

BURTON UPON STATHER PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER APRIL 2020



CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIR REPORT APRIL 2020

These are surely very difficult times for us all, with the Coronavirus affecting all of our lives. The Parish Council are continuing to monitor the situation, taking advice from the Government, North Lincolnshire Council and NALC to enable the Parish Council to function in the best way possible. This does mean that there may be a delay in completing the annual Parish Council accounts to be published for example. The annual Parish meeting has had to be postponed until further notice.

Unfortunately all the VE Day celebrations and commemorative events planned for the weekend of the 8/9/10th May have had to be postponed until further notice.

The Parish Council will continue to publish updates on Facebook and the website. Unfortunately, the majority of the Parish Council do fall under the vulnerable category and have to isolate themselves. However, the Parish Clerk is continuing to seek advice as to how best the Parish Council are able to offer help to the community.

In other news, it's been a busy few months in the Parish Council. Three Councillors stepped down, and we thank them for their valuable contributions. We then welcomed four new Councillors. We are particularly pleased to welcome two younger members to the Parish Council, Chloe Sharp and Molly Taylor; we also welcome two returning Councillors, Rachel Webber and Sarah Hall.

After what seems like years of trying we have finally found a company to deal with the Mole infestations we have on the playing field, burial ground and Thealby play area.

We have been given the go ahead by NLC to make grant applications for the provision of grounds maintenance equipment, to enable the

Parish Council to carry out grass and hedge cutting, for which we currently pay contractors. The areas involved are the playing field, burial ground, paddock, Thealby play area and Church grounds. If our application is successful we will employ a part time grounds person enabling direct control of the works.

Approval has been received to replace village signs for both Burton and Thealby, with signs along the lines of the Normanby style. Grant funds are being provided by NLC who will also install all 7 signs needed. This is something the Parish Council has been pursuing for the last 2/3 years.

We have received a number of requests for the extra provision of both general waste and dog waste bins. A survey of the village has been undertaken and the Council will look at a phased extension to the current provision. Also we have received clarification from NLC that all bins can now accept both general waste and dog waste. We will look to find notices that make this clear on all bins.

The damaged public seat sited at the junction of Flixborough Road/Barnston Way has been removed and will be replaced with a new seat. NLC have agreed to prepare a concrete plinth for us to then install the new seat. The dedication plaque on the old seat has been retained and will be fitted onto the new seat. We are looking at other areas that may benefit from a public bench and the junction of Tee Lane/Darby Road has been suggested. We have a budget in the next financial year for one new seat.

In other news, we have fitted a Parish Council notice board on the bus stop shelter in Thealby Lane and replaced the damaged notice board in Normanby, The bench adjacent to the Normanby Bus shelter had two rotting seat slats, which have now been replaced.

A reminder that our Clerk now works from the Parish Office Monday to Thursday and is specifically available to Parishioners Tuesdays 10.30am to 12 noon.

Alan Craddock and Cathy Harber

Chair and Vice Chair.

TWO OF OUR NEW COUNCILLORS

Following the article in the last magazine, in February this year we were delighted to welcome four new councillors including two of the village's young people. Chloe Sharp and Molly Taylor have both lived in Burton for most of their lives, attending Burton Bears, Burton Primary School, Winterton Secondary School and College in Scunthorpe.



Molly Taylor will be known to many villagers, as for the last five years she has been delivering newspapers from the shop, covering in the shop for staff absences and generally being involved in the life of the village. Molly is a member of Burton Bowls Club whom she represented in the Humberside County Competitions winning trophies in various junior events.

Molly's passion is her dogs and Flyball. Flyball for the uninitiated is a relay for teams of four dogs in which they each have to go over four jumps to collect a ball to take back to the start. Molly has recently been involved in this at Crufts for North Lincolnshire and the Young Kennel Club Team. Molly works as a dog walker and also as a photographer – both areas of which she would like to develop into businesses.

Having completed her National Citizenship Scheme during which her team raised over £1,000 for the Samaritans, Molly is now working towards her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award and service on the Council can be her voluntary work.

Molly would like to achieve better facilities for dogs and their walkers in the area – a place where dogs can run freely – if you share her dream – get in touch.

Chloe Sharp also has a love of animals, having studied animal management at Bishop Burton, though cats are her current preference. At the moment Chloe works at cleaning upholstery and

she also volunteers for the British Heart Foundation. Her dream is to be accepted into the RAF where she hopes eventually to become a dog handler in the RAF police.



In her spare time Chloe likes to run and to play video games – but would appreciate better broadband to facilitate downloading these – her area of the village is s-l-o-w. As she said “a field at the agricultural college in the middle of nowhere had better Wi-Fi.” Chloe enjoys reading – and re-reading books in the Percy Jackson Series, where the main character deals with the plots situations despite having ADHD and dyslexia in a way with which she can empathise.

Chloe is concerned about the lack of public transport to/from the village especially at the times when students and workers are travelling. She would also like to see further development of the outdoor gym equipment on the playing field which could save villagers the need to have gym membership, but the equipment at present is very limited.

