

Burbage Parish Council Newsletter



July 2019

Take a seat in memory of a loved one

A memorial bench has been installed in The Horsepool, making the most of a new Parish Council policy.

The Donated Memorial Bench Policy allows people to pay for metal seats to be installed in five council-managed green spaces: Britannia Road, Sketchley Hill Farm (Tilton Road) and Hinckley Road recreation grounds, Far Lash open space and The Horsepool.

Each bench costs a total of £960 (with no additional VAT) and includes a plaque, to be worded by the donor, with the Council's approval.

Payment covers the maintenance of the bench by the Parish Council for 10 years. After that time, if the bench remains in an acceptable condition, the donation period may be extended by five years, to be paid at the rate applicable at that time.

For more information, please either contact the parish office or search 'Policy, Memorial Benches' on the council's website.

The Horsepool re-opens for summer

Following the completion of extensive improvement works, The Horsepool is once again open for public use.

Wildflower turf is now in full bloom, woodwork has been restored, and safety signs and a buoyancy aid installed by the water.

Village youngsters have helped to create a bug hotel, which is to be installed in place of an old information sign and an application has been made to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council for funding towards a new sign which is being planned to include more historical information as well as a guide to some of the native flora and fauna to be found around the site.

The green space will be opened daily from 8.30am until approximately 9pm or sunset whichever is earlier.



A memorial bench and wildflower turf in The Horsepool

Crime prevention down on the plot

Burbage PCSO Darren Stretton is to hold a crime prevention event at the council's Woodland Avenue allotments site on Saturday July 13 between 11am and 1pm.

Plot holders from across the parish and gardeners living in the village are invited to take along tools for free property marking, and to consider buying one of a range of crime prevention products at cost, including alarmed padlocks, fence spikes and passive infra-red alarms.

Contact us...

Burbage Parish office at Burbage Millennium Hall, on Britannia Road, is open to the public between 9am and midday, Monday to Friday, for customer service queries and payments including inquiries relating to hall hire, cemetery use and allotments.

Office staff can be contacted on **01455 637533** between 9am and midday on weekdays (after which an answerphone service is in operation) or by emailing info@burbage-council.co.uk

Much more information, including council policies, can be found on the Parish Council website www.burbage-council.co.uk



Schoolchildren gather for Peace Service

Pupils from Burbage Infant, Burbage Junior and Sketchley Hill Primary Schools took part in a Peace Service held in Pughe's Paddock.

The Parish Council-managed green space played host to the event, organised by Burbage Heritage Group, to mark the centenary of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, which ended the state of war between Germany and the Allied Powers after the First World War.

Parish Council chairman Cllr Paul Williams, Principal Officer Hazel Thomasson and Deputy Principal Officer Juliet Perry, were among the guests.

Pughe's Paddock is a dedicated Fields In Trust Centenary Field, which means it will be preserved as a community green space in memory of all who served in the 1914-18 conflict.

Donations will help boost happiness and health

Volunteer groups who work to improve the lives of Burbage residents are being supported with donations from the Parish Council.

Since the start of the current financial year, the Parish Council has agreed to make the following donations:

Burbage Carnival & Fireworks Committee £500 (towards carnival event insurance) £500 (towards fireworks event insurance); Burbage Community Arts Festival (BCAF) £1,250; Burbage Gardening Club £200 (towards the annual show at Hastings High School); West Leicestershire Community First Responders £200; Royal British Legion Burbage branch £100 (towards set-up costs).

In addition, the Parish Council has provided free use of Millennium Hall facilities for this year's BCAF events, Burbage Carnival and for a fund-raising fashion show which raised £1,752 for YoungDementia UK.



Meetings for the month ahead

Council and committee meetings are held on Mondays in Burbage Millennium Hall, all starting at 7pm, and are open to any parishioners wishing to attend.

Forthcoming meetings are as follows: Planning Committee, July 8, July 22, August 5; Finance & General Purposes Committee, July 29.

Lash Hill ward helps cancer charity

Neighbours in Burbage Far Lash ward are working together to run a neighbourhood garage sale and charity fundraising day, on Saturday August 17, from 10am until 1pm.

Households in Featherston Drive, Lucas Road, Cowper Road and Castle Court will be offering box-loads of bargains, plus a raffle, open gardens, refreshments and plant sales to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

To find out more call Lash Hill News co-ordinator Mike George on **07455 123883**.