

# **BURTON UPON STATHER PARISH COUNCIL** **NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2020**



## **Chair and Vice Chair Report October 2020**

We start with the sad news that our long term colleague both as Councillor and Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee, Ann Croft passed away early in May, she is sadly missed by us all. A tribute to Ann is included in this newsletter.

Covid-19 continues to influence our daily life and, whilst relaxation of the shut-down restrictions has allowed some resumption of normal life, we still need to remain vigilant and keep ourselves safe.

During the worst of the lockdown restrictions, the Parish Council provided funds to the Community Action Group, co-ordinated by Mrs Eyre the Headteacher of Burton Primary School, and her sister, together with Friends of the School. In addition to their own efforts they were instrumental in co-ordinating supplies, from the local shop to vulnerable local families. We are very grateful to them for all their hard work and effort.

Previously we reported on our efforts to raise grant funding for several Parish projects. The Parish Council have been successful in securing grant funding for a number of projects within the Parish. Hopefully you will have already noticed the new Village signs at Thealby and Burton, which were funded by the North Lincolnshire Council Community Grant Fund, and installed by the NLC Highways Department at no extra cost. Whilst mentioning the Highways Department, congratulations to them for the installation of dropped kerbs in a number of locations to make Burton more accessible to all.

We are arranging a meeting with Highways to look at other areas in the village, such as the surfacing on Stather Road and Flixborough Road, and the pavements along Wiltshire Avenue. The Parish Council and residents are concerned about excessive speeding through the Parish and this will be discussed with Highways too.

In more positive news, and again with funding from the North Lincolnshire Council Community Grant Fund, we have installed a hard tarmac surface at the basketball facility at Thealby Play Area. From our final allocation of the £500,000 to improve sporting facilities in the Parish, an accessibility footpath around the perimeter of the Burton playing field has been installed in mid-September, together with funding to allow the Parish Council to purchase grounds maintenance equipment to maintain our own grassed areas; this will be realised in early 2021.

Continuing our grant funding quest, we approached the Grange Wind Farm Community Fund to finance 3 projects:

1. The purchase and installation of 2 seats which had been removed due to their condition, 1 at the junction of Barnston Way and Flixborough Road and 1 on the Paddock – the memorial plaques for both are retained and will be reinstalled.
2. The refurbishment of the perimeter Lincolnshire fencing around the Burton Playing Field.
3. Clearance of the area of the “Memorial Oaks” we recently discovered located at the far right hand corner of the playing field (looking from the car park). This, we understand, was planted 25 years ago to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year of VE and VJ day, but unfortunately has not been looked after. This is our tribute to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year of VE and VJ Day. We will ensure continuing clearance of this area is built into our grounds maintenance schedule.

This year and for the next 2 years we have received funding from NLC to arrange our own contractor for the cutting of the Parish grass verges. Disappointingly we have received little comment as to the regime we have in place as we believe the Contractor we appointed is doing a superb job compared to previous operators.

As Chair and Vice Chair of the Council, together with our Parish Clerk and fellow Councillors, we remain available to discuss suggestions for improvement to the Parish for all residents.

We look forward to a peaceful and Covid-19 secure Christmas for us all.

Alan Craddock and Cathy Harber, Chair and Vice-Chair respectively.

# VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The last few months have been very turbulent for us all. In May our Chairwoman, Mrs Ann Croft, sadly died. She was a very hardworking, dedicated lady and her loss is keenly felt by the Village Hall Management Committee, and indeed by all who knew Ann. Our thoughts are still with her family, and we very much hope to hold an event in Ann's honour as soon as circumstances allow.

Covid-19 has obviously had a major impact upon the Village Hall, with the Hall having to be closed for several months. However, as lockdown has eased, some groups have managed to restart, and we hope to have more groups back within the next few weeks. There are a number of safety measures in place, including an enhanced cleaning regime and a supply of hand sanitisers and extra cleaning materials available for hirers. We would like to extend special thanks to our dedicated cleaner, Mrs Judy Crowston, for all her hard work in ensuring the Village Hall is kept clean and safe.

In light of the recent legislation regarding the "Rule of Six" the Village Hall Management are satisfied that the Village Hall remains Covid-19 Secure, and have worked with every hirer to ensure Risk Assessments and procedures are in place to keep everyone safe. At the time of writing the Village Hall is therefore remaining open.

