



The Parish Magazine

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It's 'All Change' as Things Move On in the Parish

New Administrator Joins the Parish Magazine

After six years looking after the Parish Magazine Sarah Curnow is handing over her role on the editorial team to Sue Birch. So, a very big 'Thank You' to Sarah for all her hard work and dedication. Sarah will be missed!



Welcome to Sue Birch... Sue and her husband Ian returned to the UK in May 2018, after spending twenty-two years in the USA. They have lived in Burton since last October. The bright lights of Dallas have now given way to church bells, snooker, crown green bowling, a beautiful garden, and a warm welcome from everyone they meet. Sue looks forward to following in Sarah's footsteps.

The team now responsible for the editing, design, production and distribution of the magazine is Sue Birch, Bryan Blakeman, Alison Carter and Sue Bristow.

NEW CAFÉ OPEN AT BURTON MANOR

The Café at Burton Manor has been restored and it reopened on 15 April.



'Burtons at the Manor' offers an all-day breakfast, paninis and other lunch options, afternoon tea and a wide selection of freshly baked cakes from the counter.

There is an outside patio seating area and dogs (kept on a lead) are most welcome. The Café is wheelchair accessible, child and family friendly and has free wifi. There is (limited) parking on-site.

Opening hours:
Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm and Saturday and Sunday 9.00am to 5.00pm.

For more information:
☎ 0151 353 8783 or ✉ enquiries
@burtonsatthemanor.co.uk

*The Vicar Writes - A Message
from Cathy & Steve Helm ...*



Trust can only really be expressed when we find ourselves in a situation in which we have to place our trust in something, someone or even ourselves.

As many of you know, as a family, we recently had to put our trust in the emergency services, the skill of some very kind friends and, of course, in the power of prayer. When Steve had a bleed on the brain after going into the vestry during a funeral, it was a huge shock, but we have been so thankful for the care and support of so many people, some we knew well and others we had never met before.

We trusted the skill and experience of our amazing paramedics and NHS staff, which I have seen in operation so many times, but to be on the receiving end has increased our thankfulness for them.

The adverts about strokes do work, as Steve knew that's what he'd had, even though he couldn't communicate it to those who found him on the vestry floor.

He tried to write FAST [Face, Arms, Speech, Time] and then 999 on the new vestry floor which he discovered is 'non-marking'!

It was at that point in his own words:



What's the most practical thing I can do now? Pray. It's me Lord. Help! Sorry I've been messing about. It's over to you now.



And he did pray, along with others who were there watching on in concern. I have written about prayer many times and the importance of holding situations, people and loved ones in prayer.

Throughout the events of that afternoon, Steve was calm and so well cared for. That was the start of seeing prayers answered in an amazing way.

The staff in the stroke ward were so kind, especially the nurse who quietly whispered "An answer to prayer" to which Steve replied:



I know. I just had to trust Him.



Steve has written about his experience and has listed the things he's learned:

1. Next time I'll just sit quietly at the back of church during a funeral.
2. Life never goes as we expect it to.
3. There are a lot of good people around.
4. I know that I can trust God in all circumstances.

It has taken us back to the verse from Proverbs 3 which I wrote about last year.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight. [5&6]

We are so grateful for prayers answered. We are thankful for the gift of time together, a very caring community, excellent medical care and an ever deepening trust in God.

Cathy + Steve

Thanksgiving...

Psalm 100

(New International Version)

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations

So, What's Been Happening Around the Parish ...

Egg Hunt & Rolling

Great fun was had on Easter Saturday as the sun shone for the annual egg hunt and rolling in the Vicarage Garden

The children covered the cross with flowers to show that out of death and sadness came new life and joy as we remembered that Jesus rose again.



GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

This year the two churches of St Nicholas' and St Michael's had a beautiful day for the Good



Friday Walk of Witness. After a short service, starting at Michael's Church in Shotwick and walking across the fields and on through Puddington, about 30 people from both churches joined in carrying the cross as they walked. Everyone who completed the walk was very grateful for the cold drinks and hot cross buns waiting for them in Burton.

