



# Burton Overy Newsletter

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## **BURTON OVERY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Wind Turbine**

The closing date for objections to the proposed erection of a wind turbine at Carlton Curlieu was set as 30th August 2012 and it is very pleasing for the Parish Council to note that some 70 letters of objection were received by Harborough District Council prior to that closing date. However, the date has now been extended to the end of September. If you have not registered your objection, or support, please do so at the earliest opportunity. The list of comments received to date can be viewed on the Harborough District Council's web site.

The Parish Council submitted a comprehensive objection; outlining the deficiencies which we noted in the application and sought to emphasise the particular beauty of this part of High Leicestershire and the incongruity of a wind turbine in this landscape. Additionally, we drew attention to the damage which we believe would be caused to the road network around Carlton Curlieu by the movement of enormous vehicles carrying the turbine blades and the numerous movements of heavy mixed concrete lorries. Finally, we outlined the areas where we think the granting of planning permission would be contrary to HDC's Core Strategy.

The planning application is scheduled to be presented to the HDC Planning Committee in October and we await the outcome with interest.

### **Dog Fouling**

Despite the Council's provision of bins for the collection of dog mess it is apparent that some dog owners are not clearing up after their animals. Dog excreta on pavements is particularly obnoxious and the Council will not hesitate to prosecute the irresponsible dog owners if there is sufficient evidence available.

### **Parish Council Meetings**

All Meetings are open to the public and we would be pleased to see parishioners present and taking an interest in the business of the Council; whether it be at the quarterly general business meetings or the intermediary planning meetings. Dates of meetings can be found on the Parish Council website and are preceded by the publication of the meeting agendas on the parish notice board.

Parish Council Website: [burtonovery.leicestershireparishcouncils.org/](http://burtonovery.leicestershireparishcouncils.org/)

## **COMMUNITY CHOIR (A.K.A. THE SPECTACULARS)**

A new season starts on **Monday 10th September, 7.30** at The Bell and takes place **every Monday** in term time.

New members always welcome. There is no need to read music just a love of singing.

The choir will be singing at the Harvest festival on **Sunday 7th October** in St. Andrew's Church.

For more details please contact Helen Alloway on: [helenalloway119@gmail.com](mailto:helenalloway119@gmail.com)

## WILDFLOWER MEADOW IN CHURCHYARD

We have decided to dedicate a small area in the churchyard as a wildflower meadow.

The area is behind the large tree and between the walls of the Rectory and the rear wall of Banks House Farm.

The area will be left uncut throughout the summer and we will encourage wild flower to develop. At the end of the summer it will be cut back like the rest of the churchyard until the following spring.

The look we will create will be “managed” not “neglected”.

Depending on how the experiment goes we may well extend this area within the churchyard.

If you are interested in helping to tend the flowers or have suggestions please do not hesitate to contact Robert Brown on: 259-3184

## BURTON OVERY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club was started in the village in the 1970's to give all residents and friends of the village an opportunity to meet and socialise over a cup of tea/coffee.

In recent years the club has been run by Jean Harris and is kindly hosted at different homes around the village on either the third Wednesday or Thursday of each month.

At most meetings there is a bring and buy table and a raffle.

In addition to the normal monthly meetings there is a Christmas Lunch, a Summer Lunch and a Strawberry & Cream tea in July

***The Club urgently need new members if it is to survive!***

So if you can spare an hour, please come and join us. We would love to see you and you will be made most welcome.

Future meetings are planned for:

**Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday November 15<sup>th</sup>**

And the Christmas Lunch on **Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup>**

For full details ring Thelma Short on 259 2137 or Jean Harris on 259 2251

## CLOTHES SALE

Vicky Ryall is having a clothes sale at Cantu, Beadswell Lane (her house) on **Friday 5th October 7pm -10pm** and **Saturday 6th October 10.30am - 4pm.**

People to bring their second hand good clothes (on hangers) shoes, hats, handbags and jewellery. complete with price attached and name or phone number.

£3.00 per pack. Maximum 30 items. Plus 10% of sale price donated to Motor Neurone Disease Association.

People can text Vicky on 07880 527600 or Tel: 259-2404.

All proceeds to Motor Neurone Disease Association ([www.mndassociation.org](http://www.mndassociation.org))

## JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

### **Jubilee Ball**

The celebrations started with the Jubilee Ball on Saturday 2nd June.