Work has continued on the Village Hall to enhance it for all who use it. The Cleaner's cupboard is now complete, much to the delight of our long-suffering Cleaner, thanks to a grant from North Lincolnshire Community Grant Fund. Work is also due to commence in September on re-plastering and painting the entrance hall and Wedgwood Room, funded by a grant from Grange Wind Farm. Looking forward, we are hoping to install a more up-to-date fire alarm system over the coming months, subject to arranging satisfactory funding.

In view of reduced numbers allowed in the Hall we have significantly lowered the hire charges for all our hirers. This does place a financial burden on the Hall and it is unfortunately running at a deficit. A way for the community to help the Hall would be to sign up for our LincsLotto. Tickets cost £1 a week, of which the Hall receives 50p, and prizes vary from free tickets up to the jackpot of £25,000. If just 50 people were to sign up this would raise £1300 p/a towards the Hall's running costs. To

sign up, go to [www.lincslotto.co.uk](http://www.lincslotto.co.uk) and search for Burton upon Stather Village Hall.

We would like to thank all of our hirers for their continued support of the Village Hall and look forward to better times to come.

To book: contact Booking Clerk – Jan Benn 07870 804787

## **BURTON UPON STATHER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The spring of 2020 challenged Burton staff and pupils to find a new normal for learning and connected us in many new ways. What I have learned through this process is how much I appreciate the expertise our staff team bring to Burton upon Stather Primary School, the ways in which our students, supported by their parents and carers, continue to work hard to grow and overall gain an appreciation for the little things in life - giving a high five, a hug or being able to laugh out loud surrounded by others. What I most appreciate about our school is how, even under circumstances we have never experienced, we are still such a learning and caring community. I am so pleased to be able to write to you now that we have welcomed ALL our pupils back to school, including our new starters and their families.

Normal is such a simple word and it is our goal to not only find our new normal but embrace it too! Every week there are new types of learning experiences teachers are piloting and much of what is learned will continue to be used in the future. Our autumn term may not be 'normal,' but our learning will not only continue, but it will thrive. We can't wait to move on to the next phase of learning under Covid-19 and we know, all returning and new students will be welcomed with open arms (from 6 feet away of course) to our community - we will continue to grow!

In other news, our school garden continues to go from strength to strength. We now have plans to develop it even further through the autumn, including the replanting of our community trees. We now have our own fruit and vegetable stall that can be found at the front of school every day, selling produce that the children have planted and harvested themselves. Thank you to staff and friends who continued to water and weed throughout the summer holidays ensuring our produce thrived. Our Year 2 children harvested and cooked jacket

potatoes in their forest school day this week and our Year 6 class made leek and potato soup as part of the Child's War topic.

Over lockdown, we have totally overhauled our topic curriculum, which means there will be many more opportunities for pupils to learn about local history and geography. We have painted all our classrooms and corridors and installed some new artwork, which is displayed in our library. We've had a running track painted on our sports playground, so children can complete their daily mile (which has proved very popular) and we have purchased two new community bins to help keep our school and the area at the bottom of the school drive litter free. From October, to further develop our relationship with Burton Play, our school kitchen will supply daily hot meals to their setting.

To get more information about what's happening in school and any upcoming events, please visit our school website [www.burtonstatherprimary.com](http://www.burtonstatherprimary.com). We upload a family friendly weekly newsletter each week. We are looking forward to the day when we can safely invite the whole of our community into school for a day of celebration of everything good in Burton upon Stather.

Mrs Emily Eyre  
Headteacher



## **WHEN ALL COME TOGETHER, THE DARKEST OF TIMES ARE EASY TO WEATHER**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020, as the country went into lockdown, a small group of volunteers from Burton upon Stather joined forces to form Burton Support Group. The Support Group is a collaboration between local volunteer residents, Burton upon Stather Primary School and the local

Parish Council. The purpose of this support group is to offer help to people in our community during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The volunteers collect and deliver essential food supplies from the village shop and prescriptions from the surgery. In addition, some residents have appreciated the company of our volunteers, with whom they have formed good friendships over the past several months. As part of our service, care packages have also been provided to residents that we have supported.

Burton Support Group is now a registered charity and since its formation, we have delivered food and / or prescriptions to 45 residents and completed over 150 deliveries. Despite the easing of restrictions, Burton Support Group is still operational and will continue to offer support to residents of Burton upon Stather and the surrounding villages of Normanby, Thealby and Flixborough for as long as we are needed.



We would like to offer our gratitude to Burton Newsagents and all the staff at Burton Surgery for working with us to provide a smooth and efficient service.

