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CHURCH SERVICES

August

- 1 Sunday - Trinity 9
10:00 am Morning Worship
(Modern Service)

6:30 pm Evensong
(Traditional Service)
- 4 Wednesday
10.15 am Holy Communion
(Traditional Service)
- 8 Sunday - Trinity 10
10:00 am Holy Communion
(Modern Service)
- 11 Wednesday
10:15 am Holy Communion
(Traditional Service)
- 15 Sunday - Trinity 11
10:00 am Morning Worship
(Modern Service)
- 18 Wednesday
10.15 am Holy Communion
(Traditional Service)
- 22 Sunday - Trinity 12
10:00 am Morning Worship
(Modern Service)
- 25 Wednesday
10.15 am Holy Communion
(Traditional Service)
- 29 Sunday - Trinity 13
10:00 am Holy Communion
(Modern Service)

NB *Traditional Services use the Book of Common Prayer*



September

- 1 Wednesday
10.15 am Holy Communion
(Traditional Service)
- 5 Sunday - Trinity 14
10:00 am Morning Worship
(Modern Service)

6:30 pm Evensong
(Traditional Service)
- 8 Wednesday
10.15 am Holy Communion
(Traditional Service)
- 12 Sunday - Trinity 15
10:00 am Holy Communion
(Modern Service)
- 15 Wednesday
10.15 am Holy Communion
(Traditional Service)
- 19 Sunday - Trinity 16
10:00 am Morning Worship
(Modern Service)
- 22 Wednesday
10.15 am Holy Communion
(Traditional Service)
- 26 Sunday - Trinity 17
10:00 am Morning Worship
(Modern Service)
- 29 Wednesday
10.15 am Holy Communion
(Traditional Service)

Rev Cathy Helm



I can still remember clearly the day we moved into the Vicarage and thought we'd lose each other in the seventeen rooms. I remember my Induction service to St Nicholas' & St Michael's on 27 January, twelve and a half years ago, with a completely packed church. There have been so many times of laughter, comfort, tears, sadness, pain, difficulties and joys that we have shared in and with you. The last two years have been particularly challenging, personally, locally, and globally!

In all of this, I remain totally convinced that it is 'Jesus who is the same yesterday, today and forever' [Hebrews 13:8] on whom we can rely in all circumstances.

The Vicar Writes . . . to everyone in the parish

As Ralph Abernathy, a Baptist minister and friend of Martin Luther King said:

*'We may not know
what the future holds,
but I know who holds
the future.'*

Through Jesus' death on the cross and his amazing resurrection, we too can share in that future, forgiven, loved, and renewed. As everything has changed and is changing from what we accepted as normal pre-Covid, where do we find our hope and purpose for the future? If we just watch 'the world', so much is shifting and changing it can be confusing to know in what we can invest our hope.

The writer of Psalm 105 also lived in times where life changed dramatically, unpredictably, yet he could say 'Look to the Lord and His strength, seek His face always. Remember the works he has done, his miracles and the judgements he has pronounced.'

Culture and fashions change so quickly, yet if we retain our faith, keep obedient to God's ways and love as He has loved us, then our purpose, our hope is secure in Him.

Corrie ten Boon is a bit of a hero of mine. Her family hid Jews in their home in Holland and helped them escape during WW 11. She and her sister Betsie were sent to Ravensbrook for their part in it, where tragically, Betsie died. Corrie wrote:

‘Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.’

We can't be sure what the next six months or years will hold, but we can know Jesus who will walk through those times with us. Corrie could maintain this hope even in the terror of Ravensbrook because she held on to the truths she had learned from God's Word. Those promises she had read so many times and held in her heart gave her courage and hope where most of us would have none.

I hope that in our twelve and a half years in Burton, I have encouraged and helped you to consider for yourselves that question, 'in whom do you place your hope?' To look to Jesus who died and rose again for you and for me, to bring forgiveness, hope and a future for all eternity and to discover, in the words of Bishop Wilson school's favourite verse from Nehemiah 10:8, that:

‘The joy of the Lord really is your strength’

Cathy



Corrie ten Boom

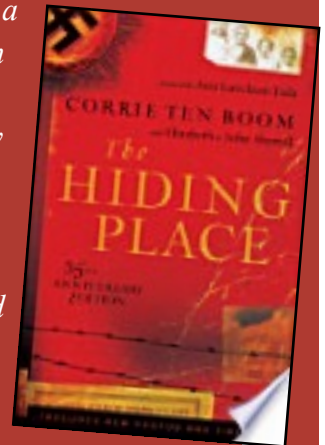
Cornelia "Corrie" ten Boom grew up in a devoutly religious family.

