

Burbage Parish Council Newsletter



MUSIC AND MERRIMENT AT CHRISTMAS STREET MARKET

Burbage Parish Council is joining forces with East Midlands Markets and Events to host an evening Christmas Street Market in Windsor Street on November 30.

Running from 6.30pm to 9pm, the free event will see the street filled with artisan food, drink and crafts stalls, offering festive fare and gourmet gifts to go.

Pubs, businesses, churches and community spaces along the street and around the village will be open and offering extra attractions and seasonal refreshments.

There will be children's fairground rides, and it is rumoured that Santa may be paying a visit.

To help the market go with an extra swing, street musicians will be performing 20-minute sets until 9pm.

Performers are to include carolling choristers from St Catherine's Church (7.30pm), husband and wife duo Shaken Lime from Hinckley (7pm), two members of Hinckley-based Celtic band The Craic (8.30pm), and The Burbettes – a female cappella trio from Burbage who will be raising money for AMMF, the only registered charity raising awareness of, information about and support for sufferers of bile duct cancer (8pm).

Windsor Street will be closed to traffic from the junction with Britannia Road to the junction with Church Street between 4pm and 10.30pm, to allow the market to operate as a vehicle-free zone, and there will be no access via Freemans Lane.

Any musicians and street entertainers interested in performing on the night are asked to contact **Burbage Parish Council office on 01455 637533**.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Blue plaques have been put up on houses around Burbage in honour of village servicemen who made the ultimate sacrifice in the First World War. Thirty plaques bearing the names, honours and dates of death of 32 soldiers have been installed wherever their homes still stand as part of a project to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the conflict.

Another 32, whose homes no longer survive, are to be honoured on a joint plaque at Millennium Hall on Britannia Road.

The plaques have been paid for by Burbage Parish Council, supporting a working party of parish councillors, parishioners and other community groups, chaired by the Rector of Burbage, the Revd Andrew Hall, which was set up specially to plan for the centenary commemorations.

Research into the villagers being honoured has been carried out by members of Burbage Heritage Group.

Printed biographies have been compiled for each fallen soldier, including copies of photographs and documents where available, and will be presented to the owners of each property bearing a plaque, as a reminder of their parish predecessors who paid the greatest price.

Heritage Group chairman Sylvia Whitworth said: "Over the coming months, we hope people will take the opportunity to walk around the village and reflect upon the families who would have received the sad news of their loved ones around the village."

Leaflets showing where the plaques are positioned are available from Millennium Hall.

THE HORSEPOOL REVIVED

The first phase of a major revamp of The Horsepool has been completed.

JP Landscapes from Cannock has given a full facelift to the village green space, clearing overgrown vegetation, putting in new plants, laying wheelchair-accessible Breedon gravel paths and new turf, including areas of wildflower meadow for extra environmental benefit.

The project has been supported by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, which contributed £6,500 towards the revamp from its Parish and Community Initiative Fund.

Familiar features from the park, including a wooden carving of a horse and benches, are to be re-sited and railings re-painted, with a new gate to be created on to Church Street.

The pond will be given specialist attention and timber work replaced where necessary.

OPPOSITION GROWS TO HINCKLEY NATIONAL RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE

Hundreds of people visited an exhibition outlining proposals by db symmetry for a National Rail Freight Interchange – sometimes referred to as an inland port – to be built near Junction 2 of the M69.

More than 400 people attended the public consultation event in Millennium Hall on October 29, with more than 70 filling in feedback forms giving their thoughts about the scheme.

For more information and to make your views known (before December 7) visit www.hinckleynrfi.co.uk or email hinckleynrfi@lexcomm.co.uk or call the community information line on 0844 556.

No planning application has yet been made for the scheme but when it is, it will go directly to the government for consideration because of its significance.

Parish councillors have raised concerns over the amount of traffic and the likely pollution to be generated by the proposed development and have called for assurances that the likely adverse effect on infrastructure and air quality within the Parish will be seriously considered and mitigating measures sought.

Burbage councillors are to join forces with members of other parish councils in the area in fighting the proposals.



BELLS RING OUT FOR ARMISTICE CENTENARY

Hundreds turned out to honour the fallen at Burbage's Remembrance Sunday parade and War Memorial service.

Four names of First World War heroes previously missing from and recently added to the village cenotaph were officially unveiled and the names of all those commemorated on it read out.

After a two minute silence, bell ringers at St Catherine's Church performed a quarter peal to mark the centenary of the armistice at the end of the Great War, as 64 wooden crosses, representing Burbage's First World War fallen, were planted in the War Memorial garden.

Concerts of Remembrance were performed by Burbage Community Choir, Harmonic Voices, at Millennium Hall, where an exhibition of research into the village soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice, was staged by Burbage Heritage Group.

The day ended with a service at Burbage Pentecostal Church and the lighting of a beacon on Sketchley Hill Farm Recreation Ground (known locally as Tilton Road Park), as part of a nationwide chain of flames representing the light of hope after the darkness of war.

Commemorative booklets, produced by a working party set up to honour the armistice centenary, were distributed in return for donations to the Royal British Legion, which, at the time of going to print, amounted to more than £300.

Forthcoming meetings, to be held in Millennium Hall and open to the public, are as follows:
Finance & General Purposes committee, 7.30pm, November 19; Planning committee, 7pm, November 26;
Parish Council, 7pm, December 3; Planning, 7pm, December 10; Planning, 7pm, December 17 2018;
Parish Council, 7pm, January 7 2019; Planning, 7pm, January 14; Finance & General Purposes, 7.30pm, January 21.

MAYOUR TO ATTEND CAROLS ROUND THE TREE

Kibworth Band will be accompanying the communal singing of carols around the tree at the annual open-air event held around the Coronation Tree on Church Street on Friday December 21.

The service, to be led by Father Andrew Hall from St Catherine's Church, will begin at 7pm and is due to be attended by the mayor of Hinckley and Bosworth, Councillor Jan Kirby, and her consort, Mr Mike Kirby.

A collection will be made for the mayor's charities, Hinckley Homeless Group and Dementia Action Alliance and a road closure will be in force from 6pm to 9pm.

FINAL FARMERS' MARKET OF 2018

The last Farmers' Market of 2018 will be held on Saturday 22nd December in Windsor Street, when a road closure will be in force from 7am until 2pm