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The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, when they asked him how they should pray. Most Christians know the prayer by heart in their own language, and it is used today by every Christian tradition around the world, though there are sometimes minor variations in the wording. It has a place in most acts of Christian worship and remains totally relevant for today.

Traditional Version

***Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.***

***Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.***

Rev. Cathy Helm

The Vicar Writes . . .



As a teenager I was given a book called 'The Hiding Place' written by a Dutch writer called Corrie ten Boom. She

was the youngest in a Christian family of clock and watch makers in Amsterdam and during WW2 her family home became a shelter for Jews and any other resistance members who needed protection. They had a room built within their home called the 'Hiding Place' for the refugees. After a Dutch informer led the Gestapo to their home, the family were arrested and Corrie and her sister Betsie ended up at Ravensbrook concentration camp. The conditions were horrendous, but still the sisters led worship and Bible studies with the women there. Betsie even thanked God for the fleas that infested their hut as it kept the guards away. Betsie never left Ravensbrook but Corrie was released due to a clerical error.

Her story of faith through incredible adversity had a huge impact upon me. Although at times she questioned angrily, her faith in God remained firm. She wrote...



When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer.

Such was her trust in God.



We received a card from my sister when our son Jonny was critically ill in hospital in Sheffield. It was of an embroidery done by Corrie ten Boom. The front shows a tangled mess of threads. When you open it you see the other side of the embroidery; inside there is a beautiful crown. Corrie would say when showing this tapestry



Although the threads of my life have often seemed knotted, I know, by faith, that on the other side of the embroidery there is a crown.



This amazingly brave woman spent the rest of her days talking about forgiveness, trust and the love of God to all she met which even included a guard from Ravensbrook.

I have found her words both inspirational and challenging. Get hold of a copy of her book, I can highly recommend it. When life throws something unexpected and tough where do we find our strength, our hope, our purpose? To whom do we turn? Corrie also concluded;

“*Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.*”

Do we know God enough to know we can trust him completely with our futures, whatever they may be? St. Paul through all his troubles in life came to the conclusion:

I'm absolutely convinced that nothing - nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable - absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.

Romans 8: 38,39

Cathy

Stronger

*We're all searching for something true.
Surrounded by fake news, extreme views,
everyone's confused,
But I've seen that love is stronger than fear,
haven't you?*

*Sometimes it feels like there's nothing
we can do,
We don't know who to trust, systems are
being abused –
It can be lonely when you're searching for
something true.*

*We long for hope, we long for
something new,
We long for that bitter mountain
to be moved,
Yet I've seen that love is stronger than
despair, haven't you?*

*Society seems to be in crisis, and perhaps
our hearts are too,
But there's a different perspective
you can choose
When you're searching for something true:*

*If you peer behind a veil that's been
torn in two
You'll see the promise of a world renewed
I've seen that love is stronger than hate,
haven't you?*

*Maybe that's not enough. Maybe we need
another clue.*

*Maybe there are some things that will
never be proved.
Yet we're all searching for something true,
And I've seen that love is stronger than
death, haven't you?*

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

Felling Male Voice Choir Concert

Saturday 22 June 2019

The Felling Male Voice Choir concert on Saturday 22 June was a great success!

The church was packed for the concert



involving some 40 members of the choir who performed a varied programme of songs, centred around the choir's home town of Gateshead in the North East. Those attending the concert very much enjoyed an entertaining evening which also included canapés and summer punch during the interval.

Whilst the resources that went into making the event such a success were considerable, the evening *raised over £1,200* towards church funds. So, **Thank You** to those who helped;

- *Arranged the church venue*
- *Prepared the refreshments*
- *Provided sound and lighting*
- *Sold tickets & organised publicity*
- *Helped in any other way*

BURTON VILLAGE GARDENS

The Burton Village Gardens Open Day on 30 June attracted over

500 visitors and raised £4,710 for charity. The money will be split between the National Garden Scheme (£3,673) and Claire House (£1,037).

A big *Thank You* to all who helped make the day such a success.

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gardens open
for charity

Christian Aid Week



A huge 'Thank You' to everyone for their generous contributions and to the collectors for all their very hard work. We raised an amazing total of £1,307.70 for Christian Aid in Burton and Puddington during the week.

