

# The Bugle



*Resounding for a better Burton*

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## Will Burton push for a plan to map its future?



BURTON – a village which has doubled in size in the past 40 years to almost 100 homes - is having an important say about its future.

Villagers have filled in a questionnaire about whether or not they would prefer to see change. It was delivered to every household in the community – and the results collected by hand.

One of the questionnaire's aims is to find out whether the village wants further new homes and businesses – and community amenities which might come with them.

Questions asked in this order included whether villagers:

- Do not want to see any further development in the village
- Would support new development – but only if it included plans for community facilities
- Would support new development outside the existing village boundary – but again only if it included recreational facilities for the community.

The questionnaire also asked what public facilities it might like to see. Three of nine options were: Children's play area; community centre; and mains gas supply.

There was also the key question of whether the future of Burton should be shaped through an idea called a Neighbourhood Plan. It is an initiative being rolled out across England and Wales by the Government to give communities more of a say about their development.

Amanda Read, one of Burton's representatives on Nettleton Parish Council's working group helping to look into the possibility of a Neighbourhood Plan for Burton, explained: "A Neighbourhood Plan will not prevent development, but what it can do is promote development of properties and facilities the community wants.

"There's also a financial incentive for a community to have a Neighbourhood Plan – it's an idea called a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). For example, how it will work is that developers of most new housing will have to pay CIL – and 25% should go to the

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community for improvement schemes if it has a Neighbourhood Plan, but only 15% if it does not." A Neighbourhood Plan would operate through Nettleton Parish Council. The next step is that the results from Burton's questionnaire will be analysed by local volunteers. The findings will go to the parish council to see whether a Neighbourhood Plan would be appropriate for the village. If the parish council recommends a plan, its application will go to Wiltshire Council.

From there, processes of public consultation by Wiltshire Council, development of the content of the plan, more consultation with villagers and local businesses, and then even a local referendum, could take around two years.

The working group would also need to set up a task force of local volunteers, including residents, landowners and business people, to help with the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Burton's Community Association committee is taking a neutral stance on the idea of a Neighbourhood Plan. The association's chair, Al Caie, said: "It is up to the people and businesses of Burton to decide. It is important that the decision is theirs."

## Looking good and sitting pretty

BURTON'S new bench is a fine addition under the old tree on the village Triangle. It is coming in particularly handy for the Community Speech Watch volunteers on their morning and evening stints, those waiting for a lift to work and weekend cyclists who want a breather.

The bench has now been in place for several months since it was donated by Tormarton-based Cotswold Homes, which is building the new Grange development of seven new homes off Church Hill. It was officially welcomed to



the village back in June and marked the May birth of Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge's daughter, Princess Charlotte. The welcoming ceremony was attended by Al Caie, chair of Burton Community Association, Cllr Jane Scott, leader of Wiltshire Council, and Terri Hayes-Pugh, Cotswold Homes' head of sales and marketing.

Al said: "The acquisition of the bench is part of the ongoing initiatives undertaken by Burton Community Association to help foster a sense of pride in the village."

### The church treasure of St Mary's

DID you know the silk hanging that was on the front of the Lady Chapel altar – known as an altar frontal – at Burton's St Mary's Church is one of 100 church treasures? The hanging dated at around 1860 is listed by the Church Care organisation, the part of the Church of England which gives advice on the maintenance of its churches.

BBC Radio Wiltshire recorded an item on the altar frontal for its Sunday Breakfast Show. If you want to know more, you can hear it on [www.bbc.co.uk/wiltshire](http://www.bbc.co.uk/wiltshire) until the end of August. On the website, click on 'Listen Again' and search for the Graham Rogers Sunday Breakfast Show. The item was in the 'Amen Corner' slot, about 20 minutes in and lasts about seven minutes.

# Burton's lottery is proving a winner



BURTON'S own lottery is up and running. It is raising money to help pay for community projects such as the verge-side white gates and flower tubs planned for the main entrances to the village, a defibrillator for the village and an envisaged children's play area. It is also paying out prize money to lucky winners.

The lottery is called the 100 Club and based on an idea adopted by village and resident associations around the country. It was suggested for Burton by villager Ruth Lortal. The village's community association then checked out the idea and set it up.

The association's secretary, Chris Bennett – who now administers the lottery – said: "It's all been set up properly under the Gambling Act 2005 and Gambling Commission rules, and licensed by Wiltshire Council.

