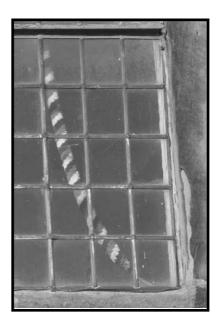


Of St Nicholas' Church, Burton-in-Wirral Growing and thriving with God in our community March & April 2013



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## From our Vicar

Rev. Cathy Helm

#### What makes a great leader?

Would your example of a great leader be Churchill, Bill Gates, Nelson Mandela, Ang Suu Kyi or Sir Alex Ferguson? Or is the question too limiting as it depends on what the context is?

Perhaps a better question would be 'what does good leadership look like?'

What about a leader who is introduced on the scene as the long awaited and promised messiah at his baptism who then disappears off for 40 days on his own. Not what you expect to be a dynamic start to a new leadership bid. No publicity campaign, no spin doctors, no hype. No power struggle or takeover bid.

The world was about to be introduced to Jesus who would turn upside down the ideas of what good leadership looks like.

Quite often if a group is asked about leadership the qualities of power, strategy and influence are quickly suggested.

The temptation of Jesus in the desert reveals a profound difference between God's power and the way the world so often uses power. Power can be used to coerce, to dazzle, to force obedience, to destroy. Human beings can and have forced other humans to do just about anything they want to. This use of power is external and coercive.



Jesus resisted the temptation to go down that route and instead chose the route which to many appears to be weak; the route which allows the other to choose to love in return, to choose to obey or not to obey, to choose to be committed or not. Jesus allows us all the choice to respond to him or not.

But does that freedom to choose make it difficult to cope with the many temptations to disbelieve?

Philip Yancy writes 'Do we not ask God for definite proofs to overcome our doubts, do we not ask for final proofs of his existence so we can be certain? At times I want him to take a more active role in human affairs, to not 'sit on his hands'. I want quick and spectacular answers to my prayers. I want a God without ambiguity'.

Do these demands we make on Jesus have echoes from the temptation in the desert... *prove yourself; take the power now, do it my way?* Jesus resisted those temptations then and settled for a gentler way, a way where we chose to respond freely to his offer of life.

Jesus the leader has the 'light touch' in that he will never force himself into the life of anyone who does not want him there. We follow because we love him, because he died for us, because he rose again, because now we know that death is not the end.



#### Holy Communion Soup & Sandwich

Monday March 4th 11.30am Monday April 8th 11.30am Monday May 13th 11.30pm

Please note the changes for April and May due to Bank Holidays.

An informal Holy Communion service for all who find it hard to get up to the church building, followed by a soup and sandwich lunch in the Atelier Coffee shop at Burton Manor.

If you're interested in coming please contact:

Vicar: 353 0453 Basil Keys: 336 4933 Jen Williams: 328 1006

#### Maundy Thursday

This year, on Maundy Thursday we will be celebrating a traditional Seder meal in the Gladstone Village Hall at 7pm. It's based on the Jewish Passover meal that Jesus would have been celebrating with his friends the night before he was arrested, the night he instituted the 'Last Supper.'

This is for all the family as we share together the traditional Jewish meal and all ages are involved. It is a wonderful way to discover a fresh way of telling the story of God's love and the good news of Easter.

We will need to have an idea of numbers for catering and setting up the hall so there will be a sign up sheet at the back of church from the beginning of March.

Do come and join us to remember this very special meal.

Cathy





Great fun was had at Messy Church as we heard the story of David and Goliath and did some very sticky craft activities. Hot dogs and cake were enjoyed by all.



will be Saturday 23rd March at 4.30pm in the GVH. All families welcome. £1.50 per person with food provided Hickolas' Church

It was with considerable regret but grateful thanks that the PCC accepted the resignation of our faithful and most excellent verger Ruth Chesworth at our January meeting. She has served the church as verger officially for four years and unofficially for longer and has done a wonderful job setting up for and clearing up after services, ensuring that the church is tidy and opened and closed every day as well as many extra other duties.

