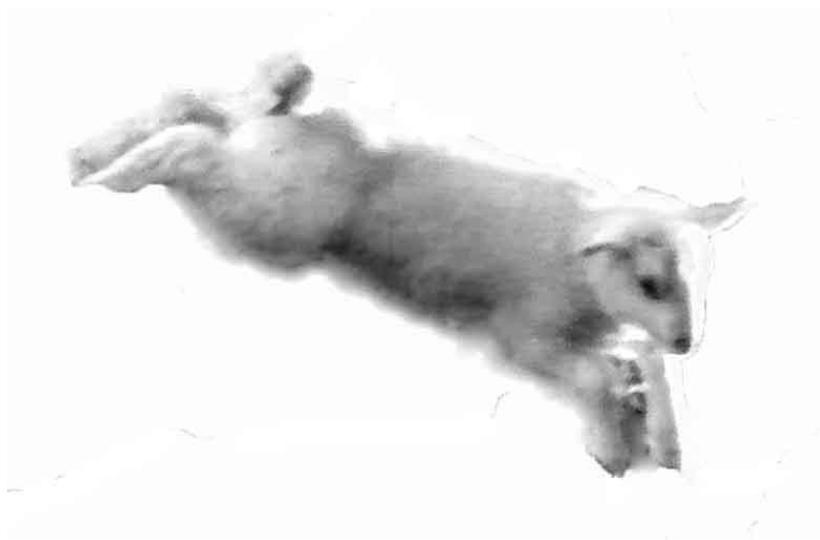


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Wind turbine at Carlton Curlieu

As you will all be aware from the recent PC circular to all households, a planning application is awaited, from a company called PROWIND, for permission to erect a wind turbine at Carlton Curlieu. Your Council will keep you aware of all developments re this issue and it will help the Clerk considerably if those of you who have e-mail addresses would forward them to the Clerk so that you can receive the information by e-mail. This will save on administration costs and the Clerk's time.

Illegal dumping and disturbance of a site of archaeological interest

An incidence of illegal ground disturbance and the dumping of waste in a field off Scotland Lane (a site of archaeological interest) has been reported and brought to the attention of the Harbourough District Council Planning Department, the Environment Agency and the Archaeological Department of the Leicestershire County Council who are now pursuing their investigations.

The Parish Council takes this opportunity to remind all parishioners that there are strict controls governing what residents can do to their property within a Conservation Area and also how waste products can be disposed of in the open countryside, even on one's own land. Details of the restrictions which apply can be found on the web sites of Harbourough District Council Planning Department (www.harborough.gov.uk) and the Environment Agency (www.environmentagency.gov.uk). If in doubt you are advised to check with these agencies.

Brown Bin - Harbourough District Council have advised recently that the "Brown Bin" waste food collection has been less than successful, and unless used more may be withdrawn. The message is "use it or lose it".

Litter collection by Mrs Tracey Coates & explorer Scouts.

The Councillors received an offer of help from Tracy, who lives at Burton Lodge Farm, to help with areas of maintenance.

Please send your e-mail address to "burtonoverypc@yahoo.co.uk" to ensure updates of any events and planning matters, and other council business. This will help to keep the administration costs of the parish council under control, and be more efficient.

The costs of printing the recent fliers & circulars exceeded £110.00 in printing costs alone.

Beetle Drive

The Autumn Fare Beetle Drive to raise funds for the church roof on 16th Oct 2011 raised a total of £1,288.80.

A big thank you from Jo, Sally, Sheila, Liz and Brenda to everyone who kindly donated raffle prizes, cakes, jams, books and bric a brac and came along to support the Death Watch Beetle Drive.

Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal for the village this year raised £450.39.

Bees, Butterflies and Burton Overy by Brian Tuxford

Bees and other pollinating insects that once used to be everywhere in the British countryside are now in serious decline. This has been recently highlighted by the excellent BBC2 series 'Bees, Butterflies and Blooms' presented by Sarah Raven. This explained how important these pollinating insects were to our food production as without them favourite foods could start to vanish from the shelves. Sarah believes in 'people power', that we can all do our bit to help save the precious pollinators, by planting our own gardens and green spaces with pollen rich plants for the insects on which can feed.

Anne Bloor had remembered all the wild flowers that grew when we had the wall and garage built. A welcome site when you drove in to the village. Last year she asked me about doing this again. With this in mind, the television programme has spurred me in to action.

