



Burton Overy

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Street Lighting Update

The Parish Council is continuing to seek a solution to the on going cost of maintaining the 25 village street lights. Advice has been taken including a meeting with Leicestershire County Council. The cost of electricity is running at about £1,000 per annum. Some of the lights are starting to fail due to age and the County Council has advised that a number of the light fittings are not up to current standards. Added to this the type of bulbs currently used in the lamps are becoming more expensive and within three/four years will be difficult or impossible to obtain at all.

Consideration has been given to having some lights permanently disconnected but this in itself is an expensive business and in respect of some of the column lights would actually cost more per light than having LED replacements.

If we are to retain street lights we will have to convert to LEDs over the next few years. Because of cost this will have to be a phased approach. As I have indicated in previous communications LEDs are expensive currently £280 per lamp and we will have extra expense with the light fittings on telegraph posts which are not currently suitable to take the weight of LED fittings.

There are a number of lights out at the moment. In respect of these I have now asked the County Council to quote for the fitting of three LED lights with the remainder being fitted with the standard bulbs. Depending on any issues with the brackets the three LEDs will be fitted on the failed lights on the main roads leading into the village. LCC have advised that these strategic lights remind motorists that they are entering a 30 mph limit. The LEDs last for 20 years and come with a guarantee.

The precept, the money the Parish Council receives through the Council Tax was increased again this year in part to help fund a phased conversion of the street lights to LEDs. The budget and therefore the precept will need to accommodate this process over the next few years. The County Council have indicated that once the lights are brought up to standard with LEDs they would be prepared to adopt them thus relieving the Parish Council of the running and up keep.

We are keeping open the possibility of disconnecting some of the overhead fed lights on telegraph posts. These will need extra money spent to enable them to take LEDs and the cost of disconnecting these is less than the cost of the LEDs. We would like to consult further with the village on this however and there will be an opportunity to do this at the next public consultation event which is to be arranged in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Fran Brown

School Farm Visits

Due to the generosity of the village, who raised £270 at the Harvest Festival, two bus loads of children in year 2 visited Manor Farm from Uplands Infant School on 28th and 30th March. The weather was again very kind to us and 120 children were able to spend an enjoyable few hours watching the lambs, collecting eggs, seeing the bee hives, experiencing a farm walk, sitting on a tractor and drawing sheep with charcoal on slates. A big thank you to our helpers from the village, Sue Tuxford, Kenton Taylor and Fran Brown without whom we could not host the trips.

Craig & Nicola Langton

Movie Night

We are having another cinema night on Thursday 25th may the film is 'Lion' and tickets are £5 (with drink and popcorn) from Sally on 0116 2593581 or £6 on the door. Arrive at 6.30 start at 7pm in the village hall.

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We started the New Year with an afternoon meeting. We had slides and a talk by our Secretary Alison Tasker entitled "The Florida Keys." It was a most enjoyable talk and the slides were beautiful! The proposed resolutions for the AGM in June were discussed. The decisions made by members were later sent off to WI House and will be taken into consideration by the NFWI in London.

In February, also an afternoon meeting, we had great fun decorating cupcakes for Valentines Day, and got very sticky! Jane Chandler organised the cakes and the decorations and we all took some home afterwards.

March (back to evening meetings now) brought a visit from Ray Riley who painted a beautiful flower picture in oils, a technique called "wet on wet." He very kindly left us the picture to be raffled at a later date.

Also in March, 1 delegate and 3 other members attended the Leicestershire and Rutland Annual Council Meeting held at Leicester Grammar School. Speakers in the morning were Kate Naish from VISTA, and Nick Hamilton from Barnsdale. The afternoon speaker was TV presenter and historian Lucy Worsley. All three were excellent speakers.

Six members attended a High Leicestershire group meeting hosted by Humberstone WI. It was a lighthearted evening with entertainment provided by the Scraftoft Players who gave us an Old Time Music Hall. Several of the audience (including three of our ladies) wore beautiful hats for the occasion.

In April the speaker will be from the Dogs Trust.

Burton Overy Village Defibrillator

The village defibrillator is now up and running and available for use if needed. A big thank you to everyone who bought a defibrillator lottery ticket and congratulations go to Kate Marshall of Higher House, who won the lottery!

The defibrillator is located to the right hand side of the village hall, clearly marked with a sign on the wall. The unit is unlocked and is readily accessible day or night. Have a look and familiarize yourselves with its location.