We will miss seeing Ruth walking through the village every day to open and close church, but she now feels it is time to let someone else have a turn.

The Wardens and I would therefore like to hear from anyone who may be interested in accepting the position of verger for St. Nicholas Church.

The role could be taken on as a whole as it has been done previously or it could be divided into separate parts. Either way a regular commitment would be required.

It is expected that an honorarium be offered for part or all of the role. This will be negotiated dependent upon duties undertaken.

The duties are as follows:

- Open and close the church every day during daylight hours.
- Ensure that the church is set up appropriately

## Verger

for services. The full list of services is:

- o 8.45am every Sunday
- o 10am every Sunday
- o 10.15am every Wednesday
- o 6.30pm on a Sunday once a month
- o extra services such as Ash Wednesday Communion, Good Friday and Christmas services.
- o additional services such as funerals and weddings (a fee paid to cover each of these services).

Please contact either of the Wardens or myself by Sunday 24th March if you are interested.

And finally... many thanks again to Ruth. She has done a tremendous job.

#### A New Leader for The Mothers' Union

At the Annual Meeting in January Ann and I handed over the leadership of the Mothers' Union to Josie Isaacs, at the end of our five year term of office.

We are grateful for the wonderful support we have received from all our committee and members and know that the Branch will flourish under Josie's leadership. We wish her well.

#### Ann Rudd and Anne Parsons.

## March brings breezes loud and shrill ... April brings the primrose sweet ...

Earlier in the year what a joy to see the clumps of Galanthus Nivalis and, peeping through a collar of green, the delightful yellow Winter Aconites. Spring is, however, a fabulous time of the year with all the lovely bulbs. Everything is fresh with new growth peeping through everywhere, sometimes in unexpected places. The greenhouse is full of trays of seeds including sweet peas sown on the 16 March. Then the seedlings will be "pricked" out and of course at that time there is never enough room in the greenhouse.

Many Zonal Pelargoniums have survived the winter having been cut down and kept indoors. These will be re-potted and only placed outside when the nights are too cold. The Buddleeias Davidii have been pruned hard back and also the winter flowering heathers have been trimmed. The Helebores have been beautiful and some flowers for use in cards and pictures. Seeds gathered from these plants have been sown and the results eagerly awaited.

Many birds visited the garden in the cold spell pied Wagtails, blackbirds and a very aggressive Fieldfare. Also seen have been long tailed blue and great tits, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, the shy Jay, Robbie Robin and Cedric the cock pheasant.

#### Flori Bunda March/April 2013

#### **SPRING TIME!**

Briarfield Garden Open Sunday 14th April 2-5pm (part of the National Gardens Scheme)

£4 entry & many plants for sale. Teas served in Church in aid of Claire House

#### **Burton Art Group Exhibition**

The Art Group exhibition will be on Sunday 14th April (the same day as Liz Carter's open garden) from 11.00 am until 6.00 pm in the Sports and Social Club. Entry is free and refreshments are available.

This is always an enjoyable and interesting event. Come along and enjoy the original art work on display. Some pictures are also available for sale and most artists will be on hand to answer any questions.

New members are always welcome. If you are interested please contact Ruth Langley, Hon Secretary, Burton Art Group on 0151 353 8354. **Ruth Langley** 

## Activities for Men in the Parish

Social exclusion and loneliness are responsible for many health related problems and depression and undermine people's self worth and esteem. We have a number of church based groups that meet in the Parish including Mothers' Union and Hardy Perennials, which are supported principally by women. In the magazine we publicise many events ongoing in our community and I should like to take this opportunity to mention two activities that may appeal to the men in our Parish.

#### • Men's Breakfasts

This is a faith based initiative to bring men living in Western Cheshire and Wirral together for a quality cooked breakfast at Thornton Hall Hotel at Thornton Hough about 5 times a year. The breakfasts last for about 2 hours and start at 8:00 am and include inspirational guest speakers who tell us how they came to faith and how it has enriched their lives. Mark Mitchell a well known Christian businessman living in Willaston who owns Mitchell Motors at Cheshire Oaks, organises these breakfasts and these breakfasts attract in the region of 150-200 men each time

The last breakfast was on 2 February when Bishop Keith Sinclair fielded questions on some

of the key issues facing the Church today including "women Bishops?" and "gay/lesbian marriage?" This was an excellent event with inspirational and helpful responses from Bishop Keith combined with an enjoyable opportunity to be among other Christians from other churches in the region.