There was a great village attendance with 87 guests.

The dress code was red, white and blue, and it was surprising to see how many Queen Elizabeths attended!!

The Village Hall looked fit for a royal occasion (decorated by Jo Taylor and her team).

After a wonderful buffet dinner, prepared by villagers, everyone took to the floor to dance the night away to music, selected to represent the decades of the Queen's reign.

The evening ended with a rousing rendition of Land of Hope and Glory and amid the jocular atmosphere a spectacular cartwheel was performed by an enthusiastic villager (whose identity shall not be revealed here).

It was a fantastic and memorable evening enjoyed by all and thanks go to everyone involved in making the occasion so memorable. We did Her Majesty proud!

### **Party in the Park**

There's an 1890's music hall song "After the Ball", which sold over 2 million sheet music copies in 1892 and was the first "platinum" piece of music. It depicts an uncle talking to his niece telling her why he is single, having lost his sweetheart at the summer ball.

No such melancholy in Burton Overy this year, as after the ball came the preparation for "The Party in the Park". Owing to the predicted rain deluge, marquees and gazebos were hastily erected to ensure that the street party could take place in the paddocks field, with many flags & decorations to give the whole week-end a festive atmosphere.

Sunday began with drizzle and then heavy reign, sorry rain, but this did not dampen the party spirit.

### **Dog Show**

Sunday 3rd June, started with a dog show for about 20 dogs. Despite the weather, the dogs performed nearly as well as their owners, with some excellent acrobatics by the handlers if not the dogs.

Marion Lovelace, of Burton Brooke Kennels Judged the show, and presented the many medals were given for the different classes, our thanks to her.

### **Buffet Lunch**

The planned "Big Lunch" saw approximately 200 Burton Overy residents, friends & family get together in the Paddocks. The Street Party was moved under canvas because of the rain, but in the true "British Spirit", it was enjoyed by all. After Grace a toast was made to the Queen to open proceedings, followed by a truly marvelous buffet lunch.

After the food, a splendid speech by the Parish Council Chairman, Brian Pollard, gave thanks to all those involved.

He then presented especially commissioned mugs, provided by the Council, to all village children under the age of 16, with non-village children having purchased mugs.

## **Jubilee Oak, Church Service, Games and Beacon**

The planting of the “Jubilee Oak”, and children’s games were postponed until the following day, when the weather was expected to improve.

The Sunday closed with a well attended evening church service at St Andrews.

Monday saw a little sunshine and a large crowd gathered on Washbrook Lane to plant the Jubilee Oak. This was sponsored by Stepping Stones, part of the County Council, who deliver and maintain green spaces in the county. Many villagers, including Floss Langton, our oldest resident, and village children placed a spade-full of soil into the hole, making a collective village planting. A plaque will be placed at the location shortly.

Children’s games then followed in the paddocks field with the teams representing the four home countries. It was great fun with a number of amusing games, and all participants received a medal to commemorate their participation. Medals were also issued to those who could not be there on Monday, but had wanted to participate on the planned Sunday wash out.

The weekend closed with a large gathering at the Jubilee Beacon on Carlton Lane, expertly lit by Keith Holman at 22:15 to coincide with all other village beacons around the country, and culminating at 22:30 with the Queen’s Beacon in London.

Grateful thanks go to too many people to mention separately, so you know who you are, whether it was help with food, preparation, use of land, decorations, medical officer, provision of gazebos or helping to erect them, it does not matter, you helped make this a memorable weekend that will be talked about for years to come.

Report by Steve Kirk and Liz Sturgess.

**Commemorative mugs are available for £3-50 from Steve Kirk on 259-0289.**

## **HARBOROUGH ARTIST CLUSTER GROUP**

A group of artists have collaborated to produce a flyer for a month of open studios in and around Market Harborough in September..

Resident of Burton Overy, Daisy Fawcett is open for two weekends with the next one **15th & 16th September** .

Her studio is at the back of ‘Ridgefield’, Main Street, next door but one to the pub. Open from **10.30 – 4.30**. The event is open to those who are interested in visiting local artists. Some are selling work and some just showing or demonstrating.

A flyer has been posted to local residents but there are more in case yours have been thrown out with the recycling. It gives specific times open (most are open the weekend of 15th and 16th of September). You can plan an artists trail for your family and try spotting various artworks in shop windows in Market Harborough. Artists work ranges from ceramics, photography to watercolours, fine art paintings and textile design.

