



Burbage Parish Council Newsletter

May 2024

Meetings for the month ahead

Council meetings are usually held on Mondays at Burbage Millennium Hall and members of the public are welcome to attend.

Agendas are published three working days ahead of each meeting and can be viewed on the Council website.

At the time of printing, the following meetings, all set to start at 6.30pm, unless otherwise indicated, were scheduled:

- **Annual Parish Council** May 13
- **Planning Committee** Tuesday May 21, June 10
- **Administration & Finance Committee** June 3
- **Environment** May 20

Contact us ...

The parish office is usually open from 9am to midday, Monday to Friday.

The office will be closed from midday on Friday May 24 until 9am on Tuesday May 28 for the Spring bank holiday.

The best way to make contact is to email info@burbage-council.co.uk or to call **01455 637533**.

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Play space make-overs

Rugby Road play area will be the next to have a Parish Council make-over, following revamps at both Sketchley Hall Farm (Tilton) and Hinckley Road recreation grounds. Please be aware that the area will be out of use while the work is carried out.

Roll up for family fun

Burgess Bowls Club, based at the Parish Council-managed pavilion on Bridge Road, off Brookside, will be offering **FREE** taster sessions on **Saturday May 25 between 11am and 6pm**. All equipment will be provided. Please wear flat shoes or trainers. For more information call David on **07855 312411**.

Festival funding

Burbage Festival (BCAF) is to receive a donation of £1,500 from the Parish Council to help with costs of staging its annual programme of community arts events, which this year runs until May 19 www.bcaf.net

Defibrillator support

The Parish Council has made a successful application to the Borough Council's Community Equipment Grant fund for a public use defibrillator to be installed outside Herford Way Community Centre. The Council will contribute half of the £1,500 total cost.

Charity seeks new trustee

Burbage Parish Lands Charity, which leases Colts Close recreation ground to the Parish Council, is looking to co-opt a new trustee. Applications close **Wednesday June 12**. Contact grdavis@ntlworld.com to find out more.

A Helping Hand

Burbage Helping Hand pop-up shop will next be at Millennium Hall on **Wednesday May 15 from 2pm**. To donate food or funds, please call Teresa on **07785 246086**.

Farmers' Market

Burbage Farmers' Market will be marking the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings with bunting and union flags flying at its sale on **Saturday June 2**, on Burbage Methodist Church car park on Windsor Street.

D-DAY 80

The Burbage beacon is to be lit in link in with a nationwide commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings during the Second World War.

Far Lash community space will be the setting for a Parish Council-co-ordinated event, open to all, from **8pm on Thursday June 6**.

Culminating with the lighting of the beacon at 9.15pm, there will be recorded music from the era and a timeline of Operation Overload playing throughout the evening, with Village Crier Russell Kew to make an official D-Day proclamation.

The event is being held to coincide with National Fish & Chip Day, as one of the nation's favourite food combos was as popular among the ranks then as it is with generations today.

Windsor Street's Burbage Fishery will be supplying chip cobs and there will be a Really Awesome Coffee van in attendance.

People are invited to take along picnic chairs and blankets to make the most of the occasion.

The beacon was installed in 2022 and first fired up to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

Since then, the community space has been enhanced with the planting of 70 trees to mark the late Queen's reign, an oak to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III and the addition of new seating.

The Council is grateful to its band of Parish Volunteers who support Council staff in running these events.

- Honouring service men and women who died in both the First and Second World Wars, the Parish Council has recently paid for Burbage War Memorial on Church Street to be professionally cleaned to ensure it remains a fitting tribute.



Did we get your vote?

The Council set its sights high for an entry into this year's Burbage Scarecrow Festival, organised by Grove Road Schools' PTFA to raise funds for Burbage CofE Infant School and Burbage Junior School. Its entry, inspired by the musical Barnum, featured Phineas Taylor Barnum aka The Greatest Showman, whose story was made famous more recently in the 2017 film starring Hugh Jackman.