



Burton Overy
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Parish Council News

Neighbourhood Plan

The meeting on the 10th March 2015 in the village hall was very well attended and together with the subsequent letter and questionnaire circulated to households has resulted in strong positive feedback in favour of Burton Overy producing a Neighbourhood Plan. If you haven't already responded we would still like to hear from you with the short questionnaire or you can send your comments to burtonoverypc@gmail.com.

If you would like more information about the process you can visit www.harborough.gov.uk - planning – local plans. Kibworth is currently in the process of preparing it's plan and a very good website has been set up, www.Kibworthneighbourhoodplan.org, illustrating the steps they are taking and also giving useful information and links to other helpful websites.

The next step for Burton Overy is for the Parish Council, which is the qualifying body for producing a Neighbourhood Plan, to resolve at a forthcoming meeting to initiate the process. This will initially involve agreeing to apply to Harborough District Council to designate the neighbourhood area. The neighbourhood area will usually be the parish boundary. Once such an application is made the District Council will publicise the application and allow a six week consultation period before designating the neighbourhood plan area.

Although the Parish Council is the responsible body help will be needed if the plan is to proceed. A pleasing number of people have already indicated that they would be prepared to help. A steering group would need to be set up to take on the preparation of the plan and practical help will be required in a number of ways. There are organizations qualified to offer advice and support on the process including sourcing funding to cover the cost, promotion and publicity, community consultation and engagement and facilitation of meetings etc. Outside help will be essential and hopefully will encourage volunteers for the steering group.

You can keep up to date with what is happening by visiting the Parish Council website burtonovery.leicestershireparishcouncils.org. Kate Barker, the Parish Clerk is doing a very good job of keeping this up to date with all sorts of useful information including the agendas for forthcoming Parish Council meetings. So do please have a look at it. We will also be communicating important developments by email. If you haven't already supplied us with your email address and would like to be included in notifications of important matters affecting the parish you can email burtonoverypc@gmail.com.

New Village Notice Board

We are purchasing a new notice board which will be for the use of village organizations generally. Currently the Parish Council has a small notice board which is sited by kind permission of Larry and Myra Lambert at Wheatridge on Main Street. Recently Larry has restored and re-painted this notice board for which we are very grateful. It is however only large enough to contain the notices the Council is obliged to display. The new board will be placed on the grass verge near to the telephone box book exchange and bench and will be for general village use. We have had a contribution of £700 towards the cost of the new board from Harborough District Council out of the New Homes Bonus District Wide Fund.

Dogs And The Countryside And Additional Dog Waste Bin

We have a lot of dog owners in Burton Overy and it's great to have such lovely countryside to walk in. The National Farmers Union urges dog owners to follow this advice when exercising their dogs on farming land:

Keep your dog under close control around livestock. Be sympathetic especially near animals rearing their young and give them space.

Remember cows can be protective of their young. Don't get between cows and their calves. If you are threatened by cattle release your dog so you can both get to safety separately.

Dog poo can spread disease to farm animals. Bag it wherever you are. The Parish Council is providing another dog waste bin in Carlton Lane close to the cattle grid. When funds allow we will be considering further waste bins in Washbrook Lane and Town Street.

For the health of your pet and farm animals prevent your dog from getting into water troughs and follow your vet's advice on worming.

The National Sheep Association has more advice for dog owners at www.nationalsheep.org.uk/dog-owners.

Fibre Broadband Has Arrived In Burton Overy

Leicestershire County Council advises the following:-

Over 140 homes and businesses in and around Burton Overy can upgrade to high-speed fibre broadband. To find out if your property or business can upgrade please use the line checker

www.superfastleicestershire.org.uk/when-and-where and view the coverage map <http://blpc.atkinsgeospatial.com/Default.htm> or contact your broadband supplier.

Superfast fibre broadband is the new generation of broadband – much faster, more reliable and it uses a different technology.

Step 1) Visit the line checker on the Superfast Leicestershire website:
www.superfastleicestershire.org.uk/when-and-where

Step 2) Review your current broadband contract and research potential broadband providers.

Step 3) Contact your chosen broadband provider and arrange the upgrade.

What happens if I don't upgrade?

