



The Parish Magazine & Community News

St Nicholas' Church, Burton-in-Wirral

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LAST NIGHT I HAD THE STRANGEST DREAM

*Last night I had the strangest dream
I ever dreamed before
I dreamed the world had all agreed
To put an end to war
I dreamed I saw a mighty room
The room was filled with men
And the paper they were signing said
They'd never fight again
And when the papers all were signed
And a million copies made
They all joined hands and bowed their heads
And grateful prayers were prayed
And the people in the streets below
Were dancing round and round
And guns and swords and uniforms
Were scattered on the ground
Last night I had the strangest dream
And I know you dreamed the same
We dreamed the world had all agreed
To stand beside Ukraine*

Based on an original song written in 1950 by Ed McCurdy (1919-2000). The song was subsequently recorded by various artists. To hear a recording of the original version [click here](#)

John Morris-Best

In the Face of Human Conflict, Where is the Hope?



**John Morris-Best, Lay Reader
at St Nicholas' Church**

Despite the challenges of living in today's world, it's human nature to hold onto hope. The saying 'hope springs eternal' refers to that sense of optimism that inspires us all to keep hoping, even during difficult circumstances.

The people of Ukraine need that hope right now.



Hope is always available to us and is present in every situation because God is always present with us. However, when we face difficult circumstances that are totally visible, like the situation in Ukraine that we see on our TVs every day, we can be tempted to lose hope unless we choose to trust in God.



We may face many challenges in this world. However, because 'hope springs eternal' in our souls, we can choose to overcome fear and place our hope for ourselves and for others in God, in any circumstances.

The Bible has a lot to tell us about hope! Most importantly, it identifies hope as a core characteristic of God, which God gives to us when we trust in him. True hope comes only from God, who created it. Continued ...

We won't find hope in anything or anyone lesser than God. We won't find it through financial security, through good health or a romantic relationship. While we can find a temporary sense of hopefulness when we encounter good circumstances, our circumstances are constantly changing.

Placing our hope in any situation – no matter how good it is – will ultimately fail us.

We need to depend on a much more reliable source for hope: our eternal God, who offers a hope that never changes.



As we look to God for the hope and inspiration in these difficult times we are sure to find it.

The people of Ukraine are demonstrating that they have hope for the future of their country. Their hope is for peace, for freedom and for relief from war and aggression. They rightly have an expectation of us: an expectation that we will support them with our prayers, with donations and our actions. Each of us has an obligation to do whatever we can to help restore their freedom.

In the words of Nelson Mandela:

‘To be free is not merely to cast off one’s chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others’

And finally, at this Easter time and in the midst of all that’s going on in Ukraine and in other parts of the world affected by war, aggression and deprivation, take these words with you:

‘And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.’

Amen

John



CHURCH SERVICES

April

- 3 Fifth Sunday of Lent
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Evensong
- 6 Wednesday
10:15 am Holy Communion
- 10 Palm Sunday
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 13 Wednesday
10:15 am Holy Communion



- 15 Good Friday
2:00pm at St Michael's, Shotwick
4:00pm at Nicholas', Burton



- 17 Easter Day
8:45 am Holy Communion
(Traditional Service)
10:00 am Family Communion
- 20 Wednesday
10:15 am Holy Communion
- 24 Second Sunday of Easter
10:00 am Morning Worship
11:15 am Annual Parochial
Church Meeting
- 27 Wednesday
10:15 am Holy Communion

May

- 1 Third Sunday of Easter
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Evensong
- 4 Wednesday
10:15 am Holy Communion
- 8 Fourth Sunday of Easter
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 11 Wednesday
10:15 am Holy Communion
- 15 Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:45 am Holy Communion
(Traditional Service)
10:00 am Family Communion
- 18 Wednesday
10:15 am Holy Communion
- 22 Sixth Sunday of Easter
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 25 Wednesday
10:15 am Holy Communion
- 29 Sunday after Ascension Day
10:00 am Morning Worship

June

- 1 Wednesday
10:15 am Holy Communion
- 5 Pentecost
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Evensong





***From the
Parish Registers***

Funerals

9 March

- Susan Mary Church

24 March

- Sheila Anne Kennedy

25 March

- John Christopher Bateson Smith

25 March

- Janet Elizabeth Stephens

Burton Bakers Make Dough for Ukraine



**Cakes for
Ukraine Event
Raised £615
Thank You!**

On Sunday 27 March a team of bakers and helpers at the GVH raised a total of £615 for the people of Ukraine by selling delicious home-made cakes and scones. It was a sell-out and everyone was surprised at the final figure but, as Nicky Dorman explained:

'People were extremely generous on the day.'