If anyone is interested in going please contact either me or Steve Helm for more information (shelm@uwclub.net 0151 353 0453). The cost is  $\pounds$ 10.00 per head. The next breakfast is at 8:00 am on Saturday 6 April when the guest speaker is Darrell Tunningley who is a former drug addict and he will tell us about his life's experiences, how he came to faith and how this changed his life for the better. You can also book on-line at www.wirralbreakfast.co.uk

#### • Men in Sheds

There are 4 Men-in-Sheds projects in Cheshire managed by Age UK Cheshire and these are based in Chester, Ellesmere Port, Hartford and Crewe. These are based on woodworking workshops combined with breakout areas for people to socialise, have a brew, chat and do what men enjoy doing in a relaxed workshop environment. These Men in Sheds are doing



excellent community work and produce excellent wood based items.

For example, the shed in Ellesmere Port helped Trinity Methodist Church when it was re-ordered to provide a community cafe in Ellesmere Port. Men in Sheds took the old pews and used the wood to make the tables and chairs to furnish the new cafe. The cafe is called "Your Daily Bread" and produces its own bread to serve with soup etc.

If anyone is interested in knowing more about making contact with one of the Men in Sheds please contact me. It is a practical way of getting involved in the community.

#### John Church

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e-mail: john\_sue44@hotmail.co.uk

#### Confirmation

Anyone considering Confirmation should contact Rev. Cathy Helm as soon as possible. The service for Confirmation this year is on Sunday June 30th at 6.30pm.

#### You are invited to come to the



Easter Egg rolling and Egg Hunt in the Vicarage Garden.

Saturday 30th March 2-4pm Craft activities and games for all ages

Please bring cakes!

## Church Building matters:

A Faculty Application has been submitted for the repair of the church steps, paths and the addition of a handrail on the path leading to the Rake from church. The Diocesan Advisory Committee have raised a number of queries that are being dealt with in time for a full consideration at their March meeting.

The Church architect Steve Quicke presented photo style designs for the planned internal alterations to the church at the last PCC meeting and the PCC unanimously agreed that the newly formed Building Group should progress to obtain tenders for each item as listed below:

a. New glass door to be fitted inside existing oak doors in Porch.

- Raising of floor in Massey Chapel, modified heating arrangements and movable choir stall. This included installing a new oak screen to match the existing screen and small gates in the nave.
- c. Removal of part of a pew to create wheel chair space mid way down the main aisle.
- d. An additional item for a fixed retractable screen to be fixed in the nave for presentations in a position suitable for all to see.

Photos of what these would look like are currently displayed at the back of the church. The PCC were reminded of the outcome of the consultations regarding the planned internal alterations where there was strong support back in March 2011.

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	Strongly Dislike -2	-1	Neutral 0	+1	Strongly Approve +2
Massey Chapel & Chancel Much more flexible for music group, nativity plays, etc., but keeping the present traditional appearance.			_		
Out of 115 Answers:	13 (11%)	4 (3%)	10 (9%)	19 (17%)	69 (60%)
Porch Inner Doors Stop draughts. Keep warmer. Reduce fuel usage. Main doors open for more welcoming entrance to church.					
Out of 116 answers:	7 (6%)	7 (6%)	10 (9%)	19 (16%)	73 (63%)
Provision for the Disabled Space for wheelchair in pews. Level access access voa extension's lobby. Handrail along path from The Rake.					
Out of 108 answers:	0 (0%)	6 (6%)	7 (6%)	10 (9%)	85 (79%)

## Electoral Roll

ELECTORAL ROLL 2013 - action required by all members of the congregation.

Under the Church Representation Rules, every six years a new Church Electoral Roll has to be prepared. 2013 is a year of renewal. No names are carried over from the old roll and everyone must make a new application to be included on the new roll.