During World War II, she and her family harboured hundreds of Jews to protect them from arrest by Nazi authorities.

Betrayed by a fellow Dutch citizen, the entire family was imprisoned.

Corrie survived and started a worldwide ministry

*and later told her story in a book entitled *The Hiding Place*.*



BURTON VILLAGE GARDENS



The Burton Village Gardens Open Day on 27 June attracted 487 visitors and raised £4150 for the National Garden Scheme. Liz Carter would like to extend a thank you to all residents for being so tolerant about the disruption to village life – yet again!

You're Invited

*To Say a Fond Farewell
to Cathy & Steve Helm*

Sunday 19 September - 12.30pm
Burton & Puddington Sports Pavilion

Bring Your Own Picnic Lunch

After over 12 years as our local Vicar Sunday 19 September will be the last time Cathy Helm takes services in Burton and Shotwick. To mark the occasion people from both churches as well as other village residents from across the parish are warmly invited to join together to say farewell to both Cathy and Steve.

They will be leaving Burton for the last time immediately after the event so please come along and say farewell.

Everybody is welcome!

Village Coffee
Morning

Friday 10 September

10.00am to 12 Noon

Burton & Puddington
Sports Pavilion



COFFEE
MORNING

Coffee & Cakes

Chat & Gossip
plus lots more besides
In aid of church funds



Farewell to Cathy & Steve Helm

May you always have walls for the wind,

A roof for the rain,

Tea beside the fire,

Laughter to cheer you,

Those you love near you,

And all your hearts might desire.

(A Traditional Scottish Farewell, Anon)

The Marsh at Night - Alison Watty



***From the
Parish Registers***

Baptisms

27 June

- Theodore David Constantine

11 July

- Emily Rose Airey

- Heidi Elizabeth Manara

Funerals

7 July

- Rev John Labdon

20 July

- Patricia Lloyd

*St Nicholas' Church
Traditional Holy
Communion
Services
Wednesdays 10.15am*



Since the onset of the pandemic and during the process that will shortly take place to seek a new Vicar, it has not been possible to offer a Sunday morning Traditional Eucharist (Holy Communion) Service at 8.45am. For many people this service has been a mainstay of their Christian lives and it has been deeply disappointing that this weekly service has been missing.

Nevertheless, with church services beginning to return, a weekly Holy Communion Service at St Nicholas' Church using the traditional form of worship from the Book of Common Prayer takes place on Wednesdays at 10.15am.

For those people who have been attending our Wednesday Holy Communion it has proved to be a welcome return of a service that they enjoy and one that means a great deal to them.





Bishop Wilson Church of England Primary School

Yet another unusual year has come to a close at Bishop Wilson CE Primary. The children, staff, parents and our wider school family have all faced significant challenges this year due to the pandemic. The children have, as ever, been fantastic.

Eagles Class

Eagles class worked hard at their usual end of year activities including their end of year play, 'Greece Goes To Pieces'. You can watch the play on the School Facebook page.



Eagles have also been very successful in virtual games competitions, which have continued into the summer term. They are most proud of winning the county Kurling competition after their success in the local rounds.



Owls Class

Owls class have been busy with forest school and gardening projects. They have also said goodbye to associate teacher Miss Ollerhead, from Chester University, who has been working with them over recent months. We all wish her success in her future career.



British Shooting athletes Georgina Roberts and Steve Scott (Olympic bronze medallist - Rio) handed out 'Making a Difference Award' certificates to Eagles and Owls. This certificate recognises children in our school who have made a difference to others in our community. Well done to all the children who have made a difference!



Bishop Wilson Church of England Primary School

Robins Class

Robins class have been to visit the church for 'Love your graveyard week'. They also had a talk by a beekeeper via Zoom and were lucky enough to taste some of the honey from the hives they saw on the PowerPoint slides.

