

# THE PARISH MAGAZINE & COMMUNITY NEWS

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH,

**BURTON-IN-WIRRAL** 

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# Queen Elizabeth II

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IN THIS EDITION

JOHN COYNE - NEW VICAR FOR BURTON & SHOTWICK

HARVEST SUPPER & SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

THE MANGO TREE CHARITY

Growing & Thriving With God in Our Community



# 9th September 2022

# On the occasion of the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II

The united benefice of
St Nicholas' Church, Burton
and St Michael's Church, Shotwick,
together with the surrounding village communities
give grateful thanks for the life and
quiet dedication of
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
and pray that her example will continue
to inspire us as
His Majesty King Charles III
accedes to the throne.



A Book of Condolence for HM Queen Elizabeth II was made available at St Nicholas' Church in Burton



A PRAYER
FOR
KING
CHARLES III



Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.

Bless his reign and the life of our nation.

Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness

> flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Church Directory

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# The Institution & Induction Service for Revd John E Coyne

The Diocese of Chester has arranged the Institution and Induction Service for John Coyne and the Licensing of Sue Coyne to take place on

# Sunday 16 October St Nicholas' Church, Burton 6.30pm

Following the service there will be refreshments at Gladstone Village Hall

As John and Sue Coyne will be joining their new parishes of St Nicholas', Burton and
St Michael's, Shotwick from outside Chester Diocese all the arrangements for
the service and their welcome to the area have been handled by the Diocese.

We will be welcoming to the service local clergy and civic guests, so places in church
may be limited. Please be sure to RSVP as below

# Invitation to Parishioners

The Churchwardens of the Benefice of St Nicholas' Church, Burton and St Michael's Church, Shotwick have pleasure in inviting you to the Institution and Induction Service for John Coyne and the Licensing of Sue Coyne which is being held at St. Nicholas' Church, Burton on Sunday 16 October 2022 at 6.30pm followed by refreshments at Gladstone Village Hall, Burton.

If you would like to attend the service you are asked to RSVP by 30 September 2022 to burtonchurch@btinternet.com

You are welcome to bring a guest with you but seating in church is limited. Please indicate on the RSVP, details of any guests.

There is limited parking in Burton but additional parking is available at Gladstone Village Hall, and at Bishop Wilson Primary School.

We very much look forward to seeing you on 16 October to join us in welcoming John and Sue to our churches.

Nigel Griffiths & Ivor Thomas, Churchwardens at St. Nicholas' Church, Burton Jenny Sneddon & June Pickard, Churchwardens at St. Michael's Church, Shotwick



Revd John Coyne will shortly take up the position of part-time Vicar of the two parishes of Burton and Shotwick. Along with his wife Sue, John is very much looking forward to moving to



Burton from their home in the Cotswolds. John is originally from the Wirral. He is very experienced having held positions as a priest of several parishes throughout his ministry as well as having had an initial career in local government and subsequently working as a senior Chaplain in the RAF. He held the relative rank of Group Captain on his retirement from the service some 17 years ago. For many years John has also had involvement with the Church Pastoral Aid Society as well as other interests including education and training.

In this short introduction about themselves, Sue Coyne writes about their life together and their expectation on moving to Burton.

Finance, fast jets, choppers, coaching, teaching, training and treading the boards have all played major parts in our lives. It's quite exciting to discover that God has great plans for each of us if we're willing to be mobilised.

That military term 'mobilised' was one I became used to, marrying an RAF Chaplain in 1995, where everybody knew that, in 'signing up' they had to be ready to go wherever and whenever required, undertaking new roles and forging new relationships in each new situation. You learn to depend on God more than the comfort of the familiar and yes, it's not always easy, but often more exciting than you may have envisaged – and a good analogy for our service of God.

So here we are, having completed our 14th house move in 27 years, looking forward to whatever God has got in store for us in Burton, Puddington and Shotwick.

