

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

The team organised a village Barbecue, held on Church Green on Saturday 2nd September, the Saturday before the rally. This year there were two bands to entertain the crowd, Groovey Arts Club, and Stumpy Joe. The burgers and sausages were well cooked by a team of experts, and everyone who came said that it was good event.
Nigel Frankland

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

FLY TIPPING



This is a picture of the ditch in Long Lane Burston. Various things including a vacuum cleaner, a high chair and numerous other household items have been thrown into the ditch.

Why???

Much and maybe all of this rubbish would have been taken by the refuse collectors had

these been put in or near the black bin. What makes people think it is acceptable to offload rubbish in this way. If we all did this we would be living on a landfill site. Please report any fly tipping you see to South Norfolk Council via their website or call Freephone 0808 168 2999



It has been noticed that incidents of dog fouling have increased, in Burston in particular. When you walk your dog(s), it is essential to take a bag and even a scoop as well, to collect your dog's mess/faeces. This should then be

disposed of in a proper dog bin or taken home for disposal. Dog bins are sited near the telephone box in Shimpling and on the playing field in Burston near to the entrance from Audley Close.

Allowing your dog to foul public places and not clearing it up is an offence as well as unpleasant for the rest of the community.

We hope that this fouling without clearing up will stop, for the benefit of all. Thank you.

ST GEORGE'S SHIMPLING

Carols by Candlelight -Thursday 14th December

MOBILE LIBRARY

15.50 - 16.35 Burston Primary School

14-Sep-17,12-Oct-17,09-Nov-17, 07-Dec-17

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 28th November 2017

Tuesday 16th January 2018

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The Parish Council

The members of the Parish Council are:-

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Alison Wakeham (Vice Chair) 01379 741500

Christine Stevens 01379 740505

Tom Grieve 01379 741166

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Ann Baker (Clerk) 01379 742937

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THE BURSTON AND SHIMPLING PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Editor: Christine Stevens

Have you any news items or stories the parish might be interested in? Please send your items by email to c.stevens864@btinternet.com

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

You might think that over the holiday period the Parish Council has nothing to do.....but this year at least you would be wrong! There are many things that have been 'on the boil' and that have been requiring our attention.

Piers Bilston resigned from the Council and we thank him for his contribution over the past two years. By the time you read this we hope to have co-opted a new councillor so that we remain at the full strength of seven councillors.

We have negotiated with potential funders to enable us to take action to drain the BMX track on the playing field, and we now have £1,000 from South Norfolk Council and the Adnams Charity. We hope to receive another contribution from Sport England so we can start work in the autumn. The BMX track was installed a few years ago but has been greatly improved by the young people who use it. However, when it rains the dips flood and it is then un-useable until it dries out. The proposed drainage should solve that problem.

Among the usual planning applications to consider, one application in particular has taken up some time as some residents have been filing objections. The council has had to consider all of the resident's points when preparing and filing its own comments. This application will now be considered by the planning committee of S N Council, and the Parish Council will have an opportunity to speak.

Feelings are mixed in Burston over the coming Sewerage project. This will enable homes in the village that have septic tanks/cesspits to be connected to a 'proper' mains sewer which will minimise the risk of pollution of groundwater but the works will cause road closures over a number of months with the first road closure starting on 11th September.

Councillors have attended several meetings with Anglian Water to try and ensure that the impact on the village is as manageable as possible, but it is clear that there will be lots of inconvenience over the coming months.

There are also mixed feelings in the village about the Strike Rally. The event is over for another year, but in the weeks before the rally the Council talked with the Unite union, who organise the event, to ensure that the event causes the minimum of disruption. As in previous years there was an allocated field for car parking and as in the last two years there were an enhanced number of marshals to ensure that there was no problem parking by visitors. The event was well organised and while it is true that there was some noise in the region of Church Green during the day, and the roads on 'the candlestick' were impassable during the march, the event did benefit the Friends of Burston School, who ran the refreshment tent, The Crown, who ran the beer tent, and the Parish Council who receive a donation from the organisers for the use of Church Green. The Green is always left in an immaculate condition. I did publicise my mobile phone number to many so anyone with a complaint could raise it immediately, but my phone did not ring – from which I deduce that the inconvenience caused by the rally was acceptable and not a real problem.