By enrolling you become a voting member of the Church of England and so help to ensure that all the synodical councils of the Church the parochial church council, the deanery synod, the diocesan synod and the General Synod - are fully representative of its members.

The system is intended to enable church people at every level to be in touch with the Church as a whole and to play their part in decision-making. The system is also intended to ensure that the laity have their place in every aspect of church life, including its doctrine and services.

Membership of the Electoral Roll entitles you to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where elections take place for:

- a) the parochial church council;
- b) the parish's representatives on the deanery synod.

Any person entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting may raise any question of parochial or general church interest.

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All those on the existing Roll will receive a letter and application form inviting them to re-apply. Those not on the current Roll can collect a form from the back of church or download it from the church website: www.burtonchurch.org.uk.

Notice of preparation of the new Electoral Roll was posted in church on the 3rd February accompanied by notices in the weekly newsletter and announcements at church services.

Completed forms should be returned to Mrs Alison Carter or either of the churchwardens by 11th April at the latest.

The new Roll will be available for inspection at church from 14th April. From this date it can be checked for mistakes, but no-one can be added or deleted until after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on 30th April 2013.

If you have any queries in relation to any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

#### Alison Carter

**Electoral Roll Officer** 

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#### Church Services

3rd	3rd Sunday of Lent
	8:45 am Holy Communion
	10:00 am Family Worship
	6:30 pm Evensong

- 6th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 10th 4th Sunday of Lent **Mothering Sunday** 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Morning Worship
- 13th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 17th 5th Sunday of Lent 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Family Communion
- 20th 10:15 am Holy Communion

24th **Palm Sunday** 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Morning Worship

27th 10:15 am Holy Communion

28th **Maundy Thursday** 7pm Seder Meal in GVH

- 29th **Good Friday** 2:00 pm One hour Devotional At the foot of the Cross
- 31st **Easter Sunday** 8.45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Family Communion

## Diary of Events

#### March 2013

#### Mothers Union Programme

- 1st Women's World Day of Prayer2:00 pm Burton Church7:30 pm Willaston Church
- 9th Bunching of Posies 10:00 am in Church Vestry
- 10th Commissioning of Josie Isaacs As Branch Leader at 10:00 am Mothering Sunday Service
- 14th MU Wave of Prayer 1:20 - 1:45 pm in Church
- 19th Deanery Committee 2:00 pm At Bromborough Village Centre

20th Lenten Meditation 2:00 pm in Church

House Groups: Lent Course: Spot the Difference Wed. 20th Feb. Tuesday 26th Feb. Wed. 6th March Tuesday 12th March Wed. 20th March *All held at 8pm in Church* 

From the Registers: Wedding: 2nd Feb James Hatton & Laura Palmer Funerals: 9th Jan Anne Bradley

## Diary of Events

#### April 2013

#### Mothers Union Programme

17th 12:30 pm for 1:00 pm Lunch At Thornton Hall Hotel

#### House Groups:

#### Christian Living:

7:30 pm Wednesdays in term time

(Contact Dee Foster 0151 336 2336)

#### Study Group:

8:00 pm Wednesday 17th April and 1st May at Danes Court (0151 336 5446)

#### Church Services

3rd 10:15 am Holy Communion

- 7th 2nd Sunday of Easter 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Family Worship 6:30 pm Evensong
- 10th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 14th 3rd Sunday of Easter 8.45 am Holy Communion 10.00am Morning Worship
- 17th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 21st 4th Sunday of Easter 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Family Communion
- 24th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 28th 5th Sunday of Easter 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Morning Worship

#### First Week of May 2013

- 1st 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 3rd 6th Sunday of Easter8:45 am Holy Communion10:00 am Family Worship6:30 pm Evensong

8th 10:15 am Holy Communion

All Stars (Primary age children 5-11 Years) meet every 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday during 10:00 am Service.



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## Mothers' Union

As new branch leader my first report brings you best wishes for a Happy New Year.

