



# Burton Overy Newsletter

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## **BURTON OVERY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Councillors:**

<b>Carolyn Carson</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Mark Firth</b>	<b>Vice Chairperson</b>
<b>Fran Brown</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Dave Fletcher</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
<b>Sarah Rankine</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Kate Barker</b>	<b>Clerk to the council</b>

There have been some changes as to 'who is who' on the Parish Council this year. Fran Brown has stepped down as Chairman after holding this position for 5 years. The council wishes to sincerely thank Fran for all her hard work in transforming the way the council conducts its business; bringing us up to date and incorporating all the additional responsibilities being placed on Parish councils by national policy. A special thanks for Fran's perseverance in seeking solutions to manage our street lights!

I have agreed to act as Chairperson, ably supported by Mark Firth. Our newest member is Sarah Rankine.

### **Street lights an up date**

As many of you will be aware the Parish Council has been looking at the street light position for some time now as the lamps and components currently in use are being phased out and the lamps are old and beginning to fail. Parishioners have indicated that they value the streetlights and would not wish to lose them. Because of the cost of converting to LEDS, to date, a staged approach has been taken to installing these lanterns. We now have LEDS in 4 of the column lights and in line with the budget for this financial year we are installing LEDS in the two lights in Rectory End.

The need to convert to LEDS is becoming more pressing because of increasing energy costs and the failure of the old style lanterns. The process of installing LED lanterns on telegraph poles (which form the majority of our street lights) is considerably more expensive than the column lights because they need to be adapted with special brackets to take the weight of the LEDS. Because a number of parishes are facing the same problem Leicestershire County Council have put together a package to help parishes with the transition. The package includes the conversion of all remaining lights to LEDS now with the capital cost spread over 5 years and an on going maintenance and energy supply arrangement.

The benefits of the package include:

Competitively priced lanterns with an estimated life span of 20 years

Significant reductions in energy cost

Use of Leicestershire County Councils management system to control and monitor lanterns remotely and to replace them as they go.

## Financial Implications

The capital cost of converting the remainder of the lights together with an administration charge is £14,045.00. This sum must be repaid over five years at the rate of £2,809.00 per annum. The estimated energy and maintenance costs would be £600 p.a. At present our energy costs alone are running at £1,000 p.a.

The element of the Parish Council budget relating to maintenance of the lights and energy cost would need to be increased from the current financial year by £900 to cover the conversion. This will mean an equivalent increase in the precept for the next five years to cover the cost. The precept is the money the Parish Council receives through the Council Tax raised by Harborough District Council. For a band D house this would mean an increase in the precept by around £6.00 or 13%.

## Community Remembrance of the end of World War 1

BOPC is supporting a community Remembrance Day Commemoration Event on **Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 4.30pm**. The event will be a Remembrance Day service led by Rev Kim Ford, starting at the earlier time of 4.30pm to encourage families with young children to join in.

After the service, all are invited to join in a dedication of a new commemorative bench being purchased to replace the existing bench on Rectory End. The existing bench has reached the end of its life and the Bolton-Carter family, to whom the bench is currently dedicated, have provided a very generous donation to allow us as a village, together with a grant from Harborough District Council, to purchase a new metal WW1 'soldier' commemorative bench that will provide a visual memorial of the world wars in the beautiful setting of Rectory End.

Bring your poppies along and plant them alongside the new bench as a general mark of respect, or plant a British Legion cross with a special dedication. Following the dedication, there will be a sausage barbeque for hot dogs. Our thanks to Dean and Sarah at the Bell Inn for donating the sausages in exchange for donations to the Royal British Legion. Tea and coffee will be provided, or bring your own refreshments.

This is a free event and all are welcome. However, if possible, please return a reply slip which is being posted to all houses in the village, letting us know numbers, just to assist with catering. Or email: [cdalec20@gmail.com](mailto:cdalec20@gmail.com)

**We look forward to marking this event together on Remembrance Sunday 2018**

## Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing and has passed the examination phase. It is now in the final phase with very little change to the submitted plan, and nothing that impacts on the core values. Our thanks to Mark Firth and his team for producing a comprehensive Plan that has reflected the views of the village and which should provide a sound base on which future local planning decisions can be decided upon. Once the Plan is ready for a community vote, you will be notified and invited to participate.

## CPR / Defibrillator Awareness Evening

*Do you know how to conduct CPR? Are you confident to use the community Defibrillator?*

BOPC is supporting an evening in the village hall on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018, 7pm, to help you learn to effectively and confidently administer Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and operate the community Defibrillator. Our thanks to our local resident GP, Caroline Ramsey, who has very kindly agreed to lead on teaching CPR.

