



# Burton Overy Newsletter

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## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2011.

That time of the year has come round already: our 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree Festival will take place on December 2, 3 and 4, 2011.

Opening times will be 10.am – 6.30 pm on Friday and Saturday, 10am – 5.30 pm on Sunday. There will be a short service in church at 6pm on Sunday, to close the Festival.

### PLEASE ENTER A TREE

– there will be an adult and a children's section, and we have a reputation for imaginative and ingenious tree titles and decoration to maintain!

As in previous years, invitations and tree entry forms will be delivered to everyone in the village mid October. Invitations to addresses outside the village will be posted at the beginning of the following week.

The success of the Festival depends very much on the help and goodwill of everyone in Burton Overy whether this is welcoming visitors (and taking their money!) at the church door, volunteering for other necessary tasks during the Festival, providing cakes or mince pies for Refreshments in the Village Hall – so please do complete the form which asks for help.

The event will be advertised on the village website, in the Kibworth Chronicle, Glen Sence, Harborough Mail and Leicester Mercury – but please tell your friends and relatives about it and encourage them to come and support the Festival, especially on the Friday, which is the least busy day, when visitors have more time and space to look around and enjoy the event – there will be refreshments and a wide variety of stalls in the Village Hall, and a Raffle.

Proceeds will go to St Andrew's Church, the Village Hall, and a donation will be made to Macmillan Cancer Care.

Raffle co-ordinators Steve Kirk and Peter Ryall, are keen for prize donations, so any wine/spirit bottles gifted to make up the hampers for raffle prizes or other raffle prizes gratefully received 1 Oswin Cottage, Town St., preferably by the w/e of 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> November to allow time for the single bottles to be made into presentable hampers.

## PARISH COUNCIL

Telephone Kiosk

This is now owned by the Parish Council. It will be re-painted in "BT Red", and a shelved area will be created to allow for it to be a library exchange. Additionally, it will be an exchange for excess produce from villagers. Thanks to Glen Postle & Stuart Wesellby for volunteering their services for painting, and to David Nowell for undertaking to produce the shelving.

On a less positive note, one of the south facing windows was smashed sometime during the w/e Sat 2nd July. This will cost the Council to replace. Could all villagers please be vigilant in keeping an eye on the "T BOX" as it has been referred to by village children in past years.

### Meetings

The next planning meeting is at **10.00** in the **Village Hall** on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October** and the next quarterly meeting is on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October** from **8.00 pm** - precept will be discussed and Queens' Diamond jubilee celebrations

## BURTON OVERY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Burton Overy Society will be on **Tuesday, 18th October** at **7.30 pm** in the village hall. Dr. Peter Hill will give an illustrated talk titled 'In Search of the Green Man'.

On Tuesday **15th November** at **7.30 pm** in the village hall after a short AGM we look forward to a return visit from Gareth King talking on 'The Origins of Place Names'

Everyone is welcome. Members £1 Visitors £2

## CHURCH GROUNDS CLEAN UP

The DCC is very grateful to the 14 volunteers who turned up to help tidy up the churchyard on 20th August. The church yard looks much better as a result. Particular thanks to Sally and Graham Muir for providing bacon baps and refreshments mid morning.

## **VILLAGE SHOW**

This year saw a total of **63** Entrants contributing **290** Entries.  
Funds raised were approx **£475** allowing the Village Show committee to make a donation to the Village Hall of £450.

It appeared that once again the show was enjoyed by all. The entries were impressive and well done to all the winners. Jane Chandler's team produced home made cakes and tea and everyone had an opportunity to buy prize winning cakes, jams and vegetables.

The Flowers, Cookery and Produce entries were up this year but the Children's entries were down.

As a committee we are aware that there are more children living in our village and would encourage them to enter next year. We know it puts a burden on parents to get their children motivated but it is great to see the imaginative creations that the younger entrants produce. We thank Daisy Fawcett for helping the team BOGG children to make and enter pottery.

The Judges are now taking into account the age of the child so it is possible for the younger entrants to compete fairly.