I hope to turn the 'green space' behind the Back Lane sign into a small wildflower haven. This will not happen overnight as it may take up to two years for the wildflowers to establish. This year the ground will be prepared and a few wildflower plugs introduced to what is already there. This will then be allowed to grow to produce a display for this year. Seeds will also be sown and allowed to germinate and grow on to supplement the first years blooms for a more complete display next year. The council are being approached to prevent the council mowers from inadvertently sabotaging this plan, and just in case, the area will be marked off and signed.

If this proves popular perhaps more of the village green spaces could be adopted and turned into wildflower or pollen rich havens. Gardeners also can help the bees by ensuring their gardens have a good supply of pollen rich plants. So watch this space - hopefully a lovely wildflower haven will appear buzzing with insect activity.

WI

Burton Overy WI continue to have interesting speakers each month. All the meetings this year have been well attended despite the cold and snowy weather. Guests and visitors are always welcome, meetings start at 7.30 pm in the village hall and are usually on the second Tuesday of each month .

Our next meetings are:

April 17th (3rd Tuesday due to Easter) an old fashioned games evening.

May 10th Thursday - a joint meeting at Illston WI to discuss resolutions being debated at the National AGM in London in June.

June 12. Jubilee tea party starting at 6.00 pm, followed by a demonstration of Painting on Silk given by Paula Chapman.

Burton Overy Society

In January members enjoyed an evening of excellent local films from the Market Harborough Movie Makers.

In March John Tillotson, a retired solicitor gave a talk on 'Soliciting in the High Street'. The next meeting will be in the Autumn.

Queens's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

There are to be three events over the weekend of **2, 3 & 4 June**,

JUBILEE BALL - the curtain raiser

When	Saturday 2nd June 7-00pm for 7-30pm until 11-30pm
Where	Village Hall
How Much	To be advised, look for fliers and posters closer to the event
Entertainment	Disco after the buffet

This will be organised by a number of our lady villagers and will be a buffet dinner dance BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS, and dress up a Patriotic combination on the Red White & Blue theme/dress code.

THE BIG JUBILEE VILLAGE STREET PARTY - Timings subject to confirmation

At a well attended meeting in the village hall on 21st February, a number of venues, ideas and events were discussed. The result of this was in the recent flier put through the letterboxes of all parishioners.

When	Sunday 3rd June
Where	There will be 4 main areas as shown below
How Much	£5-00 per person including children & friends/family (Subsidised by the Parish Council) this will cover the cost of the lunch including a soft drink, beer or wine,
Entertainment	Pre- Lunch in the Glebe Field by Village Hall - Dog Show Pos- Lunch in the "Old Heather Gardens", by kind permission of Will & Nadine Adderley. Children's Games

All timings to be confirmed

Whilst we are already receiving offers of help with cakes, there will be a large working party at the village hall to prepare food in the morning.

Followed by the Dog Show – judging, by kind offer, from Marion Lovelace of Burton Brooke Kennels.

Followed by Lunch in Main Street in front of "The Paddocks"

Followed by Children's Games in the Paddock Field.

Anyone with sizeable Gazeboes/full height Marquees are invited to erect them in the Field on Saturday to provide shelter in the event of inclement weather.

NO DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE FIELD - NO EXCEPTIONS

This will ensure a waste free area which is vital, and is why these events will not be in the glebe field.

It is expected that Tea may also be provided after the games.

There will be a road closure of Mains Street (applied for) and some of the above is therefore subject to change. The diversion will be on entry from the South, left via Town Street, Beadswell Lane & Bell Lane. This route may well be one way - as described. Will be via Great Glen and Carlton Curlieu. Emergency access will be available along Main Street. Access to properties will be accessed from Bell Lane or The Gravel as appropriate. All affected residents have been consulted.

The Beacon Bonfire (by kind permission of Rose & Keith Holman)

Where In the field by Carlton Cattle Grid
When Between 2200 & 2230 on Monday **4th June**

It is anticipated there will be a walk to the official lighting of the Beacon led by Peter Barbour who will ignite the bonfire at the designated time. This is registered with the other 2000 or so beacons around the country.

You were all given the opportunity to comment on the venues, especially the closure of Main Street. All replies have been taken into account, any reasonable observations & concerns taken into account.