'RFA', or 'Ready For Anything,' was the private slogan of the Saltmine Theatre Company (which I joined for a couple of years in the middle of a career teaching secondary English and Drama): we hope that we truly are. A severe bout of ME in the early noughties meant I could not pursue classroom teaching, instead developing educational resources for the Bible Society and, latterly, editing – so I have had to learn not to 'drain the tank' of energy reserves, in order to keep being 'RFA.'

Having grown up in Sussex, I know I will need to acclimatise to a slightly cooler climate, whilst John, hailing from Heswall, will doubtlessly be fine! Accustomed to walking Oscar (our fox-red Labrador) in the Cotswolds, we're looking forward to daily stomps around the Wirral.

John began his working life there in Local Government finance, then was ordained and, after nine years in parish ministry, ended up as an RAF Chaplain, where he got around via jet, helicopter and Land Rover. After I taught teenagers, John trained would-be vicars at a theological college, as well as mentoring managers in the private finance sector (his own part-time business). He eventually returned to parish ministry in the West Midlands.

We have four adult children, the parents of our four grandchildren living in East Anglia, our adopted sons in the Midlands. Although moving often can be unsettling, it opens the doors to new friendships.

As we reach out to you, we hope that you'll extend the hand of friendship to both of us. We also want to discover the local opportunities for good food and real ale! So, coming to Burton is an unexpected adventure, yet one for which, as we look back, we can see that God has been preparing us. Will you join us in being 'Ready for Anything' in His service!

Sue Coyne

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# **CHURCH SERVICES**

## October 2022



- Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
   Harvest Sunday
   10:00 am Harvest Festival and Family Worship
   6:30 pm Harvest Evensong
- 5 10.15 am Holy Communion
- 9 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity 10:00 am Morning Worship
- 12 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 16 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity No Morning Service

# **Special Service**

6:30 pm Licensing Service for Revd John Coyne and Sue Coyne

- 19 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 23 Last Sunday after Trinity 10:00 am Family Worship and Baptism
- 26 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 30 Fourth Sunday before Advent 10:00 am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

# Special Service

3:00 pm 'A Time to Remember' Service

# November Worship

- 2 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 6 Third Sunday before Advent 10:00 am Family Worship and Baptism
  - 4:00 pm Evensong
- 9 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 13 Second Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday 10:15 am Remembrance Service and Parade
- 16 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 20 Sunday next before Advent 8.45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
- 23 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 27 Advent Sunday 10:00 am Morning Worship
- 30 10:15 am Holy Communion

# **December**

4 Second Sunday of Advent 10:00 am Family Worship

# **Special Service**

4:00 pm Evening Service with Bishop Mark, Bishop of Chester

7 10.15 am Holy Communion



# The Mango Tree

The Mango Tree is a long established successful UK charity that initiates and supports projects in Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi and Uganda. Its activities provide access to education and training for orphans, vulnerable children and young people.

Co-founders of The Mango Tree charity over twenty years ago, are Willie and Gail Fulton of Puddington. Today Willie is its chairman and a trustee and Gail is also a trustee. For more information click here.

In the areas where the charity works, mango trees are commonly grown. In many villages, these trees, which grow a wide and dense foliage and an equally broad and stabilising root system, are the hub of their communities; a point at which people gather to communicate, to celebrate and to collaborate. These community cornerstones not only provide shade, but also opportunities for people to nurture ideas and share with each other.

This is where The Mango Tree has taken inspiration. Children and young people are supported in their communities to develop strong foundations through education and livelihoods. Over time, these projects grow the fruit of skilled and vibrant children, who become independent adults, sowing the seeds that further nurture their communities and build resilience.

The Mango Tree charity has a strong and professional team of aid workers, both in the UK and on the ground in East Africa. People like Consolata and Peter Kunyoda, who manage and plan resources and help deliver real life-long benefit to young people, children and their communities

Periodically, the charity enables volunteers to experience life at one of The Mango Tree's schools or centres.



30,000

orphans, their families and communities helped through orphan support



ested in community-led social enterprise projects



800,000

people have improved educational and economic opportunities



580

communities empowered to ecome sustainable and selfreliant This is the story of one such young person who recently had the opportunity to spend several weeks with Consolata and Peter Kunyoda.