There are a number of persons trained to conduct CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and defibrillator use but it is important to know that you do not need to be trained to use a defibrillator – it is an automatic system that quite literally talks you through what to do.

The list of trained persons with their location is with the defibrillator and shown on the following page. Please retain in case of an emergency.

Should you be in a situation requiring urgent first aid and the defibrillator, there are some basic steps to take:

Check for any danger to yourself or others;

Call 999 - the ambulance service will talk to you and provide immediate support. They are aware of our defibrillator and its location.

More important than the defibrillator at this stage is the provision of CPR – this can keep a patient alive by ensuring oxygen from chest compressions can reach the brain and heart whilst an ambulance and trained person travels to you;

Ensure a trained person is called to come straight to you to help;

Call for help from someone who can fetch the defibrillator – this may or may not be the trained person depending on location - their focus will be on helping the patient;

A trained person, once informed, will assist by ensuring CPR and operating the defibrillator; but as stated above, you will be able to operate it if needed with no risk of causing harm. Don't forget the 999 Operator is there to assist too.

Trained Persons

Tracey Gregson 07831 226197 259 2036	Top end Scotland Lane	Graham Inchey 291 5772	Main Street close to the pub
Graham Thomson 07788 795082 259 2074	Main Street behind pub	Steve Rankine 07918 175104	Main Street / Bell Lane
Liz Sturgess 07521 415375 259 2049	Townsend Street area	Carolyn Carson 07500 932911 259 3736	Main Street – phone box
Helen Johnson 07715491175 259 2074	Rectory End / Scotland Lane	Norma Hillas 259 3309	Rectory End / Elms Lane
Carol Castleman 259 3934	The Chestnuts Carlton Lane	Simon Barre 07903 550112	Baileys Lane

Saint Andrew's Church

The Church Tower Repairs are now completed and paid for. The work and removal of scaffolding were completed on time. The only hitch we had was the scaffolding alarm going off on a Saturday evening, which meant the contractors had to come over from Nottingham - even Nick Jones could not stop it from ringing!

The District Church Council are now putting their minds to the next projects – resurfacing the church path, kitchen, toilet and grab handles in the porch to improve access. Our architect is at present drawing up plans and estimates.

Children's Choir Well done to our young (and some very young) singers who led us at the Palm Sunday service in singing 'We have a king who rides a donkey'.

Junior Tennis starts again for the summer on Wednesday, 3rd May at 5.00pm at The Springs, Carlton Lane, Burton Overy. Dave Henson and Craig Langton have very kindly offered their time to come and teach the children. Young children and beginners from 5.00-6.00. Intermediate players from 6.00pm. Any queries 0116-259-2440.

Ascension Day Tower Service at 7.30am on Thursday 25th May

Come and climb the tower early in the day (or remain at ground level if you wish) for this annual short service to remember the Ascension of Jesus. Followed by bacon baps at The Springs, Carlton Lane.

The sparklers picture

Sparklers (Monday 9.30 at the Methodist Church Hall) and Toddler Café Wednesday 10.00 at St Cuthbert's) are very popular with young families. We sing songs, have a bible story, say prayers, play and drink coffee! Spread the word!

From the palm branches to the nails in the cross to our Lord and Saviours Resurrection

by **Rev'd Kim Ford**

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week in the Christian calendar and we had the privilege of started it off with our annual Donkey walk. It was lovely to see our numbers swell as we walked along Oaks Road towards the fields to Burton Overy. We started with about 25 and end up with at least 60 on the walk. It was a glorious sunny day and a very pleasant walk. We then arrived to a lovely bacon sandwich and coffee, which was most welcome after the journey.

Thank you ever so much to Nicola, Rebecca, Heather, Eleanor and the helpers in the kitchen for such a wonderful breakfast and all of their hard work behind the scenes. It did look like the feeding of the 5000 as we all came into the hall!

After breakfast we took the donkeys and ponies and journeyed to the church to celebrate the beginning of Holy Week- Palm Sunday. We made a lot of noise in celebration of all that the Lord has done for us; for His love and His salvation. The service was full of friends and family and visitors from further a field and the ponies lead us (unfortunately the donkeys weren't too keen) from the church into the wonderful sunlight. It was a lovely morning of celebration and I would like to thank you all for being there and wish you all a very joyful Easter. May God bless you with His strength, love and grace whatever your journey ahead may be.

