

PARISH PLANET

THE BURSTON AND SHIMPLING PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

For two relatively small villages Burston and Shimpling have a lot going on:-

The Burston Crown has been very active as a community hub, and has had a series of varied events. It was the well justified winner of the Don Swanton Award, which was presented to Bev and Steve at the Annual Parish Meeting on 24th April.

We now have a Speedwatch team who are conducting at least one session a week at various locations. It is hoped that the team in their Hi-Viz jackets will act as a deterrent and encourage all of those who drive through our villages to comply with the speed limits.

Cllr Tom Grieve organised a litter pick that took place in April. Many thanks to those who turned up and to those who provided the tea and cakes.

The memorial garden has been improved by Cllr Keith Cowley and a working party.

You are reading this in The Planet, a full colour Parish Newsletter of a professional standard that is produced entirely 'in house' by Cllr Christine Stevens, who edits the copy and creates the page layouts. We are fortunate to have a newsletter as good as this, and grateful to ForFarmers for printing the copies that are distributed by volunteer deliverers all round our villages.

All of the items mentioned above help to create our community and details are included below for each event.

My thanks to everyone who has helped in any way

Nigel Frankland, Chairman

THE BIG LITTER PICK 29TH MAY 2018

Thank you to all those who volunteered to help at this year's annual big litter pick. In spite of heavy rain forecast we had a good turn out of 18 people on the afternoon and within 2 hours we collected a staggering 22 blue bags of litter from across our parishes of Shimpling and Burston. Along with the usual drinks cans and litter some extraordinary items were found on the roadsides including: a good condition garden spade, a horse whip, assorted bits of car and surprisingly a boxed, ready to use, NHS enema kit!

Next year we are looking to arrange the litter pick earlier in the spring before the grass has started to grow and spread it over the whole week-end so that if any are not able to make it on Sunday



afternoon they can take part at any time over the two days. Any help, whether it be 10 mins clean up around your own property, or the donation of a cake for the Sunday tea is appreciated.

FOBC Safari Supper

Safari Supper Saturday 21st July 2018 at 7.30pm

The event where each of the 3 courses is served at a different venue.

This year we are commencing at Norma Ajdukiewicz's home, The Moat House, Audley End, Burston. We need booking in advance for this event so please contact either Norma on 01379 740595 email: normandrew6az@btinternet.com or Christine on 01379 740505 email: c.stevens864@btinternet.com to book your place.

It is with great regret that the Open Gardens event has been cancelled for this year. A date for your diary is Friday 19th October 2018 when we will be holding a Fish and Chip Supper and quiz night.



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BURSTON HOUSE HOSPITAL NEWS

It's been a busy three months at Burston House, from fundraising for Sport Relief to bird table and bird box making. Sports Relief was very successful, a particular favourite being the tombola. We learnt that our patients are very competitive, even though the remaining prizes were only black socks and shower gel, they bought tickets to the bitter end, determined to win as many prizes as they could. It was very much appreciated though! Bird table and bird box making continues to be very successful and we now have a selection in the woodwork room. It is lovely when a patient moves on and takes something they have built with them to their new placement. Here's one we made earlier.....(we think it looks like a man with a moustache)



We have a very exciting event planned in July. We are having an animal experience afternoon. There are a range of animals which could arrive; meerkats, lizards, snakes, spiders and owls. We can't wait to see what they bring. We'll let you know how it goes and try and take some pictures of the animals for our next instalment. Also, planning for our annual summer barbecue is underway. It is something we all look forward to as it is such a fun day and everyone joins in. The mention of burgers and ice-cream is all it takes!

Have a good Summer, everyone!

FOBC COFFEE MORNING



On 24th March the Friends of Burston Church held a coffee morning with an Easter

theme. Stalls of cakes and crafts were on offer together with tea, coffee and refreshments.



We hope you came and enjoyed the event but if not, the FOBC plan to hold further themed in events

later this year so look out for the advertising posters.



Burston Crown News

Hi everyone,

It has been a very busy and challenging time for us at The Burston Crown. The Anglian Water works in and around the village had a direct effect on custom and quite frankly left the pub grounds looking a frightful mess.