I had admired the work of **The Mango Tree** for a long time. As I was due to go off to university I decided to try to make the most of my time off. I spoke with Gail and Willie Fulton about volunteering for a short period and in July I accompanied them on their trip to Kenya.

Whilst there I was involved in their schools project and I stayed with Consolata and Peter, the Kenyan and Malawian directors of **The Mango Tree.** I made daily trips to the school, which was full of workers and volunteers helping to organise the school for graduation day, the first to take place since 2019 due to COVID. The work taking place included painting the walls of the school as well as finishing off some of the construction on the new school building.

When the graduation day arrived the school was full of young men and women who had grown up receiving support from **The Mango Tree** and, having gained their university degrees, were now independent and moving on into adulthood. The ceremony was full of joy and celebration and was directly followed by the official opening of the new school

building by Her Excellency Mrs Callista Jennie Mutharika, the Malawian High Commissioner to Kenya, and former first lady of Malawi.

The sheer scale and extent of **The Mango Tree's** work in the community amazed me. As well as the Girls' School, The Mango Tree has also opened a Farmers' Cooperative that seeks to provide valuable skills to young women and men for future employment. These skills included hairdressing, welding and farming. The impact that the charity has had on the surrounding communities is extensive. Despite life's difficulties the students at the school are some of the friendliest and most welcoming girls I have ever met. They were so eager to learn and gain a good education, with the hopes of achieving worthwhile jobs in such occupations as medicine, journalism or aviation. Their attitude to education was inspiring and I was overwhelmed by their gratitude for the opportunities **The Mango Tree** has provided. In spite of the hardships these young girls have experienced the school has been able to offer them a chance to move on and gain a fulfilling education. On a personal note, I very much hope that I too might become similarly grateful for the opportunity to go to university to study and eventually put something back into society.

I am incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity to experience at first-hand the amazing work of **The Mango Tree**, the enthusiasm of the workers and the kindness and confidence that the project instils within the girls at the school and amongst the wider community.



The Burton Christmas Tree Festival will be returning this year to St Nicholas' Church with the theme of "Follow the Star - The Great Invitation".

Starting on 2 December with the decoration of the trees the church and its display of Christmas Trees will be open daily for visitors.

The Christmas Tree Festival programme will include:

Saturday 3 December
Messy Church

Sunday 4 December

Evening Service with the Bishop of Chester

Tuesday 13 December

Candlelit Concert



As part of the festival's activities we will be collecting items for Charles Thompson's Mission in Birkenhead and for Wirral Foodbank..

There will be a drop off zone at church where people can drop off Christmas gifts for children of all ages – new items only – as well as food items, toiletries etc for Wirral Foodbank.

# Sponsorship

The aim of the festival is to raise funds for the church and to support local charities that care for and help protect the more vulnerable in society.

If you are interested in sponsoring a tree, either as a business or as an individual, contact: Sarah Curnow on 07527 848781 or email sarah.curnow27@qmail.com



The Mothers' Union join with this Nation, the Commonwealth and the wider world in mourning the death of our beloved Queen and Patron. Her Christian Faith was an inspiration to us all.

Her Christmas Address in 2014 included the following message:

"For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.... Is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role-model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance, and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none."

May our Queen rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory. God save the King.

God of Creation, Lord of the Harvest, the contrast between the beauty of God's creation and the ugliness of humanity's misuse of it is stark. One consequence of such misuse is climate change – so apparent this last summer in drought, heatwaves and wildfires.

Farmers and other food producers are struggling with the lack of water whilst overseas floods are devastating countries such as Pakistan.

At this time the Mothers' Union is called to pray and work for the environment which sustains us all. The strength of our relationship with one another as worldwide neighbours must mirror our efforts to strengthen and restore our relationship with creation – particularly for future generations.

God of creation, Lord of the Harvest, we bring you our first fruits of praise. We celebrate your goodness with thankful hearts. All that you have made is very good. Let us steward your creation with integrity and care. Amen.