If either transport or gym equipment are of interest to you, Chloe would love to hear from you.

Both Molly and Chloe like Burton, feel safe here and sense that whatever happened there would always be someone who would help, that they are part of a community that looks after and cares for itself. That is not the case in many other areas of the country.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Clearly, we are now in a very serious situation with the Coronavirus affecting all of our lives. At the time of writing all groups have now suspended their activities until the situation improves. We have introduced an extra cleaning regime, together with supplying extra hand soaps and cleaning sprays for use by the hirers.

Unfortunately, we have had to take the sad decision to postpone the planned VE Day 40s dance. We hope to put this on later in the year and will keep you posted.

In more normal news, back in March last year we made a grant application to North Lincolnshire Council to enable us to create a Cleaner's store, sink with hot water and drainage fit for the 21st century. We have just heard that we have been awarded the sum we applied for and will now go ahead to provide the facility. Needless to say, we are all highly delighted, especially our long-suffering Cleaner.

Staying with grant funding, we also applied to the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme seeking funding to equip the hall with an up-to-date fire detection and alarm system. We have just heard that our application has been selected to go forward to a customer vote from April, but this scheme is suspended at present, so watch this space!!!

Our project, together with two other selected projects, will go forward to a vote in selected stores listed at the end of the article. There are cash amounts for first, second and third place and Tesco customers will vote by placing the plastic counter they receive on shopping there into one of three containers, each specifying the individual project.

Our project title will be Burton upon Stather Village Hall Committee "Fire Safety". We would encourage all of you who use Tesco, and are still able to get to a store, to please support our cause at any of the following stores:

Stores List

Tesco Extra (the main store off Doncaster Road)
Ashby Express High Street
Lichfield Avenue Express
Crowle Express.

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.

HELP AVAILABLE

During these trying times, help is available should you want it.

Contact Candace Brent for more information. Mobile:
07982 265914 Email: clerk.buspc@hotmail.co.uk

BURTON UPON STATHER VILLAGE HALL

Booking Clerk – Jan Benn 07870 804787

Chairwoman – Ann Croft 01724 720835

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Chat and Craft Contact 01724 720835		Private Club Council meeting every second Monday in month
Tuesday	Painting for pleasure Every two weeks Contact 01724 487809		WI Second Tuesday in Month Contact 07854 742189
Wednesday	Pilates Contact 01652 408577	Choir Contact 01724 720458	Yoga Contact 01724 720860
Thursday	Keep Fit Contact 07934 012410	Friendship Club First Thursday in month Contact 01724 720865	Short Mat Bowls September – April Contact 01724 721033
Friday	Toddlers Contact 07305 317536		Freespirit Dance Contact 07708 500449
Saturday	Pilates Contact 01652 408577		
Sunday		Short Mat Bowls September –	

		April Contact 01724 721033	
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BURTON UPON STATHER PRIMARY SCH **SPRING TERM REPORT**

Written by Halle, Alfie, Zheng Jie and Jack (Year 5)
Mrs Heathcote & Mrs Eyre



Spring has certainly sprung here at Burton upon Stather Primary School, although the weather has made its presence felt with the recent storms and natural disasters around the world, which prompted us in school to celebrate Australia Day by having a crafting afternoon to raise money for the devastating wild fires in Australia, which raised a fantastic £ 429.11 to help the affected wildlife and their habitats.

We have introduced an afterschool wellbeing workshop called 'Life-rafts' where children are able to attend sessions with their parent/carer to work through bereavement and anxiety issues. This is a great way for parents to connect with their children in a friendly environment, whilst speaking to our wellbeing trained staff and getting a little crafty too!

This month we saw some wonderful book character costumes in school to celebrate World Book Day. There were lots of opportunities through the week for us to enjoy reading for pleasure, such as being a Reading Buddy to a member of another class; 'Bella' the Reading Dog leant a listening ear to our key stage 1 classes; each class 'Posted-a-Poem'; our Reading Ambassadors have been extremely busy this week, skilfully hiding some new books around the village for our 'Look for a Burton Book' challenge – we invite you to post a picture of your find on our Facebook page – they also launched our new 'Magazine Swap Shop' and have hosted the ever-popular Reading Café where Reception Class showcased their nursery rhyme challenge to all.

Valentine's Day brought the ideal opportunity to spread a little love through our 'Cool to be Kind' day. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors did

an early morning 'meet and greet' with flowers, Hi-Fives and compliments to continue to promote kindness, respect and positivity throughout our school and our community – something we are very proud of.

As part of our Science curriculum, Year 6 have been learning about the circulatory system in their 'Blood Heart' topic and had an interesting practical lesson; dissecting sheep hearts – gory! Similarly, Year 4 have been learning about the digestive system and took part in creating a working model in their 'Burps, Bottoms and Bile' topic – gross!