MARTIN CLAGUE

In July St Nicholas' Church bade a fond 'Farewell and Thank You' to Martin and Jo Clague and their family as they began the move from Burton to life in Belfast.. They have been very much part of church life for several years and they will be missed enormously. In particular we will miss Martin's contribution to the music within the church.

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Dove Cottage Garden Opening for Charity A Great Success!

Thank you to everyone who visited the open garden at Dove Cottage on the afternoon of Thursday 4 July.

Many thanks also, to those who baked cakes, donated raffle prizes, supplied flowers and produce, made preserves and helped in many ways on the day to ensure we had a successful afternoon. And, thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy the afternoon.

We were very fortunate to have such a lovely sunny day and the event attracted over 160 visitors. In all we raised a remarkable £1,127 for charity with the proceeds going to Christian Aid to support the vital work the charity does worldwide.

Thank you to everyone involved.

Linda Jones



19 July 1679

St John Plessington - Local Catholic Priest - Martyred 340 Years Ago

Local history tells us that Fr. John Plessington was a holy Catholic priest who resided at the house of the Catholic Massey family at Puddington Old Hall where local people attended Mass.

In the 1600s it was illegal to be Catholic. Nevertheless the Catholic church continued to thrive in places such as Lancashire, Cheshire and Holywell in North Wales, all areas associated with John Plessington. However, in 1679 a perjurer called Titus Oates claimed there to be a Catholic conspiracy against the King. The lies propounded by Oates were used by politicians of the day who did not want to see a Catholic ever succeed to the throne. Many Catholics, particularly in London, were persecuted and many put to death.

Meanwhile at Puddington Hall, Fr John Plessington was a tutor and a Catholic priest. A priest-hole exists at the Hall where Catholic priests were able to hide from the authorities. Nevertheless, like many other English priests, John Plessington was ultimately betrayed - the charge being that he had said Mass. Although everyone agreed John was a good man, he was tried in Chester, condemned to death and dragged through the main streets to be hanged, drawn and quartered outside the walls of the city. It was on the same site that the Protestant martyr George Marsh had been executed in 1555. Subsequently, St John Plessington was beatified in 1929 and canonised in 1970.



On Friday 19 July 2019 a Mass was held in Puddington celebrated by Fr Peter Phillips and Fr Paul O'Grady and attended by about 40 people. It was held at the home of local resident Deacon Jim Kay in Puddington. Following the service the congregation had an opportunity to visit Puddington Old Hall where St John Plessington lived and ministered in the years leading up to 1679.

Deacon Jim Kay said:

“ St John Plessington paid the greatest price... Let us pray for the strength and courage to witness to our faith among the people with whom we live and work. ”



HARVEST SUPPER & GRAND AUCTION OF TALENTS & PLEDGES

Friday 4 October 7.00pm

Gladstone Village Hall

The annual Church Harvest Supper event will be held on Friday 4 October and this year it will be combined with an '**Auction of Talents and Pledges**'. Many people will remember a similar event held in 2011 which raised over £6,000 when various lots were auctioned such as:

- Practical gardening tuition
- Woodland experience
- Culinary courses
- Holiday lets
- An original fine art painting
- Car washing
- Special experiences that
'money can't buy'

... together with over 50 other lots

Fantastic items from small lots to luxury goods and experiences.

We have already received a number of auction items and we are seeking many more over the coming months - all based on people's talents, pledges and generosity.

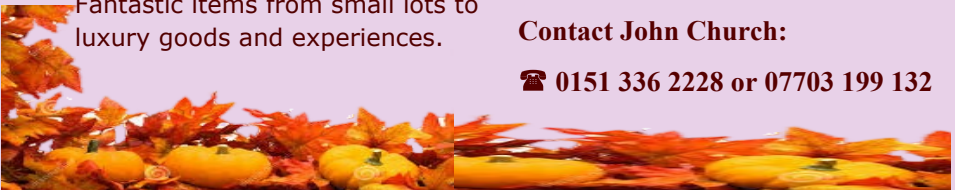
We already have two volunteers to act as auctioneers on the night. Also, the '**Friends of St Nicholas' Church**' and the '**Events Committee**' will be combining their efforts to provide all the necessary support, so it promises to be a fun evening. So make a note of the date and come along to enjoy a lovely supper, and of course - make a bid !

