

Burbage Parish Council Newsletter



Horse rears its head again in The Horsepool

A prancing horse, which was put out to pasture while work was carried out at its home in The Horsepool, is now back in the green space where it belongs.

The hand-carved relief of a rearing steed was previously stabled in a planter on the site, where, at times, surrounding growth left only its head visible.

Now, it has been mounted as a free-standing feature, allowing the full carving to be appreciated and revealing, for the first time, sculptor Peter Leadbeater's initials and the date of its creation.

The much-loved sculpture, pictured here by Burbage resident Nigel Allcoat, is one of several pieces

associated with The Horsepool being restored and returned to the recently revamped site.

Work, supported by a Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council grant, was last year carried out to clear overgrowth, lay new paths and put in new planting.

Attention is now being paid to the clearance of the pond itself and the restoration of the boardwalk and wooden seating.

The parish council is also hoping to replace an information board at the site.

A carved sign created in 2012 for The Horsepool by sculptor Peter Leadbeater has been restored and re-mounted as part of a revamp of the village green space.



Pump unveiled in tribute to World War I fallen

A decorative water pump has been unveiled in Burbage as part of the parish commemorations of the end of the First World War.

The pump, together with a small information board, has been installed in a planter opposite St Catherine's Church, close to the site of a working pump which served the village until the early 20th century.

It was officially unveiled by Burbage residents Jill and Jack Staniforth, and blessed by the Revd Andrew Hall, of St Catherine's Church, at a short ceremony hosted by Parish Council chairman Cllr Stan Rooney.

Guests included Mr Chris Lincoln (chairman of the Hinckley branch of the Royal British Legion), parish councillor Paul Williams (a member of the Parish Council's World War I Commemoration working party), Sylvia Whitworth and Ann Crabtree (Burbage Heritage Group), and Joseph Barsby of G Seller & Co Ltd funeral directors, Hinckley, which installed the pump and produced the information board.

Cllr Rooney said: "This project was suggested by Cllr Chris Ashton of Burbage Parish Council and has been generously supported and facilitated by G Seller & Co to whom I would like to express our appreciation on behalf of Burbage Parish Council.

"Some of the children who would have been familiar

with the original pump would go on to fight in World War I and many of those would not return.

"So it is appropriate, that as part of our village commemorations of the ending of the war, that we unveil this pump today."



From left, Sylvia Whitworth (Burbage Heritage Group), Ann Crabtree (Burbage Heritage Group), Cllr Paul Williams (Burbage Parish Council) Burbage Parish Council chairman Cllr Stan Rooney, the Revd Andrew Hall (St Catherine's CE Church), Burbage residents Jill and Jack Staniforth, Hinckley branch Royal British Legion chairman Chris Lincoln and Joseph Barsby from G Seller & Co Ltd, at the unveiling of a decorative village pump and information board in Burbage.

BCAF volunteer honoured with Chairman's award

Long-serving Burbage Community Arts Festival (BCAF) volunteer Laurence Wilkins has been honoured with the Parish Council's Chairman's Community Award for 2019.

Mr Wilkins has been a leading member of the BCAF team for the past two decades, serving as chairman for more than 10 years, a role from which he has only recently stepped down.

The Chairman's Community Award is presented annually to an individual whose efforts have made a positive difference within the parish.

Speaking at a presentation ceremony at the Annual Parish Meeting in March, Council chairman Cllr Stan Rooney, said: "Twelve years ago BCAF was on the point of folding and Laurence Wilkins took it upon himself to become chairman, a role he has just relinquished.

"BCAF is a great event in our village - I don't know that many villages have the benefit of an arts festival of this level.

"Nobody could deserve this award more."

Mr Wilkins was presented with a framed certificate to keep, and the John Moore community vase, named in honour of a former Parish Council chairman, to hold for a year.

Thanking the Parish Council for the award, Mr Wilkins took the opportunity to remind people that tickets for all BCAF 2019 events (3rd to 18th May) were now on sale from the group's [website www.bcaf.net](http://www.bcaf.net)



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No newsletter next month

There will be no newsletter in May due to the local government elections being held at the beginning of that month.

The next scheduled newsletter will appear in The Local Rock edition due for publication on 13th May.

Bowl up for a special day

An open day is to be held at Burbage bowling green off Bridge Road, on Saturday 6th April between 10am and 4pm.

The event is open to all and aims to give newcomers a taste of the sport which offers fresh air, gentle exercise and friendly competition to players of all ages.

Two clubs are based at the Parish Council managed facility and new members are always welcome.

To find out more, contact the Parish Office on **01455 637533** or email info@burbage-council.co.uk

Forthcoming meetings. Council and committee meetings are held on Mondays in Burbage Millennium Hall, starting at either 7pm or 7.30pm, and are open to members of the public.

Forthcoming meetings are as follows: Finance & General Purposes committee, 7.30pm, 18th March; Planning committee, 7pm, 25th March; Parish Council, 7pm, 1st April; Planning, 7pm, 8th April; F&GP, 7.30pm, 15th April; Planning, 7pm, 29th April; Annual Parish Council, 7pm, 13th May.

Farmers' market re-launch

Burbage Farmers' Market is to hold its first sale under new management on Saturday 6th April.

A new group, known simply as Burbage Farmers' Market, will be re-launching the monthly events which were previously co-ordinated by East Midlands Markets & Events (EMME) Ltd.

The specialist sales will continue to be held on the first Saturday of each month, from 9am until 12.30pm, on the car park of Burbage Methodist Church on Windsor Street.

The church will be open during market trading hours, serving hot drinks and light refreshments.