The New Vestry Meeting Room

After much fund-raising, a sponsored walk across the Scottish Highlands,, a young people's pop-up food counter, some generous legacies and other special donations, the new Vestry Meeting Room has been completed. So it's a big 'Thank You' to everyone concerned.

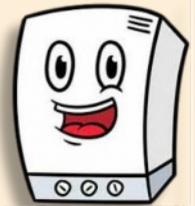
Vestry gutted & completely remodelled



More usable space, insulated & heated separately

AND, A WARM WELCOME TO THE NEW BOILER!

At the end of April, and after several months of sitting in the pews with virtually no heating, church members and visitors were able to enjoy a warm and comfortable church - without the need to sit with their coats on.



The PCC of St Nicholas' Church had, for a long time, been aware that the inefficient central heating boiler was nearing its end. Once it failed in January, it was only through the generosity of two donors that the boiler was able to be replaced.

'Thank You' to all involved.

GODPARENTS' DAY 5 May - A Great Success !

Since 2016, the Church of England has set aside a national day in the year to celebrate and support the godparent/godchild relationship.

Godparents are very much part of family and church life for all the years ahead - a relationship that will last for a lifetime.



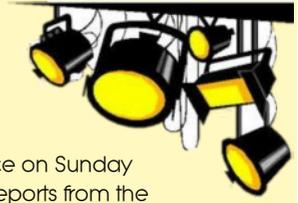
This year St Nicholas' Church held its first Godparents' Day service to celebrate this special relationship and to ask for God's blessing on godparents and godchildren everywhere. The 9.30am service recognised the special relationship that parents choose to create between their child, God and the individuals they choose to have an important role in the life of their child.

As Ruth Abbott said in her sermon:

*... they become
the children of your
heart.*

The service, which replaced the two normal morning worship services, was filled with songs, laughter and most importantly, love.

CHURCH FINANCES UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT



The Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on Sunday 28 April at which reports from the various church groups were presented along with the 2018 financial report and accounts.

The Treasurer explained that whilst the church's income for last year had exceeded expenditure, church finances remained finely balanced. Only by reducing the amount paid by the parish to the Diocese for ministry and other costs had it been possible to balance the books. This means that whilst the amount paid to the Diocese equates to that of a standard parish, the figure falls short of the amount requested of Burton (as a more affluent parish) by the Diocese. On an annual basis, the shortfall is in excess of £18,000.

Notwithstanding the delicate nature of church finances, the PCC is most grateful to all those who contribute so generously to church finances through Planned Giving, or by making single-sum donations or by contributing via the Friends of St Nicholas' Church.

YOUR PARISH MAGAZINE

Please support it ...

The Parish Magazine is very much part of the local community bringing you information and topics of interest from around the parish. Sponsored and produced by St Nicholas' Church it costs around £8 per household to produce.



Accompanying this edition of the magazine is an envelope seeking a contribution towards the costs. Please feel free to support the magazine by returning the envelope to church with a small donation. **Thank You**

Burton Youth Church

St Nicholas' Church recently celebrated church member Cath Jones' appointment as Youth Worker at a church in Chester.

This is a marvellous opportunity for Cath and will enable her to develop her youth ministry. Her friends and the congregation in Burton know that she is already making a positive impact in her new role and they continue to wish her every success.



Amongst various other activities Cath still runs Little Stars, the Church's pre-school toddler group in Burton and she has very generously agreed to continue with this role until the summer break.

Youth Church recently invited Bishop Wilson School's Year 6 pupils to TBY (The Burton Youth) church youth group and 6 young people came to a Pizza and Games night. It was an excellent event and everyone embraced the spirit of the evening.