Due to some last-minute changes, Robins class were also fortunate enough to take part in a virtual Ethos Conference. They participated in activities shared with lots of other church schools. The theme was 'God is good' and they were thrilled when Mr. Wallis from St Oswalds picked out a photo of some of their work for a special mention as they were the youngest children taking part.



More Sports News

Our fantastic efforts in Cheshire & Warrington School Games saw us finish first in Orienteering. Huge congratulations, too, to our second place Golfers for putting in a great performance.

Wishing you all peace and happiness for the coming months.

Suzanne Roberts

Head of School

Helen Friend

Executive Head



BURTON MANOR GARDENS

THE HEALING AND MAGICAL PROPERTIES OF PLANTS

Sheila Shaw

Friends of Burton Manor Gardens

From earliest times, ancient civilisations placed great importance on the healing and magical properties of plants. Many of these theories were passed down through the generations, incorporated into local folklore and later through extensive study, for some medicinal purposes today. For example, ancient Celts recognised the remarkable properties of lavender. Its distinctive aroma aside, it was used for culinary and medical purposes, relieving burns, headaches, insect bites and other minor ailments and a dab of lavender oil from a bottle kept in the kitchen cabinet is useful to calm the odd burn. Many plants were revered for their sacred and magical properties, and each plant recognised for its own distinctive qualities. These qualities might be linked specifically to certain human conditions: spiritual, mental, physical, emotional, and used accordingly.

- The Nettle was associated with rebirth.
- Thyme and other aromatic herbs, with hygiene and purification, along with St John's Wort (hypericum). It was also thought to engender courage and strength.
- Dandelions were used for different health and culinary purposes.
- Juniper was thought to dispel negativity.
- Rosehips (full of healthy properties) were made into wine to be drunk at the Autumn equinox in September.



BURTON MANOR GARDENS

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Along with understanding the curative qualities of certain plants, early civilisations also considered that plants were protectively helpful. Magical properties could be harnessed in order to encourage safety and strength and carried secreted around the body when confronting personal situations. Carrying a sprig, leaf, or petal from an

appropriate plant, was thought to provide the carrier with the confidence of protection or aid.

- For good luck: sunflowers, apple blossom or heather.
- To ward off evil spirits: oak, rowan, hazel, or hawthorn.
- To bring monetary luck: honesty, hazel catkins, or rosemary.
- To encourage visions: witch hazel, or mandrake.
- For peace: mignonette, iris, camomile, hollyhock, ivy, or holly.

On a happy note: Gorse, which blooms all year round, gave birth to the myth, "when gorse ceases to bloom kissing will be out of fashion!"

From earliest times mankind has found a form of wisdom and perception by observing the natural world. Though in the 21st Century we are not concocting lotions and magical potions, in these uncertain times our gardens and open spaces continue to offer us the consolation and support essential for our personal well being. We can certainly gain something of this vision with a visit to Burton Manor Gardens.



For more information about the Friends of Burton Manor Gardens or if you would like to join us, contact us via email or by visiting our [website](#) or Facebook page.

You can also telephone 0151 336 6154

Members of the Mothers' Union were all sad to hear of the death of Dee Foster who died recently.

Dee had been a member of the Mothers' Union for many years and was a



MU committee member for much of that time. We will remember her with fondness and will hold John and the rest of Dee's family in our prayers.

We also hold Margaret Labdon and her family in our prayers as they mourn the loss of dear John. We will all miss seeing them together in church and in Sainsbury's! We thank God for John's contribution and ministry towards the worship at St. Nicholas' Church.

Plans are afoot to recommence our Mothers' Union activities shortly, Covid regulations permitting. A Garden Afternoon is planned for 11 August at Ann Rudd's house 'Hafod', Little Neston at 2.00pm. This will be our opportunity to show our appreciation to Cathy and Steve for all they have done and to wish them well in the future.

There is no meeting planned for September, but we hope to meet up again in October.

A TREE FOR CHRIS

Following the death of Chris Harding last year, we, his family, planned to organise a memorial service for him as his funeral had to be a very small one.

However, time and numerous restrictions have come and gone, and it seems as though the moment has passed so we have decided to do what would probably suit him better which is to 'keep it simple'.

Chris was a very modest man and would not have approved of the fuss we instinctively wanted to make of him so instead of a big service, we are arranging to plant a tree in the churchyard as a lasting memorial. Hopefully, it will grow strong, steady and close to the church much like the man himself.



