax demand. This mistake shows a Burton Overy precept of **£3145** instead of the correct amount of **£2500** (an erroneous increase of 29.9%.instead of no increase at all on the previous year.)

The following letter of apology for the mistake has been issued by Harborough District Council:

‘To all Council Tax payers in the Parish of Burton Overy.

Each year, the Parish Council notifies Harborough District Council as to the level of precept required, from which Harborough DC calculates the Parish Council element of the council tax charge and then issues the council tax bills. For the 2011/12 parish precept, we made an administrative error and picked up the wrong total from the parish return. The actual precept agreed by the Parish Council remained unchanged at £2,500, whereas we issued a precept of £3,145. This means Council tax for each property in the parish is on average about £6 greater than intended for the year. Unfortunately, once issued, a precept by law cannot be revoked, so the difference of £645 will be deducted from the following year’s precept.

We would like to apologise to all the council tax payers in the parish of Burton Overy for this mistake.’

from Harborough District Council

SAILING THE OCEAN BLUE

Congratulations to **Glenn Postle**, who sailed the **Atlantic** with a couple of other intrepid mariners just before Christmas.

BURTON OVERY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2010.

Temperatures plummeted, village roads were treacherously icy: prospects for the 2010 Christmas Tree Festival looked grey and white rather than rosy.

However, the church decorated and lit up with 54 trees was bright and welcoming, stall holders in the Village Hall laid out an attractive variety of wares and barrel loads of grit were put down on the worse patches of road, making access less hazardous.

That was on **Thursday**. On **Friday**, satisfying numbers of visitors came and enjoyed themselves and with slightly warmer weather on **Saturday** and **Sunday**, the outlook became more optimistic. In fact, visitor numbers were only 200 down on last year's record total, and the event was once again a great success.

The main problem was the amount of grit carried into the church because of the conditions underfoot, but Anne and Richard Bloor worked hard to clean the church floor on Saturday evening and to put down matting for protection on Sunday.

In round figures, admission fees to the church raised **£4,147**; the refreshments raised **£1,821**, and the Raffle and auction of the Tigers shirt raised **£1,750**. The total revenue amounted to **£8,691.85 - £4,734.65**, for the church; **£1,397.60** for the Village Hall; **£2,559.60** for LOROS.

Lizzie King, who chaired the Christmas Tree Festival committee, commented: "As always, villagers turned up trumps and contributed to the success of the event either by entering a tree, volunteering for the various duties involved, or providing cakes and other goodies for the refreshments. Thanks to everyone for their invaluable help."

Voting results were:

Adult section:

- 1st - **The Cyril Tree**, by Margaret Lee;
- 2nd - **The Lost Sock Tree**, by Doreen Randall
- 3rd - **All Wrapped Up**, by Louisa Rawlinson and Zoe Williams.

Children's:

- 1st - **The Kindling Tree**, by Eleanor Broughton (11)
- 2nd - **Strictly Moose**, by Harriet Gill (8)
- 3rd - **Planes, Trains and Automobiles**, by Henry Broughton (10).

NB. Next year's Festival dates: December 2, 3 and 4 2011.

BURTON OVERY FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB.

The first meeting of the Flower and Garden Club will be on THURSDAY APRIL 7, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Botanical Artist Sarah Gould, who will talk about the history of botanical painting and will also show some of her work. Guests are welcome - just turn up on the night. Sarah's talk will be followed by tea/colffee and biscuits, and a brief Annual General Meeting.

A full programme of garden visits, including gardens in Earl Shilton, Willoughby Waterleys and Sibbertoft has been arranged for the summer. Anyone who would like a copy of the programme is welcome to contact Joan Stephens (259 2210).

NEWS FROM THE WI

Burton Overy WI have enjoyed three meetings this year so far. In **January** we held a Faith supper with lots of delicious food.

In **February** Rachel Crisp demonstrated yeast cookery, giving the items she made as raffle prizes. There were also sausage rolls with a difference and a Swedish ring to eat with our tea and coffee later.

March saw Ian Whitehead giving a talk called "A botanist in Northern Spain" which included beautiful slides of the native flowers and views of the Spanish countryside.

On March 12 four members attended the Leicestershire and Rutland Federation Annual Council Meeting at the All Nations Centre. Pauline Wells was our official delegate.

On **April** 12 the speaker will be Mary Matts whose talk is titled '**Canals, their traditions and paintings**', and she will be bringing examples of the art with her.

We meet on the second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and visitors are always welcome.

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY

A big thank you to everyone who so generously supported Phil King at the Village Hall, 'FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY'. So far he has raised £670.00 in aid of Children with Leukaemia. He will be running in the **London Marathon** in April. Any one who would like to keep Phil company on his training runs please get in touch he would love your help!!