Youth Church has a fun and active programme planned for the remainder of the summer term. All those involved are excited to be able to meet at church in the newly refurbished Vestry meeting room. 'All Stars' are also pleased to be able to meet again in the new room during the Sunday services after having to take a break while the Vestry work was underway and off limits. The new Vestry is just perfect. It creates a lovely modern, light space which will make such a difference for all those involved in the Youth Work.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

On Monday 20 May Mothers' Union members met in church for their 'slot' in the international 'Wave of Prayer'.

The 'Wave of Prayer' is a continuous expression of commitment in prayer by MU members to each other. It runs throughout the year so that the work of MU as well as members of each area in which MU is active, is prayed for at some point.

On 20 May prayers began at 9.40am. At 10.00am prayers were taken up by another branch in the Deanery for twenty minutes, and so the process continued.

Chester Diocese is linked with the dioceses of Grahamstown, Masasi, Afikpo, Wiawso and Northern Argentina and prayers were



offered for the particular issues which are of foremost concern in each area.

The MU world-wide prayer finishes with: *'Empowered by your spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship and in love and service, reach out as your hands across the world.'* The theme for 2019 is 'Listen, Observe, Act - in step with God'.

Future Events

Saturday, 8 June at 9:30am
The MU Diocesan Council AGM
St John's Centre, Hartford

Wednesday, 19 June
2.00pm - in Church
'My Visit to The Holy Land'
An illustrated talk by Angela Klaybou

Wednesday, 17 July at 2.00pm
Burton & Puddington Sports Club
Guest Speaker - **MU Diocesan Chaplain, Rev Christine Broad**



Concert

Felling

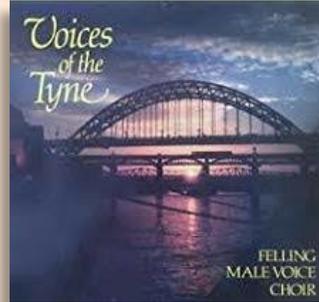
Male Voice Choir

Saturday 22 June, 7.30pm

St Nicholas' Church

Concert, Canapés & Summer Punch

Tickets £10



The choir has been an integral part of the musical life of Gateshead and the North East of England since its formation in 1920. Performing around 15 to 20 times a year the choir travels extensively both at home and abroad. It also has a good record in international competitions with several first prizes.

Felling Male Voice Choir has regularly been in the forefront of commissions from eminent composers and arrangers. Programmes typically include arrangements of well known 'show stoppers', some imaginative contemporary pieces as well as the more mainstream male voice choir repertoire including traditional local songs, opera, operetta and spirituals.

The choir is active in fostering links with schools and youth choirs in joint ventures, believing that encouraging young people to sing is vital in securing the choir's long term future. The choir has also made several CDs over the years.



Tickets in Advance - £10

Linda Jones 336 5017 or Cathy Helm 07471 890 827

All Proceeds in Aid of Church Funds

*A Time for Prayer and Reflection
from Ascension to Pentecost ...*

Thy Kingdom Come 2019

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, along with leaders from all the main denominations, have called for a season of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost, praying specifically for people to come to know Christ.

Thousands of churches across the UK and beyond have joined in this initiative, called Thy Kingdom Come.

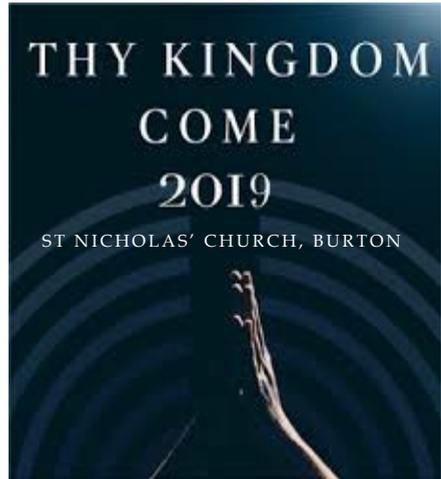
During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that as many people as possible will take part in order to:

- *Deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ*
- *Pray for God's spirit to work in the lives of those they know*
- *Come to realise that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer*

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered. They devoted themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing.