Cup Winners were:

Best of Show: **Gerald Welch**

Aggregate Cup: **Jo Taylor**

Best Exhibit (flower/produce): **Beryl Connolly**

Tom Cooper Shield (three dressed onions): **Heather Selvey-Willars**

Johnson Cup (heaviest marrow): **Jo Taylor**

Flora James Rose owl (best arrangement): **Beryl Connolly**

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

Childrens' Cup: **Scarlett Muir**

The Show wouldn't be a show without the enthusiasm of those who enter. Although it is predominantly our villagers who enter the show we warmly welcome our friends from the villages around us to take part.

Comments or suggestions for next year's show please contact Graham Thompson ([grahamapt@btinternet.com](mailto:grahamapt@btinternet.com))

## **TEAM BOGG & BULB PLANTING**

Congratulations to the youngsters of Team BOGG and their leader Dave Fletcher on another successful year. At the Grand Challenge this September our 17 youngsters did very well. One of our junior teams was runner up in their class whilst one of our intermediate teams won in their class

As a fund raiser for Team BOGG another bulb planting in the village was held on Saturday 8th October to fill in a few gaps and complete the work of 2 years ago. The bulbs planted two years ago look excellent and our grateful thanks to all who helped plant up. About 4,500 daffodil bulbs, together with cyclamen and other flowers were put in. This time about 500 daffodil and narcissi bulbs and 100 cyclamen and grape hyacinth were planted.

The cost of the bulbs was paid for by the DCC, the PC, the VHC and the Flower Club.

The youngsters also called at all houses in the village between those times inviting donations of £1.00 per household for the planting. This money goes directly to Team BOGG funds.

Thank you for supporting the youngsters.

## **BURTON OVERY FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB**

The Flower and Garden Club continues to flourish. Summer outings with record participation have included visits to Barracca in Earl Shilton, The Old Hall in Market Overton, a return visit to two South Kilworth gardens, Oak House and Croft Acre and to 2 Welford Road, Sibbertoft.

Unfortunately the visit to Farmway in Willoughby Waterleys in August had to be cancelled due to heavy rain during the day. We hope to rearrange the visit for next year.

On October 6 Alan and Adey Dayman talked on Shrubs for Autumn Colour. The final meeting of the year will be a workshop on Christmas wreaths with Richard Moss on **Tuesday November 24**.

As always non-members are welcome.

Club members have taken on responsibility for providing flowers in church throughout the year, and particularly for the Village Show, Harvest Festival, the Remembrance Service and the Christmas Tree Festival.

## **SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS**

Julie Kirk would like to thank to everyone who donated Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Enough vouchers were collected to get three tables and benches for outside learning. This was much appreciated by the staff, children and parents of Glebe Farm Nursery School.

## VILLAGE HALL

Midsummer Saturday saw the fabulous masked ball. This has become an annual summer highlight, but there is plenty more to come, including:

- **Death Watch Beetle Drive** on Sunday **16th October 10.30am - 3pm**. More details later in his newsletter.
- **The 2 Lucys** are doing another cookery demonstration in the village on **October 25th**. It is to be called With Christmas in mind. Gentlemen welcome. Tickets £15 and include Glass of wine on arrival, light supper with glass of wine, and demo. See the village website for more details and look out for the flyer.
- **Wine Tasting Evening** on **November 11th** at **7.45** in the Village Hall - Tickets £15.00 per person 8 wines from the Languedoc Region of France Cheese and Biscuits included. Please contact Sally Muir on 259 3581 if you would like a ticket
- **Rod Stewart Tribute** by Tony Julian on **Sat 19th Nov** at **7.45pm**. Tickets from Liz Sturgess 259 2049, £12 each. Doors open at **6.30pm** for 'bring your own' buffet food.
- **Christmas Tree Festival** – as usual the Village Hall will be heavily involved in the Christmas Tree festival with stalls, teas & coffees and cakes.
- **Christmas lunch** this year will be on Sun 11th of December.
- **Music/Storytelling** with Cat Weatherill & Kasper Sorensen. **Friday 24th February 2012** from **7.45pm**.  
'Kiss & Tell' - contemporary tales and a playful but powerful approach. Expect mischief, humour, enchantment and glorious singing as Kasper's roguish masculine energy meets Cat's seductive feminine charm.

Don't forget the Friday Monthly **quizzes** are now underway again (including the 100 club draw and Heads and Tails). The next quizzes are **Oct 14<sup>th</sup>**, **11<sup>th</sup> November**, and **9<sup>th</sup> December**. Arrive at **7.45** for an **8.00 pm** start.

