

Burbage Parish Council Newsletter



Perfect places to pause for a thought

LOOK out for new features which will enhance this year's Remembrance Day in Burbage.

The village, which never forgets the sacrifices made by its local heroes, has two new memorial benches paying homage to the fallen. One wrought iron seat, with an emotive design that shows Tommies amid the horror of the trench warfare that typified World War 1, has been sited alongside the Burbage War Memorial in Church Street. The rose garden memorial, surmounted by its imposing sculpture of a rifleman, was paid for by public subscription and erected after the Great War, with the names of World War 2 fallen later added. The new bench also features red Flanders poppies and that symbol will be repeated along the processional route, with large poppy emblems fixed to street lighting columns.

The other new memorial bench has been sited below the Coronation Tree in Church Street. A Lancaster bomber and Spitfire and Hurricane fighter planes, along with a white dove of reconciliation, are featured on this one so it's readily identified as a Second World War memorial. Together they will form part of a poignant backdrop to Poppy Day in Burbage – it goes ahead on Sunday, 12th November, when the Rev Solomon Bentu, minister at the Burbage Pentecostal Church Centre, will conduct the traditional open-air service following



a parade of standards involving group representatives. The tribute, organised by Burbage Parish Council and Hinckley and District Royal British Legion, starts from Grove Road Infant School at 10.30am and the Armistice service follows at 10-45am.

The war memorial area, praised for its cared-for tranquillity, will be thronged with people – so do please leave your cars at home if possible. Road closures and no waiting zones will be in force on 12th November between 10am and 12 noon and drivers are asked to co-operate in keeping routes clear.

- The Coronation tree – spectacularly illuminated as always – becomes the focal point on Friday, 22nd December, for the community event that says: "Let's get Christmas started." Carols round the tree, when a huge crowd of villagers gathers to get in the festive mood, starts at 6.30pm (song sheets will be available). Road closures and no waiting restrictions in the area will apply between 6pm and 9pm.

ARRANGING a good Guy Fawkes night may not call for rocket science . . . just some serious organising that lights all the right fuses to ensure a successful family outing. So well done the Burbage Carnival and Fireworks Committee, whose well-attended conflagration at Britannia Fields went with loud bangs and lots of sparkle. Proceeds will later benefit several local causes.

AN ELECTION to fill a Burbage Parish Council vacancy has been fixed for Thursday, 16th November. It follows the death of Cllr Mr David Inman, who represented Stretton ward, and will go ahead at the Millennium Hall in Britannia Road where polling booths will be open between 7am and 10pm. Three Burbage candidates are contesting the election – Simon Walker who lives in Church Street, Debbie Wilbur from Beaufort Close and Paul Williams of Rugby Road.

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

Watching Brief...

If somehow, something seems wrong, then it's fine to find out why

IDENTIFYING people who are most likely to become victims of fraud has been made a prime aim in a six-month community outreach project mounted by the Rural Community Council (Leicestershire and Rutland) in association with Age UK. The campaign aims to target those most at risk, telling them how to spot fraudulent activity and how to avoid falling victim to a scam.

It will raise awareness by asking the question "Does something feel wrong?" and invite a positive response by telling potential victims "Find out why it's right to question it." A spokesman for RCC said: "During the programme we are staging free group sessions to make people aware of the dangers. We want to provide information and offer advice, but we need help to reach those most in need of this information."

The group is kick-starting the outreach through a poster campaign.

Key factors in keeping that prized car exclusive to you

WELL-INFORMED car crooks, who would much sooner get hold of the remote to drive away a valuable model undamaged by forced entry, are still busy in Burbage. Owners of high-end vehicles were warned earlier this year that their expensive merchandise was at risk from villains prepared to walk into homes, frequently while families are in the house, hoping to find keys carelessly tossed aside.

Your BMW, Audi or Golf may boast anti-theft devices of extraordinary sophistication, but won't foil a thief with the remote in his hand. Keep him out with good locks to every door and window in your property – and find a really secure hiding place for those keys.

Burbage Police Community Support Officer Darren Stretton 6035

Working in Partnership to Reduce Crime

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**



Still time (but not much) to get Burbage in shape

IF there's something you'd like to say about a plan that could help shape the future of Burbage, and you haven't yet said it, then it's time to get a move on. The opportunity to express opinion on the Burbage Neighbourhood Development Plan, in its draft form and before submission for approval, will soon expire. A six-week feed-back consultation closes on 20th November, 2017 and this is the last chance the public will have to comment on a blueprint embracing the community's right to have its say in neighbourhood planning. The Burbage Neighbourhood Plan Group, after months of investigation, research and opinion-gathering, is staging a final open day for all who live and work in Burbage to offer views on its wish-list for what lies ahead. It goes ahead at the Millennium Hall in Britannia Road on Saturday, 11th November, from 10am to 3pm

- To view the Draft Plan and associated documents and to access an online pre-submission consultation comments form (before 20th November), visit www.plan4burbage.co.uk/the-plan

