

Burbage Parish Council Newsletter



CHRISTMAS IN BURBAGE TAKES TO THE STREETS

Yuletide trips to continental Christmas markets are a growing festive trend but this year you need travel no further than the village centre to enjoy a seasonal street market with the chance to snap up some extra special gifts and treats.

The parish council is working alongside East Midlands Markets and Events Ltd (Emme) to host a Christmas Street Market on the evening of Friday November 30.

Windsor Street will be closed to traffic from the junction with Britannia Road to the junction with Church Street.

Running from 6.30pm to 9pm, the free event will offer artisan food, drink and crafts stalls, while many village traders will be opening late, providing refreshments and extra attractions.

Community choirs, informal singing groups and one-man-bands are invited to add to the atmosphere by performing a set or two during the evening, in return for a small donation for their time.

Interested musicians, street entertainers and small traders keen to set up a stall (with own stand, lighting and proof of public liability insurance) are encouraged to contact event co-ordinator Sallie Hooper at Emme Ltd on **07956 631683** or to **email info@emme.uk.com**

HORSEPOOL REVAMP

Work is soon to start on a planned revamp of the Horsepool.

Nearby residents are being contacted to let them know what is planned.

The project, which is expected to be completed within a month, will include new paths, new planting, a revamped boardwalk and new seating.

NEW REGULATIONS INCREASE THE COST OF CHRISTMAS

Parish councils planning to put up Christmas lights which overhang a public footpath or road must now apply to Leicestershire County Council for a licence.

Licences will only be given where councils can show that structures to which lights are to be fixed have been professionally assessed and certified sound, and must be applied for annually.

The cost of having the structural tests carried out in Burbage, to verify the safety of wall mounted brackets which hold illuminated Christmas trees on shops and business premises, looks likely to be around £2,500 with additional charges for any necessary repairs or replacements.

Councillors have agreed to cover the costs of the certification this year.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON HINCKLEY RAIL INTERCHANGE

An exhibition of plans for Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange will be on public display in Millennium Hall on Monday 29th October from 3pm until 8pm. Members of the project team will be on hand to explain more and answer questions.

For more information visit www.hinckleynrfi.co.uk or call the community information line on **0844 556 3002**.



FUN AND GAMES FOLLOW PUBLIC CONSULTATION

An exciting pre-school play scheme drawn up by renowned play provider Wicksteed is to be installed on Britannia Road recreation ground.

The Scheme, which should be in place by the end of the year, was voted the favourite of four potential new playgrounds put forward in a public consultation exercise held in August and September.

Scores of people cast their votes at Millennium Hall and online, with Wicksteed's scheme – put forward as Play Scheme C – coming in the clear winner, receiving 39% of the votes.

Scheme B polled 29% of the votes, Scheme D 18% and Scheme A 14%.

Designed for use by children aged from two to six, the chosen scheme features pieces of equipment suitable for use by youngsters with physical and sensory disabilities, including a wheelchair-accessible roundabout and a soft netting swing.

It will be installed and separately fenced opposite the existing play area for school age children, which is to

This cheery scheme by Wicksteed was voted the people's favourite for the Britannia Road site.

be resurfaced and revamped as part of the scheme.

A new path will lead to a central seating area with wheelchair accessible tables, and a green play trail comprising turfed mounds and wooden play pieces will link the new play area to the Jubilee memorial tree.

Some pieces of equipment and site layout will be changed in response to comments made during the consultation

The scheme is to be paid for using £45,000 of funding given by developers of nearby homes to provide both equipped and open space recreational facilities on the specified site.

Councillors chose to commission a pre-school scheme as the site already has facilities for school children and young people, with play equipment, a multi-use games area, sports pitches and open green space.

A new sports pavilion is also planned to be built on the site early next year.

MUSIC FOR REMEMBRANCE

Harmonic Voices, Burbage's community choir, is to perform two special concerts in Millennium Hall on Remembrance Sunday, November 11.

The 50-minute concerts are to be held at 2pm and 3.10pm, each featuring the same programme of historical and contemporary songs.

Tickets, which cost £2 (£1 for children under 14) will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis from October 6, when they will be on sale at Burbage Farmers' Market.

After that, they will be available from the parish office at Millennium Hall, on weekdays between 9am and midday.

JOIN THE PARADE

Uniformed, youth and other parish organisations are invited to be a part of Burbage Remembrance Sunday parade which will process from Grove Road to the war memorial in Church Street on the morning of November 11.

Parade co-ordinators would like to hear from any group keen to take part.

Please contact the parish office on **01455 637533**.



Council meetings are held in Millennium Hall on Mondays, usually at either 7pm or 7.30pm. The next scheduled meetings are as follows: Planning committee on September 24th at 7pm; Parish Council on October 1st at 7pm; Planning committee on October 8th at 7pm; Finance and General Purposes committee on October 15th at 7.30pm; Planning committee on October 22nd at 7pm.