

**BURTON : PUDDINGTON : SHOTWICK**

# **PARISH MAGAZINE**

**& COMMUNITY NEWS**

**FEBRUARY & MARCH 2023**

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Burton, Puddington & Shotwick*

**THE PARISH MAGAZINE OF**

**ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, BURTON & ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, SHOTWICK**

# ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, BURTON & ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, SHOTWICK



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## SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, BURTON

[www.burtonchurch.org.uk](http://www.burtonchurch.org.uk)

WEEKLY - SUNDAYS

10:00AM WORSHIP FOR ALL AGES

WEEKLY - WEDNESDAYS

10:15AM HOLY COMMUNION BCP

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF MONTH

EVENSONG

4:00PM FEBRUARY, 6.30PM MARCH

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF MONTH

8.45AM HOLY COMMUNION



## SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, SHOTWICK

[www.shotwick.org.uk](http://www.shotwick.org.uk)

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF MONTH

11:30AM MORNING PRAISE

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF MONTH

11:30AM HOLY COMMUNION CW

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF MONTH

11:30AM MORNING PRAYER BCP

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MONTH

11:30 HOLY COMMUNION BCP

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MONTH

11.30AM HOLY COMMUNION BCP



*Burton, Puddington & Shotwick Magazine*

# ***Welcome to the Early Spring Edition***

***To every thing there is a season, and a time to  
every purpose under the heaven:  
A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to  
plant, and a time to uproot.***





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## BUZZING ABOUT THE FUTURE

REVD JOHN COYNE

I have three ideas buzzing in my head at present and I want to share them, not just with the church but with the whole community.

Firstly, I am planning to take our two PCCs (Parochial Church Councils) away at the end of March to clarify and discern a vision for the ministry of our local Churches. It is, I believe, God's call on the Church to discern what its priorities will be in each season. My understanding of a Church's vision is that it is a forward-looking picture of what all of us are called to be part of – a healthy, outward looking community/organisation (which, in the case of the Church, is inspired and enlivened by our faith in Jesus Christ).

It strikes me that individuals do well to have a vision for their own lives. With a forward-looking picture of what we want for our lives, we can avoid being driven only by circumstances and demands. Similarly, a community – a village or town – needs to discern a vision for its future prosperity and its needs. I commend the Burton Residents Association for circulating its questionnaire on what residents want for the future of this village. I trust that the exercise will engage the whole community so that our villages might be as vibrant as possible in the years to come. We also have a busy Social Club and Village Hall for Burton and Puddington which do not exist elsewhere. Let's applaud the energy of those who manage these resources and support what happens there.

The second idea buzzing around my grey matter is how each of us might engage with the 40 days of Lent, which starts on 22 February (Ash Wednesday). If you are thinking of stopping reading at this point, please press on for a few sentences. Lent is traditionally a time of reflection and renewal, when Christians enrich their faith in readiness for Easter. Even some people without clear beliefs give things up for Lent and regard it as a kind of spiritual 'spring clean'. Others take things on during these six weeks, for the aim of benefitting others. Christians may seek to develop their generosity and engage in daily acts of random kindness.





Some may seek to deepen their prayer life and participation in worship, alongside service. In the coming weeks I will publish ideas about Lent for Church members. But the idea of Lent can also be a time of renewal in different ways for everyone. A spring clean of our lives is well advised for all of us from time to time. We might need to de-clutter the endless activities that occupy our time. Acts of generosity, kindness and community enrichment is a way of ensuring life is not focussed on one's self. The options are endless – for example, how about;

- organising a car wash in the community, and asking for donations to support a specific local charity, a food bank or a community project?



- inviting those you already know and those you don't, for drinks or a simple meal, to develop our sense of community and friendship? Let hospitality be the hallmark of living here.



- consider pausing your streaming service subscriptions and donating the saved funds? Meanwhile, imagine what you and your family might do instead of streaming TV and movies! Options include reading a book and sharing your thoughts or playing board games or long walk and talking to each other as you do so.