Throughout the centuries Christians have gathered to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Thy Kingdom Come picks up this tradition.

Over the past three years more and more worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to join in and pray 'Come Holy Spirit'.



This year St Nicholas' Church will join in by having a half hour of prayer every evening from 7.00 to 7.30pm. from Thursday 30 May through to Saturday 8 June. (NB Sunday 3 June is an Evensong service at 6.30pm as usual).

There is a set Evening or Night prayer and each night will be led by someone different. So, you can come and sit quietly or join in as you feel comfortable but do come and join this special time of prayer.

Ascension Day

Ascension Day celebrates Jesus's ascension to heaven after he was resurrected on Easter Day.

Pentecost

Pentecost marks fifty days since Easter Day and brings the Easter season to an end. It is a major feast of the Church's year when Christians recall how God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus' ascension, empowering them to begin the work of making disciples of all nations

GRAND CHARITY AUCTION & HARVEST SUPPER 2019



Many people will remember the very successful event held in the Gladstone Village Hall in 2011 which raised some £6,000 for charity. This marvellous sum was due to the kindness and generosity of the donors of the various lots and of course the bidders. This year we hope to do even better! Last time around we had some 50 lots which attracted a host of bidders. The categories included:

- Local Garden & Allotment Produce
- Attic, Art & Antiques
- Services & Assistance
- Food & Fine Dining
- Activities & Skills Experiences
- Leisure & Holiday Breaks
- Things That Money Can't Buy

So make a note - Friday 4 October in the Gladstone Village Hall.

The event is a joint venture between the St Nicholas' Church Events Committee and the Friends of St Nicholas' Church. The organisers have already received several pledges of items to go under the hammer but they need a great many more.

To donate or to pledge a lot ...

Contact John Church

☎ 0151 336 2228

☎ 07703 199 132

HARDY PERENNIALS



The Hardy Perennials are a small group of people who live largely independently and who meet most months in the year for lunch at The Pollard Inn in Willaston to enjoy an excellent meal (£13 for two courses and Coffee) and good company.

Hardy Perennials

Lunch Dates

for 2019



Monday - 8 July

Monday - 19 August

Monday - 23 September

Monday - 28 October

Monday - 9 December



Pollards Inn, Willaston

12.30pm for 1.00pm

☎ Vivienne 336 7435

☎ Linda 336 5017

Some Special Outdoor Community
Events this Summer ...

The Villages of
Puddington & Burton

BURTON & PUDDINGTON VILLAGE FESTIVAL 2019

SATURDAY 8 JUNE

11.00am to 4.00pm then 6.00pm to 10.00pm

A Summer Celebration of Village Life



**DOG SHOW : STALLS : CHILDREN'S GAMES & RIDES
LIVE MUSIC : BBQ & BARS**

For Information & Stands ☎ 01244 346 347



Puddington Village

Mid-Summer Soirée



The Village Green

Sunday 23 June 6.00pm to 9.00pm

Residents, Friends & Family All Welcome

**Cold Meats, Fresh Salmon
& Vegetarian Buffet**

Summer Salads & Crusty Bread

Strawberries & Cream

Music & Straw Bale Seating



£10 per Person - in Advance

Hazel Huxley ☎ 0151 336 2288

(Please bring your own drinks & glasses)



*Vital ongoing support for people
in need ...*

Donation Point
in St Nicholas' Church Porch



In 2018, Wirral Foodbank supported 15,278 people, a 35% increase on 2017. It is difficult to attribute one specific factor for this increase because there are a variety of reasons.

Wirral Foodbank continues to monitor all requests for food within the Wirral area and in 2018 the main causes of need were the benefit changes and benefit payment delays (e.g. Universal Credit) which accounted for 48% of those helped. A further 13% of people were in debt, 26% were on low incomes and 13% were affected for other reasons.

