

The Bugle



Resounding for a better Burton

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HANDOVER: Defibrillator champion Pip Gilbert, and some of the villagers now trained to use it, present pub owners Dave and Sally Warburton with the device

Village that's all heart

BURTON now has an important piece of life-saving equipment for village use. It is a defibrillator, an electrical device which tries to return the heart to its normal rhythm after a heart attack. It has been installed in a special yellow box on an outside wall of the village's Old House At Home pub.

Burton Community Association Secretary Chris Bennett explained: "Following the appeal for donations published in the previous edition of The Bugle, residents responded to the call. Together with a grant from the British Heart Foundation and Burton lottery funds, sufficient money was raised to buy and pay for the maintenance of a Public Access Defibrillator. The total outlay was more than £1,400.

"The Warburton family, owners of the Old House At Home, agreed to the installation of the defibrillator cabinet on an outside wall of the pub so it is accessible to anyone who needs assistance. It is a prominent position."

The project was championed by villager Pip Gilbert, who managed it from inception, through application for a grant and co-ordination of the purchase of the defibrillator.

The community association has arranged the training of 33 residents in the village in how to use the defibrillator and how to perform the CPR emergency resuscitation technique. A list of the trained residents and their contact details is available on the village website - www.burtonvillage.org.uk. The list is also available by phoning the pub on 01454 218227 during opening hours.

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Chris added: "The 33 residents are spread around the village. They have all agreed to support the village and all Burton residents live very close to someone trained."

A British Heart Foundation video about how to perform CPR is on the village website.

The defibrillator and its location are registered with the local South West Ambulance Service. Chris explained: "The importance behind registration is to ensure the equipment is available to anyone who needs it. For example, should a road accident occur in or near Burton and a casualty is identified as suffering a cardiac arrest, then anyone in contact with the ambulance service will be directed to the defibrillator and 'talked through' access to the cabinet for potential use of the equipment, pending arrival of the emergency services.

"Everyone involved in this project should feel very proud of the achievement of getting a defibrillator for Burton and getting so many people trained."

Don't miss the chance to voice your opinions



BURTON Community Association will hold its second Annual General Meeting on Monday, April 25, at St Mary's Church, starting at 7.30pm.

The AGM will be an important meeting shaping the 12 months ahead for the community. Villagers are being encouraged to attend to have their say and consider standing for one of the key roles in the association. The theme of the meeting is Your Village, Your Say.

The association's chair, Al Caie (pictured), said: "A key part of the AGM is the session when villagers tell us what they think of what BCA has done, and what it should do over the next 12 months. The meeting will include an annual report from the BCA committee, covering BCA activities over the past 12 months, and the committee's intentions for the coming year."

At the AGM, in line with the organisation's constitution, all BCA trustees (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) and committee members stand down, but they can be nominated to stand for re-election for another 12 months. Any villager can be nominated to stand for election to the committee and/or to a trustee's post. Committee members and trustees for the next 12 months are decided by the votes of the villagers at the AGM.

Al added: "Treasurer Pip Gilbert will not be standing for re-election, so the BCA is definitely looking for some new blood to join the committee and take an active role. The committee can also co-opt new members during the course of the year."

SPRING CLEAN: The next Burton Village Tidy Up Day will be on Saturday, April 2. Volunteers should meet at 10am in St Mary's churchyard for a brief discussion and agreement on the areas of the village to be tidied (but don't bring gardening equipment to the meeting). Organiser Trystan Hitchens said: "One of the aims is for people to help tidy the areas of the village close to their own homes to avoid unnecessary carrying of equipment where possible. All help, no matter how little, will be much appreciated. Please just turn up on the day. And at the end of the day after 4pm it would be good if we all met up for drinks at the Old House At Home."

Lottery's £2,330 for village

BURTON village lottery has so far collected £4,660. Of that, a projected £2,330 is prize-money for the monthly winners in the lottery's first year, leaving £2,330 for community projects such as the new defibrillator and plans for a children's play area.