Thirdly, I am buzzing over the Church's wish to become a truly multi-generational Church in Burton, Puddington and Shotwick. As local churches we are genuinely here for every generation but are under-represented among children and young families. We are hoping to raise funds to appoint a part-time Families and Children's worker to help us turn that around. Shotwick Church has its own ideas of engaging with children in schools near and far.

It so happens that our villages are currently seeing new families moving in all the time. Let's welcome them with open arms in our churches and the wider community to the benefit of everyone. And, as you read this, if you fit the profile of being younger, why not chat with myself and other community leaders on what you would appreciate as well as what you have to offer among us?



With these ideas and more, Lent could be truly transformational for everyone. I hope it is for you.

*God bless, John*

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# Church Services at St Nicholas' Burton

## February

- 1 Wednesday 10:15 am  
Holy Communion
- 5 Third Sunday before Lent  
10:00 am All Age Worship  
4:00 pm Evensong
- 8 Wednesday 10:15 am  
Holy Communion
- 12 Second Sunday before Lent  
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 15 Wednesday 10:15 am  
Holy Communion
- 19 Sunday next before Lent  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
(Traditional Service)  
10:00 am Communion for  
All Ages
- 22 Ash Wednesday 10:15 am  
Holy Communion
- 26 First Sunday of Lent  
10:00 am Morning Worship



## March

- 1 Wednesday 10:15 am  
Holy Communion
- 5 Second Sunday of Lent  
10:00 am All Age Worship  
6:30 pm Evensong
- 8 Wednesday 10:15 am  
Holy Communion
- 12 Third Sunday of Lent  
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 15 Wednesday 10:15 am  
Holy Communion
- 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Mothering Sunday  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
(Traditional Service)  
10:00 am Communion for  
All Ages
- 22 Wednesday 10:15 am  
Holy Communion
- 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent  
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 29 Wednesday 10:15 am  
Holy Communion

## April

- 2 Palm Sunday  
10:00 am All Age Worship  
6:30 pm Evensong



# Church Services at St Michael's Shotwick

## February

- 5 Third Sunday before Lent  
11:30 am Morning Praise
- 12 Second Sunday before Lent  
11:30 am Holy Communion  
Common Worship
- 19 Sunday next before Lent  
11:30 am Morning Prayer
- 26 First Sunday of Lent  
11:30 am Holy Communion  
BCP service



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11:30 am Morning Praise
- 12 Third Sunday of Lent  
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Common Worship
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Mothering Sunday  
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11:30 am Holy Communion  
BCP service

## April

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# FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

