

The Bugle



Resounding for a better Burton

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It's a clean sweep by the Magnificent Eight

FOLLOWING on from the first Burton Village Tidy Up Day in August, the second event on Saturday, November 22, was again a success despite the poor weather forecast for the day and slightly smaller group of willing volunteers.

The main focus was clearance of dead leaves and weeds from the pavements and public areas, a final cut of the main grassed areas and the planting of daffodil bulbs.

All this was achieved by just eight villagers throughout the day starting at 10am and finishing at the Old House At Home at 4pm for well-earned refreshments.

The Tidy Up Day was again part of the Burton in Bloom initiative organised by Burton Community Association. One of the Tidy Up Day organisers, Trystan Hitchens (pictured), said: "The impact of the Tidy Up Day was immediately noticeable, but as always there is more to be done throughout the village.

"While a targeted event always delivers results quickly, we are also keen to encourage involvement of the whole

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LOOKING SMART: The clean-up corner of Toll Down Way

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community outside of these events at times that are convenient for those who would like to contribute to this overall effort. Whatever anyone can do towards tidying up the village, when they have the time and opportunity to do so, will all help and make a big difference to the village.

“But in particular at the moment, we have a significant quantity of daffodil bulbs left over from the day and if anybody would like to plant some in public areas throughout the village then we’d be very pleased to hear from them.”

Locations which got the Tidy Up Day treatment included parts of Nettleton Road, Church Hill, The Street and Toll Down Way, and daffodil bulbs were planted on The Triangle and at the western end of the village between Hillside and Toll Down Way.

“As well as saying thank you for the efforts of those who helped on the day, I would also like to say thank you to everyone who used their own gardening equipment and those that provided other equipment, including florescent jackets, to make all this possible,” added Trystan.

And once again there’s one very special thank you for unexpected refreshments during the afternoon from Judith and Paul Bird – the cakes and coffee, as before, were a very enjoyable and welcome break for all.

To appreciate some of the Tidy Up Day team’s handiwork, take a look at the photos...

BRUSH AND PLANTER POWER: The Triangle is looking trim and daffodil bulbs have been planted to bring a splash of colour in spring, while The Street is shaping up bit by bit



Halloween's a hoot at first village party



BURTON'S first village Halloween party was such a success the organisers hope to stage an even bigger one next year.

More than 30 children and adults, many in spooky fancy dress, turned up for the Burton Village Family Halloween Fest in the garden of Al and Marje Caie's home at The New House on Church Hill on the Friday evening of October 31,

The garden had been turned into of a hollow of horrors – if you dared go in passed a glowing tombstone, cobwebs on the walls, trees and bushes, the skeleton bones strewn around and glowing eyes peeping out of the darkness. And, if that wasn't enough to scare you off, the creepy music just might have done it.

But brave souls were not to be deterred, spurred on by the promise of food and fun. There were beef burgers and hot dogs on the grill, crisps, cupcakes and desserts, including what was on the menu as Wormy Cheesecake. Umm!

For the children there was the lure of earning sweets at child-friendly activity stalls such as biting into an apple among the many bobbing in a bucket of water, decorating pumpkins and the American tradition of hitting a piñata with a stick. The piñatas were two papier mâché pumpkins filled with sweets. The children took it in turns to try to break open the piñatas so the sweets would fall out for them to gather.

Too, there were fancy dress competitions. Several of the adults helped judge the children's contest and the two winners of that competition were the judges for the adults' contest. Winners were: under 10s, Colten Sell who won a Smyth's Toys gift voucher; over 10s, Hallie Willis, who went away with an Amazon gift voucher; adults, Pete Coyle.

Also of note were Amanda Read's Border terriers Carlos and Carmen who also came along in costume.

One of the party organisers, Dawn Willis, said: "Overall, the event was a great success and was truly a fun and festive evening. We have some ideas on how to make it even bigger and better next year and look forward to helping again, possibly opening up the event to surrounding villages such as Nettleton and Acton Turville.

"From admission charges, we were able to recoup all of our monies spent on food and decorations.



TAKING AIM: For a swing at the piñata; and, top, part of the creepy garden grotto

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"We believe that this event will grow. We didn't expect to make money on this event for Burton Community Association as this party was the first one, but we certainly see this as potentially a profitable event for next year."

Other key organisers of the event were Missy and Jamie Sell, Peter and Paula Coyle, who also donated two of the gift vouchers, and Al and Marje Caie.

Other villagers chipped in with cupcakes, apples and crisps, and the Old House At Home pub with a gift of a Sunday lunch for two.



DINE BY TORCHLIGHT: If you can bite an apple!

Burton briefs...

HELPING HAND FROM THE TAXMAN: Burton Community Association treasurer Pip Gilbert reports that the association has now received confirmation from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs that it sees BCA as a charitable organisation which can now claim gift aid.

This means if someone who is a UK taxpayer makes a donation to BCA and they sign up to being a gift aid donor, HMRC says BCA can claim back the donation's value before tax was deducted. For example, HMRC says that if the donor is a basic rate 20 per cent taxpayer, BCA can work out the amount of tax it can reclaim by dividing the amount donated by four. So for every £1 donated, BCA could claim an extra 25 pence.

JOIN THE CAROL SINGERS AROUND BURTON: St Mary's Church is organising two carol singing evenings in the village to raise money for three charities. The first evening is on Monday, December 15, meeting and starting from Annie Trubody's home at 5A Toll Down Way at 7pm. The second will be on Thursday, December 18, meeting and starting from The Triangle, again at 7pm.

Money raised will be shared between The Children's Society, Dorothy House Hospice ay Winsley, near Bradford on Avon, and Julian House, a charity helping the homeless in Bath. Bristol and Wiltshire.

BOOST FOR ST MARY'S: The Advent Supper held at the Old House At Home pub on November 27 raised £568 for Burton's church. Parishioners bought tickets for a festive buffet and also took part in a raffle and tombola. Villager Al Caie said: "It was a very enjoyable evening and we raised funds to help keep our lovely church going. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, prizes for the evening and who spent generously on the night. And thanks to the Old House At Home for another good spread."



AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS... The Bugle wishes readers a happy and healthy Christmas, and a prosperous New Year. The next Bugle will come out some time in March. If you have an item you would like to be considered for publication, whether news, an opinion or letter, please email the editor David Webb on davidwebb357@btinternet.com Merry Christmas.