Thanks go to the fabulous Burton Bakers, Mary Walton for baking scones non-stop, our volunteer servers Janet, Connie and Tosca and of course our wonderfully supportive community.



Coffee Morning
Help the
People of
Ukraine



Thursday 28 April

10:00am to 12.30pm

Gladstone Village Hall in Burton

Coffee & Cake

Socialise & Catch Up With Friends
Help Refugees & People of Ukraine





In the light of the refugee crisis in Ukraine, and in other parts of the world, many people in the UK have responded to the call to offer accommodation and homes to those who are suffering through war, aggression and all kinds of deprivation.

In the knowledge that we have an excellent local primary school, local people willing to help and support new arrivals, several church members recently approached Chester Diocese to ask if the sale of the large six bedroom Vicarage in Burton could be put on hold temporarily, in order to allow the house to be used for humanitarian purposes.

The Reply:

Thank you for your letter of 16 March about Burton



Vicarage. The refugee crisis in Ukraine is indeed a deeply concerning situation and I can well understand your desire to do what we can to help people in such need.

However, we discussed your letter at the meeting of the Houses Committee on Thursday, and I am afraid that we could not agree to your proposal. As you know, we are currently advertising for a new vicar, and we are in the process of replacing the vicarage with a new house. After the last two years of the pandemic and continuing likelihood of financial strain over the next few years, the diocese has limited funds to spare, and therefore we are only able to purchase the replacement house because we are selling the existing one. Pausing the sale for the sort of timescales involved, and having therefore to bridge finance such a large amount of money would increase significantly strain on the Diocesan finances. This might therefore jeopardise the purchase of the new vicarage and leave us with the existing house, which is over-sized, extremely difficult to heat, and in need of major renovation. I am sorry to send what will be a disappointing reply.

*The Ven Dr Michael Gilbertson
Archdeacon of Chester*

Photo: Michael Kappeler / dpa

UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL



Matching your
donations with



UKaid

The UK Government will match pound-for-pound up to £20 million donated by the public to this appeal.

Click

UKRAINE:

HOW YOU

CAN HELP

Click



Another Busy Term is Ending!

As we approach Easter, another busy term is coming to a close. Again, there has been lots of work going on both inside and outside of the classroom. It is great that the weather is starting to warm up.

This half-term we have been focusing on the Christian Value of endurance and children have been thinking about what it means to keep going and not give up when something is hard or difficult. Certificates have been given out, in our Prayer and Praise worship, to several children who have shown great endurance in their continuing efforts to achieve a difficult goal in their work. Well done to all.

We had a fabulous World Book Day with a theme of magic. Various stories were read across the school relating to magical themes. A company came into school and taught the children how to play a 'muggle' version of the game of Quidditch from the Harry Potter stories.

All of the children from the reception through to year 6 took part and all of them had an absolutely fantastic time. The younger children thought about magic spells in stories and tried to cast a magic spell to see if they could make children fly. They even put stories about flying into the cauldron, but it didn't work. They must have missed out a vital ingredient!



Suzanne Roberts

Head of School



The Path to a New Vicar at St Nicholas' Church in Burton



As you may know, we have made progress with the recruitment of a new vicar for Burton and Shotwick, (albeit more slowly than we would have wished, owing to procedural constraints). The diocese will only allow us a part-time vicar, who will be paid half of the normal stipend (which is not a large one anyway) in return for taking Sunday services and working 3½ days a week (instead of the normal 5 days). The good news is that we have a very good team of lay readers, PCC members and many others who will need to fill in for those parts of a vicar's busy ministry that would otherwise be missing.

Further good news is that the diocese is buying one of the houses being built at Burton Manor, to replace the present vicarage that Cathy and Steve found rather over-large, hard to heat, and damp. The new house should help in the recruitment of a new vicar, and coincidentally it is very close to St Nicholas' House (the property close to the Manor's back gate), which was the vicarage before the present one was built early in the 20th century.

The adverts for a new vicar are now in the public domain, and the attractive 'Parish Profile' which has been brilliantly produced should attract some good candidates. The Profile can be seen at:

<http://www.burtonchurch.org.uk/welcome/parish-profile>

The selection panel will comprise a three-person team from our parish's Patron, St. John's Lichfield, together with our Archdeacon Mike Gilbertson from Chester Diocese, together with two 'parish representatives' from each of Burton and Shotwick parishes. The panel will interview short-listed candidates and makes the final decision.