If you would like to attend the brief tree-planting ceremony on Sunday 5 September at about 11.00am (directly after morning service) then please do come and join us.

New Horizons – Tales From Wirral Foodbank

July brought several changes. The tapering of the furlough scheme and re-opening of more businesses may put more people at risk of hunger, as may the school holidays. The foodbank is not seeing any increased demand yet – still a good thing.

More distribution centres have re-opened too, notably St Catherine's in Tranmere and St James in New Brighton. Following the success of combining the central Birkenhead centres at Link with Emmanuel and the Salvation Army to provide a centre that's open 5 days a week the foodbank has teamed up with St Vincent de Paul to sublet part of their new centre in Grange Road West. The foodbank distribution centre there is currently open from 1.00pm – 3.00pm five days a week and will add mornings as well in early August. This allows Link with Emmanuel to start using their building again during the week and provides the foodbank's clients with a location that's closer to always being open. There will also be space there in the future for one of the foodbank's Citizens Advice (Ask Us Wirral) counsellors to meet with clients. All this has been made possible by the continuing flow of donations of money and food.

As always, many thanks to those who support the Foodbank which makes all the difference to so many people.

WIRRAL FOODBANK
**EMERGENCY FOOD
FOR LOCAL PEOPLE
IN CRISIS**

**EVERY
DONATION
MAKES A
DIFFERENCE.**



Your donation will help them to
make a difference in people's lives

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wirral.foodbank.org.uk



The Village Houses of Burton & Puddington

This is the first in a short series, 'Village Houses of Burton & Puddington', in which we explore the fascinating history of some of the buildings in our villages.

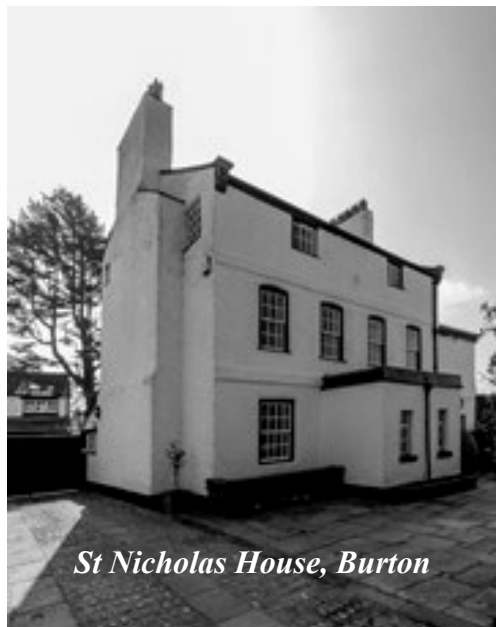
We invite residents to contribute by sharing stories about their houses.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Mark Watts at markwattsburton@icloud.com

St. Nicholas House was built in 1711 by the perpetual curate of Burton named Thomas Bainbridge to live in with his young wife Jane Howard whom he had recently married when he was around 70 years old.

There is a rather charming date stone on the front of the house with the

letters B, T and J (Bainbridge, Thomas and Jane) together with the date, 1711.



St Nicholas House, Burton

The house became the vicarage in the nineteenth century and remained so until the "new" one on Vicarage Lane was built in 1911. It was built in hand-made brick but this was later covered in pebble-dash. The house is therefore originally Queen Anne in period but there are later additions dating from the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century.

At the rear of the house is an interesting oriel window in the main bedroom.



Oriel Window

There are many interesting original features inside the house as there are in so many houses of this period.

There are servants' bells in the



kitchen which were originally connected by a complex system of wires and pulleys snaking through the house. The only one still connected is that to the front door which remains fully operational.

Pretty much every room in the house had a fireplace and right up until the 1920's there was a girl who walked from Ness every day to light all the fires in this and other houses in Burton Village.

The kitchen ceiling has some fine old beams around a foot square in cross section.



The picture shows how one of them is joined using a spliced joint which is bolted together. Note the burned hollow in the beam to the left of the joint where presumably an oil lamp must have hung.

When the Gladstone family lived at Burton Manor they used St. Nicholas House as overflow accommodation, presumably for guests not grand enough to stay in The Manor itself, and the building next door, which is now called 'The Mews,' as a laundry. The Gladstone estate still owns the mineral rights to the house so if the owners ever strike gold or oil in the garden it belongs to the Gladstones!.

