



Burton Overy

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Councillors

Earlier in the year Steve Rankine resigned as a councillor to take up the position of Church Warden at St Andrews. Thanks to Steve for his work on the Parish Council. In May, Tim Ramsey was co-opted to replace Steve and we welcome him to the Council. Tim immediately got involved with the work of the neighbourhood plan steering group along with Councillor Mark Firth, the chairman of the group and Councillor David Fletcher. Councillor Carolyn Carson continues to support and organize community initiatives and events including a very successful and well attended barbeque to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday in June.

Website: www.burtonoverypc.org.uk

In August the County Council withdrew its funding and support of the Parish Council website and the village website. The Parish Clerk Kate Barker has worked extremely hard setting up a new Parish Council website with a new provider and with funding from the Parish Council. The new arrangement also hosts the village website the administrator for which is Sue Tuxford. Both Kate and Sue have put in a lot of time setting up and organizing the websites and migrating information from the old sites. I would like to say a big thank you to them both for making this happen. I would also like to recognize the hard work of Angus MacKinnon who administered the old village website for a number of years, a very big thank you to him too.

The Parish Council website is a valuable tool to find out what is happening on the Parish Council and in the District. To mention just a few things you can access agendas and minutes of the meetings and our financial information. The website is kept up to date with current planning and other public consultations and there are useful links to other service providers including Harborough District Council and the County Council. If you can't find what you are looking for, or would like to suggest any improvements, then please contact the clerk, Kate Barker.

Planning Consultations

We have spent a lot of time over the past year or so responding on behalf of the Parish to consultations issuing mainly from Harborough District Council relating to the new local plan but also from the County Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Groups for Great Glen and the Kibworths. There are some major issues affecting our district relating to planning and development. All the consultations are open to individual residents to respond. Details of current consultations can be found on the Parish Council website.

Street Lighting

Thank you to those who responded to my recent circular about the lights. Generally the feeling is that street lights are important in the village but that savings could be made by some reduction in lighting and a phased conversion to LEDS. We are looking into the possibility of conversion to LEDS and a scheme to spread the cost which we are hopeful will enable us to maintain an acceptable level of street lighting. In the meantime I know that there are some lamps which are out now and whilst a request has been made to replace these, this is on hold for a little longer to give us chance to consider committing to a scheme of replacement with LEDS.

Fran Brown

Neighbourhood plan quick update.

Things are progressing nicely with two teams of volunteers undertaking environmental study and property development consultation. The committee are hoping to have a draft plan ready to share by the end of December with an event early in the new year. The exact dates will be posted on the village website and notice board as well as a doordrop informing all of the event, so keep a look out.

Councillor Mark Firth

Village Defibrillator and training event 13th October 6.30pm

Many in the village requested that Burton Overy has its own defibrillator and as such the parish council have supported the raising of sufficient funds for this to happen. A Defibrillator lottery was set up and we are pleased to announce that all the tickets have been sold and the monies raised. One lucky winner will win £50 and this will be drawn at the Defibrillator training evening on Thursday the 13th October at 6.30pm. The defibrillator itself will be housed on the outside of the village hall, once installed.

The training event on the 13th is open to all who have volunteered to be trained in the use of the defibrillator but also to anyone who wishes to learn, or revise, their cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) skills. CPR training is recommended by the British Heart Foundation to be available to as many people as possible and is free, so do come along and join us; you never know when you may need to use this skill.

Carolyn Carson

Christmas Tree Festival

The dates for the Christmas tree festival this year are the **2nd, 3rd and 4th of December 2016**. You will shortly be receiving your information pack, which includes your entry form to submit your fabulous trees for both the adults and child's entries together with details of how to volunteer your time to make the festival such a success.

Without the support of the village, there wouldn't be a tree festival and so the tree committee would like to thank you for all your hard work that ensures our event remains special and frequented by many in the surrounding community. Ultimately, the proceeds support our village hall and church and ensure that a chosen charity receives a good donation; all of which make the work so worthwhile. This year's charity is the Aplastic Anaemia Trust, which is a potentially life threatening form of bone marrow failure.

The village itself looked lovely last year, with many of you lighting up and decorating your front gardens. Please do try to do this again to help to enhance the magical feeling of the festival for visitors, and to create a really pretty winter outlook for ourselves.

This year there will be a mix of stalls in the village hall and face painting for the children. As ever, the hugely popular cake stall will rely on your many baking skills to produce the numerous cakes that are eaten over the three days. In addition to baking a cake, should you have any jars of homemade produce, such as jams, marmalades or chutneys that you are willing to donate, these will also be sold on the cake stall; so do please bring some along with your cakes.