If you or anyone you know feel that you might benefit from this service, please don't hesitate to contact us by phoning 07857123136. We have received some wonderful feedback from residents who have used our service over the past 6 months.

*“The dedication and help of the volunteer support has been invaluable for us at this difficult time”*

*“We have been very touched by your kindness”*

Stay safe and take care.

From the volunteers at Burton Support Group.

## **MAKE BURTON ACCESSIBLE**

Earlier this year the Parish Council met with a representative from North Lincolnshire Highways to discuss the installation of dropped kerbs around the village. We were delighted by the positive outcome and residents will probably be aware by now of the new kerbs installed in the following places:

- High Street – opposite the dropped kerb on the Paddock
- Darby Road – at the entrance to the Paddock
- Barnston Way – across the junction with Normanby Road
- Barnston Way – across the garage entrances

Further work is planned for the Barnston Way/Flixborough Road junction, and the High Street/Stather Road junction to make both more accessible for everyone.

This is really good news for residents and the Parish Council have already received comments from residents about how much easier it is to get around. If you have any suggestions or have noticed any areas of difficulty around the village, please do get in touch with us and we will do all we can to help.

Vice Chair, Cllr Cathy Harber

## **BURTON UPON STATHER ALLOTMENT SOCIETY**

Let's begin with a quote from TV gardener, Monty Don. '*We know that gardening is good for you. It is fantastic, all-round exercise*'. And he is right. If you are looking for something to promote a healthy body and a healthy mind then cultivating an allotment is the way to go. There is something magical about sowing, growing and taking home your own produce. Working on the allotment during the summer months is both peaceful and restful. It has been a huge benefit to many of us during the Covid-19 lockdown.

The Parish Council set up allotments in Burton in January 2009 alongside the path between the Bowls Club and the Playing Fields beyond the Burial Ground on part of a field rented from Normanby

Estate. Currently there are six full plots and twenty half plots for which the annual rent is £20 per half plot. Plot ownership is open to residents of Burton, Normanby and Thealby.

Looking after an allotment does take a bit of time and effort which is why there are so many half plots to enable new plot holders to find out if allotment life is right for them. It is well worth contacting the Parish Clerk to see if any plots are available.

The soil on the allotment site is quite heavy so some plot holders choose to construct raised beds and limit the digging they have to do. The plus side of the soil is that it is pretty fertile and retains water easily. The allotments are home to a wide variety of vegetables, fruit and flowers.

Another Monty Don quote: '*Gardening is easy. Stick it in the ground the right way up and most plants will grow perfectly well*'. If only...! Sometimes I think my plot has become a slug magnet and that pigeons view it as their own personal drop in cafe. However, these negative thoughts are quickly blown away when I harvest my potatoes, onions, French beans, leeks, tomatoes, courgettes, sweet corn, butternut squash, pumpkins, black currants, strawberries, gladioli and dahlias.

Most of the plot holders choose to be members of the Allotment Society. It was set up at the start to act as a collective voice to discuss with the Parish Council issues affecting the allotments, to look after, improve and develop the allotment site and to share ideas about allotment gardening. We have regular formal meetings (currently by email) and keep in frequent contact with the Parish Council to ensure the smooth running of the allotments. We are affiliated with the National Allotment Society which enables us to buy seeds at a discount and gain access to advice and information.

If you are interested in taking on an allotment you should contact the Parish Clerk at [clerk.buspc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clerk.buspc@hotmail.co.uk) . If you would like to know more about what we do at the allotments, contact one of us:

Derek Denby (Chairman, Allotment Society) [derekdenby@aol.com](mailto:derekdenby@aol.com)

Brian Weaver (Secretary, Allotment Society) [weaverbrian6@aol.com](mailto:weaverbrian6@aol.com)



## WHAT IS 'SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS'?

Safer Neighbourhoods are the internal Community Safety Team of North Lincs Council. The role of Safer Neighbourhoods is to provide a link between agencies and work together to reduce crime and disorder. We co-ordinate multi agency crime reduction projects and plans in response to community concerns. We support work to reduce domestic abuse; we also operate an antisocial behaviour team and manage the process to identify and work with offenders and victims.

Our aim is to create a safer, stronger and more resilient North Lincolnshire. We do this by:

- Collating information from a broad range of agencies and the community about crime, disorder and substance misuse in order to prioritise issues and target resources.
- Devising the Joint Strategic Analysis Document which feeds into the Community Safety Partnership Plan.
- Engaging with hard to reach communities and supporting community cohesion.
- Empowering communities to take a proactive role and take responsibility for local actions.
- Encouraging residents to establish Neighbourhood Watch Groups and other crime prevention watches in their local areas.

