

PARISH PLANET

THE BURSTON AND SHIMPLING PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The summer months are usually a quiet time for the Parish Council but there still seems to be quite a lot going on this year.

We regularly correspond with farmers and landowners regarding the state of some footpaths so please contact us if you encounter any problems when you're out rambling. An excess of manure on the road was brought to our attention and soon dealt with following email correspondence with the farmer.

Difficulties with faulty play equipment have been addressed. With the new fencing in place the play area is now looking clean, tidy and inviting. We hope you agree.

The plans for a War Memorial are progressing. It is hoped that all of the funding will be in place by September so it may be possible to have the Memorial constructed before the end of October this year just in time for Remembrance Day.

The Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan is coming along, and a first draft has been circulated to Councillors for their comments. It is hoped that with this document in place it will be possible to control future development in our villages.

Burston Primary School have made tremendous strides in raising funds for a defibrillator for Burston, and the Parish Council are taking active steps to obtain funding for a corresponding unit to be located in Shimpling. Planning applications are of course, continually being forwarded to the Council for comment, and despite no summer meeting, councillors are still looking at the paperwork and providing comments to the Clerk so that replies to South Norfolk Council can be formulated.

The situation regarding the Shimpling BOAT is still receiving attention, NCC started putting the wheels in motion to produce a Road Traffic Order to control traffic movements in the lane but we have been contacted by the Trail Riders Association who has an interest in maintaining this area for their purposes. Discussions are ongoing. It may be that the summer is the quiet time but your Parish Councillors have still been busy.

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THE SPEEDWATCH TEAM NEEDS YOU!!

In July another session took place with the speed awareness sign/camera that we share with Tivetshall. We located it on Diss Road just before Market Lane. It had been mentioned that vehicles were travelling well above the speed limit coming out of the village as well as those coming in from Diss, so it was decided to split the month with the sign pointing towards Diss for the initial period and subsequently pointing towards the village. The data we collected proved interesting.

Coming from Diss we recorded 11,662 vehicles over a 17 day period with a top speed recorded at 55mph. Of the total number of vehicles just under 4,500 (39%) were above the speed limit, their average speed was 34.2 mph. Surprisingly the highest speeds were recorded over the weekends.

The data for when the sign was pointing towards the village over a 14 day period showed a total vehicle count of 7,696, two thirds of the vehicles coming into the village suggesting more vehicles use the village as a cut through coming from Diss than the other way. However contrary to popular belief the highest speed was 45mph and the average speed of the 878 (11%) that were above the speed limit was 32.7mph. So this seems to indicate that speed awareness must be concentrated on cars coming into the village rather than those driving through the village.

A new sign location on Station Road has been established and will be used in the coming months to slow vehicles coming from Shimpling.

On the Speedwatch front the team has been somewhat inactive over recent weeks due to a drop in volunteers through the summer months. A hard-core team of just 8 or 9 people has been involved for nearly two years in this successful and effective scheme but with a requirement of a min of 3 people per session, to have one every week means only a three week turn-around for each volunteer. So if you are interested in bolstering the team to keep this Speedwatch scheme alive, contact Jim Rudd by email ruddjim@rocketmail.com or by phone/text on 07793041577

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BURSTON SCHOOL NEWS

The summer term ended on a high. The Year 6 children cooked a delicious meal for their parents and staff and hosted the event brilliantly - they will be missed! During the last three scorching days, the children enjoyed an array of events including a fun afternoon which entailed putting Mr Carlyle in the stocks, Splat the Rat and Apple Bobbing to name just a few. The afternoon was concluded with hot dogs and ice cream, a real delight. On the last afternoon we finished with a final farewell to all the children leaving the school and wish them all the best in the future.

Looking forward, with September fast approaching, we are gearing ourselves up for a brand new curriculum. We are hoping that it will enthuse and delight all the children and give them a deep and broad understanding of wider topics.

Before the new term can start however, the Friends of Burston School will be catering delicious food for the annual Strike School Rally. We hope you come and enjoy it with us!

Nicki Hart

PLAYING FIELD UPDATE

With the summer holidays coming to an end we are pleased to see that good use has been made of the playing field facilities especially the play area. With the new safety fencing in place we hope that parents feel this area is a safer and more child friendly space allowing younger children to roam around as they wish without mums, dads and grandparents worrying that they have not wandered off too far. There are still a couple of bits of maintenance to attend to before the winter sets in but nothing stopping the area from being used. The swing log has now been repaired and is back in action. We have an issue to resolve on the roto swing which means that at the moment it is out of use but we hope not for long. One other matter within the play area that people may notice is that the picnic benches have been secured in position; this is to prevent them being damaged by being moved around the area, sometimes not very carefully. We hope this means that the benches are always in a good condition to be used by families whilst the children enjoy the play equipment. The community orchard area is now being cut on a regular basis hopefully allowing full access to this area and our new caretaker, Hadleigh, is doing a good job keeping the grass in the play area and around the BMX track in hand.