We also engaged in the RSPB Great British Garden Birdwatch in our fascinating WOW! area as a coping strategy for stress and to help with mindfulness. We were amazed by the number of different species of birds visiting our nature area, which included robins, bluetits, wrens and chaffinches.

Every child in school took part in the planting of a tree this half term, which are to be transplanted in the autumn to create a 'Burton Wood' out in the community. The trees included Silver Birch, Rowan and Cherry. We would like to offer special thanks to Mr and Mrs Denby from the Allotment Society for their invaluable help with this – children are looking forward to watching them grow!





You may have spotted our new bins at the bottom and the top of our school drive. They were also able to spread the message about not dropping litter, so that together we can keep Burton tidy.

Here's to wishing everyone a very Happy Easter – don't eat too much chocolate!

MAKE BURTON ACCESSIBLE - UPDATE

A meeting was held on 23rd January with Mick Johnson from North Lincolnshire Council Highways Department to discuss the accessibility needs of the village. A walk was taken around the village which identified the following areas of need:

- High Street/Stather Road junction – need for shallower gradient down to junction and dropped kerb on the Sheffield Arms side of junction.
- High Street corner opposite Paddock entrance – need for dropped kerb.
- Pavement next to Fairy Tree (opposite the paddock) – possible consideration of narrowing road/widening footpath.
- Darby Road – entrance to Paddock needs dropped kerb.
- Vicarage Crescent/Darby Road junction – need for dropped kerbs either side.
- Barnston Way/Normanby Road junction – need for dropped kerbs either side.
- Barnston Way – need for dropped kerbs outside substation and surface levelled.

- Barnston Way/Flixborough Road junction – proposed new pathway over verge where post box is situated.

Mick Johnson has agreed that these areas need improving and will look into getting them done as soon as is possible, but unfortunately due to coronavirus no timescales can be given.

This is the first wave of improvements to be made and if residents have other areas to consider please let the Parish Council know.

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.

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. Three new plot holders took up their spades in January 2020 so all plots are now taken. It is well worth, however, contacting the Parish Clerk as there is no one on the waiting list at the moment.

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 meet every two months 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.

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

Brian Weaver (Secretary, Allotment Society) weaverbrian6@aol.com

BURTON IN BLOOM SPRING 2020

After a few quiet winter months our thoughts are starting to turn to the events for the Spring and Summer and ways in which we can make our village look more beautiful. Normally we would be planning a spring lecture and the weekend in June but unfortunately due to the current situation with the Coronavirus outbreak we have had to cancel the lecture for now and hope to have it in the Autumn instead.

Nonetheless, we are still planning a full weekend of activities for June 27th and 28th. There will be the fete on the paddock on Saturday with some new attractions and the return of Open Gardens on Sunday. For

the Saturday we're hoping to arrange a fly past, a fancy dress parade from the children and a ukulele band, all of which will be very exciting. We also expect to have the school choir, who were such a hit last year, and our local Burton choir. There should be something for everyone but there will be more details in the next Parish newsletter.

On the Sunday there will be the open gardens in the village, teas at the school and a competition based on wartime gardens (more details to follow next newsletter). We have several people who have offered to open their gardens but we have room for more, so if your garden is interesting, different, beautiful or educational, and you're willing to open to raise money for the village, then please give me a ring.

However whether the weekend events take place will be dependent on the coronavirus situation and people should check the Burton in Bloom website nearer the time.

At the end of last year we published a calendar with pictures taken by local photographers of views around the Parish. It was well received and raised significant funds for us. Our thanks to the Post Office and the school for distributing it. This year we are going to produce some Christmas cards with local, appropriate scenes, so look out for those later in the year.

We raise money to make the village more attractive and foster a community spirit and so we are always looking for suggestions about what can be done. We're currently supporting the parish council with some ideas for benches, but if you have any suggestions, or need a small grant for a community group, please ring me

Pat Webster

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

At the time this will be printed both Church and Chapel have had to cancel all services for the foreseeable future as a result of the

Coronavirus situation. If the situation changes before the next magazine, both churches will place posters to this effect in their noticeboards

Post Office facilities at St. Andrews will 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 are:-

Mon 9.30am – 12.30pm. Wed 10.00am – 1.00pm. Thurs 9.30am. – 11.30am

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
Friday 5 th June 2020	By end of June 2020
Friday 4 th September 2020	By end of September 2020

Adverts cost: Our pages are now A5 size.

Per half page £25 colour, £12.50 black and white – landscape

Per quarter page £25 colour, £10 black and white - portrait

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POPPY APPEAL 2019 NEWS

Last November's Appeal raised a Grand Total of £2719.31, which was £112.91 more than the previous year: so a big 'Thank You' to all who contributed by buying poppies and other merchandise from the house to house collectors or local businesses

Congratulations to Val Rowbotham who recently received her 40 Year Award for knocking on doors on The Avenue, St. Barbara's Crescent and part of Wiltshire Avenue since 1979, rain or shine!



Wendy Faulks
Poppy Appeal Organiser 2019

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