## **BURTON OVERY SOCIETY**

Burton Overy Society will meet again on **Tuesday, 23rd October** at **7.30 pm** in the Village Hall, Wendy Freer of Leicester University will give a talk on 'The Workhouse' She comes highly recommended and is one of the most popular speakers at Great Bowden History Society. Everyone is welcome.

On **20th November** it is hoped that Mary Weston will give a talk about, 'The Drovers'. This date has yet to be confirmed.

## **BURTON OVERY DANCERS.**

Dancing started again on Wednesday 5 September with our AGM.

Alan Johnson was re-elected Chairman, John Pickering, Treasurer, Margaret Pollard, Programme Secretary. Marjorie Tilley also remains on committee.

New members of committee are John Wilson and John Pollard who replace Dorothy Winfield and Jenny Collick, whose 3 year term of office has just ended. Our thanks to them for their hard work. During the summer break members went to Kilworth House to see 'Me and My Girl' and later in July had a walk, fish and chip supper and short dance afterwards.

Burton Overy Dancers meet nearly every Wednesday except during July and August in the Village Hall.

Dancing starts at **8.00 pm** and continues until **10.00 pm** with a short refreshment break for tea or coffee and biscuits.

## **CYRIL THE PEACOCK**

Sadly on Thursday August 30<sup>th</sup> Cyril one of our favourite residents died peacefully in his sleep.

It had been noticed that Cyril was weakening and his feathers were much thinner than usual. He was eating far fewer of his favourite digestive biscuits and was unable to fly up to his perch at night and was sleeping rough in various doorways.

He was a popular resident and will be much missed. Many people fed him, on things as diverse as croissants for breakfast in Bailey's Lane and corn on a lawn on Main Street that he shared with his friends the hens from the farm. He was friendly towards every bird from pigeons to wagtails etc but they were resistant to his charms.

Brightly coloured tractors held him spellbound and were cause for much spectacular displaying of feathers.

It is thought he was about 12 years plus and that is the natural span for peacocks.

He brought joy to the village and will be much missed.

R.I.P. Cyril.

Obituary by Margaret Lee

## **BURTON OVERY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL. 2012**

The annual Burton Overy Christmas Tree Festival – this year is our 13<sup>th</sup>! – will take place on Friday **November 30, Saturday December 1** and **Sunday December 2**. Proceeds will go to St Andrew's Church, The Village Hall and to this year's chosen charity, Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

Full details will be delivered to every household in the village during the week beginning Monday October 20 in the form of invitations, flyers, tree entry forms and request for help forms. Invitations and tree entry forms will go out to people on the Festival invitation list, including former tree entrants, one week later.

As in previous years, the organising committee hope many villagers will enter a tree and/or respond to the appeal for help. Our festival was the first in the county and attracts more than 2,000 visitors each year. Its continuing success is due to the enormous amount of effort by a great many people who live in the village .

The Festival is essentially and uniquely a community effort which unites the village and provides vital financial support for our lovely old church – this is needed now more than ever since the discovery of Death Watch Beetle in the church roof (See ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH section in this Newsletter).

Please help by publicising the event to friends and family and please fill in those forms when they drop through your letter box in October.

## **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Members have enjoyed entertaining and relaxing summer meetings. Our Jubilee tea party and subsequent demonstration of painting on silk was well attended in June. Jane Barnes' July talk 'Tales from a Farmers Wife' was also very enjoyable and informative. August saw members organising a Faith Supper at the home of Phyllis Hallam. Thank you Phyll for a lovely evening.

At the Village Show on 1 September winners of the WI cups were -

Highest aggregate score by a WI member: **Beryl Connolly**

WI Craft Thimble: **Beryl Connolly**

Cookery Spoon: **Jane Chandler**

Flower goblet for flower arrangement: **Beryl Connolly**

Future meetings:

**September 11:** Card making. Jane Chandler demonstrating, members having a go.

**October 9:** The Little Theatre, a talk by Michael Bull

**November 13:** AGM

**December 11:** Christmas party at the home of Alison Tasker.

## VILLAGE HALL

We have a busy Autumn in the Hall this year.

### **Quiz Nights**

The quizzes are due to start again very soon, so look out for the poster opposite The Bell each quiz week. The dates will also be on the village website.