*WEDDING SERVICES  
BLESSINGS  
FUNERAL SERVICES  
BAPTISMS*

*December & January*

***Burton***

***Funeral Services***

***12 December***

***Donald Bethell***

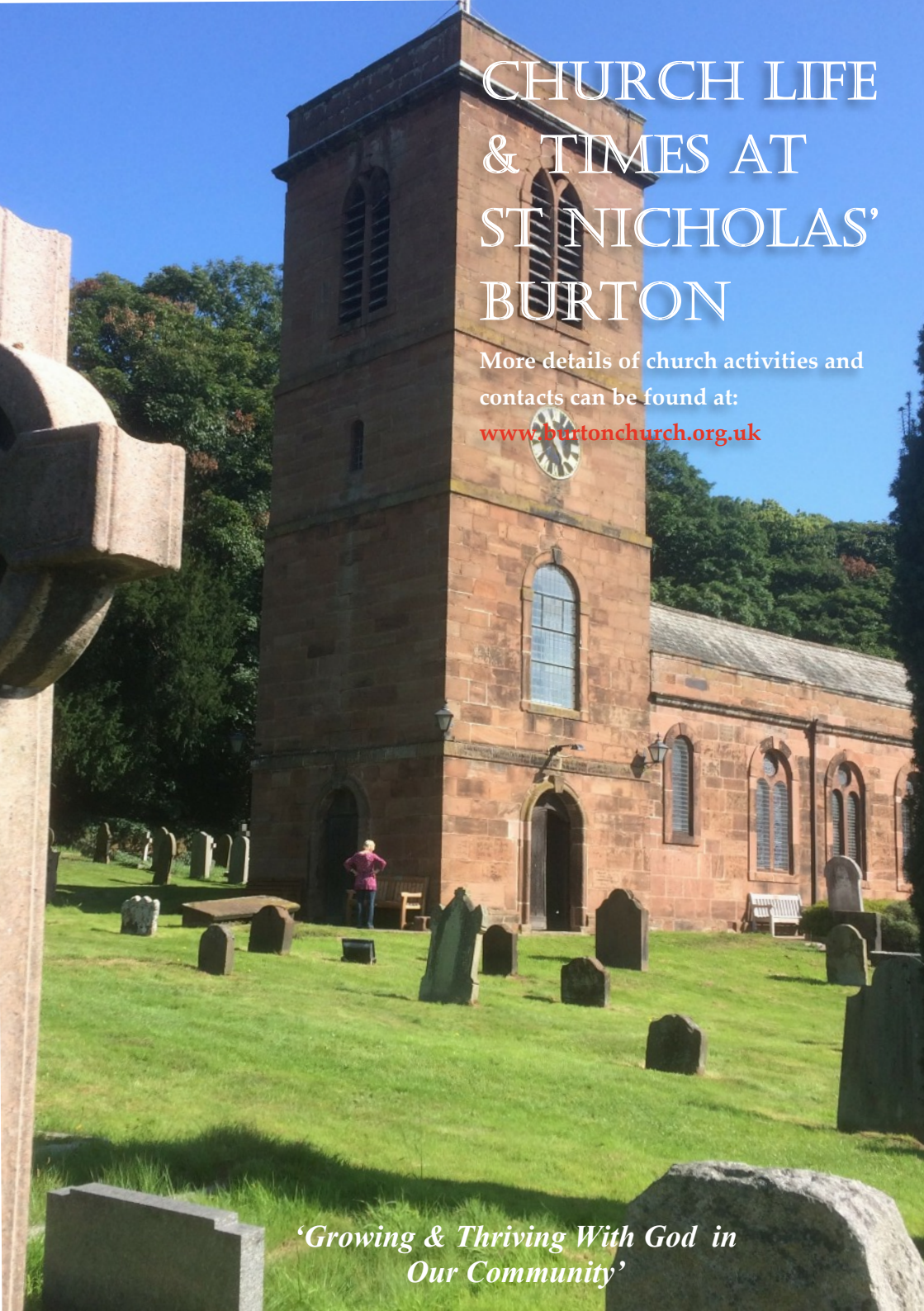
***19 December***

***Isobel Margaret Hough***

***Shotwick***

***No registrations***





# CHURCH LIFE & TIMES AT ST NICHOLAS' BURTON

More details of church activities and  
contacts can be found at:

[www.burtonchurch.org.uk](http://www.burtonchurch.org.uk)

*'Growing & Thriving With God in  
Our Community'*

Mothers' Union is a global Christian movement working with people of all faiths and none to develop communities, strengthen families and advocate for change.

We are a loving organisation open to anyone, and supportive of everyone. You don't have to have children, be married, be a woman, or be a churchgoer to join us. There are different ways to belong depending on what works best for you.

To find out more [Click Here](#)

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 15 February at 2:00pm

'A Pilgrimage from Lichfield to Chester'

– Speaker; Nigel Griffiths

Wednesday 22 March at 2pm

'Lenten Meditation in Church

– Led by Sue Coyne

Sunday 19 March at 10am

'Mothering Sunday Service in Church'



All our meetings are held in the Burton & Puddington Sports and Social Club unless otherwise stated.