There is a wonderful cedar tree which is visible from around the village. It is thought that it was

planted at around the same time as the copper beech in the sunken garden of The Manor to celebrate the battle of Waterloo in 1815.



A whole ecosystem of birds, squirrels, insects and many others lives there. It comes alive as the crows' meeting place each morning and catches the setting sun in the evening. To celebrate the 300th birthday of the house a bench seat was fitted around the tree. The girth of the tree continues to increase, even in the ten years the seat has been there such that the bench is going to need some extending before too long.

In the Garden

with Flori Bunda



Summer in the Garden

On arrival home from a Scottish break, we were thrilled to see our garden such a riot of colour. The lupins and roses were wonderful, and the latter have received their summer feed.

Buff Beauty (apricot) and Rosa Mundi have never been so beautiful.

The hydrangea suffered in the dry

weather but, after watering, are slowing starting to bloom.

The purple and white hebes are a haven for bees.

The pots and containers were planted with larkspur, cosmos, poppies, cornflowers, and a mixture of annuals. The sweet peas are producing masses of flowers, so the lovely blooms fill many vases, their sweet perfume drifting through the rooms.



Of course, the hot sun followed by the rain had the effect of the Sea Holly growing twice as high as it should



be. Also, many shrubs and trees have grown almost creating a 'jungle effect'. Rightly or wrongly, pruning was necessary.

The dahlias are now blooming. Most survived the winter and a previously mentioned new dahlia (El Paso) is now flowering (pink).

The great tits vacated the bird box having raised their brood. Green/gold finches, great/blue tits, nuthatch, and baby robins visit the garden.

A large buzzard mewing loudly can be seen gliding on the thermals.

Tasks for the weeks to come

- Water containers and garden
- Weeding (always a good supply!)



Happy Gardening

Flori Bunda

Friends of Hampstons Well

A 'Friends Of Hampstons Well' group has been established for the site on Station Road, Burton working alongside Cheshire West and Chester Council. The well had previously been restored in 1975 by Ellesmere Port Borough Council during which the steps, cobble paths and pond had been made, encasing the focal point, the historic well and spring.

Before the introduction of piped water, Hampstons Well would have been a hive of activity, where villagers would have gone to collect their water and interact with one another. Early records named it as 'Patrick's Well' but by the nineteenth century, it became known as Hampstons Well after a family who had lived in Burton since the sixteenth century. It was not the only source of water for the village but certainly was a community meeting point. It's believed to be documented that the Manor Court of Burton laid down bylaws which placed the responsibility for the upkeep of the well upon the villagers. The men of the village had to clean out the well on a regular basis, with a fine of 6d imposed on each household who did not help. It's believed larger fines would be imposed for anyone soiling the water by clothes washing or altering the course of the water.

If you would like to become a committee member or a volunteer for 'Friends of Hampstons Well', please contact us via Facebook: Friends of Hampstons Well (Burton) or email us at friendsofhampstonswell@outlook.com or contact one of the committee members:

Chairperson - Susan Samuel

07941 154073

Secretary - Bethan Colburn

0151 336 6220

Treasurer - Barbara Rivers

0151 336 2972



For more information and to get involved, go to [Friends of Hampstons Well](#).

*Burton & Puddington
Gladstone Village Hall*



*The Village Hall is delighted to be taking bookings, once again,
for weddings, family gatherings, special celebrations,
christenings and kids' parties. Availability can be checked via
the website www.gladstonevillagehall.org.*

*If you'd like a look around or chat about how you could use our
beautiful Hall, Pavilion, or grounds, give
Nicky a call on 0151 665 0875*

Burton & Puddington Gladstone Village Hall



For information about activities at GVH, go to www.gladstonevillagehall.org or visit our Facebook page.

Events Planned

Live Music 'Folk, Blues and Beyond'

27 August

24 September

A monthly open mic night is brought to you by local band Simple Folk. All welcome, free entry and sports bar will be open. Outdoor seating available for those who prefer.



Field Side Bar

14 August (with Flatbread Social)

28 August

We'll be opening our field-side bar on Cricket Saturdays throughout the summer and would love to see our community there. Our first opening was a wonderfully sunny success. Keep your eyes out for our sign popping up on the front lawn.