Last year Wirral Foodbank appointed Nicola Connor as a Benefits Adviser. Many clients who come to the Foodbank for help have intellectual disabilities or mental health problems which often prevents them from accessing help. What these people need is someone who is available on the spot to advise and has a down to earth, approachable manner in addition to specialised knowledge and skills,. That is the service that Nicola is able to provide.

January 2019 saw a 51% increase in the number of people coming to the Foodbank, compared to the same period last year. This has been the experience across the majority of Trussell Trust Foodbanks. February and March were still higher than in 2018 and year to date, there is an overall increase of 23% on the same period last year.

St Nicholas' Church and the local community have supported Wirral Foodbank for many years and your support is more important than ever.

£10 will feed a single person for three days

*£29 will feed a family of two adults and two children
for three days*

Items needed more urgently:

<i>Tinned Potatoes</i>	<i>UHT Milk</i>	<i>Tinned Fruit</i>
<i>Fruit Squash</i>	<i>Jam</i>	<i>Nappies (size 6)</i>
<i>Hot Chocolate</i>	<i>Instant Mash</i>	<i>Tinned Tomatoes</i>
<i>Deodorant</i>	<i>Shower Gel</i>	<i>Toothbrushes/Paste</i>

(Wirral Foodbank does not currently require tea bags or baked beans)

Now may be the ideal time to get yourself fit for purpose ...

A newcomer to Burton or Puddington couldn't fail to be surprised by the richness of the social and sporting life in the villages. Outdoor events on Puddington Green, last year's Pumpkin Festival, trivia nights, social clubs, the upcoming 2019 Festival, not to mention the myriad of opportunities for keeping fit.

In future magazines, we will have occasional articles about ongoing activities you can sample and enjoy. In this issue, we turn the spotlight on Yoga and fitness classes. There are three yoga classes available, each with a slightly different focus. And, there's a 'Couch to 5K Run' class that you can join at any time.

YOGA – 90 MIN SESSION, TUESDAYS AT 7:00PM GLADSTONE VILLAGE HALL

Andrew Collin launched this Hatha Yoga class in September 2017. The lessons, which change each week and provide for mixed abilities are the opposite of hot and sweaty classes available elsewhere. A more considered approach for the mind and body is used. A particular specialty is the guided, prolonged relaxation at the end. Students say that de-stressing is very important – one even stopped grinding her teeth at night! Others may just sleep better. The flexibility and strength developed helps as background to any sport or other activity.

CHAIR YOGA – 60 MIN SESSIONS, MONDAYS & THURSDAYS AT 9:30AM SOCIAL CLUB

Andrew found there was a demand for another Yoga form, where students were not required to get up and down off the mat. Specifically, this would help those who wanted to remain as physically active as possible, despite the ageing process or medical conditions. The aims of the session include the opportunity to socialise, to enhance flexibility and strength, as well as to improve balance and self-confidence.

YOGA – 60 MIN SESSION, WEDNESDAYS AT 9:15AM. GLADSTONE VILLAGE HALL

Lorraine Coxon launched her Hatha Yoga class in March 2019. The word yoga means 'union', with the ultimate goal of stability, balance and health for the body, mind and spirit. In each lesson there is focus on mindful movement – so observing our bodies with lots of focus on breathing as we move through the asanas (postures) and most of all enjoying ourselves whilst benefitting from a greater sense of overall well-being. The lesson lasts just an hour each Wednesday morning and finishes with a short relaxation to get everyone ready for the day ahead.

COUCH TO 5K RUN – 60 MIN SESSION, MONDAYS 12 NOON & SATURDAYS 9:00AM VERANDAH, TO THE FRONT OF THE SOCIAL CLUB

Andrew introduced these free sessions in April.

The NHS has provided a cautious and sensible blueprint to enable aspiring runners to rise from the sofa and gradually train to run up to a modest 5 kilometres. This initially only requires 20 minutes of mixed walking and slow running, with three sessions per week, rising to 30+ minutes of running, after roughly 9 weeks. Of course, there is a website and an app for that! It's not about speed – it's more about the pleasure and the health benefits of running for life.