# Next Meetings

Wednesday, 19 October – 2.00pm – Sports and Social Club Travels with Ruth

Saturday 12 November – 10.00am – St. John's Parish Centre, Hartford

MV Diocesan Council

Wednesday 16 November – 2.00pm – Sports and Social Club Ann Hudson – Botanical Artist

# Tales From foodbank

It's mid-September at the Foodbank. The number of clients is steadily rising as the cost of living increases for everyone.



Energy prices are a big part of this of course, but food has been rising in price too – especially the lowest cost items in supermarkets. There are reports of foodbanks around the country running out of food as the cost of living increases demand for food while also reducing donations. Wirral Foodbank is still bucking that trend thanks to your generosity, but for the first time Liverpool and Cheshire foodbanks are not.

1 October is coming up soon. The 80% rise in energy costs in the 4th quarter price cap announced by OFGEM has been replaced with only (!) a 27% rise compared to 3rd quarter with the Energy Price Guarantee announced by the government. This guarantee will set the maximum price for the next two years. It's great news that there's been some action, but as the heating season approaches the newly capped energy prices are just about 100% up on what they were in 4th quarter 2021. A big

impact on those with a low income whose energy costs already consumed a large proportion of it.

There is an almost bewildering range of support schemes. Some are for everyone, some are means tested. Almost all of them are easier to use if you pay energy bills by direct debit rather than by the prepayment meter that most foodbank clients must use. The Foodbank Plus programme with its dedicated Citizens Advice Bureau staff is absolutely indispensable for most clients to sort out what is available to them to try to avoid the Heat or Eat dilemma this winter.



Wirral Council is again coordinating with local agencies as they did in the COVID-19 pandemic so that the available support is put to best use and has the best coverage. There are no details yet but it's good to see that local government is stepping up for its citizens as it did during the pandemic.

The Foodbank's links with energy funds are being strengthened. Grants from these funds are what provide the fuel vouchers that have provided emergency energy support for a few years now. The energy funds are charities. They in turn get some grants but also rely on donations to provide fuel support. How well they cope with this winter's demand remains to be seen. The fund supporting the Wirral Foodbank's clients is Fuel Bank Foundation at

LOW INCOME

INEFFICIENT HOMES HIGH ENERGY COSTS

## **FUEL POVERTY CAUSES**

The bottom line is that the Foodbank and other organisations have been preparing for this winter. Thanks to you we can offer food, fuel, advice and support to those in need. And the tie up with the council will help with our real concern that we are not currently reaching everyone who we can help.

Your donations, compassion and support are vital. We are all feeling the effects of price inflation. Your decision to reach out to help those who are less well-off despite this is outstanding and much appreciated.

https://fuelbankfoundation.org

As always, many thanks to those who support the Foodbank with



food and regular monthly financial donations which make all the difference to so many people.

# Thank You

https://wirral.foodbank.org.uk/ https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/



# Harvest Supper Charity Evening

Gladstone Village Hall, Burton Saturday 1 October 7:00pm

# Great Food & Entertainment

# **Delicious Buffet Supper**

Cold Meats – Quiches – Variety of Cheeses – Freshly Prepared Salads Vegetarian & Vegan Dishes – Fruit & Pickles – Crusty Bread Apple Pie & Cream

Bring Your Own Wine & Beer

Burton Reads Presents

# A One Act Comedy

A Staged Reading Of

# The Importance of Peaches'

by Award-Winning Writer Tony Domaille

By arrangement with Lazy Bee Scripts

"The Southbury Players Committee is meeting to discuss the group's poor record of success.

Members are looking for a big idea to revive the group's fortunes, but when all

seems lost, salvation comes from an unexpected source"

# Tickets Including Supper & Play £15

(tickets available for this event are strictly limited)

Pay by Cash, Cheque or Online - Contact Linda Jones 0151 336 5017 or reserve via email to burtonchurchcomms @btinternet.com



Sunday 2 October

Harvest Festival Service

St Nicholas' Church 10:00am

Harvest Hymns, Prayers & Readings





# A busy time at school!

It has been lovely to have all the children back in school after the summer break and they are all happy to see their friends.