Treasure Hunt

Saturday 25 September

Take up the challenge and work out the clues along a short circular route from the Village Hall for a chance to win some super prizes.

Families welcome and a kids' scavenger hunt is available on request.

Adults £2.50, under 14s £1.

Refreshments available as well as the bar.

Booking will open soon and details will be posted on the GVH Events page.



BURTON MERE WETLANDS

Facilities Fully Reopen & Celebrating Another New Breeder

What a difference a couple of months makes, with some pleasant warmth and plenty of sunshine through July making amends for the soggy spring. Although we typically see a lull in visitors in mid-summer due to bird watching interest slowing slightly through the second half of the breeding season, we have continued to welcome plenty of new visitors enjoying leisure walks and enjoying the non-feathered wildlife that the reserve boasts at this time of year; orchids through June, plus common lizards, stoats and an abundance of colourful butterflies, dragonflies, damselflies, and other wildflowers.

The spring weather had some impact on the breeding season for the wading birds, but overall it was an average season with a highlight being a record number of 71 redshank pairs nesting. Bigger news was the discovery of a second, female bittern along with the male that was found in March, and we are delighted to say the pair successfully nested in Burton Mere Wetlands' reedbed for the first time and fledged at least one chick. This is a huge testament to the vision and hard work that the reserve team invested in developing this new reedbed over the past 12 years.

We also once more had a successful marsh harrier nest, bearded tits, and three pairs of great egrets as further highlights and seemingly becoming well established at the site. Unfortunately, still no spoonbill nest, and after a handful gathered on the estuary in spring, they've been largely absent for a few weeks now.



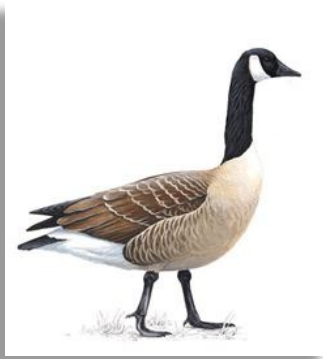
Damselfly



Host of Butterflies



Bittern



Canada Goose



Mum & Ducklings



Refreshments



Investing in Conservation

Our visitor centre reopened with the final easing of Covid-19 restrictions on Monday 19 July, for seated viewing and with a one-way system in place to keep everyone safe. We are still asking visitors to continue wearing face coverings in our indoor spaces, including the hides.

A reminder that we have a Big Wild Summer activity pack available for families to buy when they visit through August, including a quiz trail and booklet to help add focus and enjoyment to your visit.

With the reserve facilities now fully open again there are ample places to sit, relax and watch the bird numbers and variety steadily grow through autumn as flocks of ducks, geese and waders return to the estuary for winter.

Our takeaway refreshments are proving popular, especially the delicious Marshfield Farm ice cream in the recent heat wave.

In September, Burton Mere Wetlands celebrates its 10th anniversary since opening, and we have tentative plans to mark the occasion and simultaneously celebrate the opening of the new Border hide.

The success of the reserve over the past decade has led to the RSPB seeking planning permission to add a café to the site to further improve the visitor experience and help generate more vital funds to invest back into our conservation work across the Dee Estuary reserve.

For regular updates, sightings information and news about the reserve please check our website blog at [rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands](https://www.rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands)

You can also follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) or call us on 0151 353 2720

The Burton Residents' Association is looking for new members.

The Association exists to protect and promote the interests of the residents of Burton.

The Association was formed in 1988. During the period since then several proposed developments have threatened the well-being of the village. The most serious of these proposals was to allow plans to expand the Deeside Industrial Park along the shoreline adjacent to the village and also alongside Puddington and Shotwick. A united effort raised almost £45,000 to fight the proposals at a public enquiry. Eventually, after a long drawn out planning enquiry with several appeals, the plans were refused permission and the land is now Green Belt.

Another threat to the village was a proposal by a Flintshire waste disposal company to build a 65ft high refuse tip and waste sorting factory, operating 24 hours a day, on the Dee Marshes adjacent to a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and in sight of Burton. Once again, together with local MPs and councils and after strong campaigning, the plans were dropped.