First of all, I would like to thank our former leaders, Anne Parsons and Ann Rudd, for their help and support - great comfort to a raw beginner.

2012 was an eventful and memorable year having celebrated the Queen's Jubilee and the Olympics. But on a more sombre note, the hardships we face with a shrinking economy, wintry weather and flooding is daunting.

We need to keep our spirits up and look forward to better times. Being part of a group such as the Mothers' Union is so uplifting as the members are supportive of each other especially when difficulties arise and in our group there is a wonderful atmosphere of fun and friendship.

In spite of the cold weather, i.e. snowfall and icy car park conditions, most members were brave enough to attend our January meeting. John Roe cleared and sanded the path for us. Thank you John - you are our "Knight in Shining Armour".

During the AGM, Dorothy Jones announced that she could not continue as the Photography Recorder and Wendy Hussey has kindly offered to take over. Our thanks go to them both for that. Maureen Liddel reported that her work for Save the Family continues and we expect a speaker from that charity to visit us soon.

We have many good events to enjoy this year as well as travelling alongside the Church year giving our input where necessary. Once again, I would like to thank Anne Parsons and Ann Rudd for their inspirational leadership. From this, the lively meetings which have transpired speak for themselves.

Thanks also go to our committee and those who provide tea, coffee, cakes and flowers.

Printed below is the beautiful poem that was used to open our recent meeting and I would like to share this with you all.

With best wishes for 2013-01-31

Josie Isaacs

Why do we doubt Why do we fear, When God's great love surrounds us?

> From day to day He is the same, Above and round about us.

In Spring the flowers will return, In Autumn comes the harvest, And each night long throughout the year His beauty shines in moonlight clear, His sun by noon to warm us. And as the seasons never change, So God Himself is changeless, That He is there To love and care And He for aye remaineth.

## Churchyard

St. Nicholas' Churchyard has been a place of Christian burial for nearly 900 years. It is a very special and peaceful place. All plots in the churchyard remain in the ownership of the church and therefore it is the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council to ensure that they are suitably maintained. To this end the PCC is extremely grateful to both Reg Hough and David De Witt for their care of and attention to the Churchyard.

So that the Churchyard remains a pleasant and safe area for all to enjoy we would like to remind everyone of the Rules and Regulations laid down by the Diocese of Chester.

The Churchwardens, acting on behalf of the PCC, will carry out an inspection of the Churchyard in March and any items contrary to the Rules and Regulations will be respectfully removed and placed by the West door awaiting their removal from the Churchyard. If after a period of two months any items are left they will be disposed of accordingly.

If you wish to tend a grave in the churchyard please:

#### DO

- Plant spring and autumn bulbs on a grave if you wish in a position adjacent to the headstone. If you need assistance with this, please contact us. Remember that the leaves and flowers may be mown in the ordinary course of churchyard maintenance.
- Place cut flowers arranged in metal or stone vases on the memorial plinth or in a sunken container close to the headstone so as not to

impede a mower when not containing flowers. Seasonally appropriate silk and other good quality artificial flowers are permitted but not plastic.

- Place natural flower wreaths on a grave.
- Speak to us BEFORE you make any arrangements for a headstone or memorial.

#### DO NOT

- Plant shrubs or trees on a grave.
- Place plastic flowers or non-organic items (e.g. teddy bears, pictures) on a grave.
- Put stone chippings or stones over or around a grave.
- Use kerbs, railings, posts or chains and similar items to enclose a grave as these would impede a mower.
- Use glass, ceramic or plastic containers as these are easily broken and can become very dangerous.

#### SAFETY

The ground in some areas is very uneven and, over time, graves can become uneven. Please take care.

The Churchyard Regulations are available in full on the diocesan website

www.chester.anglican.org/page\_dac.asp?Page=152.

If you have any comments or queries regarding this matter please contact either of the Churchwardens.

