

PARISH PLANET

THE BURSTON AND SHIMPLING PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I'm pleased to report that there has been a lot of progress on the playing field this year. With the help of Anglian Water, who provided all of the materials needed, and Barry Stone of South Norfolk Council, who arranged a grant, a team of volunteers were able to install a drainage system for the BMX track. The track is used by a range of people and a lot of them have helped to improve the track over the years. The track used to flood in the dips when it rained and the water would not drain away, making the track unusable. Things will be better now.

In the Community Memorial Orchard the trees have been pruned and given wire guards to prevent damage from animals. A poppy bed has been created and a Memorial Stone has been ordered and will be in place by 11th November. Thanks to Cllr Keith Cowley who has put a lot of effort into these projects.

Following complaints about speeding, the Council have organised a Speedwatch team, who have been out each week in Burston or Shimpling with the speed-gun. This does seem to be having an effect, motorists exceeding the limit are sent a letter by the Police. We will soon also have a SAM camera popping up in our villages – this is the device that tells you how fast you are driving – and it is hoped that this also will help reduce the number of speeding motorists in our parish.

At the moment there is a vacancy on the Parish Council. If any resident would like to join our friendly team, please can they let me know or contact our clerk, Ann Baker.

Nigel Frankland 07831377769

Where's the RESPECT?

Many of you will have heard, through the emails that are circulated, that a bench went missing from the playing field. (If anyone wants to get the emails all they have to do is contact nigelfrankland@btinternet.com). Two benches were placed there by the parish council to enable families to sit and enjoy a picnic while the children play. Well someone decided to help themselves and take one of the benches.

Fortunately we were alerted that a bench had been spotted at the WOW festival and so we did manage to recover it. However as you can see from the picture the bench had been abused and severely damaged. All the Council tax payers in our parish will be paying for the repairs!



PLAYING FIELD UPDATE

During the summer some repair works have been underway in the playing field and children's play area. Earlier in the year we filled in some of the deeper holes in the parking area which have now settled and need topping up, this will hopefully be done in the next few weeks. We have also repaired the roof of the small shed which stores some of the equipment we use plus it has been given a fresh coat of protective paint ready for the winter.

One of the picnic benches has been painted and the other one (which went for walkabouts during the summer and is now thankfully back home) will be done soon. The park benches have been repainted which have identified a couple of slats that need sorting out, again a job before the winter arrives.

Following the successful installation of the underground drainage system for the BMX track we have installed a small plaque acknowledging the help and assistance provided by South Norfolk Council and Anglian Water for these works

Later in the year we hope to install a special memorial stone in the community orchard for the centenary of the ending of the First World War and also possibly an information board describing the trees that make up the community orchard and the reason why they were originally planted.

So keep a look out for these new additions to the orchard area and also some possible activities that may be happening in the playing field before the years out.

AUTUMN 2018

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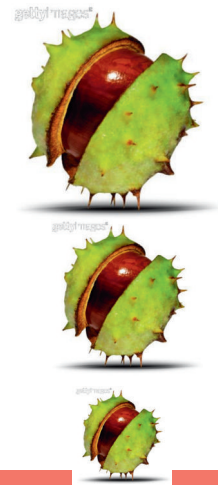
FOBC - SAFARI SUPPER

The summer heatwave created perfect conditions for our Safari Supper, the evening was warm and with no fear of rain, al fresco was a perfect joy. Canapés were served at the Moat House where Norma had been hard at work producing an abundance of tiny delicacies. These accompanied by a free glass of wine set the standard for the evening ahead.



The party proceeded to The Retreat where the main course was prepared and served most professionally, by Elaine and Brian Norman, who provided a delicious chicken and broccoli pasta bake accompanied by a huge range of salad dishes. If not yet fully satiated, the dining experience ended in Market Lane where a number of delicious sweets were on offer by Sybil Peck. Thanks to all who helped to put this great event together.

Look out for this next year, it's one you shouldn't miss!



Burston Crown in shortlist for Norfolk Pub of the Year

Our wonderful village pub has already won Waveney Valley Pub of the Year and South Norfolk pub of the Year and is now in a shortlist of 4 pubs for the coveted title of Norfolk Pub of the Year.

We submitted our entry which got the pub through to a shortlist of 6, and we were visited by judges to join 4 other Norfolk pubs that go through to the award ceremony at Open in Norwich on 9th September. We are very excited by this as it has shown that all of our hard work is paying off.

We have had an exciting first half of the year with a great line-up of live music and theatre and Beers, Bikes and Bands raising more than £7,500 for charity. Our Autumn season of theatre and spoken word events begins on 19th September with Luke Wright making a return - his last show was standing room only so get here early!

Our original live music has brought local and international bands to Burston and we have had Charlie Parr, The Yawpers, Whiskey Shivers and Rodney Branigan from the USA to play for us making us a known stopping point for touring bands.

Key dates coming up are Day of the Dead on 4th November, Buskers Reunited on 20th December, Alden Patterson and Dashwood on 23rd December, Charlie Harper's Blues Night on 28th December and of course our New Year's Eve Party.

Let's hope that by time you read this we will be crowned Norfolk Pub of the Year. Like our Facebook page and you will see all of the events that are taking place and they are listed on our website www.burstoncrown.com

Bev, Steve and staff at The Burston Crown

BACK LANE SHIMPLING B.O.A.T

In 2013 Back Lane, Shimpling, a grassy track which is officially a Byway Open to All Traffic, was closed by bollards to enable it to recover from damage done by 4x4 drivers who came to enjoy 'fun in the mud'. They drove along the track at quite some speed making it very dangerous for walkers and horse riders, and you can still see the ruts that they made after five years!