Sufficient time has to be allowed for people to see the adverts, for potential applicants to think about it before applying, and for short-listing and interviews. Jane Davies and I were elected by the PCC to represent our parish on the panel. Assuming the right person is apparent amongst the applicants, we hope to be able to announce the name of our new vicar in mid-May. He or she would then be with us during September, all being well.

Nigel Griffiths

Nigel Griffiths
Churchwarden



An Easter Reflection

Sacrifice and Resurrection

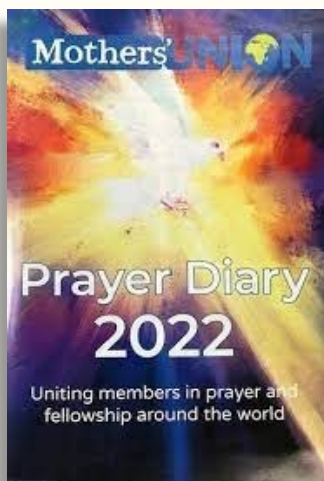
Jesus sacrificed his life for us so that we might live. This was his mission on earth and his Father's will. We are blessed that we are unlikely to be asked to give up our life for another. However, our new life in Christ is not for us alone. We are called to seek out those who need our help; those in physical need; the lonely and the distressed; and those who want to learn about Jesus and what he did for us. Our response to people's needs will show how we have understood and accepted Jesus' Sacrifice and Resurrection.

Prayer

We worship our loving Saviour who chose the way of sacrifice to make known to us the path of life.

We praise our Risen Lord who fills us with hope and joy as we journey along the path of life.

(Taken from the MU Prayer Diary 2022 April)



Forthcoming Meetings

Our Branch resumed its meetings in March with a Lenten service and AGM.

The meetings in April and May are as follows:

Wednesday 20 April at 2:00pm in the Sports and Social Club

“Looking at the MU Scrap Books over the years”

Wednesday 18 May (details to be confirmed)

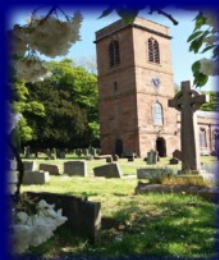
An Outing to Puddington, including a Garden Visit + History of Puddington + lunch.

With Sadness

It is with great sadness that we recently learned of the deaths of Sue Church and Janet Stephens.



We thank God for their lives of devoted service to the Church of St Nicholas' and we send our deepest sympathy to both families.



Safeguarding & Pastoral Care



Reading about past abuse cases within churches can be very difficult and challenging. For those affected the impact of abuse can last a lifetime. In today's church environment, safeguarding is at the very heart of our Christian faith.

The Church of England has responded to the various reports of past cases by completely overhauling its approach to safeguarding. The policies and procedures are endorsed by the most senior leaders of the church, the House of Bishops, and cover children, young people, and adults.

At St Nicholas' Church, we have adopted the safeguarding recommendations of the House of Bishops with the full commitment of the Churchwardens, the PCC and all our Lay ministry team. Comprehensive safeguarding training has been undertaken by all our church leaders.

It is of course everyone's responsibility to be vigilant and to be aware that abuse of trust comes in many guises, and sometimes it is not always obvious who is vulnerable, whether they be children, young people, or adults. If anyone becomes concerned that someone might be subject to abuse and they think there is an immediate danger of significant harm, they should contact the emergency services on 999. If the situation is a non-emergency, they should contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), or the vicar (in due course). Alternatively, they can contact the Diocese Safeguarding Advisor directly. Contact details are found below but they are also on the church website and can be found on the poster displayed in the church porch, along with a copy of our Parish Safeguarding Handbook.

Alongside safeguarding protocols is the pastoral care work that the church and local community provides. In anticipation of our new Vicar arriving, we are creating a small pastoral care team. We have already established links with the Chaplains in our local hospitals. If you become aware of someone who is in need or who may benefit from contact, please let us know by calling the church telephone number 07471 890827 or by emailing burtonchurch@btinternet.com and the details will be passed to the Pastoral Care Team.

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Learning stories from the Bible through craft and play

A Messy Easter

***Saturday 16 April
St Nicholas' Church in Burton***

10:00am to Noon

COME AND LEARN THE EASTER
STORY WITH CRAFT, GAMES,
STORIES ... AND POSSIBLY
CHOCOLATE!