The group would love more folk to join in. So, feel inspired and supported, whatever your fitness level, from NHS Week 1 to 9 and beyond!

Andrew Collin

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Lorraine Cox

☎ 07513 156168

📘 @YogawithLorraineC





FOOD WASTE WARRIORS WANTED!

The Port Grocery is a Community Food Club based at the Community Cafe of Trinity Methodist Church in Ellesmere Port. It's an initiative that seeks to address the two key issues of 'food waste' and 'food poverty'.

Three years ago, M&S offered to donate food to the cause provided it was collected, and this led to the start of the Wednesday Welcome. A 5-week trial established the needs of the local community. It proved very popular as an extra support to people who were experiencing many different social difficulties including poverty and social isolation. The Wednesday Welcome became a permanent fixture. M&S continued its support, and Tesco, ASDA and Waitrose now also make contributions.

The Wednesday Welcome is from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm every Wednesday and attracts between 200 and 300 people each week. They are served with free food and drinks, including hot food and soup prepared in the kitchen by volunteers. Free food and clothing are also distributed.

Members pay £5 per week to receive £20 to £25 worth of groceries each week. The shop opened in November 2016 and started with 50 members, which has now grown to 600. The scheme is seeking more volunteers to join its 'war on waste'. More details of The Port Grocery project can be found at <https://vimeo.com/316865000>

Contact John Church

☎ 0151 336 2228
☎ 07703 199 132



Knitters are still wanted to knit squares to be made into shawls and blankets for the homeless. Can you help?

Squares need to be 6 inch square, with the ends tucked in. Any colour is fine. As everyone knits differently, it's better to just measure 6 inches. We need plain knitting, and even slightly wobbly squares will be very welcome!

There is a box in the church porch for finished squares. As the squares are going to be



crocheted together, we also need some crochet volunteers.

There has already been a really good response to this appeal so thanks to all those who have knitted squares.

We are beginning to assemble some beautiful gifts of blankets and shawls which will be given to people in need.

For more information please contact Ruth Abbott

☎ 342 5032

Church Services

June

- 2 Sunday after Ascension Day
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Evensong
- 5 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 9 Pentecost
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 12 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 16 Trinity Sunday
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Communion
- 19 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 23 First Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 26 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 30 Second Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship

June

Diary Dates

1st to 8th

Thy Kingdom Come
Evening Prayers 7.00 - 7.30pm

3rd

Holy Communion with
Soup & Sandwich Lunch

8th

Mothers' Union - Hartford

8th

Burton & Puddington
Village Festival

15th

Messy Church - GVH

19th

Mothers' Union - Illustrated Talk

19th

Bible Book Club

22nd

Felling Male Voice Choir Concert

30th

NGS - Burton Gardens Open

July

Diary Dates

1st

Holy Communion with
Soup & Sandwich Lunch

8th

Hardy Perennials Lunch

17th

Mothers' Union - Illustrated Talk

20th

Messy Church



Church Services

July

3 10:15 am Holy Communion

7 Third Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Evensong

10 10:15 am Holy Communion

14 Fourth Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship

17 10:15 am Holy Communion

21 Fifth Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Communion

24 10:15 am Holy Communion

28 Sixth Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship

31 10:15 am Holy Communion

August

4 Seventh Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Evensong

Summer Spectacles at Burton Mere Wetlands ...

Following superb weather on Easter weekend which, for once landed in the heart of bluebell season to the delight of our many bank holiday visitors, a return to more seasonal weather has not managed to dampen the spirits at the reserve.

Our 40th anniversary year continues to bring wildlife excitement, with a couple of the pairs of bearded tits that set up home in the reedbed in autumn showing signs of nest building, a probable pair of cattle egrets looking likely to repeat their 2017 breeding attempt and, at the time of writing, a single black tern, a scarce continental vagrant, feeding obligingly close to Marsh Covert hide.

Hopefully we will enjoy some consistently warm, sunny days over the summer like last year, with plenty of opportunities to venture outdoors.