Please call me if you disagree - Nigel Frankland 07831377769

BURSTON CROWN BANGER COMPETITION

The Waveney Valley Sausage contest held at The Burston Crown Big 5 Family Fun Day on Bank Holiday Sunday, was won by Banham Butchers, 'Banham Special' sausage. Cleaveleys of South Elham came second with their Sweet Chili sausage and Pepperrell's of Harleston third with their Norfolk pork sausage. The contest had 18 different types of sausage from 9 different Waveney valley butchers and the winner was selected by popular public vote.

Quality control for cooking the sausages was under the watchful eye of Steve Kembery, Chef Patron of the Burston Crown. He said, "It is very important that each sausage is cooked to perfection so every butcher has an equal chance of winning. It was a tough challenge but we have done it before and we know how to deliver consistent results".

The owner of Banham Butchers, Jonathan Wise was delighted to have won and said "We always try to go that little bit further in making sausages for our customers, and it is nice to have it recognised in this way".

The Big 5 Family Funday attracted more than 200 people for 1-Crown Dog Day competition, 2-beer festival, 3-children's entertainment, 4-live music from Denny Newman Band and Birmingham band Dirty Old Folkers and 5-beer festival. For further details please call: Geoffrey Dixon 07775582305, The Burston Crown 01379 741257, Jonathan Wise, Banham Butchers 01953 888579



AUTUMN 2017

TWO VILLAGES • ONE FUTURE

TWO VILLAGES • ONE PARISH

SAFARI SUPPER



The Safari Supper, hosted by the Friends of Burston Church, has gained a reputation beyond the village. Among the 30 people who joined us on Saturday 15 July was a visitor who came to see if the idea could be adapted for her parish.

The weather was fine. After drinks and canapes in Lynn and Jim Howard's

beautiful garden, guests strolled along the lane to The Old Granary where we dined in a marquee on Dorothy Swanton's lawn.

Everyone enjoyed an evening of good food and agreeable company.

The event raised £294 towards the upkeep of Burston Church as a village amenity.

Norma Ajdukiewicz, Friends of Burston Church

FISH & CHIP SUPPER QUIZ

Our annual Fish & Chip Supper Quiz is to be held on Friday 13th October at 7.30pm in Burston church.

Bring your own drinks.

Information and tickets will be available from Norma Tel 740595

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or

Christine Tel 740505

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Tickets £12 (£6 for under-12s)



THE BELL OF ST MARY'S

When St. Mary's tower crumbled in 1753, the 5 bells, together weighing over one and a half tons, survived. The parishioners needed £225 (over £1 million in today's money) so the bishop gave them permission to sell four bells, probably to Tibenham. This enabled them to repair the west wall using brick, cheaper than flint.

The smallest, treble bell was hung in a bell-cote at the west end of the roof. It was made at Darbie's bell foundry in Ipswich, and is inscribed: "JOHN DARBIE MADE ME 1683".

Arthur Ford, a Burston wheelwright, who rebuilt the bell-cote in 1906, also rehung the bell and erected the cockerel weathervane, but without compass points. Unfortunately Mr Ford's expertise was in wheels, not bells.

He used Iron to suspend the bell and positioned the clapper to strike the bell's side instead of the rim which increased the risk of cracking.



When the church was restored in 2016, thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund, a serious crack was found in the bell. Special scaffolding, with a pulley to lower and raise the bell, was needed. Extra funds had to be found. It was repaired at Newmarket, one of two remaining bell foundries in England, the other is in Whitechapel, London. Both have a waiting list so repair was delayed. Also the bell-cote had rotted and was in danger of crashing down bringing the bell with it.

The bell-cote was rebuilt by Richard Rumsby. The bell was rehung by the bell-hangers Kevin Baines and his son in January 2017. Pete Hyde kindly

restored the weathervane. He found a date 1892 punched into the cockerel's tail. Our thanks go to all who contributed to this project. We are also grateful to the English Heritage Lottery Fund, the Paul Cattermole Fund for a grant of £1000, and the Friends of Burston Church who funded the scaffolding.

