

Burbage Parish Council Newsletter



NEW NAMES ARE SET IN STONE

The names of four First World War heroes have been added to Burbage cenotaph nearly 100 years after the end of the conflict that claimed their lives.

Sgt S Caldwell, Sgt G Musson, Pte J Newcombe, and Gnr S R Tunnicliffe are now honoured with engravings on the eastern face of the parish war memorial, thanks to Burbage letter carver David Heppingstall.

Research to identify the 'missing' servicemen was carried out by members of Burbage Heritage Group and the cost of adding their names to the memorial has been covered by Burbage Co-operative Funeralcare.



Pictured: Co-operative Funeralcare funeral director Andy Eeley, Burbage Heritage Group members Sylvia Whitworth and Ann Crabtree, letter carver David Heppingstall, Burbage Parish Council chairman Cllr Stan Rooney and World War 1 Commemoration working party member Cllr Paul Williams mark the addition of four new names to Burbage war memorial.

GRASSROOTS MOVE TO ENCOURAGE BIODIVERSITY

Grounds staff are to extend a trial to encourage biodiversity across the parish by increasing the size and scope of wildflower strips across council green spaces.

The environment-friendly management regime will leave designated areas of grass left to grow through the spring and summer before being cut in the autumn after wildflower species have had the chance to set seed.

It is hoped that the practice will encourage

wildflowers to flourish, attract beneficial insects and provide safe habitats for invertebrates and small creatures, encouraging birds and other wildlife which feed on them.

The areas will add to the interest of some of the council's best-used green spaces, including Britannia Road recreation ground and Sketchley Hill Farm recreation ground, and will provide the perfect opportunity for residents of all ages to observe nature on their doorstep.

REMEMBRANCE CONCERT TICKETS SELLING FAST

Tickets for two concerts of Remembrance to be performed by Burbage Community Choir Harmonic Voices on Remembrance Sunday are being snapped up.

One hundred tickets for each of two performances, at 2pm and 3.10pm on Sunday November 11th, have been produced, with each ticket-holder entitled to a free copy of a special souvenir booklet to be published to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War in the parish.

The concert, which is being held in support of Help for Heroes and The Royal British Legion, will include music popular at the end of the war along with more contemporary pieces and readings.

Tickets, which cost £2 for adults and £1 for under-14s, are available from the parish office at Millennium Hall which is open between 9am and midday Monday to Friday.

GREEN SCHEMES SPRUCE UP THE VILLAGE

Work has begun on a major redevelopment of Burbage oasis The Horsepool.

The cherished green space in the heart of the village had become overgrown and many of its features outworn with time and use.

Contractors are working to open up the space, laying new paths, to make it more easily accessible to all, and adding new planting, among other things, as part of a project which is expected to take up to four weeks to complete.

Planting work is also being carried out in other parts of the village, including on Hinckley Road and in Pughe's Paddock, where containers and flower-beds are being brightened with the addition of long-lasting and wildlife-friendly perennials.

The new planting schemes have been designed to look good year-round and will not need to be replaced each season, thus cutting down on the use of non-recyclable black plastic pots.



HAVE YOUR SAY ON HINCKLEY RAIL INTERCHANGE

Proposals for a National Rail Freight Interchange – sometimes referred to as an inland port – near Hinckley are to be put on display at a public consultation event in Millennium Hall on October 29th.

The event, which will run from 3pm to 8pm will give parishioners the chance to find out what is proposed by logistics developer db symmetry, which is drawing up plans for a scheme to be built near Junction 2 of the M69.

Planning director Jonathan Dawes says: “A strategic rail freight interchange is a large, multi-purpose freight interchange and distribution centre linked into both the rail and trunk road systems.

“SRFIs reduce the cost of moving freight by rail and encourage the transfer of freight from road to rail.”

The proposed scheme would include up to 225.57 hectares of land for the construction of a rail port for the loading and unloading of freight trains and an area of up to 850,000 square metres of high-bay storage and logistics buildings, a dedicated access road to Junction 2 of the M69, drainage balancing ponds, footpath, cycleway and bridleway connections.

Exhibition boards will outline the plans and members of the project team will be on hand to answer questions.

There will be information to take away and the chance to make comments by filling out feedback forms.

If you are unable to attend, there are to be similar events held across the borough between October 26th and November 10th.

To find out more, visit www.hinckleynrfi.co.uk or email the consultation team at hinckleynrfi@lexcomm.co.uk or call the community information line on 0844 556 3002.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS Council meetings are held in Millennium Hall on Mondays, usually at either 7pm or 7.30pm and may be attended by members of the public. A short time will be set aside for people wishing to comment specifically on agenda items at committee meetings, and for questions and comments on any parish issue at meetings of the full Parish Council. The next scheduled meetings are as follows: Planning committee, 7pm, October 22nd; Parish Council, 7pm, November 5th; Planning committee, 7pm, November 12th; Finance & General Purposes committee, 7.30pm, November 19th.