The raffle is very popular with visitors and a great success every year due directly to the superb generosity of the village that ensures the prizes are so desirable. Your raffle donations for this year can be left with Carolyn at the Old Coach House at any point from now until Wednesday 30th November.

We look forward to working with you all again this year to provide a wonderful Christmas tree festival.

Christmas Tree Festival Committee

Women's Institute

Members have enjoyed a busy summer. There was an afternoon outing to Kelmarsh Hall in July ending with tea and cakes in their cafe, an evening at Phyllis Hallam's home in August where there was a choice of hot or cold food followed by delicious puddings, and in September we were involved in the Village Show.

Village Show Trophies were awarded to members who had entered items were as follows :

The craft thimble was won by Beryl Connolly
The cookery spoon, Mary Parker
The flower goblet, Anne Bloor
The photograph frame, Pauline Wells

The cup for the highest aggregate score was won jointly by Anne Bloor and Mary Parker. They will each hold the cup for six months.

In September, the speaker was our secretary, Alison Tasker, who gave a very interesting and informative talk on Vietnam. Alison had visited Vietnam on holiday and brought beautiful slides of the country to illustrate her talk.

Our **October** speaker will be botanist Ian Whitehead who will also bring slides to accompany his talk entitled "A botanist revisits South Africa".

The craft group continues to meet monthly at Alison's home, the day has recently been changed to the **second Tuesday in the month**.

We are starting to think ahead to the Christmas Tree festival, as in past years WI will be entering a tree.

Burton Overy Photographic Society (BOPS)

This year BOPS were invited to display some photographs at the Village Show and these were left up for the Harvest Festival Dinner. The pictures were based on the Village Show classes. These have prompted some good feedback and interest in the photographs. If you are interested in photography we meet in the Village Hall on the 3rd Thursday of the month. We are a small group of mixed abilities helping each other to develop and improve our skills. As well as our meetings we also have an active social calendar. Our speaker on the **20th October** is Glen Tillyard of Digital Photography Courses, the topic will be light conditions. Visitors are welcome.

Village Web Site

The old Village Website has now been migrated to its new home as part of the Parish Council Website. <http://www.burtonoverypc.org.uk/village-website.html>. This has been necessary due to the withdrawal of support for the Leicestershire Villages Websites.

The structure and main pages are now in place, however in some sections it is still a work in progress. It is your website and it will become as interesting as you would like to make it, so if you would like to inform us about an event, business or just have something interesting to share please contact the site editor Sue Tuxford.

We are also looking for helpers with this project. If you belong to a club or society or have a small business and would like to take ownership of a page, or assist with the editing of the main website, full training will be given.

Please spend some time to have a look at the site as we would like it to be the "go to" place for village information. We would love your feedback and suggestions to help with the continued improvement of the website.

We would like to express our thanks to Angus MacKinnon who has for a number of years looked after the old Leicestershire Villages website and kept it up to date. His help along with Kate Barker in the setting up of the new site has been invaluable.

Contact Sue Tuxford: Email burtonoveryweb@gmail.com. Phone: 0116 259 2705

Milk

Village milk producers, Kingarth Farm, are now selling semi-skimmed milk and double cream as well as full fat milk.

Involving zero food miles, this Burton Overy free range milk is produced by the herd of Holstein cows seen grazing in our local fields.

Prices are:

Full Fat and Semi-skimmed - £1.00 per litre

Sold in 1 or 2 litre bottles.

Double Cream - £2.00 per 300 ml

Open daily from 7 till 7.

Church News

Changes coming to St Andrew's church in the next few months!

I hope most of you have seen some of the little changes in the church in the last few months. We have added new carpet in the children's area and in the Lady Chapel, which we think will make visits a bit warmer and more comfortable. Children are also important to us so we have made improvements to the children's play area to make it much more inviting to the children who come and join us on a Sunday. It seemed to work really well at our recent Harvest service!

As a DCC, we want people to know how much we value prayer as well. So we have ordered a votive candle stand. It will take a few weeks to arrive. When it does arrive, it will give anyone, who wants to use, the use of the church as a place for peace or prayer and there will be candles for you to light with a comfortable place in which to do so. We have placed a small wooden box with paper on the chest in the Lady Chapel, which you can use to write anything you would like a prayer for. We meet every Wednesday to pray for the village so any requests will be prayed for each week. There will also be chairs for you to sit on.