Contact: Ann Rudd, Branch Leader  
0151 336 1513

## Ending Poverty



## Ending Injustice



## Ending Violence

### The Mothers' Union Prayer

Loving Lord,

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship and, in love and service, reach out as your hands across the world.

In Jesus' name. Amen



# Knitted and Crocheted Blankets



Just before Christmas Ruth Abbott, Lay Reader at St Nicholas' Church, loaded up the boot of her car with over 25 blankets that had been made by parishioners and friends during the year. She took them to an organisation called **Heart for Refugees** as she had heard that the charity was desperate for anything warm.



When she arrived at the centre the person in charge announced to the refugees that there was a lady from St Nicholas' Church in Burton with knitted blankets, and they were invited to come and collect a blanket' if they would like one.

Ruth says:

*"I was mobbed. They were all women with children who wanted them to wrap their babies. I started crying, I couldn't help it; their need was so great.*

*I couldn't stop which was a bit awkward! It might seem like a little to us, but it meant so much to them.*

*I was never more proud of my church - don't ever doubt that what you do makes a difference.*

*Thank you all"*

**PS.** *They also need hats in any size, so if you have any spare wool and feel like knitting, please help out!*



**Bishop Wilson Church of England Primary**

"The joy of the Lord is your strength" Nehemiah 8:10

## ***Bishop Wilson CE Primary School's Start to 2023***

The last couple of weeks before Christmas was an exceptionally busy time including a whole school trip to see the pantomime - ***Oh yes, there was!***

The children had a fabulous time watching Cinderella and didn't need much encouragement joining a theatre full of other children with some very loud audience participation.

We also had the most fabulous KS2 School Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church. The service was led by our year 3 and 4 children who did a very impressive job reading with loud, clear voices. They were supported admirably by the most fantastic singing from year 5 and 6. There was a wonderful atmosphere enjoyed by parents, children and staff together.



***School Carol Service***

As we begin a new year and a new term we have been thinking about new beginnings and making the most of our skills and abilities. The Eagles class will be gearing up for some outdoor adventure in February and we will be reflecting on being thankful as our focus Christian Value for this half-term.

*Suzanne Roberts*

**Head of School**



*The long standing and ever popular Christmas event 'Carols on the Green' in Puddington was attended by villagers both young and old from Puddington, Shotwick, Burton and from farther afield.*

*In addition to enjoying mulled wine and mince pies, Carols were sung, Rev John Coyne provided a short homily and £300 was raised for the charity Claire House Children's Hospice*



# Tales From foodbank



It's January at the Foodbank. The run up to the end of last year was very busy. Usually the end of the year is busier than the preceding months, but this year was exceptional. The number of clients per week rose by more than 50% between the beginning and end of December, and caused the Foodbank to decide to open some of its centres between Christmas and New Year. Emergency cover is usually provided by the council and demand is low. However, it was worth opening the centres this year with 39 clients attending over the 3 days.

The chair of the Wirral Foodbank, Phillip Davies, writes:

*"The Christmas period saw a substantial increase in the number of people receiving emergency food parcels. Once again, Wirral Foodbank played a crucial role in helping those in need. Thanks to all who supported the Christmas Tesco collection. Sadly, the evidence indicates that as the cost-of-living crisis worsens, the demand for our services will continue well into 2023. Let us hope and pray that the New Year brings a new focus on tackling the underlying causes of poverty so that people no longer need to rely on foodbanks and other charities to provide basic necessities.*

*In the first weeks of January the number of clients has dropped back to the level of the beginning of December but this is still more than 40% higher than it was in August."*

As Phillip notes, Tesco supports Trussell Trust foodbanks around the country by offering two weekends a year when we are in their stores and can encourage their customers to donate food and money. In an outstanding show of generosity donations at the Wirral stores were up 42% over Christmas 2021. And, in context, although the Tesco Christmas Collection contributed 7.5 tonnes of food in Wirral, this is just 2% of what you and others like you donated in 2022. *Amazing.*