### **Partnership Work to reduce Anti-social Behaviour and Crime & Disorder in the Flixborough Woods area**

Safer Neighbourhoods and partners have developed a strong working relationship over the years, which has enabled us to put together various initiatives. Together with partners at Humberside Police, North Lincolnshire Council, Parish Council's, Landowners and with local residents, we have proactively come together to tackle issues surrounding Flixborough Woods.

A crime prevention action plan was formed to address these issues, which incorporated the strengths of all partners to take enforcement and reduce the amount of Anti-social Behaviour and Crime & Disorder in the area.

Many actions have been taken which includes enforcement by Humberside Police, who are now able to issue tickets to those travelling in vehicles through the area without authorisation. The addition of new warning and advisory signs. Measures have been put in place to ensure the cleanliness of the area is being regularly maintained and fly tipping is disposed of by North Lincolnshire Council. Community resilience has been strengthened by local residents who are making appropriate use of the area and therefore having a positive impact.

These are to name but a few. In fact, partners combined have nearly 30 actions between them to help make your area a safer place to live.

We would like to thank everyone who has come together to help reduce the issues. It really does make a huge difference and has a positive impact in your area.

To continue putting the safety of those in your community first, Safer Neighbourhoods are always appealing for new Neighbourhood Watch Groups. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the team at ***saferneighbourhoods@northlincs.gov.uk*** to find out more or visit our website ***[www.saferneighbourhoods.net](http://www.saferneighbourhoods.net)***

If you do witness incidents or concerns at the site we would ask you report Anti-social Behaviour, Nuisance vehicles or motorbikes, gatherings and wood fires/BBQ's to Humberside Police on **101** for non-emergency or in an emergency **999**.

## BURTON UPON STATHER – A TRIBUTE

Before it won its accolade of 'Best Kept Village' title  
The residents of Burton knew their village was supreme.  
For a village to be special one ingredient is vital,  
The populace must be prepared to work as a good team.

The shopkeepers and local pubs have a huge part to play  
With a cheerful greeting and a friendly smile.  
It helps the weary customer to get through the day  
Making one feel special and not just 'rank and file.'

Facilities in the village cater for young and old  
With a playing field for youngsters and a seniors' bowling green  
Where the members share the upkeep without being told  
To do so. 'Tis all part of the co-operative scene.

There's a social club which welcomes all, to many facilities  
And the village hall is open so village groups can meet.  
Burton certainly caters for all ages and abilities  
And helps to keep the bored from congregating on the street.

Burton boasts an ancient Church and a newer Methodist Hall  
Which give spiritual succour to those in need.  
A surgery provides all one's medical advice on call  
And the village is self-sufficient, oh yes indeed.

But I hear you say; "What does Burton possess  
Which other villages cannot emulate?"  
Its setting in the natural landscape is my answer, I guess,  
For the view from Burton Heights is simply great.

The approaches to the village suggest it is well kept.  
Especially when the daffodils are blooming.  
At maintaining short grass verges, villagers are adept  
And their efforts, in this regard are unassuming.

The village boasts a scenic route which many ramblers walk  
And there's a panoramic view to feast one's eyes on.  
Locals do say, that on a clear day, they can see as far as York

And the Minster can be seen on the horizon.

The River Trent flows slowly past Burton's lower reaches  
Though there exists no evidence of the once used ferry.  
Yet it features in accounts that many a historian teaches  
And the Ferry In retains the name for history.

Burton residents all work towards a common goal  
And taking part gives one a 'special kick.'  
The Organising Committees take a vital role  
And community involvement does the trick.

During the recent lockdown, due to coronavirus,  
The willingness to help the vulnerable has been great.  
I am sure that urban communities surely must admire us  
For shopping for the elderly, leaving goods by the gate.

So, thank you to the residents for springing to the cause  
In the unprecedented times we all endure.  
It saves the aged and disabled from visiting the stores  
And surely we who benefit could hardly ask for more.  
John W Skepper

## **BURTON IN BLOOM**

This has been such a strange year for everyone and Burton in Bloom is no different. We were well into the planning cycle for the Spring lecture, the fete on the green and open gardens when the virus, and then lockdown arrived. Like everybody at that point, we hoped the situation would change and we would still be able to go ahead but it wasn't to be and for only the 2nd time in B in B's history the fete had to be cancelled (the other one was for rain). It was especially sad as we had arranged an RAF fly-past! Hopefully we will be able to rearrange it for next year.