These are the changes to the places within the church and we also want to let you know that we are making some small changes to the services themselves. The **fourth Sunday of every month** we have a **10:30** am service which we will have a special children's slot so that the children can get involved in the service as well. We would love to have you join us! There is also our annual **Christmas Eve** service at **4:00 pm** (do come early as the church fills quickly), which the children are all welcome to be involved. Our other children's Christmas service is the Christingle at St Cuthbert's on the **11th of December** at **4:00 pm**. Do have a look at our Christmas cards that will be out next month and will have all of our Christmas services on them.

I hope many of you will take the opportunity to use the church in the heart of the village, that you will find it a place of peace and know that each of you are in our prayers.

Rev Kim Ford

Burton Overy Friendship Club

Since the last newsletter, the April, May and June monthly coffee morning meetings have continued as usual and have been well supported.

In July the club held the "Strawberry and Cream Tea" at Vicky Ryall's house. Jane Chandler did her usual splendid spread with a surfeit of Strawberries, cream, ice cream, scones and cakes which were greatly enjoyed by us all.

On September the 15th (thanks to sponsorship by the Village Charity) we were able to book a coach with full disabled access. The 20 seater mini-bus we were expecting turned out to be a full size 48 seater coach driven by our very helpful driver Steve, and at 10.30am on possibly the last glorious day of this summer we set off to the "Beckworth Emporium" in Northamptonshire - a large garden centre, farm shop and delicatessen where we were able to have lunch in their lovely restaurant.

After lunch we continued on to "Castle Ashby" to enjoy the Italianate gardens which were really looking at their best in the lovely late summer sunshine. After ice creams in the garden café we headed back to Burton Overy arriving home at 5.15pm.

On **October 20th** the coffee morning is at "Kingarth Farm" (Mr & Mrs Barbour) And on **November 17th** the meeting will be at "The Springs" (Mr & Mrs Bloor) ***The Christmas Lunch has now been booked for Thursday December 8th at "The Crown" Tur Langton (where we went last year) – and hopefully this time we will be in their newly built Orangery!***

The first meeting in 2017 is scheduled for **Wednesday January 18th** at "Bunkers Hill" (Mr & Mrs Swain)

Thanks once again to all our Hosts for their very kind hospitality.

The Friendship Club meets once a month, normally on the third Thursday between 10.30 until 12.00 at different venues around the village.

The Bring & Buy table and a raffle raise funds for the club's other events. All villagers old and new and friends of the village will be made very welcome. The Club is friendly and informal. It's a great way to get to know your neighbours and meet socially for a chat over coffee and sometimes even cake! So if you can spare an hour once a month, please do come along, we would love to see you!

If you would like any further details or a lift contact Thelma Short on 259 2137 Patrick on 259 2350 or Jean Harris on 259 2251

Burton Overy Dancers

After a hectic 2015/16 season the club had a respite from dancing during the warmer (?) weather of July and August, when members enjoyed a number of social occasions. These included a trip to Kilworth House Theatre to see an excellent performance of *West Side Story*, a walking Treasure Hunt around the village followed by a "Fish & Chip" supper, and a Garden Barbecue. Our dancing programme resumed at the beginning of September and so far has included a Ruby Anniversary Dance on September 14th, with Roy Garrington calling and "Cath & Joan" playing, followed by the AGM on September 21st. We have a busy programme of Wednesday evening dancing arranged until the end of the year using both Club Callers and Guest Callers, with some evenings featuring live music; we shall be celebrating "Halloween" on **Wednesday October 26** with our favourite, and appropriately-named, band - *Belzebub!*

On **Saturday November 5th, 7.30 to 11.00pm**, we shall be holding a "**Bonfire Night Barn Dance**" in the Village Hall with live music from the band *Pandemonium* and the dances called by members of the club. These will be straight-forward barn dances that can be enjoyed by dancers and non-dancers, families and friends, and we invite villagers of Burton Overy to join us for a fun evening. Entry will be by advanced ticket purchase only; prices are £7 for adults and £4 for children under 16. Tickets can be obtained from the club at the Village Hall on Wednesday evenings, or from the Treasurer, John Wilson (JohnWilson199@gmail.com; tel 0116 270 3882), or from Patrick McArragher (Gartree Cottage, Scotland Lane, Burton Overy. tel, 0116 259 2350). Owing to the limited capacity of the Village Hall we shall be limiting the number of people to 60 -so buy your tickets early to be sure of joining the fun! Over the Christmas/New Year season the club will enter a decorated tree in the Burton Overy Christmas Tree Festival and we shall be enjoying some festive dancing evenings and social occasions. On **Sunday January 8th 2017**, from **2.30 to 6.00pm**, we have our Annual New Year Tea Dance in the Village Hall. The Caller will be Roy Garrington with the band *Narrow Escape*. Tickets will be £5 per person, and people are asked to bring a plate of party food to share.