To this end, we monitor Planning Applications in the village and surrounding area as a consultee of Cheshire West and Chester Council. We also liaise with the police and the Council's Highways Department on traffic matters. In recent years we promoted the extension of the 30mph limit in Neston Road and the introduction of the 40mph limit between Ness and Burton and in Dunstan Lane, in the latter case paying half the cost of installing the new 40mph signs.

Also in recent years, we have contributed to the cost of improving the children's playground and of renewing the bell ringing equipment at St Nicholas' Church.

The more members we have, the more clout we have, and we therefore invite all residents who are not members to join the Association at the cost of £5 per annum per household.

To join the association please contact our treasurer Nick Denye by email:
treasurer@burtonresidentsassociation.co.uk

To improve communication we invite residents to let us have their email addresses. If you would like the Association to keep in touch with you please send your email address to our Treasurer at the above address.

Visit our website at www.burtonresidentsassociation.co.uk

CHESHIRE POLICE HAVE HAD SEVERAL QUERIES FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE INCREASING POPULARITY OF E-SCOOTERS AND E-BIKES.



E-scooters

In partnership with E-scooter provider Ginger, CWAC has launched a twelve month trial in Chester. The trial is part of a Department for Transport (DfT) initiative that was approved by the Government earlier this year. The DfT wants to explore how E-scooters can complement existing transport options, especially for short journeys.

E-scooters come under the category of 'powered transporters'. They fall within the legal definition of a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1988. Therefore, the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to E-scooters and they must comply with various pieces of Road Traffic Legislation, including but not limited to:

- Driving with a licence
- Driving/Riding with insurance
- Driving/Riding other than on a road
- Vehicle excise



Any person who uses an E-scooter on a public road or other public space, must comply with the relevant Road Traffic Legislation or they face potential prosecution.

Legal use of an E-scooter

Privately owned E-scooters remain illegal to use on public roads and pavements, with riders at risk of a £300 fixed penalty notice and six points on their driving licence if stopped by police.

It is legal to use an E-scooter on private land with the permission of the landowner

During the trial period, it will be legal to use the rental E-scooters within clearly defined zones within the Chester City area. The E-Scooters will be limited to 12mph within the Chester trial zone.

Riders must be 18 years old or above and helmets are advised but not required.

Riders must have a full or provisional car/motorcycle/moped licence.

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St Michael's Church Shotwick



*Shotwick Church is applying for a **National Lottery Heritage Grant** to start a local oral history project, to be maintained on the Church website.*

We are also applying for funds to carry out some repairs on the external sandstone of the Church tower.

We have the support of Backford local history group and VoxPop (Manchester) who will train us in interview techniques. We will also be using professional archiving facilities at Liverpool John Moores University. In order to complete the grant we need evidence of the degree of local interest in the Shotwick Church website becoming a hub for information on oral and pictorial archives of local history covering the villages of Shotwick, Puddington, Burton, Capenhurst, Ledsham, Willaston and Saughall.

To help with this project we would be grateful if readers would answer these five questions and email a response to jcsned@gmail.com Jenny Sneddon

Do you think a local oral and pictorial history project as described above is a worthwhile venture?	<i>Yes or No</i>
Would you have access to IT facilities to take advantage of stored materials on the Church web site?	<i>Yes or No</i>
Do you know of anyone who would be a willing participant on oral terms or in terms of having pictures scanned?	<i>Yes or No</i>
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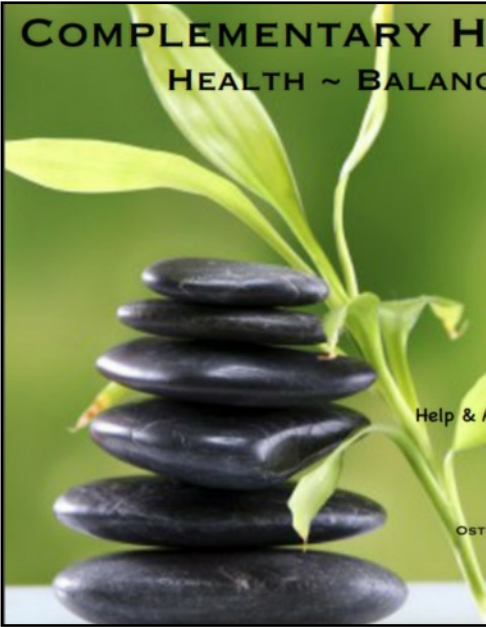
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