### **Michael Buble Tribute Evening - (Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September)**

Forget Michael Buble because Mikey Powell is a fine entertainer in his own right. He has appeared on TV and you can sample his style on [www.mikeypowell.co.uk](http://www.mikeypowell.co.uk)  
Tickets from Sally on: 259-3581.

### **Boden Shopping Day - (Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 11:00 to 16:00)**

20% OFF EVERYTHING, plus free delivery and returns  
Goodie bag for the first 20 orders.

Join us for homemade soup and bread for lunch, plus lots more: Tea, Coffee, Cakes, Jams and preserves, raffle, nail art, gifts from Albers Den, Sharon Cherry Glass, Dot Clowes, jewellery, 2nd hand ski wear, Phoenix Trading and Baked America.

All money rised for Alzheimers Society

### **The 2 Lucys Cookery Demonstrations - (Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October)**

Once again the 2 Lucys come to Burton Overy to deliver their popular cookery (with tasting) demonstration – details from Joan Stephens on: 259-2210.

### **Table Top Sale - (Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 10:00 to 14:30)**

November 3rd is the date to note if you want to clear out items in our Table Top Sale.

Tables can be booked via Sally Muir on: 259- 3581.. Small £10, large £15 and v large round £20

There will also be a cake auction at **2pm** all donations to be bought to the village hall by **10.30** for viewing.

Refreshments will served, tea, coffee and bacon sandwiches.

Entry: Adults 50p & children free

### **Ex Chain Store Clothing Sale - (Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th November from 10-4pm)**

Men, Women and children's clothes that would make great Christmas gifts  
All money raised will go to LOROS and RAINBOWS

## **The Christmas Lunch**

To be held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December this year. Full details to be posted to the village and on the website nearer the time.

## **100 Club**

Winners are in the Village Hall section of the village website, as are all the events taking place in the Hall .

## **Thanks**

Finally Village Hall Committee would like to thank the volunteers who spent their precious time in redecorating the shabbier areas of the Hall.

## **A TRIBUTE TO A MORRIS DANCER FOR ALL TO ENJOY**

### **Potentillas planted at Bell Lane triangle**

Morris dancing is a living English tradition, going back between 500 and 1000 years as far as records can tell us. There are two Morris men living in the Burton Overy village, who recently planted three Potentillas on the small triangle of land that is at the junction of Beadswell & Bell Lanes. This is to celebrate the life of one of the six founder members of the Leicester Morrismen, Cass Brailsford, who passed away recently. The site is particularly fitting, as this was recently discovered to be the last remaining part of an old village green.

The Leicester Morrismen were formed in 1956 by six dancers, (two of whom are still very much alive), who had moved to the county. The aim was to dance in the Leicestershire villages on a regular basis and take back the tradition to where it began. This they achieved to such an extent that they can proudly claim to have danced at some time in each and every county village, as well as various city locations, including Town Hall Square.

The Leicester Men are recognised as one of the finest “sides” in England, boasting three full sides of Dancers and Musicians, ranging from teenagers to octogenarians, demonstrating the “ongoing living tradition” of the Morris Men.

Morris Dancing is an excellent way of keeping fit and working up a thirst which they tend to quench at the village hostelrys where they dance, providing not just the dancing but also providing amusing snatches of folk music songs and anecdotes, whilst taking the local Brew.

Report by Steve Kirk

For more details on the Leicester Morrismen, see:

[www.leicestermorris.co.uk](http://www.leicestermorris.co.uk)

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

### **Death Watch Beetle Update**

From the outside it may appear as though little is being done in terms of repair work caused by the Death Watch Beetle. But please be assured work is going on behind the scenes - we are in the midst of the necessary preparation before labours can start in earnest.

In April we submitted our report to English Heritage to enable them to make their own assessment of the damage – and the likely cost of putting it right. Our report was accepted. This is excellent news because it increases the probability of a grant from English Heritage. They will be visiting St Andrews on 11<sup>th</sup> October to inspect the damage and to make their own estimates of how much the repair work should cost.

Following this visit we expect to hear in the new year if we will be offered an English Heritage grant and how much it will be. By spring 2013 we should have accurate estimates for the total costs involved and at that point we will know how much will have to be raised by the DCC.

The scaffolding currently in place on the East side of the church is not connected to the Death Watch Beetle repairs – but it is for phase II of the quinquennial repair work. The cost of this work is around £11,000 and funds are in place to pay for this work. Funds are not in place for the Death Watch Beetle works – but until we have a clearer idea of the figures involved we do not want to embark on the various fund raising initiatives we have in mind.