From across the parish and amongst the local community we are confident that we have a lot of skilled and talented people who will be able to contribute. So, over the next few weeks and months we will welcome donations of further lots and pledges.

To donate or to pledge a lot ...

Contact John Church:

☎ 0151 336 2228 or 07703 199 132





Bishop Wilson Church of England Primary

"The joy of The Lord is your strength" Nehemiah 8:10

BISHOP WILSON SCHOOL FIELD TRIP

In June, the children in Years 5 and 6 from Bishop Wilson Primary School went on a trail from the RSPB in Burton, across to Burton Point, to find out about how Burton came into being.

The pupils were guided by *Colin Wells* who, now retired, was originally responsible for creating the RSPB Wetlands from Burton Marshes all the way to Parkgate. Colin spoke about the wild orchids, reed beds and water lilies. He also pointed out species of wild birds and other wildlife living on the Estuary. It was a fantastic walk: a great way to learn Geography, History and Science!

School Swimming Team

On Friday 21 June, the Bishop Wilson School Swimming Team took part in the Finalists' Gala at Europa Pools.

The competition was for the top 12 teams in Wirral. Bishop Wilson School won a total of 19 medals.



And, on Wednesday, 26 June; the team attended a Gala at Neston High School which was being run by their students. The children really enjoyed the well organised Gala, and after some very close finishes Bishop Wilson School came 2nd overall.

New School Bank Opens

'Teaching pupils the value of saving'

Bishop Wilson School is celebrating the launch of a pioneering project arming pupils with vital life skills including how to save money and how to budget.

The school is believed to be the first in the North West to unveil its own bank and general store as part of an ambitious business sponsorship scheme giving children practical experience of handling money.

The Bishop Wilson School Bank and Mere Stores opened this month in a special celebration event hosted by the school's governors and drawing

support from parents, pupils, teachers, training providers and business sponsors.

The concept has involved the development of a unique school currency, the Mitre. As part of a new performance scheme, pupils are being rewarded Mitres in recognition of good behaviour and commitment.

Every child in the school from Year R to Year 6 has been invited to open a bank account and to save the Mitres they accumulate to buy toys and stationery from the school store. Interest is paid on their savings at a rate of 10%. Pupils have been involved in every stage of the process, including designing the all-important bank notes.

The idea not only challenges children to take ownership and responsibility for their money, it also gives pupils a taste of life in the real world.

Youngsters themselves were recruited for the roles of bank manager, assistant bank manager, cashier, shop manager, assistant shop manager and shop assistant.

School governors secured an initial £5,300 in business sponsorship to launch the project and to fund the first year of the bank and store. They attracted important backing for the scheme from a host of companies.

Sponsoring companies include Marilyn Phillips Exquisite Interiors, training provider Academy One, Burton Manor Development Ltd, and accountancy firm Haines & Watts.



*School
Bank &
Store
Personnel*

The project has also received advice and support from recruitment specialists Russell Taylor Group, communications specialists Bettsy & Co, Gocre8, which produced signage, and Art Days, which was appointed to paint and create the shop and bank.

Lily, 11, who was appointed as Bishop Wilson Bank's first manager, said:

"It means a lot to be the bank manager at Bishop Wilson because nobody else has ever had this opportunity and it means that I can help out in the school."

Zack, 11, who is manager of the school's Mere Stores, added:

"Working in Mere Stores is exciting, as you get to manage stock and deal with customers. It also helps children to save up for better things to buy!"

The Mothers' Union & What It Does

The local MU Branch currently consists of 25 members including four officers and two further Committee members. Monthly meetings covering a wide range of topics and interests are held in the Burton and Puddington Sports and Social Club. Both men and women are encouraged to join – sometimes by personal invitation, sometimes by attending a meeting of particular interest as a visitor. There is usually one big fundraising event each year, together with smaller activities such as a Bring and Buy Stall, a Bible Market and the Christmas Stall. Money raised goes to the Diocesan Office in Chester where it is used to fund a range of MU charities, e.g. the relief funds, holidays for families in need, soup kitchens in Africa, literacy and parenting programmes.