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH REPORT

We are looking forward to Easter and the celebrations which will take place in the Church services to commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus, with its promise of eternal life.

We are also looking forward to two special events which both adults and children will enjoy. On **Palm Sunday** 17th April at 10.30 am the children will make palms and welcome 'Donkey' into the Church with the cross on his back to celebrate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Hopefully "Donkey" will be willing to give rides.

On **Good Friday** 22nd April at 8 am there is an All-age Breakfast, with Hot Cross Buns, in the Village Hall. Activities are being arranged for the children. Why not go to see the Pageant '**Christ In the Centre**' immediately afterwards in the centre of Leicester starting at the St Peter's Square, HighCross at 10 am and proceeding to the re-enactment of the crucifixion and resurrection in Humberstone Gate and concluding at mid-day. It is a most moving and wonderful experience.

The **Church Annual Meeting** is on Monday 11^h April at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. This year it will be necessary to elect a new Churchwarden as Richard Bloor is standing down having completed his three year term of office. All are welcome to discuss matters concerning the Church here in Burton Overy including the election of the District Church Council, Church officers and to discuss the finance of the Church and any other matters you may care to raise.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Julie Kirk is collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers for the nursery where she works. She will be glad to receive any from people who do not already give them elsewhere. Contact Julie at kirkshouse@yahoo.co.uk or just pop them through her door.

HOME BREWING

Bill Foster would be interested to know if there are enough people in the village, that create any form of **alcoholic beverage, wine, beers, gins** etc., who would like to meet to sample each others products. This may lead to a good night out only, a section of the Village Show or an annual meeting creating trouble with a partner. If there are enough we can agree a date and venue and take it from there. Interested? Then please phone Bill on: 2592300

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Hall once again offered a selection of stalls and refreshments for visitors to the **Christmas Tree Festival**.

Jane Chandler and her team put on a lovely **Christmas Lunch** where the competitive rendition of the 12 days of Christmas was bettered only by the visit of Santa himself.

The Hall Committee are pleased to announce that Peter Ryall and Sally Muir have now joined them. Sally, Graham and family have moved into the Old Rectory.

Many thanks once again to everyone who has supported the Hall by buying numbers in the **100 Club**.

100 Club winners for the new year running Dec 2010 to Jan 2011 were:
December: £60 Kay Watkins, £30 Keith & Janet Smith, £10 Nadine Adderley.

January: £60 Brian Pollard, £30 Jude Rollin, £10 Helen Foster.

A full list of winners will be posted in the Hall after each draw which normally takes place at the monthly quiz.

Watch out for the notice highlighting the **Village Hall Quiz** dates on the wall at the bottom of Carlton Lane. The next quiz is on **15th April**.

2011 diary dates are:

Midsummer Ball	-	Saturday 18th June
Village Show	-	Saturday 3rd September
Christmas Lunch	-	Sunday 11th December

Other events to be confirmed....

JOHN MONTAGUE AND DAVE CARTWRIGHT

Live at Burton Overy Village Hall on **26th of March**. Show starts at 8pm
Tickets are priced at £8 and available from www.montysmusic.com

VILLAGE WEBSITE

The village website has undergone some recent changes. Angus MacKinnon has taken over from the temporary Site Administrator Toni Smith (many thanks to Toni for her time and effort – this is just one of several sites she has been managing).

With a permanent Site Administrator, it is hoped to create an often visited website that will contain invaluable village information about village events for residents and visitors. As a village we can use this facility to benefit ourselves and the village. Please visit:

www.leicestershirevillages.com/burtonovery

Any comments, ideas or even criticisms, please contact Angus on 2590141 or e-mail: gummi800@hotmail.com.

Businesses and Services in the Village

There is an effort to feature Burton Overy Businesses and services on the website. Hopefully people will be able to find any local business or service details and information they require. This is a free advert, so please take advantage of it. Small businesses can have a presence on the website and more wildly on internet searches. You do not even need a website or e-mail, just some contact details.

The site has a **Find My Nearest** facility, showing businesses and services within a specified range. If you have a business or run a service you should be on this. For help or information contact Angus (details above).

The Newsletter and the Website

On a final note about the website, the previous **village newsletter** (number 54) is already on the website and this one will be on shortly, after distribution of the paper copies around the village. It is envisaged that all subsequent newsletters will be similarly put on the website and back issues (from No. 54 onwards) will be available for browsing.

SADLY

The village has seen two residents, Justin Parker and Nikki Rivers recently pass away.

Our sympathies to friends and families.