***Children, Parents,
Grandparents, Carers***

Everyone is Welcome

Tales From



WIRRAL FOODBANK
EMERGENCY FOOD
FOR LOCAL PEOPLE
IN CRISIS

The weather may be getting warmer, which is just as well given that fuel prices are rocketing causing other prices to rise too. It's having a big effect on the less well off. The foodbank is seeing more people who never expected to need its services and some of whom have been donors in the past. But that is what it's for – to be an emergency resource for those in need.

As we write, the increased energy price cap is imminent including not only the effects of fuel price increases but also the shared recovery of costs from energy suppliers who went bust. Since this cost recovery is planned to be solely through the daily standing charge it's expected to hit those who use less energy proportionately harder and is a cost that does not go away even if you use no energy at all. There is a real fear of having to choose between fuel and food and this may result in increased use of foodbanks.



The Wirral Foodbank can tap funds that can be used for fuel (energy) vouchers. When these were administered at the foodbank distribution centres, we saw exactly what the demand was (and it was as significant as the need for food).

However, the vouchers are now administered through the council's telephone helpline. This has some big advantages, not least that it's accessible all the time, but it does mean that, as volunteers, we can no longer see how much these vouchers are being called for. But it's clear from talking to clients that the need is (at least) as great as ever.

This all seems a bit dire, but the foodbank's clients are thankful for the help that they get, and it clearly gives them less things to worry about. The foodbank's trustees are looking at how we would meet a more continuous demand for food, as opposed to the occasional emergency food we provide now. The issues are mainly administrative but obviously the amount of food needed would rise too.

As always, many thanks to those who support the Foodbank with food and cash donations which make all the difference to so many people.

<https://wirral.foodbank.org.uk/>

<https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/>

By Order of the Village of Burton

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO



A JUBILEE PICNIC

LOCATION: BURTON SPORTS FIELD

DATE: SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2022

TIME: FROM MIDDAY ONWARDS

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TABLES, CHAIRS AND PICNIC
BAR WILL BE OPEN
MESSY CHURCH CRAFT AND GAMES FOR KIDS
AND MORE!**



Help!

Within the next few weeks we are hopeful of delivering invitations throughout Burton Village to invite everyone to the Big Picnic in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. More details will be confirmed nearer the time. However – we need your help!

During the Big Picnic to be held in Burton on Sunday 5 June, we are hoping to have a digital slide show featuring pictures of Burton, the people and the events in the village over the years.

Nigel Griffiths is hoping to convert old photos of Burton and we ask that if you have any photos that you would like to share – either digital or as a photographic print – please contact Nigel via email at neggriffiths@googlemail.com to arrange.

With each photo please advise

- Who the photo comes from (so that it can be safely returned after scanning),
- The date that the photo was taken
- The subject of the photo,
- The name(s) of the people in it

We can use that information to add captions to the slides, get them into date order, and group any that relate to specific events



PUDDINGTON VILLAGE
THE BIG
JUBILEE EVENT
 Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee 1952-2022



**Puddington
 Village Green**

**Sunday 5 June
 6:00pm to 9:00pm**



**Great Food
 Delicious Buffet
 Coronation Chicken**

**Cold Meats
 Quiches**

Vegetarian Dishes

Salads

Crusty Bread

**Strawberries
 & Cream**



1950s Theme

Live Music & Entertainment

Raffle & Prizes

Residents, Friends & Family

All Welcome

Tickets £12 on Sale 1 May

Contact Hazel Huxley

336 2288





NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME
Garden Open For Charity



Briarfield

The Rake, Burton, Neston,
CH64 5TL

Sunday 8 May

1 - 5pm

Adults £5 Children free

**Featuring a big plant sale and teas at
St Nicholas' Church in aid of Claire House
Children's Hospice**



PLANTS FOR SALE



TEAS

Thank You !

BRIARFIELD GARDENS 19, 20 & 27 February 2022

Raised £1,728 and sent to the National Garden Scheme

**Thank you for your tolerance when the sun came out and
the village street was busy.**

Liz Carter 07711 813 732

More information at ngs.org.uk click *here*

In the Garden with Flori Bunda



A Springtime

Such a lovely time of the year!

The garden is so colourful. The camellias are blooming – white, pale pink, crimson, and Brushfield Yellow is in full bloom in its large pot. The daffodils, crocus and iris are in bloom in the garden and in their various pots and containers.

Next to bloom are Muscari (grape hyacinths).