For our meeting in May, twenty members and friends made their way to The Mill Hotel in Chester. Arrangements had been made for us to have lunch on the canal boat. We had our first course whilst being taken towards Northgate Bridge. On our return to the Mill the main course and dessert were brought on board. We continued our meal as the boat made its way towards Christleton, passing through the first lock. Here we were able to disembark and have ten minutes enjoying the beautiful sunshine.

On 27 May two members attended the MU Quiet Day at Foxhill House. Twenty-four other members from branches across the Diocese were present and the day was led by Rev Christine Broad, the MU Diocesan Chaplain. Foxhill House and Woodlands (near Frodsham) is the Chester Diocesan centre for Prayer, Study and Mission. It is a most beautiful place; the staff are welcoming and hospitable. The day began with coffee followed by Eucharist in the Chapel. The theme for the day was 'A Journey with the Psalms.' There were four short addresses followed by a quiet time for reflection and prayer. The day concluded with Evensong – altogether a beautiful and uplifting experience. Foxhill is well worth a visit.

Forthcoming events include:

Wednesday 11 September:

A Deanery Sandwich Lunch (Neston). Tickets £5

Wednesday 18 September: 2.00pm Ruth Chesworth
'Further Adventures in Northern Waters'





LUCK OF THE DRAW

by AS Robertson

A Play Produced by The Burton Society

A witty one-act comedy about moral entanglements!
In a locked committee room, the Chairman, the Treasurer
and the Organiser of the Shelf Union Social Club,
have gathered to watch Mr Pessel, a non-committee
guest witness, pick the winning ticket for their
Christmas raffle.

AUDITIONS - ACTORS WANTED

The play will be performed on 5 December 2019
at 8:15pm at the Gladstone Village Hall, Burton

Auditions will be held on Tuesday, 3 September at 7:30pm
at the Burton & Puddington Sports & Social Club

Roles Available

Wilf (Male): Chairman, likes being in charge.

Ronnie (Male): Treasurer, follows Wilf's lead, pedantic.

Mrs Bannion (Female): social climber, sure of herself.

Mr Pessel (Male): tries to please everyone, a dry sense of humour.

The auditions will consist of readings from the script and rehearsals
will be arranged based on the schedules of the actors .

For more details and to reserve your place at the audition
please email Sue Birch sue@suebirch.com or call 0151 271 4278

*This amateur production of Luck Of The Draw is presented by special arrangement
with SAMUEL FRENCH LTD a Concord Theatricals Company.*

Wonderful Waders and Boisterous Badgers Make for Summer Fun

The promising Easter weather certainly didn't last and the cool, wet spring has undoubtedly had an impact on the numbers of butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies around the reserve this summer. One butterfly that is really standing out though are painted ladies, one which migrates from Africa and was clearly helped northwards by continental Europe's late-June heatwave from the south.

The wet week in early June saw water levels rise to unprecedented levels but thankfully most nests had hatched, reducing the direct loss of chicks, but the incessant rain may have been too much for some to survive. Within a fortnight we were basking in sunshine again and celebrating the confirmed breeding success of two pairs of bearded tits, a first for the reserve.

As well as a generally good breeding season for the wading birds we particularly manage the reserve for, little egret numbers reached a record 86 nests, with a high likelihood of a single pair of each of their rare cousins cattle egret and great egret joining them, but their success remains unconfirmed.

One disappointment of this spring was the pair of spoonbills that arrived in mid-April failure to settle on a nest, but their attempt bodes well for the near future. However, one welcome return after a few years' absence are a family of little owls who nested near the Iron Age hill fort at Burton Point and having now fledged, are being seen by keen-eyed visitors.

Just as we're enjoying some settled summer weather, we see the first autumnal movements of a scattering of Arctic-breeding waders



Painted Lady



Bearded Tit



Spoonbill





Local Badger



*Wading Birds
Cranes - Egrets - Herons etc*



Burton Mere Wetlands

heading south and using the reserve to rest and refuel; a variety of sandpipers and ‘shanks’ are already stopping by and will continue to do so through the next few months, each individual only stopping for a short time before continuing its long journey.