The Burton in Bloom weekend is our major fundraising event so like many charities we were concerned about income for the year, but the Parish Council were able to help us and Grange wind farm have given

us a grant. Our thanks go to both. With funds assured we were able to go ahead with the planters at Burton village boundaries and the hanging baskets in the conservation area. Helena, with some help from Mick, did a fantastic job at sourcing the plants, doing the planting and arranging for them to be put up. We hope they have brought some pleasure to all the village residents during the summer.

Part of Burton in Bloom's remit is to help to foster community spirit in the village, so it was great to see so much of that in evidence this year with the clapping for the NHS and the VE and VJ celebrations. I think the flags down the High Street added to the celebrations; many thanks to Jim and Henry for putting them up for us.

Now that the committee has been able to meet again we're focusing on our Christmas trees and next year's celebrations. If you live in the conservation area and would like a Christmas tree on your house and haven't had one in the past please let us know and we'll add you to the list.

We're hoping to have a beautifully carved bench in the village early next year which should provide somewhere for villagers to rest and chat; but we're also looking for other ideas to make the village more beautiful, so if you can think of any please let us know. To illustrate how lovely our village is we will soon be selling calendars and Christmas cards with local scenes in the post office and local outlets. The photos were all taken by talented local residents and show the village from some new perspectives.

Our other plans include organizing some regular litter picking in the village and especially in the church grounds. We have a beautiful village and it is such a shame when it is spoilt by dropped fast food wrappers, drinks cans, face masks, etc. Especially when there are bins provided and most of the dropping is done by people who live here! May be it's a sign we still have some work to do in raising our community spirit?

Finally, we are determined that there will be a fete on the green and open gardens next year, even if it is in a different format to suit the

times we're currently living in. Stay safe, and let's try to maintain an enhanced community spirit in the village.

Pat Webster 01724 721057

## **YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE:**

Cllr Alan Craddock – Chair

Cllr Chloe Sharpe

Cllr Cathy Harber – Vice Chair

Cllr Molly Taylor

Cllr Peter Bell

Cllr Rachel Webber

Cllr David Faulkes

Cllr Sarah Hall

Cllr Penny Pringle

Clerk to the Council is Mrs Candace Brent

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## **ST ANDREW'S AND BURTON METHODISTS FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

Both Church and Chapel are beginning to get back to normal after our enforced closures due to Covid 19. Please see the notice boards outside our buildings for up to date service times.

**POST OFFICE FACILITIES** at St. Andrews continue. Just a reminder that this is an out-reach facility that operates inside the brown doored vestry at St. Andrews Church. It can deal with your mail, your parcels, cash withdrawals and many more things. About the only thing we don't do are passports and car tax. Our opening hours, **which have changed** are:-

Mon 9.30am – 12.30pm. **TUES 10.00am – 1.00pm.** Thurs 9.30am. – 11.30am



# "Your Parish Council Needs YOU"

Have you ever wondered what the Parish Council does in the community? Then why not get in touch and even consider becoming a Parish Councillor.

Burton upon Stather Parish Council is the local level of government for Thealby, Normanby and Burton and currently has six Councillor vacancies.

Council meets on the second Monday of each month, which are public meetings open to all residents of the parish. It is non-political and councillors give their time voluntarily.

## The Council:

- Discusses and resolves issues raised by parishioners and represents their interests to North Lincolnshire Council, Government and other bodies.
- Raises an amount of money, the Parish Precept, through local taxation and makes decisions about its use specifically on parish amenities and groups.
- Plans, and prepares for the developing needs of the Parish.
- Is a statutory consultee of the local Planning Authority, North Lincolnshire Council, for all planning applications made within the Parish.

If you are over 18 years of age and are on the electoral roll for the parish **or** have lived or worked in the Parish for at least 12 months, then you could be eligible to become a Councillor. If this interests you, then why don't you attend a Council meeting to see what goes on or get in touch with the Clerk to find out more.

Contact the Clerk, Candace Brent on 01724 489981 or via email on: [clerk@buspc.org](mailto:clerk@buspc.org)



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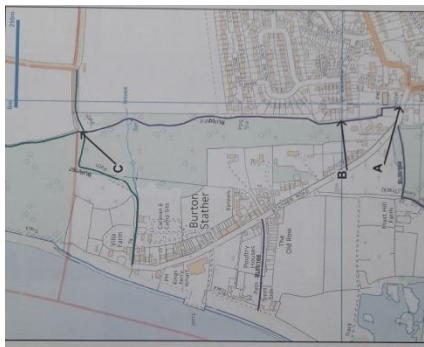
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## FEATURED FOOTPATH: FP 7 (BURTON HILLS)



In recent months, myself and a fellow councillor have been walking the footpaths to check the condition and report back any findings. As part of this, we have decided to have a featured footpath in the newsletter to let people know where they are located and how to access them, so more people can benefit from the natural areas close to home.