Burton Overy Flower And Garden Club.

The next meeting of the Burton Overy Flower and Garden Club will be the Annual General Meeting on Thursday **March 29** in the Village Hall, at **7.30pm**.

Following the (brief) business part of the meeting, Elizabeth Stone, a Horticultural Consultant who works in the Leicester University Botanic Gardens, will speak on Hanging Baskets. She will give a slide presentation followed by a practical demonstration on how to plant and care for hanging baskets.

There will be no club meeting in April.

The first of the summer outings will be to the Gumley Bluebell Walk, on Thursday **May 3**. We shall leave the Old Post Office at **6.30pm**. Non members are welcome.

Plans for future garden visits include Avon House in Catthorpe, the Old Stables in Bruntingthorpe and Farmway in Willoughby Waterleys.

The October meeting will be a joint meeting with BOPS, when professional photographer Peter Sheasby will give a presentation on Flower Photography.

Non members are welcome at meetings or for garden visits. Phone Joan Stephens on 259 2210 if you would like to receive the full programme of events.

Alan & Jane Chandler

Would like to thank everyone for all the best wishes/support/presents/etc from when Alan had his surgery – He is doing very well.

Village Hall

Village Hall Quizzes - The last 2 quizzes were poorly attended (Steve was the only one to turn up in March!) so we will be reducing the number of quizzes held each year. The next regular quiz will be held in the Autumn and full details will be on the village website.

April Quiz - On **Friday 13th April at 8pm** we will be holding a fundraising quiz for the Leicestershire Air Ambulance.

Teams of up to 6 and no need to book. The format will be based on the regular 4 rounds but with a subtle twist. We have a guest quizmaster for the evening - Dave Humm. There will be a number of outsiders visiting to support this worthy charity but we should enter as many teams as possible to ensure that the victors are local! Cost is just £2 per person but donations (cheques payable to DLRAA) will also be welcome on the night).

Midsummer Ball – This year this is replaced by the Jubilee Ball (June 2 – see p4).

Kiss and Tell - In February we staged a performance of "Kiss and Tell" which is the last of these events which will be subsidised due to local government cutbacks. We are currently reviewing the acts available for the next 12 months.

Many thanks to you if you supported this event. Reviews from the village have been mixed and it is always a risk booking these performers without having first seen them.

There is no doubting the professionalism of the acts but we are only able to ask for one of a selection and are then allocated the show by the Rural Arts organisers.

Hall maintenance - thank you to volunteers who agreed to help with the various aspects of running the hall. We'll be in touch as the needs arise. This Spring we need to complete the re-staining of the wooden facing of the hall exterior as well as touching up the interior paintwork. This will be done over 2 Saturdays and if you can spare a couple of hours please e-mail: burtonoveryvillagehall@gmail.com to volunteer.

Village Show - Graham Thompson is once again organising the Village Show on **Sat 1st September** and once again if you can lend a hand please volunteer using the village hall e-mail address above.

Burton Overy Community Choir

Meets 7.30pm every Monday in term time at the back room of The Bell.

After Easter the next meeting will be on Monday, 23rd April.

Current song-list inc: Halleluiah, Dream a Little Dream, Amarillo, Hard Day's Night.

The choir will sing at the Jubilee celebrations!

Village Website

Quite a lot has been changed/added to the village website, but with wind turbines and Jubilee celebrations its spot in this newsletter has been squeezed to just a few lines.

Needless to say, the best way to see what the website has to offer is to pay it a visit, please do so:

www.leicestershirevillages.com/burtonovery

St Andrew's Church News

The church is grateful to all those who serve on rotas of one kind or another. Much of the work such as cleaning, opening and closing the church and winding the clock goes on unseen. But it is much appreciated.

The Christmas Tree Festival was another resounding success and grateful thanks to all those who worked so hard to produce such a fabulous festival and raise so much for the church and nominated charity.

When the Queen visited Leicester on 8th March we were allowed to send one lay representative to the Cathedral service. David Pease and I invited Duncan Barbour as the longest serving member of the DCC to attend on behalf of St Andrews. Our vicar Rev Mary Ireland was also at the service.

As Easter approaches so does Palm Sunday with the annual attendance of the donkey/pony, who will parade in the church as usual. Also please note that we have Easter Day Holy Communion at **8.30am**. Other services are listed on the village website and the notice board by the church gates.