The abundant avocet pairs will be closely guarding their chicks from aerial predators, the drama of which can be enjoyed from in the visitor centre with a drink and a fresh sandwich supplied by *Little Neston's Village Bakehouse & Deli*.

Warmer weather will increase the emergence of much of the non-bird wildlife that calls Burton Mere Wetlands home; butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies will soon decorate the paths and pools with colour, along with the magnificent marsh orchids which thrive across the wet ground, as well as the iconic bee orchids which line the path to the east of the visitor centre.



Black Tern



Bearded Tit



Avocet



Marsh Orchids



Marsh Harrier



Cattle Egret



Essential Binoculars



A short walk along the main nature trail will bring you to the bustling colony of herons and little egrets in the treetops of Marsh Covert woodland, where hopefully the aforementioned, rare cattle egret pair will be raising a chick or two. Further afield, we'll be hoping marsh harriers nest on the estuary for the second time, after last year's successful pair.

The shop trial mentioned in the last newsletter has bedded in well, with a range of products from bird seed, feeders and tables, to binoculars and telescopes on hand to view and try before you buy. If you're interested in upgrading, or getting your first set of binoculars or a 'scope to aid your wildlife watching, we have an Optics Demo event on the weekend of 22-23 June, where you can get expert knowledge and advice on choosing the perfect model for you. All purchases made here support work on the Dee Estuary reserve, so please call in for a browse, you may be surprised at what's on offer.

If you like guided walks we have a Summer Wildlife Wander on Wednesday 17 July, a general relaxing stroll through Burton Mere Wetlands with a knowledgeable guide to point out anything and everything of interest along the way.

For further details on any of the Reserve's activities and events, please get in touch:

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Since we're so close, why not drop in – we're open every day!

See What's Been Happening Down the Garden Path ...

IT'S PLANTING TIME AGAIN

It's a busy time of year with all the usual gardening and greenhouse tasks. The greenhouse is packed with seedlings waiting to 'harden off'. Again, germination of the sweet peas has been varied.

The camellias were beautiful, especially a double red and Lady Macon (pale pink). Some rhododendrons are in bloom or are about to bloom, but the long hot spell last year took its toll. The two lilacs are starting to bloom and their perfume is just lovely.

Buff Beauty (apricot coloured rose) is growing on strongly but Rosa Mundi is not progressing very well. A large Ribes (flowering currant) has ceased flowering and will be pruned. The forsythia will also have the same treatment.

The five new Eryngium seedlings have now been transplanted to various parts of the garden and one in a container. Masses of Aquilegia (Columbine) have appeared, with a few already in bloom.



The pairs of blackbirds have returned to the garden, also goldfinches and greenfinches, a pair of robins, Jenny Wren and a nuthatch. Great tits have nested in one bird box and blue tits in a box located on a tree awaiting removal (the tree, not the box)!

Tasks to be getting on with...

- Weeding
- Water pots & containers
- Planting out hardened off seedlings



Happy gardening,

Flori Bunda

Burton Village Gardens Open Day & Plant Sale

**Sunday 30 June
11.00am to 5.00pm**



Trustwood is a country wildlife garden with fruit, flowers and vegetables in raised beds at the front; at the back a more formal garden blends into the wood where the hens live.

Briarfield's sheltered site is home to many specialist and unusual plants, some available in the plant sale at the house. The 1½ acre main garden invites exploration, not only for its huge variety of plants but also for the imaginative use of ceramic sculptures.

Burton Manor's walled garden has period planting with a splendid vegetable garden surrounding the restored Edwardian glasshouse.

Refreshments

Home-made teas will be served in the Sports and Social Club behind the Gladstone Village Hall - all in aid of Claire House Children's Hospice.

Thanks to the generosity of garden owners, volunteers and visitors the National Gardens Scheme has donated a total of £55 million to nursing and health charities. In 2018 it made a record annual donation of £3.1 million.