We are now very busy once again with learning and lots of exciting plans. It is also brilliant to have 4 classes in school once more. The new reception children have settled in to their fabulous new



Window displaying children's own thoughts on the death of the Queen

EYFS classroom setting very quickly and are having a great time.

We were all very sad when The Queen died shortly after our return to school. We have spent some time in class and in worship thinking about her life and her dedication to duty.

Eagles class created a wonderful display of their thoughts and prayers which many parents have spent time reading.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Revd John Coyne in school when he begins his work in the parish.

# Suzanne Roberts

### Head of School

To keep up-to-date with all school activities, visit: https://www.facebook.com/BishopWilsonPrimary



# BURTON MERE WETLANDS Autumn Adventures ...

We've enjoyed another busy summer with people taking advantage of the warm dry weather to enjoy the brilliant wildlife the reserve supports. Thanks to the favourable conditions, there was an abundance of butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies to find in addition to our feathered friends.

The season is rapidly changing and it won't be long before leaves of our ancient woodlands are turning into their delightful Autumn shades making for picturesque walks, especially if you arrive on foot from Puddington Lane. Please remember to use the designated nature trail through Gorse Covert rather than the driveway, for your own safety and pleasure.

This is more important than ever over the coming months, when we'll have some heavy machinery and contractors' vehicles accessing the site as our new café is installed. It's an exciting next step in the reserve's development and, all being well, should be open ready for next Spring.

Autumn is arguably a favourite time of year, with an array of waders making use of the shallow pools and mud to rest and feed on their long migration south for winter. It's been an exceptional month for one particular small wader, the curlew sandpiper, with a whopping 39 of them counted here in the middle of September.

If you're not familiar with this or any other bird, don't forget the RSPB website has a brilliant identifier, either by A-Z name or by appearance if you see something you don't recognise. Or, have a chat with one of our friendly team at the visitor centre when you visit us and we'll happily give you some pointers for picking apart the different birds.





Autumn Shades



Curlew Sandpiper



RSPB Website



Pink Footed Goose



Raptor - Marsh Harrier



New Cafe Coming Soon



Vísítors Welcome

Many won't have failed to notice the return of the pink-footed geese in recent weeks, making the most of the northerly winds to return to their winter homes. Their musical "wink-wink" calls fill the air as they sail overhead in straggly flocks between the wetlands and local farmland where they feed.

Despite a busy and occasionally disrupted Autumn for the team here, due to the café build, we're still planning a few events to encourage people to venture out and marvel at the wintering birds that make the Dee Estuary one of the most important wildlife sites in Europe. From a high tide wader walk at Point of Ayr, to a wildfowl walk at Burton Mere Wetlands and static raptor watches at Parkgate Old Baths, there's something for everyone.

Also, following another successful Big Wild Summer campaign, we're looking forward to launching our Big Wild Halloween for October half term, a fun, engaging and informative activity for our visiting families of nature explorers.

If you're close by, why not pop down to see us and find out more about what we're doing. It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas, with our great range of eco-friendly cards, decorations, gift wrapping, calendars and loads of gift ideas available to order from us for home delivery — in doing so, helping us raise more funds to reinvest in further improving the reserve for both wildlife and people.

For regular updates, sightings information and news about the reserve, check our website blog at rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands Also, follow us on Facebook and Twitter or call us on 0151 353 2720

The RSPB's events are now listed in one place, here: https://events.rspb.org.uk/

# THE PUDDINGTON SOCIETY

Puddington Village, Neston, Cheshire

Friday 14 October 7.30pm to 10.00pm Gladstone Village Hall

# Ploughman's Supper

A Great Autumn Evening Get-Together With Food & Wine & Illustrated Talk

Also Incorporating the Society's AGM

# 'Gordale Through The Ages'

Guest Speaker - Peter Nicholson

# An Entertaining and Informative History of Gordale

Gordale is one of the oldest and most successful garden centres in Britain. It was started by Harold and Joyce Nicholson who bought the property in 1948. They had arrived from Wiltshire where they worked on a farm. They arrived by motorbike and sidecar, along with their six ducks. Their cows followed by train before being walked from Hooton Railway Station to Burton.

