

The Bugle



Resounding for a better Burton

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Taking a splash for cash

WHAT some people will do for the village! No one can doubt Burton stalwart Al Caie's commitment to the cause, putting his visage in the firing line for anyone who wanted to throw a soggy sponge in his direction, as The Bugle's pictures show.

Al taking it on the chin – and everywhere else on his face, for that matter - helped make this summer's Burton Fete raise more than £750 for the village.

For the first time the proceeds from the annual event, traditionally in aid of the parish's St Mary's Church, are being shared with the village's newly-formed Burton Community Association whose aim is to make Burton a better place to live.

Annie Trubody, one of the organisers of this year's June 7 event, said: "The fete was lots of fun and at the same time felt really worthwhile. I would like to thank everyone who came to support the fete on the day, and those who were unable to be there, but donated prizes."

The rain held off, the sun came out and the breeze was gentle for the customary parachute jumps by children's teddy bears from the top of the church tower. They all landed unharmed, but teddy Coral, who belongs to Hector Ivey, was judged to have the best ted head for heights.

Attractions included games for children to play, face painting, lucky dips, a treasure hunt, an auction, tombola, and stalls for plants, bric-a-brac, nearly new bargains and refreshments including home-made cakes, hot dogs and ice cream.

Other highlights comprised a football competition, guessing the weight of little Tiger Stripe, a Chihuahua/Jack Russell cross, a paintings exhibition, flower arrangements, and the accompaniments of Angela Payne on the church organ and Peter Broadhurst and Mike King on the church bells.



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The event would not have been possible without the volunteers who gave up their time to contribute on the day – including Marje Caie, Derek Trubody, John Millican, Al Caie, Glynis Morris, Sheena Payne, Emma and Molly Shepherd, Pauline Shepherd, Jo and Jonathan Smith, Chris Bennett, Amanda Read, Freddie Clark, Peter Broadhurst, Ann and Ian Wilson, Aldo Peternell, Julie Ashton, Chris Bennett, Wendy Watts and Olivia, Gay Beare, Sue Leonard, Lesley Broadhurst, Mrs J Chapple, Emma Madge, Irene Jacques, Victoria Hitchens, May Harford, Rosemary Kerr, Sue Pearce, Judith Bird, Angela Payne, Mike King, Di Bell, Paul Bird and Graham Read.

“The organisers would also thank to thank Nettleton Post Office, the Old House At Home pub and West Kington Nurseries for their support,” said Annie.

Try out the village’s new website

BURTON’S new village website is up and running.

The bright, modern-looking site has incorporated the village’s original website set up by Al Caie and has sections for the village and its news, St Mary’s Church, Neighbourhood Watch alerts, the new Burton Community Association, the Bugle newsletter and a calendar of events in the area. And they are all easy to find.

“The new website is still obviously in its early days and it’s going to take time to get to the point where the village is taking full advantage of it. But, it’s there for the community to use and make the most of,” said villager Graham Read, who has invested much time, effort and technical know-how in developing and building the site.

“People should just go on the site and try it out. They shouldn’t worry – they won’t be able to break it,” added Graham, both hopeful and confident in his creation.

The site includes a ‘How to use this website’ tab on the home page which will take villagers to a quick guide on how they can use the website.

Go to burtonvillage.org.uk to find out more about how you can have your say on the site.

And if you would like to learn more about being a regular contributor of content to the website and help keep it up to date, contact Graham on graham@gradin.co.uk

Burton briefs...

- THE next general meeting of the Burton Community Association for all the village to attend will be on Monday, August 11, starting at 7.30pm, at the Old House At Home pub for an update on what’s happening in the village and to hear villagers’ own impressions, feedback, ideas and to discuss how more people might get involved.
- BURTON now has the Bugle, the new village website and a new Burton Community Association notice board in the Old House At Home to help the village keep in touch more effectively as a community.
- THE Bugle Editor’s thanks go to Annie Trubody for her input and hard work on the village fete report, and to Trystan and Victoria Hitchens for their considerable contributions towards the Britain in Bloom and Village Tidy Day reports.

Burton in Bloom is taking root

SINCE the launch of the “Burton in Bloom” initiative in March, as part of the activities of the newly-formed Burton Community Association, team leaders Trystan and Victoria Hitchens have managed to secure a handful of volunteers in the village to work on improvements, along with generous offers of financial support from a few residents to help get the project off the ground.

It is intended that over time Burton in Bloom will tackle many tasks which are likely to progress at different speeds. But, in the short term, it will focus on:

- Picket fencing and flower pots at the main entry points to the village, as seen in some neighbouring villages;
- Seating on the village triangle in memory of soldiers from the parish who lost their lives in World War I;
- A general clean-up of roads, pavements, footpaths, verges and signs;
- Considering options for the future of the public telephone box on the triangle.