"We have to run it strictly according to the regulations. At the end of 12 months, we have to report to Wiltshire Council on the details of all the prize draws, the value of the prizes and the purpose of the draws. If we do it properly, Wiltshire Council should then renew the licence for a further 12 months.

"The community association committee is really pleased with the way this is going, not only as a way of generating much needed funds for the village, but also as a means of getting greater involvement in village life from the community.

"Once we got going on this, it all came together quite quickly. In June, committee members made a great effort in visiting each house in the village to canvas residents to join. At the moment, 79 villagers are in the lottery from more than half the homes.

"The June wave of subscriptions for the first six months generated £2,250 – £1,125 for community funds and the other half for prize money in the monthly draws. Since, we've had a few more villagers join which, of course, means more funds and prize money."

A lottery draw is made on the last Friday of each month at the Old House At Home pub. In the first draw in June the winners were: first prize, Andy and Clare McGuinness (£80); second prize, Adrian Packer (£48); and third prize, Neville Pearsall (£32). The July winners were: first prize, Eileen Billington (£85); second prize, Monica Clark (£51); and third prize, Richard Orme (£34).

The next draw will be on August 28 at around 6pm as part of the pub's happy hour.

Chris added: "Villagers can still join the lottery, but under the current club rules the cut-off point for joining is the end of November."

To get details about joining, email Chris on [chriswatkinbennett@supanet.com](mailto:chriswatkinbennett@supanet.com)

## Check out the village websites for other news

MORE villagers are now using the newer village website, <http://burtonvillage.org.uk>. It includes a calendar of local events, other village news, and sections on Neighbourhood Watch alerts and Burton Community Association. It is easy to access through Burton's other website, <http://burtonwilts.org.uk>

# Volunteers report 212 speeders

BURTON's Community Speed Watch has reported more than 210 speeding vehicles through the village since the initiative started in May. The scheme, overseen by Wiltshire Police, currently includes seven Burton volunteers trained to use a speed gun. Another villager is lined up for training.

One of the volunteers, Al Caie, explained: "The Burton team shares the equipment with Biddestone, and when we have the equipment, we do two or three sessions a week, each with two or three volunteers for up to an hour and a half.

"The Watch takes place only at sites approved by the police - the Triangle and the bottom of Marsh Lane. We record the details of any car going over 35 mph, and report them to Wiltshire Police. In the 21 sessions to the end of July, lasting a total of 26 hours, the team reported 212 cars over 35 mph, the fastest being 50mph when the speed limit is 30mph.

"Not surprisingly, busy times are when people go to work in the morning and come back in the evening, when about 5% of passing cars get reported. We have carried out one early morning session starting at around 6am. Then, the road wasn't very busy, but nearly 14% of cars were travelling at over 35mph."

One morning in early August, a car clocked at 41mph then sped on at 58mph.

Al added: "However, generally Speed Watch is slowing down traffic. Back in August, 2014, the speed logging cable across The Street showed 15% of cars exceeded 38.7mph. With Speed Watch in action, it is just over 2% going over 35 mph."



## Pick of the village social gatherings

**BEAR NECESSITIES:** Teddy bears are having a picnic every year at Burton's June village fete at St Mary's Church. One of the organisers, Marje Caie, explained: "The Teddy Bear Parachuting is always a highlight for the children. The fete has been going now come rain or shine for well over ten years, and in that time hundreds of teddy bears have been launched from the church tower.

"This year we added a new and very successful Adopt a Teddy campaign, where dozens of teddy bears looking for a loving home were introduced to new owners."

The event, with stalls, Pimms and strawberries, raised more than £650 for the church.

**SCHOOL REUNION:** St Mary's Church started its new Fun Friday series of monthly events with a May reunion for former pupils, teachers and governors at Nettleton School. It closed in 1998. They shared an evening of memories and memorabilia over drinks and canapés. A highlight was the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of former teacher Jo Chapple. Old photographs of the school and the 1998 closure can be seen on one of Burton's websites at <http://burtonwilts.org.uk/school-photo-album/>.

**SMART MONEY:** A June slideshow quiz, part of St Mary's Church's Fun Friday series, raised more than £150 for church funds. It included a ploughman's supper.

**AMERICAN HOSPITALITY:** The USA's Independence Day has arrived Stateside every year since 1776, but this July 4 it turned up in Burton for the first time. Villager Missy Sell, from Florida, helped organise and stage Burton's own Independence Day party in Toll Down Way, with around 35 villagers gathering for games for the children, and an afternoon in the sunshine for the adults to chat and enjoy good food and drink.