However Anglian Water worked with us to make it possible for us to hold our successful Beer, Bikes and Bands event during the May bank holiday. And what an event that was. We were able to raise £7,200 for a local charity that helps South Norfolk children who face challenges as a result of parent or sibling death and other troubles. This is our chosen charity along with Burston School.

More than 400 bikes came to the village and I hope that this did not cause too much disturbance to your Sunday. We had a visit from the Police and they took pictures and tweeted that it was a well-managed, safe and successful event.

The Burston Crown is part of Norfolk and Norwich Open Studios event hosting a 'Taster Exhibition' for South Norfolk artists we have many art works on the walls and on plinths and artworks have been sold already, and one artist has received a sizeable commission from a pub customer.

For August bank holiday weekend we will be holding our Big 5 family Funday again, with the Waveney Valley Sausage contest, Burston Dog Day contests, Beer festival and much more.

Our music and theatre sessions continue on Fridays and Sundays and burger night is the 1st Tuesday in the month and steak night the second Thursday in the month - only £12.95 with a drink included.

Thanks to all for your support and thanks to the Parish Council for helping us with Classic car day and the Strike School for allowing the school to use the facilities.

To receive regular updates like our Facebook page or go to www.burstoncrown.com

Bev and Steve Kembery



Community Speed Watch

Following many requests, the Parish Council have taken action. A mobile SAM2 has been funded and will be arriving shortly, and also a Community Speed Watch team has been set up. Following discussions with the Co-ordinator for Norfolk Police, we advertised for volunteers. Forms were distributed, filled in, returned to the co-ordinator and vetted. Site risks were checked, training undertaken and ultimately live sessions commenced in February.

Nine trained team members now commit to at least three going out for 1 hour per week. So we could be called on just every third week, but appreciate the enthusiasm of the team with some members attending more often, and sometimes more than once a week.

We have 5 sites set up around Burston and Shimpling, and will be looking at a couple of additional sites in the near future.

It should be emphasised the team try and discourage speeding, not catch the speeders, but even with the permanent signage, the temporary signs, and at least 3 fluorescent jackets, we do unfortunately have those oblivious to us and the speed limit.

The penalty is initially a letter from Norfolk Police, although if anyone is recorded at 50mph in a 30mph then they will get a personal visit. Caught a second time in the County, they will receive a second letter, and be targeted as a persistent offender by the Police

In our first 11 days 78 were reported (average 7 per session). Notably 50mph recorded for one driver whilst on their mobile phone, and 20 offenders in one evening between 4:30 and 6pm. Most offenders are not parishioners, all information recorded is fed back to Norfolk Police to provide them with hot-spots to concentrate on.

Hopefully we have discouraged some speeding and will continue to be supported by the residents. We have had positive feedback as the majority recognise speeding is anti-social and a danger to residents, particularly the elderly and young children.

We are looking for volunteers, if interested please contact me - ruddjim@rocketmail.com

I would like to thank the team and remind everyone that speed limits are there for a reason.

Jim Rudd on behalf of Community Speed Watch Team

29TH, 30TH JUNE & 1ST JULY

WOOLSEY BRIDGE FIELDS
DISS IP22 5SX

SOLO BANTON

AND THE **UPPERCUT BAND**

ELECTRIC SWING CIRCUS

RESONATORS - WHISKEY SHIVERS

DON KIPPER - BESSIE TURNER

ALMATIC - BAD PARENTS - DELTA BELTAS

FICK AS FIEVES - GAFFA TAPE SANDY

HOODOO OPERATORS - HOT RAISIN

JOHNNY STEINBERG AND THE BLUEFISH

KATIE SPENCER - LORD OF WORMS

LOVE SONGS FOR LOSERS - MAYA BLU

NIAMH - NEBULA SUN - PORT ERIN

POPE OF CHILLITOWN - TWISTED ROUTES

AND MORE...WEEKEND CAMPING;
REAL ALE; KIDS ARTS & CRAFT AREA.

Day tickets available from Clare's Sugarcraft, Norfolk House Yard, Diss IP22 4LB
& Toy Box Toys, 32 Mere Street, Diss IP22 4AD; camping tickets available online.