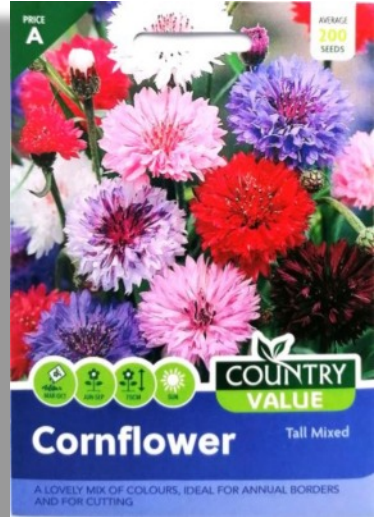


The roses have been pruned and fed (chore for my husband!).

Hopefully, the dahlias have survived the winter. Dahlia Avignon was purchased and planted in a pot.

The sweet pea seedlings are growing on well and may be planted out in April depending on the weather.

Flower seeds sown in the greenhouse are annual mix, cornflower mix and larkspur.



Lettuce, beetroot, spring onions and leek seeds are also sown. The greenhouse is too small!!

Many birds have been frequent visitors – chaffinch, gold/greenfinch, nuthatch, and Jenny Wren (not often seen, but heard). No list would be complete without Robbie Robin. An unwelcome visitor was a sparrowhawk.

Tasks to be getting on with:

- Prune off brown hydrangea heads
- Sow seeds and prick out seedlings
- Prepare ground, pots and containers for summer!



*Happy Gardening
Flori Bunda*

BURTON MERE WETLANDS

Winter Comes to an End

What an end to winter, with three spectacular storms in five days at the end of February causing significant disruption. In the five years I have worked here I have never seen such high flood waters on the saltmarsh and so many fallen trees around Burton Mere Wetlands. This meant closing the reserve at times for safety and the clear up. Thankfully no lasting damage and fallen trees are great habitat for the wildlife.

The weather didn't stop the great winter spectacles with pink-footed geese, hen harrier and short-eared owl views ten a penny out on the marsh in spots like Denhall Quay and Parkgate. Unfortunately, this winter saw a lot of disturbance by people accessing the marsh trying to get close to these birds. We implore anyone visiting to respect the wildlife out there and to note that the best views can be found simply from the edges of the marsh where the birds come incredibly close, especially at dusk when the sunsets can be equally spectacular. I can personally testify to this.

Wardens have been ultra-busy and initially delayed due to the weather but with a great team of volunteers and two fantastic residential volunteers Fi and Lou, they are back on track for the breeding season. Which brings me to our unexpectedly early pair of avocets that arrived on 6 February and currently in mid-March the count is over 70 individuals. We expect to see their numbers rise steadily before they pair off for nesting.

The last couple of weeks we have enjoyed much sunnier, dryer yet still cold days. So, as we welcome spring, the grey herons are gathering to pair up. Lapwings are displaying and getting ready to nest. Our marsh harrier pair are back nesting in the reeds and the first report of bittern came in on 8 March, seen by a visitor from our Marsh Covert hide.



Short Eared Owl



Grey Heron



Female Marsh Harrier



Blackthorn Hedge



RSPB Pink Binoculars



RSPB Binoculars &
Telescopes



Available from RSPB

Last year we had fantastic views of a pair and at least one chick fledged, so fingers crossed, and ears pricked listening out for that unique booming sound the male makes to entice a female.

The blackthorn I see every year from my office window is again in full bloom feeding those early insects and the bluebells are just peeking out from the cold winter ground as temperatures increase. Come late April they will be in full bloom at two fantastic areas at either end of our reserve. Around the same time butterflies like the small tortoiseshell will emerge from hibernation, and we look forward to getting back to moth trapping. We plan to run another moth event in July this year after last year's overwhelming success.

Speaking of events, we held our first Binoculars and Telescopes Open Day since the pandemic. If you missed it, do not fear as you can pop down any day of the week to try our great range and order for free home delivery.

The week of 21 March we supported National Lottery Open Week and English Tourism Week by offering free visits to National Lottery players for their support of projects like Burton Mere Wetlands.

Our next focus will be the Big Wild Easter family quiz trail, Explorer Backpacks and a Wildlife Photo and Book Fair along with our new range of sandwiches and the usual treats you can purchase to fuel your visit.

Want more birdsong skills? Then join us on Sunday 1 May for our Dawn Chorus event; you'll need to be keen for the 5:00am start, but it's well worth it!

For regular updates, sightings information and news about the reserve, check our website blog at [rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands](https://www.rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands) follow us on *Facebook* and *Twitter* or call us on 0151 353 2720

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

Pictures courtesy of RSPB

HEDGEHOG NEWS

From Zoë Chapman



News
BOTANIC GARDENS

A busy time for hedgehogs (and the humans helping them!)