If you choose not to upgrade to superfast fibre broadband, you'll be able to continue using your existing broadband service as normal.

For more information please visit: www.superfastleicestershire.org.uk

Street Lights

The cost of up keep of the lights is increasing. The call out charge alone is £100 with the cost of repairs and replacement bulbs on top. It has therefore been decided that we will wait until there are at least three lights needing attention before repairs are undertaken.

Fran Brown

Chairman

Burton Overy Dancers

The group meet each Wednesday from 8.00 to 10.00 pm (except in July and August) in the village hall, The first half year has been a great success with five new members joining the group to make total membership of 50.

In the first quarter of the year we have enjoyed a tea dance on 4th January, our 28th Annual dance on 28th February, an evening called by Patsy Patterson which included maypole dances, five evenings called by guest callers, and seven evenings called by club callers.

During April, May, and June we will welcome six guest callers and have seven evenings called by club callers including Roy with the Belzebug Band. The group is organised by a committee of six members elected each year at the AGM in September.

New members are always welcome, if you haven't tried folk dancing before instruction is always given.

John Wilson (Chairman) jw199@le.ac.uk, ('phone: 01162703882) and John Pollard (Programme Secretary) jandmpollard@gmail.com ('phone: 01162592406) are the contact people for the group. Burton Overy Dancers have web pages (which are not always as up-to-date as they should be) included in the Burton Overy Village website. The Village Hall postcode is LE8 9EW.

Village Hall

Firstly a reminder that the AGM for the Village Hall will be held at 8pm on Monday 20th April. This is open to anyone to attend!

Full details and financial reports from the AGM will be available on the Village Hall section of the website from the end of April onwards.

A fine time was had by everyone at the second New Year's Eve ball.

This Years Midsummer Ball will take place on Saturday 20th June. The theme is based on 'Allo, 'Allo, and will be set in a french café. Tickets will be £20 each, further information to follow in the flyers coming soon. Please try to support this event as it is an important fundraiser for the Hall.

If you get this newsletter in time, the next quiz is on Friday 17th April at 7.30pm.

Fish and chips will be available but you must book them by emailing burtonoveryvillagehall@gmail.com or texting how many will be needing fish and chips.

Cost is £8 and somebody will win £25 on the night.

Burton Overy Christmas Tree Festival 2014

Burton Overy was the first village in Leicestershire to hold a Christmas Tree Festival 15 years ago thanks to an initiative by Anne Bloor. The 2014 Festival on December 5, 6 and 7 brought more than 1,800 visitors to the Church and the Village Hall.

The final figure for fund raising was £8,336. Proceeds from the festival were shared between St Andrew's Church (£4,669), the Village Hall (£2000) and the nominated charity, which this year was the Alzheimer's Society (£1,667). The Alzheimer's Society also raised £457 from their stall and bucket collection.

The church decor on the theme of the Three Kings, was the inspiration of Judy Rollin, who created the Three Kings in the porch and also made the ceramic camels on the font. Members of the Burton Overy Flower and Garden Club helped to decorate the church with flowers and foliage and to place the display of 50 trees, many on a Christmas carol theme. The atmosphere created was magical, while a number of trees placed together commemorated the First World War Centenary, added a poignant display and reminder.

The winning adult tree was, "Look out! Look out! Jack Frost is about" entered by the Burton Overy Sewing Group, winners in the 2013 festival. Second Place was "Wishing you a Mary Berry Christmas" by Louisa Rawlings & Zoe Williamson, and third place was "Whilst (Burton Overy) Shepherds Watched Their Flock" by Sue Tuxford.

The winning tree in the Junior section was "Oh what a corker!" by Laurie and Lottie King, age 9½ and 8. Second place was "Lost & Found this Christmas" by St Cuthbert's Primary GG (Age 4), Third place was "The Frozen Tree" by Anna & Lola Cockerill (Ages 8 & 9).

The Village Hall was once again a hive of activity with many gift stalls and it's all systems go in the kitchen at Festival time. The raffle is always a major attraction too and this year made £1,706, thanks to the generosity of everyone in the village who donated such excellent prizes and to a number of local businesses who regularly support the Festival. New this year was a Made in Burton Overy stall which showed off the many talents of villagers.

