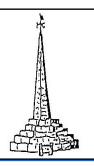


BURTON-CUM-WALDEN PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER January 2023 (Issue 61)



Welcome to the Parish Council Newsletter, Issue 61

Happy New Year to everyone! Let's hope it's a good one

<u>Thank you!</u>

As always at this time of year, we start with lots of thanks to everyone who helped to make our autumn and winter celebrations such happy events.

Firstly, we would like to thank Peter Wheeler and all his volunteers for a truly spectacular Firework Display and **Bonfire Night** in November. All Peter's hard work in setting everything up and then putting it all back to normal is very much appreciated.

Thank you also to Andy Landau and his team at the Fox and Hounds for laying on the barbeque and for organising the fundraising during the year. Altogether, £965 was raised to put towards the fireworks for next year.

It was good to continue with our normal **Christmas Festivities** again this year, with our lovely tree put up by David Dent and his helpers, and the festive cheer of mince pies and punch in the Fox and Hounds. Thank you to everyone who contributed to keeping our spirits up in the cold weather.

One other person who should be mentioned and thanked is the owner of The Black Bull who every year allows us to use their electricity to power the Christmas tree lights. In return for this generosity, the Parish Council sends £25 to each of the Air Ambulance charities.

Future events

Following a meeting of the Fundraising Group, we are pleased to announce that there will be a couple of events to look forward to in the summer.

Firstly, we will be celebrating the **Coronation of our new King on 6 May** with a bring and share tea in the Village Hall. This is still in the planning stage and further details will be published nearer the time, but volunteers to help would be very welcome. Please contact Jane Ritchie on 663385.

Secondly, by popular request, the Fundraising Group will be organising the welcome return of the **May Fair on Monday, 29 May.** Again further details will be available shortly, but if you would like to get involved, please get in touch with Vicky Whitehead on 663269.

West Burton Charity

The Trustees of the West Burton Charity would like to invite anyone living in Burtoncum-Walden Parish, who is worried about fuel costs, to apply for a small grant (in the region of £50) to help with heating bills.

All requests will be considered by the Trustees in the strictest confidence. Funds are very limited and it may not be possible to help all those who apply at this time.

For further information, contact details for the Trustees are as follows:

Gail Dent—<u>aandgdent@aol.com</u> Richard Nolan—<u>richardcnolan@gmail.com</u> Jane Ritchie—<u>janeotherritchie@gmail.com</u> Sue Tiplady—<u>suetiplady68@icloud.com</u> Vicky Whitehead— <u>vickywhitehead34@outlook.com</u>

Annual Parish Meeting

Burton-cum-Walden Parish Council will be holding the

Annual Parish Meeting On Tuesday, 25 April 2023 in the Village Hall, West Burton at 7.30 pm

This meeting is open to all residents of the Parish and is your opportunity to come and talk to the Parish Council about any issues that are of concern to you. Further details will be published in the April Newsletter.

Best Kept Village Competition

As we look out on the snow and ice, we can perhaps cheer ourselves up with the thought of how beautiful our village looks in the summer.

We didn't win the **Best Kept Village Competition** last year, having won for the fifth time in 2021, but we always score very highly, thanks to everyone's efforts.

We will be judged on the state of our gardens, the Village Green, lack of litter, well maintained walls and gates and the general appearance of the village.

Judging usually takes place in the first two weeks of July, so that gives us plenty of time to plan.

Emergency Plan

The Emergency Plan, first put together back in 2007, has now been updated and rewritten. This plan sets out how we would cope with emergencies in the Parish, such as flooding, heavy snow, gales, extensive power cuts or any other emergency. The idea behind the Plan is that in the event of an emergency that cuts us off from the outside world, we would be able to help ourselves until the emergency services could get to us.

The main focus of our efforts would be based in the Village Hall, where we would set up a community hub. In order to do this in the event of a power cut, we are pleased to let you know that we have been awarded a grant of $\pounds1,000$ from Richmondshire District Council to put towards the cost of a generator. This will enable us to provide power in the Village Hall for lighting, heating and re-charging mobile phones. Food and drinks can also be provided as the cookers are powered by calor gas.

This has all been done in conjunction with the Village Hall Committee who have also obtained a grant towards the cost of setting up the connection for the generator.

All of this will be co-ordinated by the Emergency Plan Team, consisting of eight people in the Parish, which has recently been set up. Further details of this will be available at the Annual Parish Meeting.

New dog waste bin

Following a request by a resident, a new dog waste bin is due to be installed by Richmondshire District Council at Eshington Bridge. This will be the fourth dog waste bin in the Parish. The waste from all these bins is usually collected by Richmondshire District Council for disposal, but if anyone notices that a bin has not been emptied, please let the Clerk, Sue Ryding, know on 663551.

West Burton Chapel Fundraising for Action for Children

West Burton Chapel would like to thank the community for their generous support in donating £427 to Action for Children from the Carol Singing and the Christmas Crib service.

It was a splendid amount to be able to send to this worthy cause.

Lent lunch

A Lent Lunch of Soup, Bread, Cheese, Tea or Coffee Will be held in West Burton Village Hall on Friday, 10 March 2023 between 12.00—1.30 pm

Donations for Christian Aid

Burton-cum-Walden Parish Council

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