

Burbage Parish Council Newsletter



Tributes paid to David Inman, after three decades of service to the community

TRIBUTES have been paid by Burbage Parish Council to the late David Inman, one of its founding members and a long-serving local authority representative who took many stands for the parish and its people.

Cllr Mr Inman, a former solicitor and a member of both borough and county councils in the past, died last month aged 81. He had suffered for many years a form of the muscle wasting condition myosotis, but continued to work for the community despite his illness. Fellow councillor Ann Hall, a friend for more than 30 years, described him as "a quiet, intelligent, thoughtful and well respected man." She said: "Despite his long-standing and debilitating ill-health, David served and worked for the community with dignity and commitment all his life. He will be sadly missed and long remembered."

David Inman served in the final year of the old Hinckley Urban District Council, to which he was elected in 1972, and then went on to become a founder member of the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council. The new authority in its early years faced the task of bringing Hinckley and Market Bosworth under one administrative roof and tackled the challenge of taking forward what was then the larger town's

new leisure centre in Coventry Road. He served as chairman of the Housing Committee. In 2007, after a gap of 30 years, he returned to the borough council with the memorable words: "I said I would be back." In spite of increasing physical impairment he continued to play an active role until 2015, particularly championing the cause of those with disabilities.

From 1973 to 1977 David Inman had been a member of Leicestershire County Council. And in the 1970s he stood as Liberal parliamentary candidate in Nuneaton and then twice in Blaby, where he stood against Nigel Lawson who was to become Chancellor of the Exchequer.

In the mid 1980s he was a driving force behind the reforming of Burbage Parish Council, which had ceased to exist when the old Hinckley UDC was created. Having pushed for its creation, he was elected in 1986 as a founding member of one of the largest parish councils in the country. He returned as a member in 2007 and was still serving the village team at the time of his death. Peter Hall, the first chairman of the reborn Burbage PC, said that the parish would always be indebted to him for his contribution to the community. And council colleague Stuart Bray said: "In total David Inman spent more than 30 years representing the people of the

town, borough and parish."

Many families in both Hinckley and Burbage will remember David Inman as a popular local solicitor, originally as a partner at Geoffrey Hill and Co., and subsequently with his own firm in Station Road.

• *MEMBERS of Burbage Parish Council stood in silence at their last meeting in remembrance of their colleague and his contribution to the council's work.*

By-elections looming in Burbage

BY-ELECTIONS affecting Burbage are being lined up. The late Cllr David Inman represented Stretton ward on Burbage Parish Council and a poll is likely to be called to fill the vacancy. There will also be a contest to fill a place on Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, caused by the resignation of Cllr Mr Stan Rooney. Cllr Rooney resigned his Sketchley and Stretton ward seat on the borough authority on 23rd August, with immediate effect. He retains membership of Burbage Parish Council, where he is serving his third term of office as chairman.

Watching Brief...

Volunteers with time on their hands offer to help their local bobbies IN COMMUNITY life – an important sphere in all that Burbage stands for – volunteering plays an important role. If you have spare time you want to fill and are keen to use it to help those you live among, any number of groups and organisations would be glad to get your call.

A surge of applications to Leicestershire Police, from individuals who want to join the force as police support volunteers, has been reported. It follows a six-week recruitment campaign aimed at showcasing the range of voluntary civilian roles the constabulary can offer. Eight specific jobs had been identified, including home security visits, CCTV management and monitoring, cadet leading and police chaplaining. "We had a target of 100 and got 132 applications," said Supt. Shane O'Neill. "It's brilliant that so many people from our community want to volunteer with us.

"I look forward to welcoming the new applicants into the policing family. By offering just eight hours per month they really can make a difference to their community, simultaneously building on their skills."

The rookie support team members will now go through the force's recruitment process, which includes an interview, medical declaration and security checks, before starting their roles. The force accepts applications

from volunteers all year round and can tailor voluntary jobs to individual skills and interests. For information on how you could get involved, visit the leics.police.uk/couldyou website.

Litter culprits pick up on a sensible approach

THE Burbage police team, investigating complaints that anti-social behaviour at the Tilton Road recreation ground increased during the summer months, found plenty of evidence that in one respect it definitely did. A mountain of litter dumped on this popular park was a real problem. Sadly, young people gathered in numbers can mean that rubbish is discarded without a thought for any other users of facilities. The softly, softly approach worked this time – community support officers recorded a much better rate of success when they interacted with the young generation, some of them older than schoolchildren, by politely highlighting the benefits to everyone of using a litter bin rather than the grass. There was also a positive response to encouraging tidy habits when police stopped to chat with parents and younger children.

• **SHED break-ins and vehicle crimes** have been another summer issue in Burbage. Police have spent a lot of time speaking to householders, urging them to adequately protect their property. A key point in their

message: Don't give the opportunist rogue an invitation to rob you. That means not leaving tempting items on show in the first place. If that valuable piece of equipment is not in your hands or in full and constant view, lock it away.

Burbage Police Community Support Officer Darren Stretton 6035

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Emergency Police calls: Dial **999**

All other Police calls: Dial **101** and follow prompts
Burbage Beat Team
0094 for Sgt Dave Cleaver / **6670** for PCSO Andy Harrison
Leave your name and number
For local policing news and contact by email link to beat team

www.leics.police.uk

BURBAGE PARISH COUNCIL
01455 637533

Hinckley Council **01455 238141**

Emergency out of hours
01455 251137

Noise / abandoned cars / fly-tipping environmental issues (Hinckley Council) **01455 238141**

Domestic violence **07966 202181**

No Cold Calling **08454 040506**

Victim Support **0300 3031947**



COUNCIL and committee meetings at the Millennium Hall in Britannia Road normally start at 7.30pm and follow this rota, subject to change if clashing with Bank Holidays: First Monday of month – Parish Council; second Monday, Planning Committee; third Monday, Finance & General Purposes Committee; fourth Monday, Planning Committee. Meetings in the weeks ahead: Monday, 11th September, Planning; Monday, 18th September, Finance and General Purposes; Monday, 25th September, Planning. Monday, 2nd October, Parish Council; Monday, 9th October, Planning; Monday, 16th October, Finance and General Purposes; Monday, 23rd October, Planning.

THE elected membership of Burbage Parish Council is: Sketchley: Stan Rooney (chairman), Mike Hall, Amanda Wright, Christopher Ashton. Lash Hill: Ann Hall, Howard Wilkins, Stuart Bray, Mark Nickerson, Roger Johnson. Stretton: Peter Morris, Liz Rooney, Keith Lynch. Tilton: Richard Flemming, Lucie Hoelmer, Noel Robinson, Tony Iliffe. St Catherine's: Peter Wallace, Mary Sherwin, Andrew Clayton (vice chairman).

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