Steve Kirk

I would like to thank all villagers who have sent their good wishes to me recently after my fall down stairs on 9th February. I have been lifted by many kind words, and Julie & Eevee have also been appreciative of many offers of help and lifts. Particular thanks go to Stuart Wesselby for ferrying me to & from the Spire Hospital , and Louise Greaves of Carlton Culieu, for doing the same for Eevee to Billsdon & back for her school bus, when I was advised not to drive. Thankfully, my right eye socket fracture repair has been successful , and more importantly, we have installed a stairlift to, hopefully, avoid a repeat of the incident.

Contrary to popular relief, I had not had the pleasure of an alcoholic drink. Had I done so, the fall would probably not have hurt so much, and I would have fallen in a more relaxed manner. Finally, my thanks to Julie & Eevee for looking after me whilst I was feeling a bit sorry for myself. June told me that the the bottom of the stairs looked like a chain saw massacre of Burton Overy. Anyone want to write the script?

Steve Kirk

Burton Overy Dancers

Since the last edition of the Newsletter, in addition to our regular Wednesday evening club night programme, **Burton Overy Dancers** has held a number of successful public dances. These have included a **Bonfire Night Barn Dance** (on November 5th!), a **New Year Tea Dance** in early January, and the club's **30th Annual Dance** in early March. The latter event was complete with a **30th Anniversary Cake** that was cut by three of the club's founding members;- Margaret and John Pollard from the village, and Bronwyn Taylor from Houghton-on-the-Hill. All three dances featured live music from talented bands with Callers of national or international recognition who put the dancers through their paces! Each time the Village Hall was filled to capacity with over 60 people dancing to exhilarating tunes; they came from Burton Overy and local villages, Leicester and further afield.

As is customary, the club entered a tree in the **Burton Overy Christmas Tree Festival**; our theme this year was based on the 18th century folk dance "*In the Fields in Frost and Snow*" that was first published in 1710 in the Second volume of the *Dancing Master, First Edition* by John Young of London. The accompanying lyrics, printed by Thomas D'Urfey in 1719, are the song of a swain relating how he has to tend the animals on his father's farm during the cold winter months; it is generally considered to be the ancestor of the popular children's song "*Old MacDonald had a Farm*" because each verse features the sounds of the various animals! Out thanks go to club members Carole, Heather, and her daughter Alisoun, for decorating the tree with pictures of club members parading in single file as featured in the dance.

Another notable event was the **BOD Christmas Party** dance in December, when the band "*Kurly Kale*" not only played brilliant music but also performed folk songs and gave a demonstration of traditional clog dancing - all-in-all a thoroughly memorable and enjoyable night. Also, in December a group of **BOD** members gave a demonstration of two modern dances, "*Rosa Centifolia*" and "*Timoleigh Triangle*", at the Leicestershire & Rutland District **Annual Christmas Mix Dance**, when dancers from all the clubs in the district meet together for an afternoon of social dancing.

Our dancing continues on Wednesday evenings until June 21st, when we shall break for our summer recess and resume dancing again on September 6th. We have a busy programme planned which includes **Maypole dancing** on May 17, and a **Summer Party** on June 21. We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members who would like to take up this fun activity. Club members will teach you the moves, ensure you are included in the dances, and generally make you feel welcome - so why not come along and give it a try?

One future date for your diaries - on Saturday October 28th, we shall be holding another **BOD Barn Dance** with club Callers, Ken Judd and Richard Spendlove, and the live band **Pandemonium** to provide the music. This event, that is open to the general public, will feature traditional barn dances that can be enjoyed by everyone, young and old, dancers and non-dancers! We warmly invite villagers of Burton Overy to come along and join us for an evening of fun and frolics! Information about the barn dance, ticket prices and sources, will be advertised around the village - so make a note of the date and watch out for those notices.

Full details about all **BOD** activities can be found on our web site at <https://burtonoverydancers.wordpress.com/>, or you can contact the current Chairman, Peter Meacock (email: petermeacock112@btinternet.com; tel 0116 279 3600).

Village Website

Just a reminder that village events and happenings can be found on the Parish Council website at:

www.burtonoverypc.org.uk

Burton Overy Flower and Garden Club

Members of the Flower and Garden Club continue to provide flowers in St Andrew's Church on a weekly basis, as well as for festivals such as Easter and Harvest. They also help with decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival.