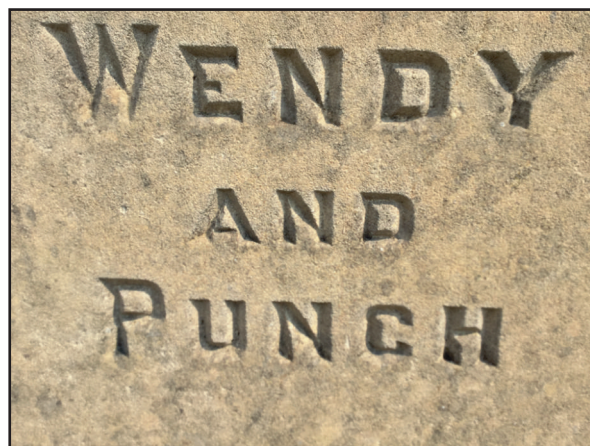
Shortly we shall be looking at some of the suggestions that came out of the recent parish questionnaire for new facilities in the playing field to see if these can be included in to next year's budget . We like to think that this area is one that the parish council can continually look to improve so please let us know if there's anything that you feel can be added in to the playing field.

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SPOT THE LANDMARK

How well do you know your parish? These photographs were taken in Burston or Shimpling during the last year. Do you know where they are? Answers in the next issue.



BURSTON HOUSE HOSPITAL NEWS

We have a lot to tell you, as we missed your last edition. We have been super busy at Burston House Hospital, of which raising money for charity has played a big part. We held events such as a cake sale with the sale of green awareness bands for the mental health charity Mind and a group of staff had a chocolate free month in aid of the British Heart Foundation. For charity, so far we have raised £464.73 this year!

It was International Picnic Day in June, so we decided to have our own picnic in the garden. Patients and staff enjoyed a very British picnic: sandwiches, pastries, crisps and cake on a picnic blanket! The weather was warm to make the afternoon even more successful.

At the end of July we held our annual Summer BBQ, which we combined with a Sports Day. The day was VERY hot, so it would have been rude not to include water games! There were many water activities, including team games which involved transporting a bucket of water from one end of the courtyard to the other using a single cup and a good old fashioned water fight. We ran out of ice cream and soft drinks too, they were unsurprisingly popular. At the end of the day, we rounded things off nicely with a presentation of various certificates. They included the team winner of Sports Day 2019, individual participation awards and certificates for attendance to our weekly Biggest Loser group. The day was enjoyed by patients and staff alike.

Our Real Work Simulation programme for Gardening has been going well. We are transforming our Occupational Therapy garden. Nine patients have been working very hard to clear borders and raised beds, in preparation for our new designs. We will include some pictures in one of our updates when the garden is finished.

Woodwork continues to be going well. Patients are in the process of building a garden bench with a difference.



The remainder of the year is roughly planned out for us. We have our annual award ceremony to organise to celebrate patient achievements and social events planned for September, Halloween and Christmas!

We will endeavour to update you in the next issue of Parish Planet.

Sam Hogg, Basic Skills Teacher, Priory Healthcare

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 MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

8th September 8.00 am Holy Communion
15th September 10.30 am Harvest Festival
22nd September 11.00 am Burston Chapel
29th September 10.30 am 5 parishes HC Gissing
6th October 9.30 am Morning Prayer
13th October 8.00 am Holy Communion
20th October 9.30am Home Team MP
27th October 11.00 am Burston Chapel
3rd November 9.30 am Morning Prayer
10th November 8.00 am Holy Communion
17th November 9.30am Home Team MP
24th November 11.00am Burston chapel

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.

FRIENDS OF BURSTON CHURCH

Friday 20th September - Life at Tuck's Mill in the 1960's by Rodney Tuck
Friday 25th October - Fish & Chip Quiz Supper
Tuesday 10th December Carol Concert



SPACE TO FILL

Has anyone got any local events they would like to promote through the Parish Planet. Since we have lost the Mobile Library there is a vacant spot on this page that we would like to fill. We welcome any news items that you have for publication.

Contact me - Christine Stevens 01379 740505
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Parish Council Meetings

Meetings are usually held in St. Mary's Church Burston starting at 7.30 pm on the following dates:-

Tuesday 17th September - PC meeting
Tuesday 26th November - PC meeting

The Parish Council

The members of the Parish Council are:-

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