As we’re well past the summer solstice, dusk draws gradually earlier and August is the month we showcase the reserve’s brilliant badgers; book onto one of our weekly ‘Badger-Watch’ events, every Thursday evening in August, for a chance to see these magnificent beasts foraging in the wild. Alternatively, families have loved our ‘Big Wild Sleepout’ event for years so why not spend a night in nature’s home to experience the badgers, plus bats, moths and who knows what else?

We’re proud to be hosting this year’s Wirral Wader Festival as part of our 40th Anniversary, and a chance to celebrate the site as one of the most important sites in the country for breeding wading birds as well as the estuary and peninsula’s significance for supporting masses of waders through migration and as a winter home. This takes place over the weekend of 31 August and 1 September, with all of the festival’s prior partners involved and delivering a range of information and activities on site over the weekend.

Hopefully we will get the weather to encourage you to visit us throughout the summer.

For further details on any of the reserve activity and events, see our website:

www.rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands or
www.rspb.org.uk/parkgate

☎ 0151 353 2720, or since we’re so close, why not drop in – we’re open every day!

Here's What's Happening!

Church Services

August

- 4 7th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Evensong
- 7 10.15 am Holy Communion
- 11 8th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 14 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 18 9th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Communion
- 21 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 25 10th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 28 10:15 am Holy Communion



August

Diary Dates

5th

Holy Communion with
Soup & Sandwich Lunch

13th

Coffee Morning
10.00am Burton & Puddington
Sports & Social Club

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



Donations of cake welcome!
Linda Jones ☎ 0151 336 5017

17th

'Little Brocante'
Antique & Vintage Fair

19th

Hardy Perennials Lunch
Pollards Inn Willaston

September

Diary Dates

2nd

Holy Communion with
Soup & Sandwich Lunch

3rd

Auditions for the Burton Society
Christmas play

7th

Pie & Pint Festival

11th

Mothers' Union Meeting - Neston

18th

Mothers' Union - Illustrated Talk

18th

Bible Book Club

22nd

Messy Church

23rd

Hardy Perennials Lunch

Church Services

September

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| 1 | 11 th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Evensong |
| 4 | 10:15 am Holy Communion |
| 8 | 12 th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship |
| 11 | 10:15 am Holy Communion |
| 15 | 13 th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Communion |
| 18 | 10:15 am Holy Communion |
| 22 | 14 th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship |
| 25 | 10:15 am Holy Communion |
| 29 | 15 th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship |

October

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| 2 | 10:15 am Holy Communion |
| 6 | Harvest Sunday
16 th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Harvest Evensong |



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
between

The Friends of St Nicholas' Church
and The GVH Committee

British Ales & Local Pies

Local Musicians & Garden Games

Tickets: £15

Includes 2 Pints & 2 Pies - Fantastic!

☎ Robin Cowan 306 4587

✉ j.nuttall@gladstonevillagehall.org

✉ c.helm@burtonchurch.org.uk

Proceeds in aid of Church Project Fund & Village Hall Play Area



BURTON & PUDDINGTON FESTIVAL – A Great Success!



Alison Hilder Photography

The name 'Burton and Puddington Village Festival' wasn't the only tweak to this year's fundraising event. We played to our strengths, representing the idyllic rural and traditional nature of our villages by creating zones for 'family', 'rural living', 'home and garden', 'food' and 'vintage'. Yes, we had the usual stalwarts, the Bric-a-Brac stall, plant stall, the bottle tombola, and the most delicious Burton Burgers. But this year we opened the gates to a whole host of new and exciting stalls, giving us the foodie choice of wood fired pizzas or shawarma wraps, shopping for our dogs, glitter for our children and accessories for our homes. The 'dapper donkeys' and the baby ducklings were a great hit.

