

PARISH PLANET

THE BURSTON AND SHIMPLING PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A lot has been going on in the parish recently.

On the playing field the all-weather path has been completed, hundreds of trees have been planted, new benches and trim-trail equipment have been installed, and an area has been prepared for wild-flowers and the seeds have been planted. These new features have proved to be popular, and have attracted more visitors to our recreation facility.

A small committee worked hard organising events for the Jubilee, and the Parish celebrated the Jubilee right royally as you will see in this publication.

The floods of December 2020 have not been forgotten, and the Parish Council are still talking to landowners, residents, and organisations such as the Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance to ensure that as much as possible is done to reduce the risk of similar floods occurring again.

Mike Warwick, who has been helping with the problems of the floods, and who has been our Emergency Co-Ordinator, and the lead of the Jubilee Committee has indicated that he will be resigning from the Council. We thank him for his work while he has been with us.

At this time of year some footpaths may become impassable due to the crops. If this happens please let out footpath warden, Anita Hughes, know about it: footpaths@burstonandshimpling.org.uk.

In recent months some footpath bridges over streams have been damaged, or have been removed, for example on the footpath from the Bottom of Durbidge's Hill to Audley End (this bridge has just been replaced with a new one), and on the footpath through The Carr opposite The Grange in Shimpling. These have been reported to Norfolk County Council – but it does take some time for a new bridge to be built and put in position.

Nigel Frankland

THE DON SWANTON AWARD

Don Swanton was a resident of Burston and Shimpling who went 'above and beyond' to support the community. Each year the Don Swanton Award is presented to a person or group who have supported the community in a special way.

This year, in an event organised by Cllr Angela Belgrove on behalf of the Burston and Shimpling Parish Council the award was presented to the team of volunteers of B4RN, the community led organisation who have installed 1 Giga-bit broadband throughout the Parish.

Angela Belgrove explained that the team, who had been brought together by Briand and Jane Fishwick, had worked in all weathers, from 33 degrees to below freezing, to install the fibre cables across fields and ditches, and had installed routers in many homes. Sometimes the installations had not gone smoothly, but in the end most of the homes in the villages had been connected.

Jane Fishwick, accepting the award, said that sometimes they had thought of giving up, especially when it took six months to get permission to bring the cables across the railway line. The project was now nearly complete, but the Church and the Strike School would be connected soon.

Jim Howard, who had organised the teams of diggers and trenchers thanked the villages for the confidence that they had shown in the project. It was a leap of faith to leave BT and other major suppliers to go with an organisation that they had probably never heard of.

The award ceremony, which was well attended by local residents, was held in sunshine on Church Green on Sunday 22nd May. Other members of the team at the presentation were Chris Humphrey, who had provided equipment, and who undertook a lot of work, Lynn Howard, who provided cakes and was also seen with her sleeves rolled up, and Alison Wakeham, who provided a lot of IT input.



TWO VILLAGES • ONE PARISH

BURSTON AND SHIMPLING JUBILEE WEEKEND



On the Friday there was a treasure hunt organised by Nick Bateman, which sent teams, each a family with children, around the village seeking out elusive items of information, while also collecting items to be used to decorate a jacket potato. Prizes for contestants were donated by Mark Ellery.



On the Friday afternoon there was a dancing display given by the students of the LK School of Dancing at The Burston Crown.



On the Saturday there was a Barn Dance with the Fair Green Ceilidh Band, and a barbecue served by The Burston Crown.



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On the Sunday there was The Big Tea, held in the church due to the weather, where a cake baked by Pam Jackson and iced and decorated by Christine Stevens was cut and served by Jane Fishwick.



Jane Fishwick with her husband Brian, and with Cllr Mike Warwick, and Bev and Steve from The Crown, had masterminded the organisation of all of the events. Our thanks to them all.



BURSTON HOUSE HOSPITAL JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

At Burston House, the Jubilee preparations and planning started months ago by our LEVOS Team and the patients, ready for our Tea Party on Wednesday 1st June, so it was all hands on deck!



We had a range of Jubilee Art ready for the event and many people were involved across the site. There was bunting, flags, a beautiful red, white and blue Union Jack theme painted tree, Buckingham Palace, a Greatest Showman Photo stand in, homemade hoopla and a visit from the Queen and Prince Charles. You may have seen them outside the hospital in all their glory!

The weather was a little gusty but that didn't stop us, the street party continued, even with a rain shower.



We all had a lovely time at the tea party and had sandwiches and cakes galore! The Queens Jubilee brought everyone together and demonstrated good community spirit within our hospital. Well done to everyone who made the day so

special!



Written by Kelly Nevin, Teacher, The Priory, Burston House.

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

ST MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

12th June - 9.30am - Holy Communion
26th June - 9.30am - Morning Prayer
10th July - 9.30am - Holy Communion
24th July - 9.30am - Morning Prayer
14th August - 9.30am - Holy Communion
28th August - 9.30am - Morning Prayer

For further details please call:-

Diss benefice office - 01379 643783
or online at www.dissteamministry.org.uk.

FRIENDS OF BURSTON CHURCH

Date for your diary: Our next event,
the Safari Supper is on Saturday,
30th July.

B4RN NEWS

Latest update, both the Church and the Strike School are now ready to go live with the B4RN service. Our volunteer group dug in the ducting two weeks ago.

Jane Fishwick



NEWS BULLETINS

Informative emails are sent to about 150 email addresses in the parish from time to time with news of event, road closures and other items of interest.

If you would like to receive these emails please send your email address to:-
nigelfrankland@btinternet.com.

If you later change your mind and do not want to receive them any more your name will immediately be removed from the list of recipients.



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 to be held at 7.30 pm on the following dates:-

Tuesday 21st June - PC meeting Burston Strike School Church Green

The Parish Council

The members of the Parish Council are:-

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