This footpath runs from Stather Hill to the Picnic Area and can be accessed from Stather Hill, as well as a second entry point from Ashwood Close and a third at the Picnic area. Additionally, there are two bridleways accessible from this point; one that is a steep descent towards the bottom of Stather Hill and one that stretches all the way to Alkborough, terminating at Julians Bower in Alkborough. Also, as this area is a footpath bikes should not be ridden on this section, they can however be ridden on the Bridleways mentioned above.

The initial footpath is a fairly easy walk and is a good walk for families with young children as it is mostly flat with slight inclines and declines but these are not steep.

The walk from the Stather Hill access point to the Picnic Area and back is roughly 1.2 miles and would be around a 20 to 30 minute walk at a light pace.

Cllr Chlöe Sharp  
Cllr Molly Taylor

## NEWSLETTER DATES AND HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

All adverts must be agreed in a useable format – an editable word document sent electronically by:	Distribution by end of
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	January 2021
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	April 2021

**Adverts cost:** half page £25 colour, £12.50 black and white – landscape

Quarter page £20 colour, £10 black and white - portrait

The Parish Newsletter is delivered to all households in Burton, Thealby and Normanby. It is the **only** communication that has that scope. Its role is to promote not only the workings of the Parish Council but to help local groups and businesses by also promoting them wherever possible. Would you like to see something in the newsletter? Or propose someone for interview? Do you have something to say? Advertisements? Promotions? Contact the editor via the Parish Office

## MRS ANN CROFT

**20<sup>th</sup> October 1939 - 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

As a tribute to our former colleague and friend, Ann Croft, who sadly passed away in early May this year, and with the kind permission of her daughters Pip and Penny, we close this Newsletter with Ann's own words:

My mission so far has been a full and satisfying one.

I have been blessed by my upbringing I had by my wonderful parents and grandparents. I was born in Wakefield and we moved because of my Dad's job, he was a stationmaster in Heckmondwike and a Mill Hill near Blackburn. We moved to Eccles near Manchester and I attended Eccles Grammar School. From there I went to Leeds teacher training college and

started my teaching career at Smedley Secondary School under the tower of Strangeways jail. I have always tried to serve my community to bless wherever I have been. Although this was a tough school, it gave me good grounding for things to come. I then taught in Moorside School before taking a break to bring up my babies.

I returned to teaching in Windsor where I served to help educationally challenged pupils and ran the school library. I was made deputy head of the school when the school merged. I was offered the headship of Windsor High School, I turned this down to take the deputy heads job in a large London overspill comprehensive school.

I also served my local community by organising drama, dance, and music festivals. Recently I have enjoyed serving on the Parish Council and helped to manage the Village Hall in Burton upon Stather.

I became a Christian Science publicly listed Practitioner in 1982, this became my full time job serving the Church. I am so grateful for all the dedicated work of the members of this church in meeting many challenges. As a practitioner of Christian Science, I have witnessed so many wonderful healings, many people in this room along with many people around the world have been helped by the teachings of Christian Science.

As a lecturer, I had the great pleasure of travelling the world, spending 5 weeks in South Africa and Zimbabwe, visiting Hong Kong, Athens, Jerusalem, Sweden, Paris, Germany, Canada, the USA and many in this country.

As a teacher of Christian Science, I know that many students have a sure foundation to go forward to build their own practice to bless the world.

The greatest joy of my life is my family, seeing my daughters grow and progress, dealing with the challenges of life with fortitude, determination and hard work, working with their husbands in building their family lives. I have also had the privilege of seeing my grandchildren making their way in life, showing their skills and love as they progress, my great granddaughter Ripley, a little diamond sparkling as she goes smiling through every episode and my darling Jacob, my great grandson, a smiling ray of joy given to me by all of you and most of all, from my dear husband, we journeyed together for forty years through good and

challenging times, he was a stalwart support of the church and my work but the greatest of all was the love we shared.

Thank you and join me in my joy.

Rest assured I am but a thought away and you are a thought away from me,

One in mind, one in love.