As the Foodbank manager says,

## ***We are more than food***



Emergency food is not the answer to food poverty. We seek to address the underlying issues, by working with professional organisations. On behalf of Wirral Foodbank, Citizens Advice Wirral delivers **Foodbank Plus**, a dedicated advice service, tackling the root causes of food poverty. Since 2020, **Foodbank Plus** has supported 6,000 people, delivering over £273,000 in financial benefits (benefit entitlements, debt write-off, grants, and white goods). In addition, we have set-up two pilot projects

- (1) Energy Projects Plus, who provide practical support to individuals in fuel crisis;
- (2) Wirral Mind, who provide mental health support.

**Foodbank Plus** and other projects are funded through the generosity of our donors; they are at the centre of our strategy to remove the need for foodbanks, making a real difference and in many cases the support offered can be life changing.

As your donations of food provide the emergency food, your monetary donations are what funds these vital services. For many clients not having enough food is just one of their several major problems (!). **Foodbank Plus** helps to resolve these other problems by connecting clients with funds and services that can help them.

On behalf of the too many people in this country who have had need to use a foodbank – **Thank You.**

Donations can be made at most big supermarkets and at:

<https://wirral.foodbank.org.uk/>  
<https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/>

As always, many thanks to those who support the Foodbank with food and regular monthly financial donations which make all the difference to so many people.





# CHURCH LIFE & TIMES AT ST MICHAEL'S SHOTWICK

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contacts can be found at:

[www.shotwick.org.uk](http://www.shotwick.org.uk)

*'Welcoming and active at the heart of  
the community'*



# ***Plough Sunday at Shotwick***

***St Michael's Shotwick***



Plough Sunday is a traditional English celebration of the beginning of the agricultural year that has seen some revival over recent years. The opposite of Harvest Festival – blessing the land and machinery at the start of the agricultural year.

So, on Sunday 8 January we had a select gathering of 14 to celebrate 'Plough Sunday' and for our ploughman's lunch we had plenty of broccoli and stilton and parsnip soup to go round and beyond. The best as usual was June's birthday cake.

Thanks to all who cleaned the Church beforehand and thanks to our local dairy farmer Martin Coar who lent us a tractor – although not this one. The theme was 'look after the soil'.



# ***Agricultural History Project & Countryside Classroom***

***St Michael's Shotwick***



## **Would You Like to Get Involved ?**

Would you be willing to share your farming recollections and memories in order to help support our project?

Would you like to be interviewed about your farming background? I am particularly interested in the 1950s and 1960s before modern farming methods and supermarket culture became established. We want to produce a data base of agricultural history for a grant application.

I also need human guinea pigs of 9 – 12 years old to try out some Countryside Classroom ideas. How do you monitor biodiversity with apparatus and a camera trap?

How much history exists in Shotwick?

Jenny Sneddon via email at

[jcsned@gmail.com](mailto:jcsned@gmail.com)

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# *Events at St Michael's Church - Save The Dates*

*St Michael's Shotwick*



***Saturday 18 March at 2.30pm***

## *'The History of Coronations'*

Held at the church.

Tickets: £5 including refreshments



***Wednesday 21 June at 7.30pm***

## *St Michael's Summer Concert*

An evening Harp Recital by award winning harpist Bethan Griffiths.

Flintshire born Bethan, who has performed at venues in the UK, Europe and the USA, will present a delightful range of classical, traditional and popular music.

Tickets: £10 including refreshments





# THE LIFE & TIMES OF OUR VILLAGE COMMUNITIES

BURTON  
PUDDINGTON  
AND SHOTWICK



# In the Garden

with Flori Bunda

## *Spring is Eagerly Awaited !*

The garden has limited colour at the moment but the Viburnum is still flowering together with the red Skimmia and the old purple/white flower on the Hebe.