Lottery organiser Chris Bennett says: "But, of course, Burton lottery money could be used for other projects suggested by villagers. That's one of the reasons villagers should get involved."

At the moment, 75 villagers are lottery members from more than half the homes in the village. After the lottery's first ten months, it is coming round to the time for renewal of subscriptions to the lottery.

Chris added: "This can be done through online banking, cheque or cash. Hopefully, people in the village will want to renew, and others may wish to join, to help support projects to improve village life. They can find out more by emailing me on chriswatkinbennett@supanet.com"

Lottery draws are made on the last Friday of each month at the Old House At Home at 6pm, as part of the pub's happy hour. The next draws will be on March 25 and April 29.



Putting in spadework for play area



PROGRESS continues on proposals for a children's play area off Nettleton Road on the outskirts of Burton. On January 9, despite heavy rain, a hardy band of 11 adults, plus some children (pictured), gathered to carry on tidying up the site, after it had been previously levelled for the village by Tormarton-based Cotswold Homes. The villagers' work included removing some of the many rocks and stones from the surface.

At the invitation of Burton Community Association, a group of parents and grandparents who volunteered for the role have started looking at possible equipment for the new playground. Options preferred include a tunnel-cum-bridge, slide, climbing wall, swings, trampoline and an activity trail for older children.

Also, the group preferred that equipment is made of wood, there are no gaudy colours, fencing should be in-keeping with the look of the play area, there must be seating and rubbish bins, easy access to the site and all-weather matting should be used.

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In coming months, the community association aims to consult Burton about the choice of equipment and layout for the play area. Also planning permission from Wiltshire Council will be needed. If consent is given, the association will launch an appeal for funds to help pay for the play area.

New car to worry the speeders



WATCH out in Burton for the new Police Community Volunteer car (pictured). It has been donated by car maker Volvo to voluntary Speed Watch teams in Wiltshire when they are using a speed gun to check how fast cars, lorries and motorcycles are travelling through their communities. Sight of the vehicle should also encourage drivers to slow down.

A member of the Burton Speed Watch team, Al Caie, said: "One of our team, Chris Bennett, has been cleared to drive the car. Although he cannot chase speeding drivers, he can bring the car to our Speed Watch locations."

The team is also looking to increase the number of sites where it can use a speed gun and the car in the village. Al explained: "Many months ago, we asked for more advice on traffic calming measures for the village. As a result, villagers may have noticed the wires which were across the main road on Hillside, outside Pear Tree House and across the Toll Road at the bottom of Toll Down Way for a week or so earlier this year.

"These were to count speed: on Hillside, 15% of cars were going at 47.2 mph or more (one over 70mph!); outside Pear Tree House, 15% at 39.4mph or more; and on the Toll Road, 15% at 32.0mph or more. As a result, we have applied for Speed Watch locations on Hillside and outside Pear Tree House, and now await an assessment by Wiltshire Police. We hope we should be able to start Speed Watching there in a few weeks. And we will continue to press for further advice on traffic calming at these locations."

In the 10 months since Speed Watch started in Burton, volunteers have completed 46 sessions, clocking more than 450 cars at 36mph or more in The Street – a 30mph zone.

Burton briefs...

NO BLUEPRINT: Nettleton Parish Council decided in December to not take any further action in preparing a Neighbourhood Plan to help plot any future development and facilities in Burton. Details about the decision are on the village website. Enter 'neighbourhood plan' in the search box on <http://burtonvillage.org.uk>

MARCH FUN: Fancy a Friday night quiz? Well, there's one, with refreshments, at St Mary's Church on March 18 starting at 7.30pm. There's no entry fee, but participants should make a donation on the night. If you would like to join in, call Marje Caie on 01454 218072 or Annie Trubody on 01454 218691. And for the children, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt at around noon after the Easter Sunday service at the church on March 27.