Following a complaint that the Byway is still closed (the official closure orders only ran for 12 months) Norfolk County Council have indicated that the bollards will have to be removed if a Traffic Order is not obtained in the next few months. This Traffic Order will cost at least £5,000 and Norfolk County Council have indicated that they cannot pay all of this.

Burston and Shimpling Parish Council are aware that most residents of Shimpling wrote in to Norfolk County Council (when a possible re-opening of the track was advertised) strongly expressing the view that the track should remain closed to motor vehicles. Consequently, the Parish Council have promised some money towards the costs of the Traffic Order. Funding has also been promised from other sources to the tune of over £4,000. More offers of financial support will help the efforts being made to keep the track closed, as will letters at the appropriate time.

Nigel Frankland

BURSTON SCHOOL NEWS



The friends of the school provide all the refreshments for the strike school rally which is our biggest fundraiser of the year and in the last year we have been lucky enough to take the whole school to see the Lion King in London which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the pupils and staff. They have also helped in funding trips to the Sea life Centre in great Yarmouth, year 5 & 6 residential to Eaton Vale, ingredients for the year 6 leavers meal which also made use of the school's first crop of vegetables from the school garden and general books and stationery for the school.

We will be doing another Bag 2 School collection in October so look out for the bag coming through your letter box we hope to arrange a collection day or please feel free to drop in to the school at any time.

The Partnership schools (Burstons & Tivetshall) will be doing a sponsored walk in aid of Cancer research from Tivetshall to Burstons on Friday 14th September. We keep to as many footpaths as possible back to Burstons for some well-earned refreshments.

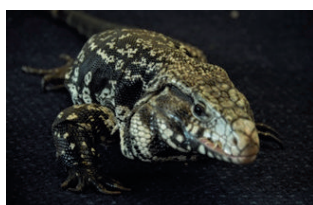
We are always looking for new ideas to improve our school if you think you could help in any way whether it be coming to hear the children read, help with a club, doing a talk on your hobby, baking a cake for an event supporting us at an event.

Kind Regards
Maria



BURSTON HOUSE HOSPITAL

In our last update we were excited about the upcoming animal experience event - it is safe to say that this was a huge hit with both patients and staff! There were lots of different animals who visited, including a Royal Python, Milk Snake, Blue Tongued Skink, Tegu, Bearded Dragon and Meerkat. Unfortunately it was too hot for the tarantula to come, although some of us might have been a bit relieved to hear this... The animal handlers were full of knowledge and we learnt a lot about the animals. Patients were able to see the animals up close and hold them if they wanted to. It was a great afternoon and hopefully something that we will be able to do again in the future.



The last few months have also been filled with sport, with patients enjoying supporting England during the world cup. Although we were disappointed they didn't win, we are still really proud of their achievements. Some patients made football posters and had a competition to guess who would win. There were also many games of football played, with patients recreating some of their favourite players' moves.

We have lots to look forward to over the next few months. Our annual barbeque is coming up soon and we are hoping this lovely weather continues for it. We also have our annual awards ceremony, which celebrates patients' achievements, and we will also start planning some spooktacular activities for Halloween.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!



2026 THE DEADLINE APPROACHES

2026 is not so very far away when we think in terms of public rights of way. As you may know there is a cut off date for applications to have unrecorded and under-recorded rights of way added to the definitive map. You may well be being approached by members of your parish for support in claiming these lost rights of way, or perhaps its a topic you have discussed but aren't sure how to move forward with.

Just because it looks like a right of way, doesn't mean it is one...

It is estimated that there are hundreds of lost or under-recorded rights of way in every county, this means it is likely that there may be some in your Parish.

On 1st January 2026 the public will no longer be able to submit definitive map modification orders based on historic evidence. Any rights of way which have not been 'claimed' by this date will be lost forever.



BURSTON CHAPEL

Sunday Morning Service at 11 am
Sunday Evening Service at 6.30 pm
Prayer Meeting - Tuesdays 8 pm (call 741816 for details)
Jamie's gang (school age club) Wednesdays 5 pm to 6.30 pm in term time only
All Welcome - see the Burston Chapel website:-
www.burstonchapel.co.uk

ST GEORGE'S SHIMPLING

Carols by Candlelight -
Thursday 13th December

ST MARY'S BURSTON CHURCH SERVICES

16th September 9.30am Morning Prayer
23rd September 10.30am Harvest Festival
30th September 10.30am 5 parish Morning Prayer
7th October 9.30am Morning Prayer
14th October 8.00am Holy Communion
21st October 9.30am Morning Prayer
28th October 11.00am Chapel

MOBILE LIBRARY

16.20 - 17.05 Burston Primary School
13-Sep-18, 11-Oct-18, 08-Nov-18, 06-Dec-18

YOUTH CAFE

Every Thursday during term time in St Mary's Church. If you are High School Age the Youth Café is open from 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm and you get free pizza and milk shake.



Parish Council Meetings

Meetings are usually held in St. Mary's Burston starting at 7.30 pm on the following dates:-
Tuesday 18th September 2018
Tuesday 27th November 2018

The Parish Council

The members of the Parish Council are:-

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