CPR is a vital step that can save the life of an individual who has had a heart attack. CPR ensures blood is in the brain and can help to keep a patient alive whilst waiting for an ambulance and defibrillator to arrive. We have model dummies available for you to practice this vital technique under the safe guidance of Caroline.

A defibrillator is a very easy piece of equipment to use and one is available on the side of the village hall for all to use, *unlocked and available 24/7*. You do not need to be a specially trained person to use one as it will, quite literally, talk you through what to do, as will the 999 ambulance operator.

This is a free event, aimed solely at enhancing confidence in undertaking CPR and operating the defibrillator. **Do come along and learn more about these vital life saving steps in a calm, controlled environment that may prepare you for a much more stressful situation should you need to help someone in an emergency.**

## **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

The pumpkins, ghosties and ghoulies of Hallowe'en will be all around us on 31 October, reminding us that from then it will only be 55 days until Christmas – and with particular relevance to Burton Overy, just 30 days until our 19th annual Christmas Tree Festival.

The Festival begins on Friday 30 November and closes at 5pm on Sunday 2 December. Opening times are 10 am until 6.30 pm on Friday and Saturday, 10 am until 5pm on Sunday. Entry to the church is £2.50, children free, and there is no charge for entry to the Village Hall.

Proceeds of this year's Festival will go to St Andrew's Church, the Village Hall and Dementia UK, to fund the provision of an Admiral Nurse for Leicestershire.

As always, the Village Hall will be filled with shopping opportunities – gifts, crafts, Joules Seconds, plants, jewellery, books, plus the Raffle, face painting for the children and the excellent refreshments for which Burton Overy is famous.

Everyone in the village will by now have received all the paperwork for the event – full details, plus the invitation, tree entry form, appeal for help form, and an appeal for Raffle prizes. The Raffle raised £1,875 last year. It has a reputation for offering first rate prizes, which are attractively presented.

Please be generous again and contribute a prize or prizes and/or basket containers if you have them. Items may be delivered to the Village Hall on the morning of 29 November, or to Carolyn Carson at the Old Coach House any time between now and then. Just leave contributions in her greenhouse, if Carolyn is not there, or telephone her on 259 3736.

As always, the success of the Festival relies on the generosity and goodwill of all of us who live here. Help is needed with all aspects of the event from cake making to setting up trees, or spending a couple of hours collecting entrance fees in Church, or spending a couple of hours selling raffle. Please study the appeal for help form and offer little of your time – being involved is as enjoyable as it is useful! Thankyou.! CC

## **RIDE AND STRIDE**

Every year St Andrew's Church joins in the national event of Ride and Stride, which is organised by the Historic Churches Trust to raise money for the upkeep of our beautiful historic church buildings. On the second Saturday in September over 400 church doors were open in Leicestershire to receive visitors, either riding or striding from church to church. Many thanks to Jo Taylor and Katrina Inchley who cycled in support of St Andrew's Burton Overy, visiting 23 churches and covering 44 miles - and raising £270.00. Well done, Jo and Katrina – and they managed to dodge all the rain showers!

## **ADMIRAL NURSE FOR LEICESTERSHIRE**

This year's nominated charity at the Burton Overy Christmas Tree Festival 2018 is Dementia UK. The charity, who train and assign specialist "Admiral Nurses" who work throughout the UK in hospitals and in the community, have allowed a group based in Charnwood to raise "ring fenced" funds for Admiral Nurses for Leicestershire. As yet there are no Admiral Nurses in Leicestershire and only 260 in the UK.

Sadly Dementia is a huge challenge for our longer living population. Many people are isolated by the condition and lack the support that many other health issues receive.

An Admiral nurse can be life changing and even life saving to those living with Dementia.

Please support the charity by visiting this year's festival. Visit [www.dementiauk.org](http://www.dementiauk.org) for more info on Admiral Nurses.

### **Can you help St Andrew's Church while you are Christmas Shopping!**

If you are shopping online for Christmas presents, why not shop through the Easyfundraising website which links you to hundreds of stores with the click of a button. Every little helps as a small percentage is paid to the church for every purchase made. Go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and insert Burton Overy Church in the box to display which cause you would like to support.

## **MOBILE LIBRARY IN BURTON OVERY**

Did you know the Mobile Library comes to the village on the second Tuesday of the month – the next visit will be on Tuesday November 13th. The van is parked by the church from 2.35pm for about 20 minutes. There is a good selection of books of every kind which are changed regularly. The librarian is most helpful and will bring books on request. Use it or lose it!

## **NEWSLETTER**

This newsletter would not be possible without the contributions of people in and associated with the village. I would like to thank them all for their time and effort. If you would like to contribute or be alerted when submissions are due, please contact me, Angus, on [gummi800@hotmail.com](mailto:gummi800@hotmail.com).