In my garden at home, I have enjoyed a relaxing winter allowing the vegetation to remain to improve food sources for wildlife. Wildlife gardening really is a boon for those of us who are too busy (or lazy) to maintain show garden standards. As hedgehogs rarely hibernate solidly through the winter period, I have also been providing cat food as usual and have been rewarded with prickly visitors caught on camera on occasion. The hedgehogs often seem to appear after a storm or an event such as Bonfire Night and I wonder if the noise on such occasions rouses them enough to begin to ponder if they wish to get up to find something to eat. By time spring arrives our prickly pals will awake and set about fattening themselves up and finding mates.

University of Liverpool achieves Gold accreditation from the Hedgehog Friendly Campus Scheme!

In other hedgehog news, the University of Liverpool has recently been awarded gold accreditation in the national Hedgehog Friendly Campus scheme. The gold award, which follows earlier bronze and silver accreditations, recognises the completion of a number of practical and awareness-raising activities designed to provide long term improvements for the wellbeing of our prickly pals.

In order to win gold, Liverpool's Hedgehog Friendly Campus Project Group - comprising staff and student volunteers from across the University - completed a number of fundraising and community engagement activities, including undertaking a hedgehog survey with children at a local nursery.





Ness
BOTANIC GARDENS

The rescue of poorly hedgehogs remains the central activity, and one recent patient, Arthur (pictured), quickly became a favourite amongst volunteers. Named after Arthur K Bulley, founder of Ness Botanic Gardens, he was handed in having been orphaned on the road. After treatment at a local hedgehog rescue centre, Arthur was released on the Leahurst Campus to join the thriving hedgehog population.



The gold accreditation marks the next step on the University of Liverpool's work supporting hedgehogs, but the work very much continues! The group will be meeting soon to discuss how to encourage more volunteers to take part so that its valuable work can continue.

Zoë Chapman, Business Manager at Ness Botanic Gardens and Hedgehog Champion said "By gaining our gold accreditation we have consolidated three years of hard work and dedication by undertaking activity that will provide long term benefits to hedgehogs and other wildlife. We are looking forward to continuing this work to provide a real legacy."

Syd Cottle, Director of Estates Management said "The University of Liverpool has a diverse range of habitats across its campuses, and there is great scope to make our estate and our working practices even more hedgehog and wildlife friendly. We look forward to working with the project group to further build on what has already been accomplished"

Further Information:

To get involved or to find out more, please contact the University of Liverpool's Hedgehog Champion, Zoë Chapman by emailing ZChapman@liverpool.ac.uk.

Keep up-to-date with all the news from Ness Gardens by visiting www.liverpool.ac.uk/ness-gardens

BURTON & PUDDINGTON BOWLS CLUB



"Our experience at Burton has been wonderful. We have been made so welcome by everyone with helpful guidance in a very nice way. Could not speak more highly of the club and its members. 5 stars!!"
JW, New Member 2021

Photo: Geoff Beard

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

There is a beautiful bowling green outside the Sports & Social Club,
just behind Gladstone Village Hall in Burton.

Played before and would like to get back into the game?
We'd love to become your home.

Never played before?
Bowls is a great game for all ages.
Join us for a taster session, with no obligation.

Social bowls every weekend • Evening and afternoon friendlies •
Mixed & Ladies • Chester League

Contact Sue at bowls@gladstonevillagehall.org or 07597 051048

More information: gladstonevillagehall.org/bowls

BURTON & PUDDINGTON TENNIS CLUB

*Anyone
for
Tennis ?*



*New
Members
Welcome for
2022*

For details of unlimited court booking, access to social mix-ins and coaching, visit www.gladstonevillagehall.org

Last year we successfully ran junior and adult tennis coaching sessions with our LTA coach.

If anyone is interested in tennis coaching this year, we would love to hear from you.

For more information please contact via email at tennis@gladstonevillagehall.org

Cheshire West & Chester Mobile Library

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Cheshire West Mobile Library will be in
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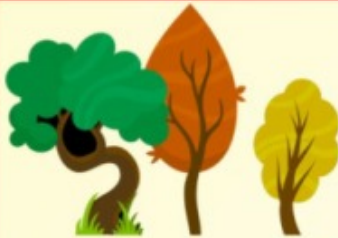
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Presented by Dr Peter Enevoldson

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Visitors: £2 per meeting. Contact Renee Syme on 336 5852

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