If anyone has further questions on this please feel free to contact David Pease on: 259 2262.

### VILLAGE SHOW

It was another great show (despite a difficult year for growing produce). Many thanks to all who organized, entered and visited. We had 50 Entrants and we raised over £500 profit.

#### **The cup winners were:**

Best of Show: **Beryl Connolly**

Aggregate Cup: **Jo Taylor**

Glebe Garden Trophy (Best Exhibit in flower/produce): **Jane Chandler**

Tom Cooper Shield (three dressed onions): **Gerald Welch**

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

Flora James Rose Bowl (best arrangement): **Thelma Short**

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

Childrens' Cup: **Poppy Robinson**

Onion Cup: **Angus MacKinnon**

For a full list of winners for the 2012 Show please see:

<http://www.leicestershirevillages.com/burtonovery/burton-overly-village-show.html>

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

The Club had a full programme of outings to local gardens arranged for this summer. Unfortunately rain played havoc with the plans and our first two visits, to Gumley Bluebell Wood and a garden in Catthorpe, had to be cancelled.

We had better luck in July when we visited a National Gardens Scheme garden in Bruntingthorpe. Later that month, to prove that Burton Overy gardeners are a hardy lot, 16 of us braved the elements to enjoy (?) a visit to Sue Daniels' garden in Saddington. Swathed in waterproofs and huddled under brollies, we were shown how to make a Tussie Mussie – a Victorian wedding posy. In August we visited a very interesting garden in Willoughby Waterleys – and the sun shone! Our final summer outing was to the University of Leicester Botanical Gardens on September 6.

Our **October** meeting, in the Village Hall, **7.30 pm**, on **THURSDAY OCTOBER 11**, is a joint meeting with BOPS, when Peter Sheasby will give a presentation on Plant Photography. Peter comes highly recommended as a speaker and his photographs will be of interest to both gardeners and photographers.

Non-members are welcome. Admission will be £1 for members, £2 for visitors.

In November, our speaker will be Hazel Kaye, on Rambling and Climbing Roses.

### **OLD PHOTOS**

Nick Jones is looking for pictures of The Coach House in Rectory End. Pictures from the 1970s and beforehand. It was outbuildings for the rectory.

If you have any old photos please contact Nick on: 259-0086 or [nickjones33@btinternet.com](mailto:nickjones33@btinternet.com)

### **VILLAGE WEBSITE** (<http://www.leicestershirevillages.com/burtonovery>)

Like Nick (above) the Village Website is on the lookout for old photos.

Old photographs of buildings and people of Burton Overy would be nice shared via the website.

If you have any old photos you would like to share, please contact me, Angus, on: 259-0141 or [gummi800@hotmail.com](mailto:gummi800@hotmail.com).

I will take photos of the photos, so I don't even need to borrow them, just see them. If you have them in a digital format then please just e-mail them to me.

Relatively new to the website is a feature on the graffiti on the church organ. It might sound uninspiring but scribblers have been putting their mark there for over 100 years (oldest dates from 1881). Familiar names such as Burton, Billings, Cox and Chandler are all present.

Have a look and see a rarely seen snippet of village life.

The graffiti page can be found at:

[www.leicestershirevillages.com/burtonovery/graffiti-in-church.html](http://www.leicestershirevillages.com/burtonovery/graffiti-in-church.html).

Or follow the Village History>Local History links from main page.

In the last newsletter I forgot to include a single mention of the village website address, an oversight which I would have done again if Kenton had not pointed it out, so a big thank you to him.

## **MOLLY DURHAM**

Sadly last month saw the death of one of Burton Overy's oldest and longest serving residents, at the age of 91.

Molly Durham, was part of the village for so long and will be sadly missed. Her funeral was held at St. Andrew's church where she is interred.

Mary Barbour composed the following few lines in her memory:

Molly Durham passed peacefully away in her cottage in Oswins Row on 14th August 2012, aged 91.

Molly had lived in the village since she was 6 years old and as her nephew Eddie Burton, recalled at her funeral, change was not a thing Molly embraced, the nearest thing to it was when George Pears (formally the local butcher) gave her change for a ten bob note.

Molly was one of the few residents who never owned a car.

Molly Durham, rest in peace.