Look for sign opposite pub on Carlton/Main Street corner – bring your own food & booze.

## WANTED

Does anyone have space to store a caravan? Rent can be paid at commercial rate. If you can help, please contact: John Pollard, Greenway, Scotland Lane, phone: 2592406, e-mail: [jandmpollard@gmail.com](mailto:jandmpollard@gmail.com).

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

**May 2011** – Illston on the Hill WI were welcomed to the Resolutions meeting. There were two resolutions for the AGM in June – 1. Proposed mega-farms, 2. Closure of local libraries. Both Institutes voted for the Resolutions. Pauline Wells had attended the Country Briefing.

Tea, coffee and cakes served, Pauline gave members an update on the new Teenage Unit at the Rainbows Children and Young Peoples Hospice.

**June** – Speaker was Helen Crabtree who gave an interesting talk on the History of Postboxes, showing her collection of miniature post boxes.

**July** – an outing to the Botanical Gardens where one of our own members work. Elizabeth took members on a tour around the new borders, greenhouses and sculptures. All enjoyed a light supper at Stretton Hall Farm, home of Phyllis Hallam, where a cake was cut to celebrate Dorothy's 80<sup>th</sup> on that day.

**August** – House meeting and Faith Supper held at home of President Margaret Pollard. At this meeting members enjoyed a superb supper and lots of chat. A report from the representative from Illston to the AGM was read out. The resolution 'Against closure of local libraries' – votes were 6097 for and 138 against.

Mega-farms – lots of discussion but problems with wording and lack of information meant no voting.

**September** – unfortunately the intended speaker had a family emergency at the last minute so Pauline led a discussion on simple first aid in the home.. During this meeting the WI trophies for the produce show were presented.

**Highest Aggregate:** 1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anne Bloor, 3<sup>rd</sup> Phyllis Hallam

**Flower Goblet:** Joint 1<sup>st</sup> Beryl Connolly and Joan Stephens, 3<sup>rd</sup> Phyllis Hallam.

**Cookery Spoon:** 1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anne Bloor, 3<sup>rd</sup> Phyllis Hallam

**Craft Thimble:** 1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Pollard.

At Village Show member Beryl Connolly won the **Flora James Rosebowl** for Flower Arranging and **Best in Show** for a vegetable arrangement with foliage.

WI members continue to help and support at most village functions. They raised over £100 doing teas at village show.

Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Please contact Pauline Wells on 2791 for more information.

## **NEWS ON THE CHURCH REPAIRS**

For those who are not aware, death watch beetle has been found in the roof timbers of the church. Death watch beetle is a serious problem.

**Richard Bloor** writes:

"The repairs to the Nave roof have been completed. On starting work on the Chancel roof death watch beetle and bat nests have been exposed. Bats are a protected species. Our Architect has warned of more extensive work and cost than anticipated and is working on new estimates at the moment. It is proving difficult to get suitable contractors experienced in ancient buildings moving, because of commitments elsewhere, but we hope to have some firm estimates shortly"

Fund raising for the repairs includes/will include: 2 charity donations amounting to £2700, a very generous private donation, Christmas Tree Festival and see below...

## **DEATH WATCH BEETLE DRIVE**

This will take place on Sunday **16th October 10.30am - 3pm** and is in aid of the repairs to St Andrews Church due to death watch beetle damage.

If anyone has any bric-a-brac, children's toys, nearly new clothing or if they would like to bake a cake please contact Liz Sturgess. Any raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Please contact:-

Jo Taylor 259 0086, Sally Muir 259 3581, Sheila Lee 259 3783, Liz Sturgess 259 2049 or Brenda Leyland 259 0258

## **VILLAGE WEBSITE**

Hits this year, up to the end Sep: **7540**

As part of trying to raise awareness in the Village Website there was a stall at the Village Show dedicated to the website where, thanks to Arthur Buckley, it could be seen online live during the show. It is hoped the stall will be a regular feature in future Village Shows.

**Did you know:** the history of St. Andrew's church, including baptism, marriage and burial records, a list of rectors, gravestone inscriptions are all available on the website along with times and dates for church services for the next three months.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **Peter & Caroline Barbour** who were married on Saturday 9th July. We wish you joy and happiness.