2019



PIE & PINT

AFTERNOON FESTIVAL

Saturday 7 September

1.00pm to 5.00pm

Burton & Puddington Sports and Social Club

This year the Pie and Pint Afternoon is a joint venture

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20 July

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From the Registers

Funerals

10 April

- Margaret Wood

12 April

- Eveline Rogers

3 May

- Muriel J Christian

- David Hussey

13 May

- Muriel Scott

Baptisms

7 April

- Jack George Rogers

- Cole William Llewellyn Hodge



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Wednesday 19 June

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Bar Staff Required



In order to help meet the running costs of Gladstone Village Hall (GVH) and the Social Club, both venues are being hired out with increasing success. A bar has now been installed at GVH and Wedding Receptions are being held there.

The GVH and Social Club committees require a list of people to act as **Bar Staff** who could be called upon for such events.

For more information contact John Nuttall:

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*Keep In Touch With What's On At
the Burton & Puddington's GVH ...*

Gladstone Village Hall Events



8 June

BURTON & PUDDINGTON VILLAGE FESTIVAL & EVENING SHINDIG.

The Festival will build upon the traditional framework of the popular Annual Fete, so the fun dog show is back bigger and better than ever. The centre ring, packed with entertainment, is also back once again, as are the children all eager to perform and who are already practising.

There will be the familiar faces on stalls, entertainment for children, beers and BBQ. However, this year there will also be so much more: vintage fairground rides, a home and garden zone, rural and country zone, lots of fabulous food and drink stalls in the new culinary area and a new evening event - A Village Shindig from 6.00pm to 10.00pm.

At the Shindig there will be live music, BBQs, bars, children's entertainment, and an inclusive family atmosphere for all to enjoy in the sunshine. The evening will include an auction with all proceeds going to Northern Lights, a Neston-based children's charity.

FESTIVAL: 11.00 am to 4.00pm

£3 adults, £2 children, children under 3 free of charge.

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Local Police
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(PCSO) *Linda Conway*

Beware of Door-to-Door Peddlers!

Police are urging householders not to buy goods or services at the door following reports of people selling household goods, such as dusters and tea towels, many of which were overpriced according to the police.

Three of the men were stop-checked in Ness and also in Little Neston and had their goods seized by a PC and a PCSO. None had an official Peddler's Licence.

Calls were also received from Parkgate and Burton, where the sellers had, allegedly, been verbally abusive to residents. In one particularly unpleasant incident one elderly resident was spat at.

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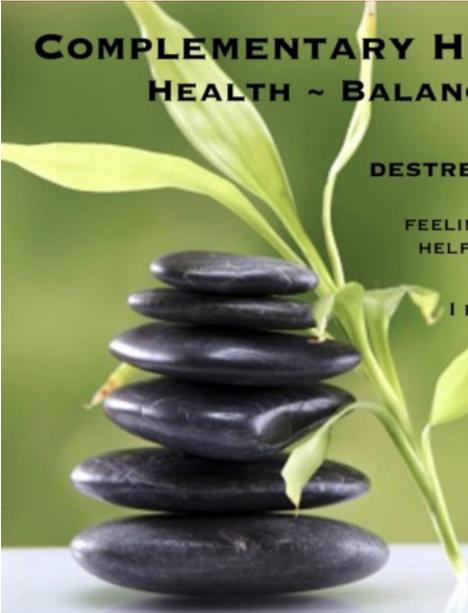
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The Burton Society is having its summer break!
We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Gladstone Village Hall at 8.00 pm during the winter.
Everyone is welcome to join us for a talk and refreshments.
Our next meeting is on 3 October.

THE PUDDINGTON SOCIETY

Sunday 23 June
Summer Soiree on the Village Green
Cold Meats, Salmon & Vegetarian Summer Buffet
For more information about events call Hazel Huxley on 0151 336 2288

BURTON AND NESTON HISTORY SOCIETY

Every second Thursday of each month at 8:00pm in the Gladstone Village Hall. For more information please contact Clive Edwards on 0151 336 1190

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