We welcome new members of all abilities who want to learn and enjoy English country dancing. The club meets regularly each Wednesday evening in the Village Hall from **September** to the end of **June**, starting at **8.00pm**. We dance a mixture of English country and courtly (Playford) style dances along with American square and contra formation dances.

For more information about the club please visit our new web site at URL, <https://burtonoverydancers.wordpress.com/> where our current programme of dancing and social activities can be found, or contact the Chairman, Peter Meacock (email: petermeacock112@btinternet.com; tel 0116 279 3600)

Burton Overy Flower and Garden Club.

Our summer season kicked off with a talk by local garden designer Chris Gutteridge, who is a regular member of Radio Leicester's Down to Earth team and has designed gardens for both Hampton Court and Chelsea.

Coton Manor was our destination for the first outing on a sunny afternoon in May – the bluebell wood was at its best!

Later outings were to the Old Vicarage in Burley-on-the-Hill, Ridgewold Farm in Wymeswold, the Knighton Sensory Garden in Knighton Park, and Parkside in Gaddesby.

Local rose grower and enthusiast Ann Bird paid us a return visit at the October meeting in the Village Hall.

Members continue to provide and arrange flowers in the church, on a weekly basis, as well as for festivals such as Easter and Harvest. They will, of course, be involved in helping to decorate the church for the forthcoming Christmas Tree Festival.

The next club meeting will be in **April 2017** in the Village Hall. Guests are welcome at all our meetings and outings, Details/inquiries from Joan Stephens, 259 2210.

Cinema at the Village Hall

The film Florence Foster Jenkins, starring Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant, will be showing at the Burton Overy village hall on Thursday 24th November (doors open 7pm).

The film is rated PG and tickets cost £5.00 if purchased in advance or £6.00 on the door. A drink and popcorn are included in the price.

Advance tickets can be purchased from Sally (259 3581) or email: burtonoveryvillagehall@gmail.com.

Cheques payable to BOVH

VILLAGE HALL

The Hall has been well used throughout the summer, both for village events and by people and organisations from outside the village.

The Film Show on May 26, organised by Sally Muir proved to be popular and made a profit of £95.

The Summer Ball, on a Leicester City Football Club theme was well attended and made a profit of £803, thanks to Sue Tuxford and her hard working committee .

The April Quiz night, organised by Barbara Lloyd, was a sell out, raising £136.30.

The Village Produce Show, organised by Graham Thompson and his committee attracted many entries (including some VERY long runner beans and VERY large marrows) and was a great success. The display of photographs by BOPS (Burton Overy Photographic Society), justifiably attracted a lot of interest.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday November 24. 7pm for 7.30pm: Film Show: Florence Foster Jenkins, with Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant. Tickets £5 in advance, £6 on the door, to include a drink and popcorn. Phone Sally Muir 259 3581.

Friday December 2nd – Sunday December 4th inclusive: Christmas Tree Festival.

Sunday December 11th. Christmas Lunh. £8.50 per adult. Details to be circulated shortly.:

Saturday, December 29: New Years Eve

There are currently no plans to hold a New Year's Eve event in the hall. If you and friends would like to arrange an event email

burtonoveryvillagehall@gmail.co.uk and a member of the committee will be in touch to go through what will need doing.

VILLAGE HALL FUTURE

In his annual report, Chairman Arthur Buckley emphasised the need for provisions for the future. Many committee members have served for several years, and the average and although none of them are decrepit, the average age is 65 plus. We need an influx of younger members to ensure that the Hall is not only well maintained, and continues to be a major asset for the village.

PLEASE consider coming on board. Arthur or any member of the committee will be happy to tell volunteers about what is involved and how much fun it can be. Honest!

On the subject of maintenance: the committee are currently seeking estimates for a major necessary re-design and re-vamp of the entrance to the Hall, to make it safer, more wheel-chair friendly and lower maintenance. This will involve removing the tree next to the doorway, removing the steps, and widening the path. The tree will be replaced and two disabled parking spaces will be retained.

The approximate cost will be £3,000. Once designs and estimates have been submitted, the committee will decide who will carry out the work and will apply to Harborough District Council for permission to go ahead with it.