The bell now rings out clearly and should do so for many years to come.

Norma Ajdukiewicz FOBC



THE BURSTON CROWN

Bev Kembery of The Burston Crown warmly invites all villagers to the pub/restaurant. "we can organize parties, meetings or gatherings of any type though perhaps we are not best placed if you are looking for moments of contemplation."

Our next big event is 'Day of the Dead' celebration on 29th October when Norwich band Vagaband will be playing and there will be a bonfire and BBQ and DotD face painting with luminous paints and our special fluorescent lights room again this year".



Bev said, "Those who know Brian from Shimpling will realize that he has not been around for a few weeks, but Julie Bunting Dixon and I went to see him at his temporary residence at a care home in Dereham. Brian was happy to see us and enjoyed his bottle of Adnams beer! Brian has popped into the Burston Crown most days for his pint of Adnams and to read the newspaper. When he has not been well enough a shift system of pub regulars pick him up from his home in Shimpling and then take him home again when that pint is finished and the newspaper read

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

At a Burston and Shimpling Parish Council meeting earlier in the year parishioners voiced concern about traffic speeding through the villages.

Parish Council looked at options and one of the most effective is Community Speed Watch, a scheme where the community can be empowered to assist Norfolk Constabulary by conducting speed checks within their village to educate and reduce speed. This is your opportunity to join with others and do something positive about the concerns which have been raised. The set up is a three step process:-

Step 1 – Each volunteer (and there needs to be a minimum of 6) is required to complete two application forms, which will then be returned to Janet Overton who co-ordinates the CSW on behalf of Norfolk Constabulary. The application forms will then be processed through the vetting/CRB checks and when the results known Janet will contact the team coordinator. The team coordinator's role is to be Janet's point of contact, and also to store the equipment safely, work out the rotas for the team and send in the results

Step 2 – Janet will then contact the coordinator to come out and meet with them to carry out the risk assessments for the sites from which the team wish to monitor, which in our villages would be the 30mph speed limit areas. Once the sites are agreed Janet will then type up a site sheet and forward this to the team coordinator so they may distribute to the team.

Step 3 – Team members will be required to attend training. The full training takes about two and a half hours, and once completed the equipment is handed over to the coordinator and the team is free to set its own schedule of monitoring.

A Community Speed Watch leaflet is available either in hard copy, or electronically should anyone wish for more details before committing.

If you are interested in joining, or have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 07793041577 or ruddjim@rocketmail.com



BURSTON HOUSE HOSPITAL NEWS

Over the last few months we have continued to be busy in the Occupational Therapy department at Burston House.

We have been focusing on developing our Recovery College where patients and staff work together to plan and run courses to aid recovery. We have run a 'Drawing Animals' course which then evolved into a bird themed art course.

The birds that were created for the course were displayed in July, in an exhibition in the Corn Hall in Diss. We have continued to run a 'Cooking from Scratch' course where patients are able to learn how to cook a number of meals and an 'Animal Care' course is currently running where patients are able to learn about 6 different animals and also visit different places to see them. Two new courses are currently being developed which are a 'Bird Watching' course and a 'Practical Skills' course.

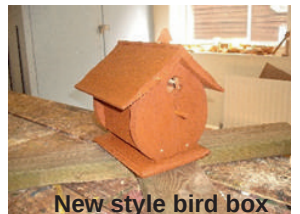
Aside from this we have been supporting patients to gain OCR Life and Living Skills qualifications and are about to have our Award Ceremony to celebrate their achievements. We are also advertising for two kitchen cleaner roles as part of our Real Work Opportunity programme which aims to support patients to develop skills needed for work.

Our next event will be our summer BBQ which will involve some 5 aside football and a music quiz. We have also continued to carry on with all of our regular activities including gardening, woodwork, Lego and model making.

Camilla Keable, Occupational Therapist, Advanced Practitioner



Lego Technic Plane



New style bird box



Wooden model plane