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

The summer garden visiting season kicked off in May, with a visit to White House Farm in Ingarsby, which was so popular that the owners, Richard and Pam Smith, had to fit extra chairs into their kitchen in order to accommodate us all for their delicious tea, coffee and cakes. We enjoyed the visit to their beautiful and extensive garden too!

Our June meeting was at Mon Amie's new headquarters, The Barn, in Kibworth. Louise demonstrated some beautiful arrangements with paeonies, which were raffled at the end of the meeting.

July's visit was to a private garden in Woodhouse Eaves, and was a popular outing, whilst the planned afternoon visit to Kelmarsh Hall, did not really take off. Then in September, despite pouring rain for most of the day, dozen or so brave souls went to The Wooden Owl in Clipston, a new garden in the process of being created by its plantswoman owner.

A social evening in October with a quiz and a plant identification table, plus plants and produce from members' gardens only attracted a dozen people, but a good time was had by all.

Judy Rollin very kindly organised a flower arranging workshop in the spring, which attracted several new members who subsequently joined the Village Show committee and have volunteered help with church flowers and the forthcoming Christmas Tree Festival.

The November meeting, when garden designer Sue Blaxland was due to talk to us about Walled Gardens in Leicestershire and Rutland, has had to be cancelled, as the Village Hall will be closed for repairs and redecoration. Sue has kindly agreed to postpone her talk until the April 2018 meeting.

### **PARKING?**

Does anyone in the village have a driveway, garage or parking area within the village, possibly near to Bell Lane, for my car?

Please contact Richard Biggs on 07776002443 or 259 2484

## **BURTON OVERY VILLAGE HALL**

The Village Hall has been a scene of change over the past six months, resulting in major improvements and a new look, both inside and out.

The re-vamp of the Hall entrance has made it more attractive, with easier disabled access, some extra parking, a small but well planted flower bed and climbing shrubs along the fence.

A good deal of maintenance and repair work has been carried out on the exterior of the hall (windows, painting, etc). The floor in the main hall has been re-varnished, new more efficient lighting installed and the canopy re-placed. The carpet in the Brian Pollard Room is also being replaced.

The building is currently undergoing the remainder of this work plus much needed re-decoration. All this is scheduled to be completed by 22 November – in time for the opening of the Christmas Tree Festival on 30 November.

Part of the considerable costs involved have been met from Hall reserves. In addition, the Management Committee are grateful to Robert Brown, who organised the successful Three Peaks Walk, which raised £1,896 to meet part of the cost of re-surfacing the floor in the main hall.

The Old Time Music Hall in June raised a further £1,217.39. This hugely successful and enjoyable event, produced with professional expertise by Barbara Lloyd, was a sell out weeks ahead, and proved to be a showcase for a range of home grown dramatic talent within Burton Overy.

The Village Show in September attracted a good range of quality fruit, vegetables and plants, despite the hot dry weather and the ensuing drought. Entries in the children's section, some exceptional craft items, artistic creations in the flower arranging class and mouthwatering bakery on the cookery tables, all helped to make the Show a success.

The Christmas Lunch will take place on Sunday, 9 December. Details will be circulated in November.

Committee members Sally Muir and Jo Taylor have planned a Flower Event over the weekend of 18/19 May 2019. Watch this space!

For more information register your interest at [burtonoveryff19@gmail.com](mailto:burtonoveryff19@gmail.com)

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## W.I.

Burton Overy WI's 100th birthday celebration took place In April and was greatly enjoyed by all. Richard Adams brought slides set to music, his theme was "Memories are made of this." it was a delightfully nostalgic presentation. The evening ended with champagne and a beautiful birthday cake made by Jane Chandler.

In June Jackie Palmer gave a flower arranging demonstration and everyone was helped to make their own floral buttonhole.

Our outing in July was to Barnsdale Gardens followed by afternoon tea at Barnsdale Lodge. It was a very pleasant afternoon.

Margaret Pollard hosted the August meeting at her home, where members brought food for a Bring and Share supper.

In September our speaker was Anne Bloor who told us about receiving Maundy Money from the Queen. It was a very interesting talk, and Anne looked very elegant, wearing the outfit she had worn on the day.

Our October meeting was spent making decorations for the Christmas tree we intend entering in the Festival in December. There was a lot of laughter and chatter!

November will be the AGM followed by a quiz.

In December our Christmas meeting will be at the home of Alison Tasker.

## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

The church council is in the process of finalising plans for a kitchen and toilet in the church. We have for years managed to provide drinks by filling water holders from an outside tap and by using the village hall toilet, which can seem a long distance away when you are of senior or very junior years! We are able to use the money received from legacies to finance these improvements. We are not able to use legacies for the day to day running costs of the church, which continue to rise!

## **BURTON OVERY FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

During the long hot summer the group continued to meet socially once a month.

On May 17th 15 of us went for a Spring Lunch at the "Fox & Goose" Illston on Hill

On June 21st a Coffee Morning was held at "Brindles" Scotland Lane. (Janet & Keith Smith)

July 19th was the Strawberry & Cream Tea at "Cantu" Beadswell Lane. (Vicky Ryall)

(Thanks' to Jane Chandler for all the lovely strawberries and cream plus cakes)

August 16th The Coffee Morning was at "Kingarth Farm" Town Street. (Mr & Mrs Barbour)

Future meetings planned are;

November 14th (Wednesday) "The Springs" Carlton Lane

December 6th Christmas Lunch at "The Crown" Tur Langton

As usual a big thank you 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 coffee morning club is for Villagers of all ages and friends of the village.

So please come - everyone will always be made very welcome.

The Club is friendly and informal. It's a great way to get to know your fellow villagers and to meet socially for a chat over Tea/coffee & biscuits or sometimes even cake!

There is no membership or admission charge

The monthly raffle and Bring & Buy table raise the funds for all the club's other events.

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

## **BURTON OVERY DANCERS**

Burton Overy Dancers folk dance club resumed its weekly Wednesday evening dancing at the beginning of September. However for all of October we shall be the village hall in Illston-on-the-Hill while the Burton Overy Hall undergoes refurbishment. We look forward to seeing the outcome of the works when we return in November.

The club held its AGM on September 12, and under the terms of its Constitution, several Committee members had to stand down or change their roles. The new Chairman is Ken Judd, previously Programme Secretary. Peter Meacock has moved from being Chairman to Minutes Secretary and Jeannie Byron has taken over as Programme Secretary.

The club has a busy Wednesday evening programme planned for 2018-19, featuring several visiting Callers as well as our own club Callers. We shall be dancing to live music from some great bands on three occasions before Christmas ; -The Camping & Caravan Club's Kevin & Bob with guest Caller Lynne Whapples on October 24, Belzebug with Roy Garrington at Halloween (October 31), and Kurly Kale with club Callers Margaret, Norma and Ken at the Christmas Party on December 19. We have been very pleased to welcome some new members recently, and we are always open to visiting dancers or anybody else who wants to try this fun and sociable activity. Why not come along and join us on a Wednesday evening, 8.00 to 10.00pm?

In early in 2019 we have two weekend "Dancers-dances" planned. Firstly, on Sunday January 13 we have an afternoon Tea Dance (2.30 to 6.00pm) with the renowned band The Falconers and Guest Caller Brian Stanton. Then, on Saturday March 9 the club will hold its 32nd Annual Dance with the nationally-known Caller Ivan Aitkin supported by the ever-popular band Kelly's Eye. Both events should be great fun and we hope they will be attended by dancers from near and far; ticket prices and contact details are on the club website at <https://burtonoverydancers.wordpress.com/>,

The club was hoping to run a Ceilidh/Barn Dance for villagers during the Autumn, in association with the Village Hall Committee, to raise funds for the Village Hall. However because of the current hall refurbishment work this has now been put on hold. We hope that the event will still go ahead sometime in the new year, and we invite residents of Burton Overy, and nearby villages, to join us for a night of fun and frolics. Watch the Newsletter and village Notice boards for further details!

Full details about all BOD activities can be found on our web site (see above) or you can contact Peter Meacock (tel: 0116 279 3600. email: [petermeacock112@btinternet.com](mailto:petermeacock112@btinternet.com)).

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **2018**

End of WW1 Remembrance Sunday: 11<sup>th</sup> November

Mobile library: 13<sup>th</sup> November (2.35pm)

Friendship Club meeting "The Springs" Carlton Lane: November 14<sup>th</sup>

CPR/Defibrillator training evening: 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Christmas Tree Festival – 30<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Friendship Club Christmas Lunch at "The Crown" Tur Langton: December 6<sup>th</sup>

### **2019**

Burton Overy Dancers, Afternoon Tea Dance: 13<sup>th</sup> January

Burton Overy Dancers, 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dance: 9<sup>th</sup> March

Burton Overy Flower weekend : 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May

## **STAN DAKIN**

Some of us in the village will remember Stan Dakin from Huncote, who cleaned windows for many years around various houses. News has reached us that Stan died this autumn. Stan was a keen churchgoer and was always interested in St Andrew's Church and loved the Christmas Tree Festival.