Originally, Gordale operated as a smallholding, growing goods and produce destined for the local markets.





Today Gordale is run by Peter and Jill Nicholson (son and daughter-in-law of the original owners) and is a far cry from the business that started out all those years ago.

Come along and hear Peter talk about the story of Gordale together with pictures of its development over the decades as well as its plans for the future.

Always a popular event so please reserve your tickets early!





A superb selection of

Fine Cheeses
Fresh Crusty Bread
Fruit & Pickles
Delicious Red Wine
or Crispy White
Wine

Raffle & Quiz Friends & Family Welcome

Only £10 per person including all food and drimks!

Please come along and support the Society To book please contact Hazel Huxley 336 2288 by Tuesday 12 October



# In the Garden

with Flori Bunda

# Autumn Tints ... and Dewy Mornings

There was a mass of colour, both in the garden and pots/containers.

On return from holiday most annuals had perished despite the efforts of my

neighbour. Cosmos had survived and also two pots of Nicotiana. The sweet peas were a mass of dry stalks. However, the roses, Cardinal de Richelieu (gallica



Cosmos

hybrid – dark purple flowers – beautiful perfume), Alec's Red, Freedom (yellow), Buff Beauty and Ballerina, to name a few, have been beautiful.

The dahlias have not been good and Buddleia Davidii flowered for only a few days before the florets died off. They have now been reduced by onethird.

Sea Holly with its lovely purple/blue stalks now adorns many vases indoors. Asters and golden rod are in bloom. As well as hydrangea 'heads', together with the odd rose, Sea Holly and Cosmos make a lovely arrangement.

Spring flowering bulbs are awaiting planting. Gardening is not on the agenda as I am recovering from hip replacement surgery. Over to my

husband!!

Happy Hear

The beautiful birds are a joy
– gold/greenfinches,
blackbirds, great,
blue and longtailed tits. The
jay is an early
morning visitor. Greenfinch

The bird feeder is guarded by Robbie Robin!

# Tasks to be getting on with in the weeks ahead:

- Continue watering remaining pots
- Collect seeds from annuals
- Clean greenhouse

If weather/time permits, sit and relax in the garden





# Times Remembered

# Burton Village Bonfire Night

# John Roe

For over 60 years a bonfire night celebration has been held by the Gladstone Village Hall Committee.

Originally the bonfire was built at the bottom of the field in line with the ramp down onto the field. Charlie Swift the butcher in Burton for many years used to have a collection tin on his counter for donations towards the fireworks, and the hall would then add funds if required.

In those earlier years only villagers would attend, and the firework display by today's standards was shorter and far less spectacular.

For at least the last twenty years and due to health and safety reasons the bonfire has been built beyond the GVH field, and in the next field.

Local resident Guy Tilby is licensed to handle fireworks, and he arranges a spectacular display. Last year it was watched by over two thousand folks coming from as far as Chester and Wallasey as so many other venues no longer hold such events due to cost constraints and safety issues.

This year's event will be held on Saturday 5 November.

## **GVH BONFIRE NIGHT**

# HELP WANTED

We appreciate that although Burton village is always bustling on Bonfire Night, last year was particularly busy. We've been making plans and exploring options with the Council for ways to keep traffic flowing, including loaning police cones, but you could also really help if you're fit and able.

If you could spare time on the night, you could volunteer as a road or field marshal or car park attendant.

- If you're attending, walk if possible, remembering to bring a torch and bright clothing to be visible.
- Arrive early to avoid long pay queues. We open at 5pm.
- Actively offer any additional parking space you have to family and friends.
- Avoid driving through the village between 4.30pm and 8pm on 5 November if you can.

