

# PARISH PLANET

THE BURSTON AND SHIMPLING PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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## PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Parish Council is a form of non-ecclesiastical local government that has been in existence since 1894, and even though a Council such as ours has virtually no power or authority we still manage to get a lot achieved.

You will have seen the new Community Jubilee Pavilion on the recreation ground, and also the new storage shed. In a few weeks the basketball practice post will be functioning, and already minds are turning to the problem of how we can provide a toilet facility.

As chairman there are a lot of things on my mind that we might do, and that we need to do.

Some are basic 'housekeeping' – like getting the village caretaker to trim the hedge on Church Green, looking at the Burston village sign, which seems to need at least a significant repair or possibly replacing, and arranging a 'maintenance service' for the defibrillator in Shimpling. There are ideas that need to be discussed with other councillors. Some ideas might be accepted and others not. Should we organise a carved pumpkin competition for Halloween? Should we be thinking about a warm room for the winter for folk who might be cold? Also the Remembrance Day wreath-laying in Burston, should we organise something for Shimpling, where there is actually a War Grave?

Then there are the administrative things that need to be done....continue trying to fill the vacancy that we have on council, check up on the progress of the scheme to retain any flood water up-stream of Shimpling that is being prepared by the Drainage Board, and continue to ask the Highways Engineer to complete the many small improvements that we have requested.

We are fortunate in Burston to have a keen team of councillors who work well together to reach an excellent end result.

Nigel Frankland



## FROM THE RSPB



Turtle doves are in serious trouble having declined by 98% in the UK since the 1970s. They are small migratory doves that come to the UK to breed each summer. The UK national turtle dove census in 2021 revealed there are now only ~2100 breeding territories. Having more than one singing male in an area is now a rarity, yet

amazingly, up to three were heard in Burston this year!

In the right conditions turtle doves can have up to three breeding attempts during a summer, but most now have only one or two. Providing the right conditions will help their population to recover. They need dense thorny nesting habitat, water, and lots of accessible seed to thrive.

You can help by creating low growing wildflower plots with bare ground to provide seed for foraging, ponds, or areas of scrub, or by providing supplementary feeding.

Adult turtle doves can travel up to 10km for food, so you don't need to have space for all of these. By working together in Burston you could make a big difference to this species. Please get in contact if you are interested in managing your land, however big or small, to benefit turtle doves. [Eliza.leat@rspb.org.uk](mailto:Eliza.leat@rspb.org.uk)

## REMEMBER

There will be a brief ceremony at the war memorial at 9.15am on Sunday 13th November. There will also be a morning service in the church at 9.30am.



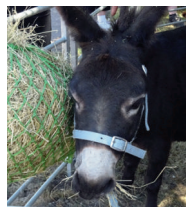
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## BURSTON HOUSE NEWS

We held an afternoon tea on Friday 12th August to raise money for Breast Cancer Now, we raised a fabulous £109



The Mini Donks came to visit us on Wednesday 10th August. Everyone enjoyed seeing them and brushing them.



At Burston House we attend Swimming weekly and Sailing monthly. This is enjoyed by many service users.



### BURSTFEST 2022

Our annual festival was celebrated on Thursday 1st September

We had a live band - 'The Gray Wolf', games, Mocktails and a BBQ.



## DEFIBRILLATORS



We have three defibrillators in the Parish ...one on the front of Burston Primary School on Crown Green, another at the front of the forFarmers mill on Mill Road and a third at Hall Lane in Shimpling on the front of 'Hawthorne's' - the first bungalow on the right. These are all available 24 hours a day.

## BURSTON AND SHIMPLING COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Our community is pulling together during what looks to be a hard winter. On Tuesday evenings we will be providing a simple hot meal and a warm place to eat and spend time with others. We are looking into having board games or showing films, so watch this space.

What? Simple hot meals, like soup, stews and shepherd's pie cooked at the Burston Crown

Where? Burston Chapel on Mill Road

When? Tuesday evenings at 5.30 pm, starting 11th October with Butternut Squash Soup, Bread and Shepherds Pie

Who? Anyone can come. If you can let us know then great, but it's fine to just turn up on the night

How much? There is no charge, but we will have a donation pot if you want to support the Community Kitchen

How can I get involved? Contact Bev through the Burston Crown facebook messenger or Ginni by email: [ginni.brinkley@gmail.com](mailto:ginni.brinkley@gmail.com) or by phone: 01379741816 if you would like to help or for more info.

