

The Bugle



Resounding for a better Burton

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Burtonites gather on Tolldown Way to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday

Burton's eventful summer

This summer saw several events take place in the village.

On the 3rd of July Burtonites gathered in the beautiful sunshine when the Burton Community Association hosted celebrations for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday. Large numbers of volunteers managed to create an American style BBQ - a nod to America's upcoming Independence Day the following day - complete with cheeseburgers and hotdogs together with salads, pavlovas and cupcakes.

New friendships were forged and over £200 was raised for the new childrens' play area. It was a very festive day and plans for a similar celebration next year are already underway.

Earlier in June, the annual fete at St Mary's Church saw lots of apprehensive Teddy Bears parachuting from its tower to the delight of owners waiting on the ground below. Most survived unscathed but some did require the services of our specialist teddy rescue team.

Refreshment stands did excellent business serving tea, coffee, Pimms, homemade cakes, ice creams and for the first time, jars of Burton honey all whilst being serenaded by an organ music recital.

The fete raised £530 to go towards the new toilet for St Mary's Church so a very big thank-you to everyone who worked so hard to make it happen and to those who came, spent and gave so generously.

A new welcome to Burton

Burton in Bloom is an extremely popular initiative by the Burton Community Association to improve the appearance of the village, one of its first objectives was to tidy up the main entrances to the village on the B4039 and to provide picket gates and planters. The picket gates have a road safety benefit by highlighting the start of the built up area, the village signs, and the speed limit signs, and for this reason, Wiltshire Council has paid 75% of the cost of the gates and Nettleton Parish Council has funded the balance, Cotswold Homes kindly donated

the wooden planters at the Hillside and The Community Association provided planters for the east gates, and all the plants.

The gates are made from recycled plastic so are very durable and need no maintenance apart from an occasional wash. Burton in Bloom volunteers undertake mowing and strimming of the verges by the gates, and watering and maintaining the plants.

The village appearance is much improved by Burton in Bloom, not only by this project, but also the work carried out on the Tidy Up days it organises.



One of the new picket gates and planters on the east entrance to the village

Another big step forward for the Burton Play Area Project

Burton Community Association volunteers have now laid 28 tonnes of topsoil and 310m² of turf on the play area. This is so that the area can be used by the community while the Association is raising the funds to complete the project. The topsoil and turf were partly funded by generous contributions from the suppliers, Bristol and Avon Group and Gloucestershire Turf. The 'Buy a Sod for Burton' appeal has raised £310, and the balance came from Association reserves.



Play area planning application submitted

The Association have now chosen the supplier and equipment for the play area and planning application has now been submitted. The plans are on display in the church, and can also be downloaded from burtonvillage.org.uk/?p=1183. If you would like a paper copy of the plans, or have any

queries, please contact Al Caie on 218072.

All comments, negative or positive, to Wiltshire Council by 15th September, quoting application no. 16/07854.

Once planning approval has been granted, fundraising will start in earnest.

Lottery 100 Club latest

Lottery promoter Chris Bennett says, "As we begin the second year of our lottery club I thought you might like to see how things have gone during its first year"

Membership of the lottery club has averaged 75 members, and reached a peak of 83 members. Not bad from a village of 109 houses!

The total prize money generated for 36 prizes (3 per month) has been £2,330, which has been shared between 30 different residents. Some have been luckier than others and won more than once, but that's the luck of the draw.

The remaining cash of £2,330 has been used to fund a number of community projects, or remains in the bank to be used for ongoing expenditure and future initiatives.

The latest BCA Annual Report provided details of expenditure, and a further amount of money was earmarked for the following:

- £1,400 for a defibrillator which was part funded by a British Heart Foundation grant, generous donations and some lottery money
- £161 for annual insurance to cover BCA activities and equipment

- £100 for purchase of the east side planter and shrubs for village boundaries to enhance the appearance around the 'picket gates'
- £100 for solar lighting along the footpath between The Street and Toll Down Way
- £975 approved for topsoil and turf on the Play Area site, some of this has also been additionally funded by generous donations from residents
- £385 for the Play Area planning application fee

As you can see a lot has been achieved and more is yet to come.

"On behalf of the BCA we say a big thank you, and hope you continue to support the village in this way and sign up for membership"

Would you like to renew membership or join the village lottery club?

Then please email chriswatkinbennett@supanet.com or contact a BCA Committee member and we will make suitable arrangements to contact you.

The Great Burton Bake off

Scarlett Beacham (aged 7 yrs) from Camelia Cottage, Burton had the idea of arranging a cake sale to raise funds for the Burton play area project. Scarlett planned the event and with the help of family members organised and hosted the event on Saturday 23rd July at their home. The event was a great success and she raised a grand total of £110 for the project.

At July's Burton Community Association Committee meeting a vote of thanks was made to Scarlett for her effort and hard work towards a community initiative and was later

followed by a presentation of a 'Certificate of Appreciation' to Scarlett by BCA Chair Al Caie in recognition of her 'outstanding contribution' towards the Play Area project.



What's on?

A **Christmas dinner** will be held at Grittleton House on December 3rd, tickets are £31, limited and going fast, please reply to Rachel Scott from Aspen House at The Grange or by emailing rachellight@hotmail.com by August 26th if you are interested.

Keep an eye and an ear out for details of other upcoming autumn events including the **Wiltshire Ride & Stride** (10 Sept), **Church Harvest supper** (16 Sept), **Halloween party** (29 Oct) .

Burton Briefs

Thank you to Tetbury Skittles League: A big thank you to David Leat, of Stonewell House and his friends in the Tetbury Skittles League . They have very kindly given us a grant of £250 towards our play area project.

The BCA is growing up: Success always brings new issues and new challenges. Our annual revenue has grown to the extent that it is now a legal requirement that we register as a charity, and that the constitution we started with, based on the Charities Commission's model constitution for a small charity, is no longer acceptable to the Commission. To change our constitution the Association will have to hold a special General Meeting in September. Full details will be circulated in a special newsletter nearer the time.

New editor: A warm welcome to our new Bugle editor James Towers, from Pound Cottage. Thank you to James for taking this on, and thank you to David Webb, the Bugle's founding editor, who is standing down after two years. David's vision and hard work have made The Bugle an important part of our village life, particularly for those not online.