These few hours on Bonfire Night are incredibly important to the fundraising for Gladstone Village Hall, especially in this age of uncertainty and extraordinarily high fuel costs. We kindly ask for your patience and support and hope to see you all on the field!

# Gladstone Village Hall Committee

bonfirenight@gladstonevillagehall.org

If you feel you can help please get in touch with Nicky Dorman:

Ndorman@gladstonevillagehall.org or on 07731 324630.



Doors open from 5pm, Bonfire lit 6.30pm, Fireworks 7.00pm

Entry: Adults £7, 4 to 14 yr olds £5, under 4s free

Cashless entry, as much as possible, but please bring cash for the stalls.

Please park carefully & considerately!

Parking is available at Bishop Wilson Primary School on Puddington Lane, or please park at a friend's house.

Please walk if you can. Bring a torch

Sadly NO SPARKLERS!! Glowsticks Available

# Food & Refreshments

Ebby's Espresso and Ginger Cat Coffee

Bar and Express Bar, Mulled Wine, Food Stalls Hotdogs, Homemade Soup,

Dolwen Farm Hog Roast and Burgers

Burton - Puddington - Shotwick

# **Community Conversations**

Talks - Lectures - Meetings

Burton & Neston History Society



Thursday 13 October

'Cheshire Villages' Speaker: Tony Bostock

Thursday 10 November

'Statesmanship, Tragedy and Love: a Remarkable Tale of Nineteenth Century Parkgate Overseas Adventurers'

Speaker: Anthony Annakin Smith.

Gladstone Village Hall. Doors open from 7.45 pm, talks start at 8pm.

St Nicholas' Church

# Coffee Mornings

Harvest Coffee Morning in Church

Thursday 6 October 10.00am Coffee, Cakes & Refreshments

Christmas Coffee Morning in Church

Thursday 8 December 10.00am Coffee, Cakes & Refreshments plus *Mothers' Union Gift Stall* 



# THE BURTON SOCIETY

The Burton Society meets in the Gladstone Village Hall at 8.00pm.

6 October

# **Bidston Lighthouse**

First built in 1771, the lighthouse was furthest from the body of water which it lit than any other in the world. Dr Stephen Pickles takes us through its history since then.

3 November

# An Embroiderer's Tale

Tina Saunders talks about her career as an embroiderer to one of Her Majesty the Queen's dressmakers.

1 December

# **Christmas Special**

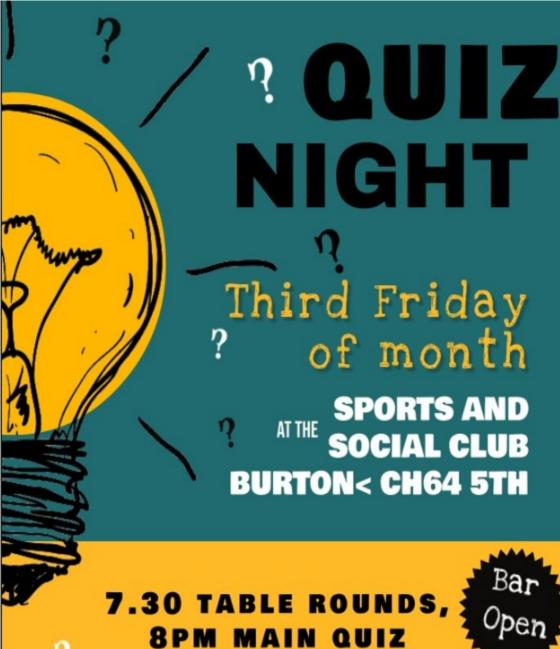
Burton Reads presents a staged reading of

# 'A Spy With a View'

by Robert Scott.

A one-act comedy by arrangement with Lazy Bee Scripts. Accompanied by mince pies and a glass of wine.

You will need a ticket. Contact Renee Syme on 336 5852



**£2 PER PERSON ENTRY INCLUDES HALF TIME CHEESE!!** 

STARTS

# Theatre4AII



# Theatre4AII NW is looking for New Members

Every Sunday afternoon between the hours of 3pm and 5pm as you walk past Gladstone Village Hall you will here the sound of song and laughter. The source of this is Theatre4All NW.