As part of the Queen's 60th Anniversary celebrations the DCC is asking for volunteers to embroider some new kneelers for use in the church. We have yet to decide how many we need but if you would like to do one or would like to sponsor one at a cost of £42.00 each, please will you let Joan (2592210) or me (2593184) know. St Andrews will be holding an Evensong with an appropriate theme and choice of hymns on **Sunday 3rd June** as part of the weekend of celebrations.

The application for the grant for Death Watch Beetle will be made during April. Richard Bloor is liaising on our behalf with the architect. We are very grateful to Richard for all his hard work, which is continuing, in this regard. Richard will be updating the DCC at the AGM on **April 19th**. Everyone is welcome to the AGM to hear this report. We will also elect our Church Council and officers at this meeting which is at **7.30pm** in the village hall.

Raising funds for the DCC – Do you ever shop online? Well if you do it is easy to help raise funds for Death Watch Beetle roof repairs by going to:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bopcc

Register with the site, find the online retailer (almost all are on there) and shop, that is it.

Typically 1-2% of purchase price goes to the DCC and importantly costs you nothing extra.

Burton Overy Dancers

Burton Overy Dancers meet every **Wednesday** in the Village Hall at **8.00pm** (except during July and August). We dance English Country dances, the more formal court style dances (as in *Pride and Prejudice*), and American style squares and contras. All good fun (not taken too seriously), good exercise, and good company. If you are interested just turn up on a Wednesday evening (we charge £1 on the door). Lots more information on the Burton Overy Dancers page on village website or from John and Margaret Pollard 01163592406, email jandmpollard@gmail.com. We have recruited several new members recently and are looking at the possibility of some starter classes from 7.30 on Wednesdays.

Christmas Tree Festival

The 12th Burton Overy Christmas Tree Festival notched up another success with approximately 2,000 adult visitors and many children. This year, Saturday was the most popular day for visitors, with takings at the church door £1,850.50. The takings on Friday were £938.26, and on Sunday, £1,626.96.

As ever, the refreshments operation in the Village Hall, organised by Jennifer Grant, was a major contributor to profits, raising a total of £1,647.05. The Raffle, organised by Steve Kirk raised £1,483.00.

The church received the major share of the profits, with £8,290.04. The Village Hall share was £2,100.00, and Macmillan Cancer Support, the chosen charity for 2011 received £250 from the Festival profits, plus a donation of £250.00 from Steve Kirk's employer.

The variety of trees and the ingenuity and imagination of the people who entered them was as impressive as ever, in both the adult and children's sections. There were 60 entries in all, and Sue and Brian Tuxford took on the task of sorting through and counting the voting papers – all 2,225 of them.

The results were:

Adult Section: 1st: The Lucky Horseshoe Tree, by Andrew Moyes; 2nd: Made in Burton Overy by Fawcett and Hawes Ceramics; 3rd I'm A Celebri-tree, Get Me Out of Here, by Lyn Bayliss.

Children's Section: 1st: Sliding into Christmas, by Cameron Masters (11); 2nd: Darth Moose, by Harriet and Freddie Gill (9 and 8); 3rd: Stonegate School Candy Cane Christmas.

Lizzie Grant and her committee thank all the many people who helped in different ways to make the Festival a success: it is a huge community effort. Well done everyone.!

Burton Overy Photographic Society

The next meeting of the Burton Overy Photographic Society will be held on Thursday **19th April**, at **7:30pm** in the Village Hall. Kaye Deere will give an illustrated talk on her photographic career and her speciality in Portrait and Wedding photography. Kaye has been in the film, television and stills photography industries for over 14 years, working for all the large broadcasters including Sky, BBC and ITV, on programmes such as Top Gear, Spooks and the Apprentice. She now specialises in contemporary portrait and wedding photography. Open to all, please come along and join us for what will be an interesting evening. Entry fee for non members £2.

The group meets regularly on the **3rd Thursday** of the month to review the monthly themed members photographs and discuss techniques. On Thursday **17th May** we shall be meeting in Uppingham for the May outdoor shoot, followed by a pub meal.

For more information please contact: BOPS.Committee@gmail.com.

P.S. - there is an e-mail sent out a few weeks before each newsletter deadline – if you wish to be included in this e-mail list please contact: gummi800@hotmail.com