Supporting Friends of Burston School

VISIT www.wow-arts.co.uk FOR MORE INFO



Burston residents Geoff and Julie Bunting Dixon will be holding their WoW festival between 29th June and 1st July at Woolsey Bridge Fields.

Everyone is welcome to attend to dance to the music. Julie says "it is a family event and attendance in the past has seen the youngest being only weeks old and the oldest in his 80's and performing on stage with his son. We have many Burston families camping with us for the weekend and some prefer to sneak home to bed and come back in the morning. We get the best of national bands and local bands too".

The festival website is www.wow-arts.co.uk

ON BEHALF OF BURSTON SCHOOL

The school would like to thank Anglian Water who have kindly repainted our netball court, drilled some holes for new netball post and donated gravel for our garden. The children are really enjoying using these areas again, so much so we are able to run after school clubs.

The EDP has taken some photos. It was part of the school council's wish list to get this done, and more but Anglian Water have helped us achieve it a lot quicker.

We understand Anglian Water have received much criticism so it is nice to give them a bit of good press. The school, teachers and pupils can't thank them enough it really has made a difference to a small school.

We had a fundraiser early this month (Bag 2 School) where bags were dropped through residents doors to be filled with unwanted clothes, bedding, soft toys etc (we get £0.40p/kg). Where we dropped bags, they were kindly left out for collection and helped us raise £86 which helps towards school trips, books, equipment etc. Thanks to all who contributed. This will be repeated in October when we hope to get round all the village.

Maria Gipson



THE VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD AND COMMUNITY ORCHARD AREA

Due to fantastic efforts from various volunteers we have been carrying out some much needed maintenance and improvement works to the BMX track and the Community Orchard on the playing field.

The BMX track has suffered over recent years with areas becoming flooded during heavy rain. Once this happens the track becomes unusable. As the Parish Council felt that something should be done to help, a scheme was prepared to install land drains running alongside the BMX track. This involved digging a trench the length of the BMX track and connecting the low points into the land drain. The land drain pipe was installed, covered with stone and finally backfilled thanks to experienced digger drivers, Tommy and Steve, and the volunteers. Thanks need to be given to Adnams Brewery, District Councillor Barry Stone and Anglian Water for their help in terms of grants and free materials.

Just beyond the BMX track is the Community Orchard which was planted up with a number of fruit trees and a memorial park bench in 2014 to commemorate the beginning of the Great War in 1914. The area had lacked attention so volunteers cleared away the grass and weeds around the trees, replaced dead and damaged trees, installed wire netting protection and then finally placed bark mulch around each tree. A commemorative poppy bed has been dug at one end to commemorate the centenary of the end of the Great War in 1918. We hope to have a display of red poppies later this year. We also hope to install an information board which will have a plan of the area listing the trees planted and why the orchard was established in 2014. All parishioners should take a wander down to the bottom of the playing field, sit on the bench, wander through the trees and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the area.

There are further plans for the playing field and community orchard this year so keep an eye out for this.

Photographs of the works in progress can be checked out on our website-www.burstonandshimpling.org.uk

BURSTON CHAPEL

Sunday Morning Service at 11.00am

Sunday Evening Service at 6.30pm

Prayer Meeting - Tuesdays 8.00pm (call 741816 for details)

Jamie's gang (school age club) Wednesdays 5.00pm to 6.30pm in term time only

All Welcome - see the Burston Chapel Website:-
www.burstonchapel.co.uk

ST MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

3rd June 9.30am Morning Prayer

10th June 8.00am Holy Communion

17th June 10.30am 5 Parish HC at Gissing

24th June 11.00am at Burston Chapel

1st July 9.30am Morning Prayer

8th July 8.00am Holy Communion

15th July 9.30am Morning Prayer

22nd July 11.00am at Burston Chapel

MOBILE LIBRARY

16.20 - 17:05 Burston Primary School

21st June, 19th July, 16th August, 13th September

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 26th June 2018

Tuesday 17th July 2018

Tuesday 18th September

Tuesday 27th November

The Parish Council

The members of the Parish Council are:-

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