Please let us know if you have any special dietary needs in advance.

We look forward to seeing you on the 11th October.





## THE RECREATION GROUND

Its almost 6months since my last report in the Parish Planet about what's been going on in the recreation ground and what further plans we have. In that time, we have suffered one of the hottest summers on record and that has had a toll on some of thing we have done.

Unfortunately, a lot of the trees that were planted by so many residents and volunteers last autumn have not survived despite a couple of watering sessions early on in the summer. We just had to pick the hottest and driest year for a long time to create our planned woodland areas and its such a shame that despite all the hard work a lot of the trees have not survived. However, we shall be getting a further 100 trees this coming autumn care of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust so we can look to replace some that didn't make it. We shall be looking at whether there are other charities who could provide us with more trees as they did last year. Once again, we shall be looking for help once these trees arrive to get them in the ground.

I am glad to report that the wildflower meadow area has been successful. We had an abundance of native wildflowers grow in the meadow area which the NWT helped us identify in two separate surveys. They also provided us with some newly cut green hay from an established local meadow which we have now spread over part of our own meadow and hopefully this will introduce some diversity into this area.

Regular users of the recreation ground will have seen that early in the summer we installed an open sided covered pavilion building which will also be used by the school as an outdoor classroom. Its first official use was at the schools sports day which was a great occasion.

It now has bench seating and we will be introducing some additional seating and tables so it can be used for a variety of activities and events – I have already seen family picnics underway in the pavilion. The Parish Council have replaced the old storage shed with a brand new log cabin styled shed to house our various bits of equipment and which should hopefully last for some years into the future.

Our next project this year will be to put up a basketball net and hard standing area for youngsters to enjoy, hopefully to include use by some older youths.

One of the pieces of play equipment, the agility and balance beams, in the play area has unfortunately become unusable but we shall hopefully be able to get this repaired soon so that it can be reused again. The seesaw was repaired at the start of the summer so this popular piece of equipment is now back in use.

Finally I would like to thank all the people who have helped over the year so far on the woodland and meadow areas, your volunteering has been greatly appreciated.

Lets hope that the rest of the year is a bit kinder to the recreation ground in terms of weather and we look forward to seeing more and more residents using the new facilities throughout the year.

Any comments please contact [keith@burstonandshimpling.org.uk](mailto:keith@burstonandshimpling.org.uk) or call on 01379 742766



## THE STRIKE SCHOOL RALLY

After a break of two years the Strike School Rally was held in Burston on the traditional date of the first Sunday on September. A large number of visitors arrived in the village from many parts of the country and took part in the 'Walk round the Candlestick' led by a cart pulled by two Suffolk Punches to the music of two Union bands. The crowd on Crown Green enjoyed refreshments provided by the Friends of Burston School, while being entertained by musicians and listening to impassioned speeches from leading figures including Jeremy Corbyn and Mick Lynch of the RMT.



## BURSTON CHAPEL

Sunday Morning Service at 11 am  
Sunday Evening Service at 6.30 pm

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](http://www.burstonchapel.co.uk)

## ST MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

23rd October 9.30am Morning Prayer  
6th November 9.30 am Holy Communion  
13th November 9.15am Remembrance service  
27th November 9.30am Morning Prayer

For further details please call:-

David Crowe - 01379 741518

Diss benefice office - 01379 643783  
or online at [www.dissteamministry.org.uk](http://www.dissteamministry.org.uk)

## 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.



THE FRIENDS OF BURSTON CHURCH  
invite you to a



## QUIZ with FISH AND CHIPS



Friday October 21st  
at 7 pm



in St Mary's Church Burston

Tickets £12 (children 12 and under £6)  
Bring your own drinks  
Raffle



Tickets: Christine: email [c.stevens864@btinternet.com](mailto:c.stevens864@btinternet.com)  
phone: 01379 740505



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## LITTER PICK

The next litter pick is Saturday 22nd October  
9:30am - 12:00midday

Meet on the village green by the war memorial to  
collect pick sticks and rubbish bags.  
Please bring your own gloves.  
Free refreshments for volunteers.  
Many thanks,  
Angela Belgrove



## Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting will be held in the Space Mill  
Road on Monday 17th October starting at 7.30  
pm. Meeting information and Agenda are  
posted on the village noticeboards and on the  
website at [burstonandshimpling.org.uk](http://burstonandshimpling.org.uk)

## The Parish Council

The members of the Parish Council are:-

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