This performing arts group has been based in the village since July 2021. It has put on a Christmas show at our village hall, raising money for the hall and Parkgate Pony Sanctuary. It even celebrated its birthday with a friendly game of bowls in the bowling club.

In September the Cast took the time to commemorate the life of HM Queen Elizabeth II by sharing their memories of her through songs and sketches. The event was also used to raise money for William Magee a young man with a life-limiting illness.



Theatre4All NW now look forward to their next two shows. A Christmas Show and Cinderella the Panto.

We are looking for new people to come along and join us. No experience is required, everyone is welcome, no prima donnas or donnos just a group of friends who will support and help you grow in confidence. If being on the stage is not your thing, then there is plenty of opportunity behind the scenes too.

If you are interested in joining us, then please feel free to just pop along to a rehearsal. You can have a go, talk to other members, or simply enjoy a cup of tea with us during the break. Alternatively contact Carol (lives in White House) mobile 07824158940 or email

# PCSO Linda Conway

I recently had the pleasure of being invited to talk to a group of young people from the Royal Air Force Cadets, 2375 Neston Squadron .They ranged in ages from 12 – 17 years and were a credit to the RAF.

I spoke to them about careers in the police and work experience, something that could be of interest to others.



# Work Experience

Are you in Years 11, 12 or 13 at school or college (or live) in Cheshire and looking to arrange a work experience placement?

Each year Cheshire Constabulary offers a set number of young people the opportunity to experience various aspects of work within the police.

The week-long programme occurs each year in July, which allows young people to gain an insight into some of the varied work we do.

Based at our Headquarters in Winsford you will be given the opportunity to participate with a group of young people in a number of activities to ensure a varied and enjoyable week. The programme is coordinated and run by the Safer Schools and Young People Partnership, this will give an overview of policing and includes visits to various departments which may include:

- Force Control Room
- Forensics
- The Dog unit
- Tactical Training Centre
- The Museum of Policing in Cheshire



Applications for places in 2022 are now closed but the application window for places in July 2023 will open in November via the website and will be open to students in years 10 to 13.

Please ensure you will be available this week before applying.

Any queries can be made by emailing our Safer Schools and Youth Partnerships department ssyp@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

LINDA CONWAY PCSO

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# Locations

CH65, CH64, CH66

Journeys are not restricted to the Ellesmere Port and Neston areas, but are for Ellesmere Port and Neston area residents.

Contact 0151 355 3739 www.epncta.btck.co.uk

# Several local residents have already used the service and one said:

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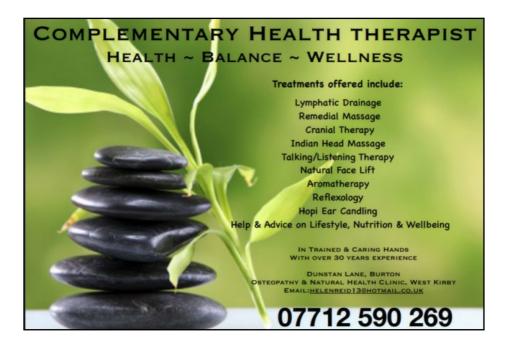
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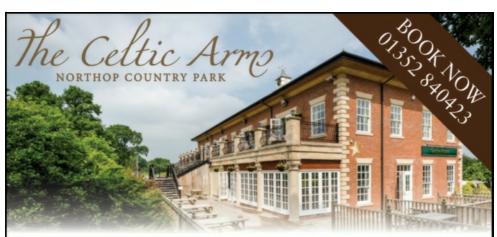
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We are looking forward to our first meeting this season on Thursday 6 October when Dr Stephen Pickles is coming to talk to us about the Bidston Lighthouse. First built in 1771, the lighthouse was the furthest from the body of water it lit than any other in the world. We will be taken through its history since then. Everyone welcome!

Contact Renee Syme on 336-5852

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For more information please contact Gilly Mansfield 0151 336 4297

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