#### Tony Carter and Mike Davies

#### Churchwardens

Hickolas' Church

As part of our continuing development of our youth activities it was decided to split TBY into two groups with the older members starting a Youth Alpha Course and I started running Youth alpha together with John and Edwina Morris- Best last September

Alpha is a practical introduction to the Christian faith, aimed particularly at non-churchgoers and new Christians. The course consists of 15 sessions and is running in over 163 countries worldwide, in homes, prisons, universities, schools, and churches of every Christian denomination.

Youth Alpha is designed to give young people (11-18 yrs) the opportunity to explore life and faith. We want to give the teenagers a chance to really challenge and own their faith, and give them tools for speaking about it to non-Christian teenagers.

We meet on Sunday evenings in John and Edwina's house and the evenings start with food usually pizza and cake! We then have a discussic and some games which are designed to illust the main points of the talk. If I'm really hon the part the teenagers really enjoy is when games go horribly wrong and chaos ensues!

## Reflections on Youth Alpha

However, when asked they diplomatically didn't mention that part and here are some quotes about what they said they enjoy about Youth Alpha:

- 'friendly and supportive leaders, quiet and reflective atmosphere, drink and cake and Katie the dog!'
- 'more grown up debates, more deep looking into topics, more interesting topics, we're asked what we think'
- 'light-hearted friendly atmosphere'

We've been on a safari supper and have plans to go to Laser Quest, so there is plenty of fun as well.

#### Ruth Abbott

#### Thank you for your Support

A big thank you to Cathy and everyone who have given me so much support and held me in their prayers. This has sustained me and I am pleased to say that I am now making good progress.

#### Margaret Labdon

A date for your diary!

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#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Of the

#### **GLADSTONE VILLAGE HALL**

(encompassing the Gladstone Village Hall AGM, GVH Facilities Ltd AGM and the AGM of the Social and Sports Club)

#### Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013

#### at 8.00pm

#### **Gladstone Village Hall, Burton**

At the conclusion of the meeting you are all warmly invited to join the Committee in the Sports Club when the bar will be open and a light supper available. All welcome.

### **Bishop Wilson CofE Primary School News**

## St. John's ambulance visit to Bishop Wilson



#### Giggle Corner - Short 'n' Sweet

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah".

The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied, "Then you ask him".

On the 25th January 2013, St. John's ambulance gave class 4 a course on first aid. They taught us how to use CPR in an emergency and how to treat burns, cuts and choking. We learned that the first aider must keep themselves safe in an emergency otherwise there will be another casualty. We leaned how to use CPR and the recovery position. We practiced CPR on a dummy because it is not safe to practice on people who are still breathing. We have all been awarded 'Young First Aider' certificates.

Written by: Hannah and Emma (Class 4)

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."





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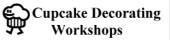
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# The Magazine

Of St Nicholas' Church, Burton-in-Wirral

Growing and thriving with God in our community

### **Community Events**

#### The Burton Society

Meets at 8pm in the Gladstone Village Hall, everyone welcome! Thursday 7th March: David Cummings will be showing us his beautiful photos and telling us about the history of wild swans. His talk 'The Magic of Swans' also includes stories of the swan families living on the pond in Chrisleton. Thursday 4th April: Is our ACM followed by a talk by Ray O'Brien on

Thursday 4th April: Is our AGM followed by a talk by Ray O'Brien on 'Merseyside Entertainers - from both sides of the river'.

#### Burton and Puddington Sports & Social Club Walking Group Spring programme

Full day: Leave GVH car park 9am. Walks about 8 -10 miles 3rd, 17th March, 7th, 21st April
Pub walks: Leave 10am. About 3 miles walk ending with pub lunch. 23rd March, 27th April
Further details call Sec. Allan Trimble 336 3639

#### Manor Gatehouse Club

A club for the retired or partially retired welcomes new members. A general meeting with a speaker is held each month and additionally there are groups for varied interests including history, music, painting, rambling, literature, natural history, travel etc. The general meetings are held at 2.30pm at The Gladstone Hall on the first Thursday of each month.

http://www.manorgatehouse.info

#### NEXT ISSUE DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions for the next issue will be 13 April 2013, please email your contributions to john\_sue44@hotmail.co.uk

#### YOUR EVENT OR SOCIETY

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