The first meeting of the year was held on Thursday 6 April, when Mary Walmsley talked about her two visits to the Torres del Paine area of southern Chile and showed some very beautiful photographs of plants, birds and landscapes.

Outings for the coming season are planned for gardens in Woodhouse Eaves, Great Bowden, Bruntingthorpe and Sulby in Northamptonshire, and to the Herb Nursery in Thistleton.

In October Gayle Shell will be demonstrating flower arrangements under the title "Autumn Almanac", and in November Louise and Julie of Mon Amie will be showing us how to make door wreaths.

Visitors are welcome to join us for outings or meetings. Details from Joan Stephens (259 2210).

Burton Overy Community Choir A.K.A. The Spectaculars

The Burton Overy "Spectaculars" choir are very busy practicing this term for the Leicestershire Community Choir Challenge, "We Sing for LOROS 2017" on Saturday 20th May at St James the Greater , London road Leicester. This is the third event of its kind, organized by Helen Egerton, our own choir leader. Once again, 8 choirs (240 singers) will perform to a large audience and panel of judges who will choose their favorite performance of the night, presenting the winners with a trophy. Over the previous two years they have raised a total of £17,000 for local charities so hope to once again raise a significant sum for this important Leicestershire hospice.

The event is being kindly sponsored this year by Tarratts jewellers of Leicester.

Helen has organized a raffle with fabulous prizes;

a watch from Tarratts,
an overnight theatre experience with tickets for Hairspray, dinner and hotel,
a Landrover off-roading experience at Rockingham Castle,
a £100 wine voucher for Francis wines... to name just a few!

If you would like to buy raffle tickets please contact Helen on 2591011.

The choir will also be on BBC Radio Leicester on Saturday 6th May to talk about the event and sing a little ditty or two.

If you would like tickets for the Community Choir Challenge, please call LOROS on 0116 2318431. They can take payment over the phone and post tickets out to you.

Helen would like to thank everyone in the village for their continued support of our community choir.

Leicestershire Community Choir Challenge.



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or fundraising@loros.co.uk Tel: (0116) 231 8431



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Village Hall

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Thursday, 27 April, 2017. 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Everyone welcome.

Thanks to everyone who has supported all our Village Hall events over the past six months. They include the annual Village Show, Christmas Lunch, New Year's Eve Ball, several Quizzes and two film evenings. All have been successful and raised money for Hall funds – we also received £2,000 from the proceeds of the Christmas Tree Festival.

The newly introduced film evenings have proved popular and quizzes have been increasingly well attended – they are fun events and a good way for newcomers to the village to get to know more people.

Watch out for the next quiz, on FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The next film evening, on THURSDAY 25 MAY will feature the film Lion..6.30 for 7 pm in the Village Hall. Tickets £5 in advance, £6 on the door, including a drink and popcorn. Watch out for the flyer giving full details.

SATURDAY 24th JUNE will see high drama in the Village Hall with our MURDER MYSTERY EVENING, entitled BLOOD MONEY.

Everyone can have fun, either on stage or in the audience. Tickets £20 per person, to include Prosecco and nibbles on the Rectory lawn before supper and entertainingly gory detection. Tickets may be reserved at burtonovervillagehall@hotmail.com. More details on last page of this newsletter.

We have been awarded a Lottery Grant of £10,000 in order to carry out a re-vamp of the entrance to the Hall, in order to make it safer, more user friendly and with better access and more parking for disabled users. Quotes are currently being sought and work is likely to begin later in the summer – it is scheduled to take 2 – 3 weeks.

More details will be available at the Village Hall AGM on Thursday April 27. Why not come along and find out more about the plans.

Burton Overy Friendship Club

During the winter the group continued to meet for coffee mornings once a month.

November's social gathering was hosted by Anne & Richard Bloor at "The Springs"

In December 18 of the group's regulars were treated to a lovely Christmas lunch at "The Crown" Tur Langton, all payed for out of club's funds.

January's Coffee morning was hosted by Jo & Julian Swain at "Bunkers Hill".

In February Vicky Ryall made us very comfortable at her home "Cantu".

In March Jennifer & Geoffrey Grant looked after us all at "White House Farm".