The day was opened by fete queen Lily, bravely smiling through the rain, and by Tom and Di Harker. The entertainment schedule was bursting at its seams and with centre ring initially curtailed by the 'typical British weather' the village hall stage shone, with Hip and Harmony's various amazing acts, solo singing sensations of Star Factory, Burton Buskers, a fascinating Puddington potted history, and Bishop Wilson School Choir. Outside the sea scouts marching band seemed to signal the end of the rain. Then came the Dog Show, an outstanding segment coordinated expertly by 'Classie Grooming', that attracted canines from far and wide and captivated all. The day was rounded up by the talented dancers of Wirral Theatre School.

As the centre ring was dismantled the hay bales became stage seating and the two marquees were repurposed as a band stage and a gin bar area with trestle tables, ready for our evening shindig. 'The Crutwells' set the scene with their remodelled classic pop played on guitar and violin followed by the '40 Thieves', who cover some of the coolest retro rock



Alison Hilder Photography

and pop tunes. During the evening we hosted a highly successful auction, in aid of 'Northern Lights', a charity for children with serious illnesses. Looking back, the weather didn't get us down, in fact it brought out the best in us and it didn't stop you coming. We made great funds that'll go towards supporting our village hall, pavilion, play area and sports field, and we had a great time doing it.

An enormous **Thank You** from the Festival team and Gladstone Village Hall to all who volunteered, donated and came.

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

IT'S SHOW TIME

This is the season for both local and county shows. Will the sweet peas, roses etc be ready for the show in August?



The sweet peas were slow to start, but are now growing on well. They are fed weekly but prior to the show they are fed daily.

The roses were wonderful prior to the week of rain. However, a new rose, namely Absent Friends, was purchased and has grown on strongly. It is a Flori Bunda with apricot coloured flowers. Buff Beauty, pale apricot blooms, has been retrained up the new fence and has produced some wonderful blooms to date. Alec's Red, as its name suggests, is a crimson rose with a superb scent which suffered in the rain.

The Russell Lupins were really beautiful and survived the weather with the aid of a small post and string!



Two varieties of gladioli, Sunshine and Bocelli, are growing on slowly, but hopefully will produce some good blooms later on in the season.

The Ribes (flowering currant) and Forsythia have been pruned. The Twisted Hazel (Harry Lauder's Walking Stick) was growing completely out of hand and this has also

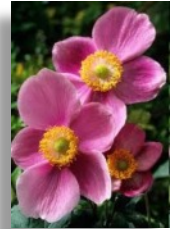
been pruned. There is still a problem with ground elder which has to be pulled up by the roots.

There are many pots and tubs of flowers - Larkspur (wonderful for pressing),

Cosmos, Nicotiana (wonderful scent), stocks, cornflowers and many more. Perfect to pick to fill the vases inside!



Again, the path at the back of the greenhouse (border one side and shrubs the other) had become very overgrown. Japanese Anemones (pink and white) were growing through a lovely pink hydrangea. Drastic action was needed!



Many birds continue to visit the garden and the list seems endless, e.g. goldfinches, chaffinch, blue/great tits, the latter having lodged in our bird box, pairs of blackbirds, grey wagtail, greater spotted woodpecker and of course, the robins. Jenny Wren is often heard but not often seen!

Tasks to be getting on with ...

- Weeding
- Keep pots well watered and fed
- Dead head roses and annuals

Importantly - find time to relax and enjoy the garden.

Flori Bunda

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?



Come along and enjoy free access to the re-surfaced Burton & Puddington tennis courts during August.

Due to lots of hard work by the GVH committee in securing a grant and overseeing the work, the courts have been re-surfaced and are ready for play.

Come along to one of the 'mix-ins' each Tuesday evening in August, from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome – don't be afraid to come along on your own. You will just need to bring your racquet. The aim is to provide a friendly playing session that caters for all abilities. Arrangements are in hand for an LTA coach to help coach the youngsters.

The courts will be open throughout August, so please do take advantage of the opportunity to play for free, at a time that suits you. Please only wear suitable 'tennis' shoes on the courts.

For insurance purposes everyone who plays on the courts needs to be registered as a current member of the club, so please do not play until you have registered your name and email address with Cath Rogers at: crogers@gladstonevillagehall.org

This project would not have been possible without the help of a grant from WREN. WREN is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community projects from funds donated by FCC Environmental through the Landfill Communities Fund. The funding was provided through WREN's FCC Community Action Fund.