The main work of the Festival, of course, takes place at the beginning of December, but organisation of the event carries on throughout the year, with volunteers from the village putting in a great deal of hard work to ensure its success. Meetings begin in the January following the Festival! The continuing popularity of our Festival is the envy of other villages and is a truly community happening.

The 2014 festival organising committee would like to thank everyone who gave up their time to make it happen, and to everyone who entered and decorated a tree and thought up wonderfully inventive titles.

If you would like to be further involved with the running of the festival please contact:

Sue Tuxford (2592705) or Joan Stephens (2592210), or email
burtonoverycf@gmail.com.

PLEASE PUT THE 2015 FESTIVAL DATES IN YOUR DIARY:

DECEMBER 4, 5 AND 6.

N.B. If you would like to nominate a charity as the beneficiary for the 2015 Festival, please contact either Sue or Joan. It would be helpful if you could give reasons for your choice. Thank you.

Cantu

On Saturday 18th April 2015. 10.30-2.00 at Cantu, Beadswell Lane, Burton Overy, there will be cake & gift stalls, raffle in aid of Motor Neurone Disease Association.

If you receive this newsletter in time please go along and support this worthy cause.

Junior Tennis

The tennis court at The Springs, Carlton Lane is open for juniors on Wednesday evenings, starting on Wednesday, May 6th.

Young children and beginners 5-6pm and older children 6-7pm.

Drinks and crisps on sale. Thanks to Craig and Dave, ably assisted by Jack Langton, for their offer of coaching for the youngsters.

Church News

It has been a pleasure to welcome our new Vicar Rev Kim Ford, and to see how committed she has been to serving the needs of the community and how warmly she has been received throughout the whole village.

On 30th April 2015 we hold our AGM at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We will be electing our Churchwardens, Treasurer and members of the church council for the forthcoming year. All are most welcome to this meeting.

The main contract to repair the Nave roof, valley guttering and rainwater goods was completed on time last year. It also cost below budget, despite the fact that the contract had been put out to competitive tendering. So the death watch beetle has disappeared - at least in that part of the roof of the Church.

However on repairing the roof of the Lady Chapel, adjacent to the valley guttering, it was found that the plaster work had been more extensively invaded by rainwater that had at first been thought and would need repair at some time in the future. The Church Council took the decision to do the work immediately which would save costs, while scaffolding was in place, and English Heritage agreed to make a further grant. We haggled over the first quotation and have saved some £650 so that no further fundraising was required, apart from our immediate overheads.

All work to the roof of the Church has now been completed, apart from the Tower Roof, which is our project this year and we have just been awarded a grant of £19,100 from the Chancellor's Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund announced in the last Autumn Statement and recent Budget. This will mean that over the last 20 years all the Church roofs will have been repaired.

We also hope to try and improve the comfort within the church and will be discussing various possible options at the AGM. These include a kitchen facility in the vestry, heating and lighting improvements and handrails to the main doors. If you have ideas or would like to be part of these discussions you are invited to attend the AGM and share your views.

All this work could not have been undertaken without the generosity and hard work of so many people

Ascension Day Tower Service and Breakfast is on Thursday, May 14th when we hold our annual custom of marking Ascension Day with a service at 7.30am, followed by bacon baps and tea and coffee at The Springs, Carlton Lane. The service is held at the top of the tower for those with a head for heights and at ground level for those who prefer not to climb up the tower ladders!

Congratulations to Pippa Swain and Royce Mattock who were married in St Andrew's Church in April.

Listen out for Wedding Bells on June 20th when Jason Caplin and Sarah Woodford will be married, and on August 1st when the grandson of Peter and Joan Stephens will be married here in Burton Overy.

Also in June, there is a service of blessing for the recent marriage of Debbie Delbridge, who at one time lived in the village. Her daughter, Siobhan, is buried in the churchyard. We wish all these couples a happy married life together.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helps the church by serving on the various church rotas which we produce. These include, cleaning the church, arranging flowers for worship, reading, sidesmen, coffee making, opening and closing the church, flagpole and clock-winding and helping provide food including breakfasts, lunches and suppers at various times during the year, as well as mulled wine.

We are very grateful to you all.