Future meetings planned are;

April 20th - Thorndale Cottage – Lyn & Bill Bayliss

May 17th - "The Sallows" - Mary Parker (NOTE THIS IS A WEDNESDAY)

June 15th - "Gartree Cottage" – Patrick Mcarragher

July 20th - The Strawberry's & Cream Tea

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.

There is no membership or admission charge

The Bring & Buy table and a monthly raffle raise the funds for all 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 very often cake!

So if you can spare an hour once a month, please do drop in, we would love to see you!

If you would like more details or a lift contact Thelma Short on 259 2137

Patrick on 259 2350 or Jean Harris on 259 2251

Poppy Appeal

This year's Poppy Appeal raised a wonderful £568.47.

Many thanks to those who kindly donated and special thanks to Peter Barbour for his work for this worthy cause.

Christmas Tree Festival

“Why is the Burton Overy Christmas Tree Festival always such a success?” is the frequently asked question locally, around the beginning of December.

Many visitors to the Festival (more than 2,000 for the 2016 event last December), tell us they look forward to it as the start of Christmas – and every year many of them go away saying yet again: “It’s the best yet!”

Why? Because it is a truly village event, with pretty well everyone in the village making a contribution – whether it is baking a cake, helping to sell raffle tickets, collecting admission fees, clearing tables in the Village Hall, or lighting up a tree in their own garden or window – there’s a job for everyone!

The organising committee put a huge amount of time into planning the festival in detail – and they are immensely grateful for all the willing help they are able to recruit. They have already embarked on plans for the 2017 Festival - 1, 2 and 3 DECEMBER (put it in your diary now!), to keep its traditional flavour, plus including some fresh new ideas to keep it exciting and attractive to visitors.

NOTE:

The nominated charity for the 2017 Festival, our 18th, will be The Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Dates for the 2017 festival: DECEMBER 1st, 2nd and 3rd. 2017.

Adult Section winners were:

1. We Adore Christmas, by the Broughtons;
2. Haber-dash-a-tree by Louisa Rawlings and Zoe Williams;
3. Christmas Broccoli Tree, by Barbara Lloyd.

Children’s Section winners were:

The More it Snows, Tiddley-Pom-Pom by Laurie and Lottie King;
LeicesterCi-Tree, by Stoneygate School Pre-Prep Class;
Christmas Boxed Up by St Cuthbert’s C of E Primary School.

The organising committee want to thank everyone who contributed, whether by baking a cake, donating a raffle prize, or giving up their time to help in so many other ways. Your help is invaluable.

Facts on the 2016 Burton Overy Christmas Tree Festival:

51 trees were entered,

Total sum raised: £7,118.42

Church share: £3,694.74

Village Hall share: £2,000

Aplastic Anaemia Trust: £1,423.68 (20 per cent of Festival profits)

The Raffle raised £1,780.33.

Catering raised: £1,868.13.

Village Show

The Village show will take place on **Saturday 2 September 2017**.

The traditional format again of Produce, Cookery, Flowers, Arts & Craft.

We are always pleased to see a contribution from the Children of the Village with a prize of the prestigious children's cup!

A schedule of entries will be delivered to every household in the village in early July.

The Show is nothing without each villager's contribution and we are always grateful to those who enter each year.

So plant those seeds, bake those cakes or get creative!

Further information email grahamapt@btinternet.com

Village Newsletter

The newsletter editor sends out an email for article submissions around two to three weeks before printing. If you wish to contribute to future issues, or update contact details, please get in touch with me (Angus) at: gummi800@hotmail.com.

Murder Mystery Comes To Burton Overy Village Hall



On 24 June the Murder Mystery Theatre is coming to Burton Overy Village Hall. The production is entitled Blood Money, a play with eight characters.

Eight of the richest people in the world have come to Greenback Towers for a once-in-a-lifetime business meeting. Many of them are rivals. None of them trusts the others. All of them know it would be professional suicide to leave. One of them has murder in mind.

In the morning, one of them is found dead. But which one? And who will be the killer?

A night of intrigue, thrills, wonderful food and company. What more can you ask?

Well, how about a part in the play?

There are four female parts and four male – so I need eight actors to bring the whole evening alive.

Are YOU ready to begin a stellar acting career? If so, please give me a ring on 259 3226, so I can discover how much acting interest (and how much hidden talent?) there is in the village.

Scripts will be provided and directorial hints available, but mostly this will be an occasion for fun and laughs.

Barbara Lloyd

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