The clean-up of footpaths has already begun with the removal of weeds and unwanted vegetation, and the addition of new stone chippings along the path, pictured right, between The Street and Toll Down Way.

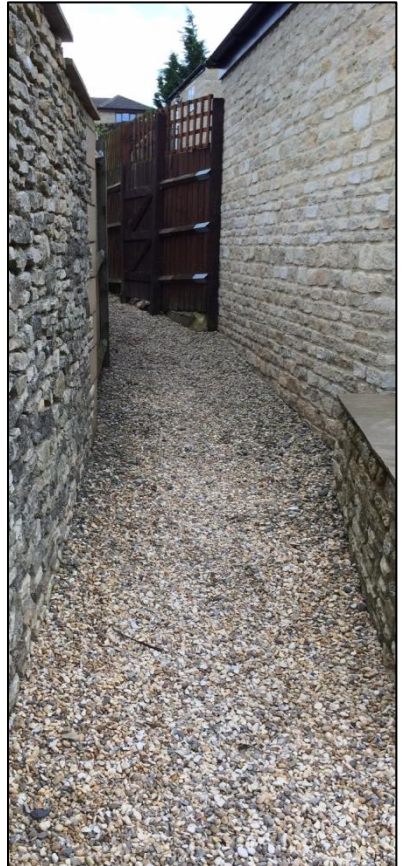
And there will be a special effort on August 16, Burton Tidy The Village Day – for more on that see the story, **Can you help on Tidy The Village Day** on Page 4.

Trystan and Victoria said that while the progress so far is a good start there is still much to do, including trying for additional financial assistance from various organisations such as local businesses, the national Britain in Bloom campaign, Wiltshire County Council and the Wiltshire Soldiers website database of the county’s servicemen in World War I.

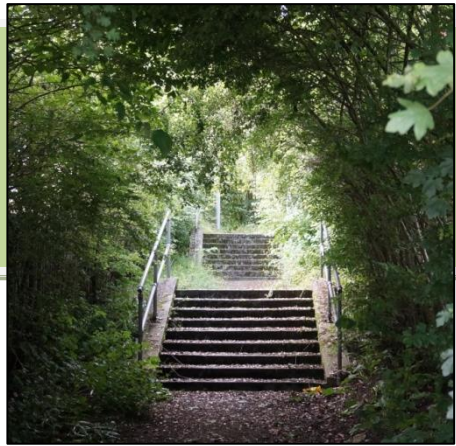
Nettleton Parish Council is also working on how it can help.

Trystan added that while Burton in Bloom has some volunteers, it would like, and needs, more. He added: “Help is always very welcome, but at this stage it is largely concentrated on sponsorship and fund raising, so we’d be very pleased to hear from anybody who has any good ideas to supplement the work that is already underway on this front or indeed is able to assist with any of these avenues of enquiry.”

If you can offer help or support, please email Trystan on Trystan.hitchens@hotmail.co.uk or Victoria on vbarker2@hotmail.co.uk



Can you help on Tidy The Village Day?



CAN you lend a hand on Burton Tidy The Village Day on Saturday, August 16?

The idea is part of the Burton in Bloom project to help smarten the appearance

of the village. That might mean clearing weeds and any litter from Burton's streets and lanes, trimming back verges – or any ideas you might have for improvements.

To start, all volunteers should meet in St Mary's churchyard at 10am. One of the Burton in Bloom leaders, Victoria Hitchens, explained: "If possible, we need the whole village to help with Burton Tidy The Village Day. Everyone is really welcome.

"First, we will have a brief get-together to discuss the various jobs. Ideally, these will be close to people's own homes so they need not bring their gardening equipment to the churchyard. Also, we would like people to take 'before' and 'after' photos of their work to publish in the village newsletter and/or on the village website."

And after all that graft, the aim is for everyone to meet up again at 4pm at the Old House At Home for a very well-earned drink.

The push to bedeck Burton in poppies

BURTON Community Association is organising a scheme to get more poppies growing in the verges alongside the roads and lanes of the village.

This would be to take part in a nationwide campaign to cover the UK in the evocative flowers to remember this year's 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings in World War II and the centenary anniversary of the start of World War I.

It would also tie in with the Burton association's plan for seating on the village triangle in memory of soldiers from the parish who lost their lives in World War I.

In the campaign, DIY chain B&Q is selling real Flanders poppy seeds for £2 per packet, with £1 from each sale being donated to the work of The Royal British Legion.

But, to add to the poppies which already grow naturally around Burton – and to see countless speckles of red throughout the village, the association needs to raise money to buy those seeds.

Old Home At Home landlord Dave Warburton has volunteered to have a donations bucket on the pub bar as the place where villagers – and visitors, too - might drop in their contributions.

To get us started, does anyone in the village have a suitable donations bucket or collecting tins the association could use and brand as Poppies for Burton? If you do, please email Bugle editor David Webb on davidwebb357@btinternet.com