Robert and Richard,

Churchwardens

Burton Overy Friendship Club

In November the club met for a coffee morning at “The Springs”, Richard and Anne Bloor’s house

In December 18 members enjoyed a Christmas lunch at the “Red Lion” Welham.

The first meeting of the New Year was hosted by Jo and Julian Swain at their home in “Bunkers Hill”

February saw us at Vicky Ryall’s home “Cantu” and the March Coffee morning was held at “White House Farm” by Jennifer and Geoffrey Grant.

April’s coffee morning will be at Mary Parker’s house “The Sallows” in Elms Lane on the 16th.

The following meetings are planned:

21st May - Gartree Cottage

18th June - Thorndale Cottage

16th July - Strawberry & Cream Tea

We would again like to thank all our Hosts for their very kind hospitality.

The Friendship Club is a lovely way for villagers old and new to meet for a friendly chat and get to know each other – why not come along, a warm welcome awaits you.

If you would like any further details contact Thelma Short on 259 2137 or Jean Harris on 259 2251

Village Show

A date for your diary. This year's Village Show will be on Saturday 5th September

Women's Institute

So far in 2015, members have enjoyed a flower arranging demonstration by Beryl Connolly. After watching, members had a go!

In February there was a games evening and in March Paul Tabener spoke about the work of "The real CSI". He was an informative and amusing speaker.

At the end of April Burton Overy will be hosting a meeting of all seven institutes in the High Leicestershire group. As we are celebrating the centenary of the WI movement this year, the entertainment will be given by the WI's own Jerusalem Jammers (garland dancers) and refreshments will include jam and cream scones.

In June, Alison Tasker will be attending a garden party at Buckingham Palace. The Queen, who is a member of Sandringham WI, has offered her garden for the event.

Also in June, we are going on an afternoon outing to Burley-on-the-Hill, afternoon tea included and in July, Dru Ellis, formerly a resident of the village and still a member of this institute, will be giving a talk.

Harvest Collection - Uplands Infant School Visit

Over two days on 25th and 26th March approximately 120 6/7 year olds visited Manor Farm on a school trip. The children braved the quite bitter conditions and enjoyed seeing the new-born lambs, collecting eggs, drawing sheep, learning about bees and wool and going for a nature walk/playing in the willow house.

Our new vicar, Rev. Kim Ford was able to attend on both days and hand over to the school the money that was generously collected at our Harvest festival last October, covering the cost of the transport.

We hope that in some small way the mysteries of rural life, farming practices and where food originates is explained and understood by those living in our city.

We thank all our volunteers who make this possible, especially Sue Tuxford and Fran Brown from the village.

Craig & Nicola Langton

Village Website

www.leicestershirevillages.com/burtonovery

Sadly, due to a need to cut costs, the council are to stop funding the village website. This means that from August 2016 the Village Website will cease to exist, at least in its current format.

Although this is over a year away, if an alternative wants to be found we have to start thinking of the practicalities. If there is no interest expressed in keeping it going then it will end. However, if there is indeed a wish for the website to continue beyond 2016 then alternatives and a new server/home can be looked into.

If you would like to keep the website (or not) please let me know at:
Gummi800@hotmail.com

Burton Overy Flower and Garden Club

The Flower and Garden Club continues to flourish, with 27 members already signed up for the new season and a programme of garden visits set up for the summer.

The year kicked off in March with a flower arranging demonstration by Sally Gee from Gilmorton, which even included an arrangement featuring an Ascot hat!

Garden visits have been organised to Countesthorpe, Walton, Rolleston Hall and Sapcote, and a trip to either Coton Manor or Kelmarsh Hall is planned for September.

As ever, the Club have taken on the floral décor of the church for Harvest, Christmas and Easter. Judy Rollins masterminded the impressive decoration of the church and the siting of the Christmas trees for the Christmas Tree Festival. Members arranged the background flowers and foliage while Judy set up her creations of the Wise Men in the church porch and the camels which took over the font. The village is lucky to benefit from Judy's exceptional artistic talents.

Non members are welcome to join us for garden visits or for meetings in the Village Hall, for a small fee. Just telephone Joan Stephens on 0116 259 2210 or e-mail: joanscribble@yahoo.co.uk for details of dates, times etc.