HARDY PERENNIALS



Hardy Perennials

Lunch Dates



Monday - 19 August

Monday - 23 September

Pollards Inn, Willaston

12.30pm for 1.00pm

☎ Vivienne 336 7435

☎ Linda 336 5017

Knitted Blankets

At the end of June, during some very hot



weather, the first batch of our lovely knitted blankets were given out to homeless people.



Ruth Abbott and Karen Hutchings went to Liverpool and handed them out. The people that

received them were very pleased.

They were told that the blankets had been knitted by St Nicholas' Church in Burton, as a sign of its care for the homeless. They were very moved, and touched and very happy to model the blankets!

We are now collecting knitted squares for our second delivery of blankets, which will be before Christmas. All squares will be gratefully received, so keep up the good work!

Burton Manor Gardens - A fantastic Local Resources

The Friends of Burton Manor Gardens are dedicated to restoring and maintaining the original Victorian and Edwardian gardens and the grounds around Burton Manor. With the help of Heritage Lottery funding, a large Edwardian glasshouse in the walled garden has been restored to its original design. This glasshouse is big enough to be used both as a greenhouse and as a daytime education facility. Other projects include conversion of the original outbuildings into art and craft workshops and conservation of the historic orchard.

The Orchard

Work started with the identification of the resident apple and pear trees deemed suitable for re-introduction and with clearing the site of invasive briars etc.

A plan was then formulated for the acquisition and planting of appropriate varieties of apple favoured by a Victorian manor house to ensure that they had apples available for most of the year.

Local varieties of apple were chosen despite Cheshire being a county not renowned for fruit growing, 33



varieties of apples have been recorded in the county, some of which are rare and difficult to source.

The original site of the orchard is in an area of a planned development and some of the older trees will inevitably be lost. Younger specimens have been moved into the walled garden to add to those already around the perimeter. Trees that were sponsored by local groups have already been moved. Burton Manor Restoration Company (the new owners of Burton Manor) will relocate the bigger specimens to the south of the old orchard, by the Icehouse.

***The gardens are open daily
from 10.00am until around
6.00pm in the evening.***

QUIZ NIGHT

They're fun-filled evenings to enjoy with your family and friends with a chance to make new friends along the way. It's not the winning that counts, but the playing of the game!

Friday 20 September
Friday 18 October
Friday 15 November
Friday 20 December

Quiz Nights take place at the Burton & Puddington Sports and Social Club starting at 7.30pm

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JUST 6 MINUTES ...

According to researchers at MindLab International, just 6 minutes a day absorbed in reading appears to reduce stress by 67% compared with listening to beat music 61%, having a cup of tea 54%, taking a walk 42% and playing a video game 21%.

Chester West and Cheshire Libraries are promoting the idea that reading can have a direct impact on physical and mental well-being and are encouraging people to fit those 6 minutes into their day.

For the beneficial effects to kick in, you need to put down the mobile phone, step away from the computer and pick up a book.

You can visit your local Library in Neston. Alternatively, take advantage of the Mobile Library, which visits Puddington and Burton on a regular basis.

Cheshire West Mobile Library will be on the Village Green in Puddington from 11.00am until 11.20am and in the Car Park at Gladstone Village Hall from 11.30am to 12.25pm on the following dates:

Friday, 16 August
Friday, 6 September
Friday, 27 September
Friday, 18 October
Friday, 8 November
Friday, 29 November
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20 July

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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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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.
The next meeting is on 3 October. Pete Turner, a professional magician, will be
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Everyone is welcome.

THE PUDDINGTON SOCIETY

Friday 18 October
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For more information about events call Hazel Huxley on 0151 336 2288

BURTON AND NESTON HISTORY SOCIETY

The next event will be a history walk around Puddington Village, guided by
Gee and David Williams. Starting at Puddington Green at 7.00pm on 8 August.
It references the historic centre of the village to chart an unusual past.
If you wish to come along please contact Stella Young of the
Burton and Neston History Society using info@nestonpast.com.

BURTON WALKING GROUP

New members always welcome
For more information please contact John Nuttall on 0151 336 7178

BURTON BRIDGE CLUB

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