There are masses of catkins on Harry Lauder's Walking Stick (Twisted Hazel).

Green spears of Spring flowering bulbs are growing constantly.

Snowdrops:

Galanthus  
nivalis, Flore  
Peno (double),  
elwesii,  
woronowii,  
ikariae and  
beluga are the



varieties – all eagerly awaited! The first to flower clump is visible from the kitchen window.

Sweet Pea seeds: White Supreme, Nimbus and Winston Churchill are sown in pots which are currently in situ on the kitchen windowsill. Unnamed varieties are seeds gathered from last year's mixtures. Hopefully, they will germinate!



The greenhouse and seed trays will have a further clean in preparation for more seed sowing.

The Camellias have many buds but are yet to flower.

The fleeces are ready in case there is a cold snap.

Many birds have enjoyed feasts in the garden (after plundering the rowan berries) - Jay, Redwing (only one), Blue, Great and Long-Tailed Tits, Blackbirds, Nuthatch (pictured) and, of course, Robbie and Rosemary Robin.



### *Tasks to be getting on with ...*

- Clear wet leaves off paths and borders
- Prepare seed trays
- Look for weeds



*Happy Gardening*

*Flori Bunda*

# BURTON MERE WETLANDS

## *Rare Bird Sighting on the Reserve...*

It's hard to believe we're almost through January, and the busy festive season a fading memory. The year has started with some challenging weather, firstly persistent winds and more recently the cold snap causing frozen ground conditions making life hard for visitors and birds alike!

With dusk stretching ever-later, we're bidding farewell to our winter closing time on 1 February, back to a 5pm close throughout February before March when the reserve remains open until 6pm.

We've already had one rare bird this year, when a long-billed dowitcher (yes, it's a mouthful!) – a scarce American accidental vagrant, though one we're quite familiar with after seeing one here each of the past three years – turned up on 11 January.

As exciting as some find them, we're not here just for the rarities, and the winter months are arguably the best time to appreciate what makes the wetlands of the Dee Estuary one of the most important homes for birds in the whole of Europe. Vast flocks of thousands of waders, ducks and geese adorn the reserve, and can still be enjoyed into March before they begin their northward migration to breed. The ducks are particularly good entertainment at present, performing their courtship rituals in order to get paired up before they depart here.

After a three year break due to Covid, then a dearth of big tides in 2022, we've just had our first Parkgate High Tide Watch of the year which was incredibly popular, although the calm weather conditions mean the incoming tide didn't flood the marsh to any significant degree. We have three more dates coming up in late February, followed by two more in late March – check our website [events.rspb.org.uk/deeestuary](https://events.rspb.org.uk/deeestuary) for details.



*Long-Billed Dowitcher*



*Waders*



*High Tide at Parkgate*



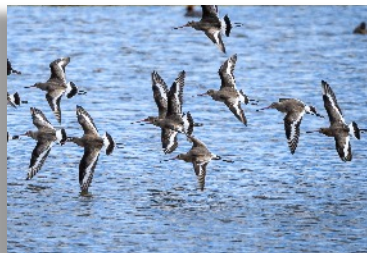
Trails at Burton Mere



Barn Owl Sightings



Sand Martin



Recent Sightings  
Black-Tailed Godwits

School half term is fast approaching, and although we don't have any specific family events this time around, we always have a fun family quiz trail available daily, so bear us in mind if you're looking for days out with your kids. Plus, the Wild Play area with its 'den building' is always loved by young explorers!

Work is well underway on our highly anticipated café, although we have slipped behind schedule so installation work will still be going on into spring, with opening hoped to be before the height of summer.

In the meantime, our visitor centre still stocks sandwiches, snacks and drinks for you to treat yourself to a picnic lunch and support our conservation work further, with all profits helping us to do more for nature across the Dee Estuary reserve.

As we head to the end of winter and beginning of spring, we'll be welcoming back our iconic avocets within a matter of weeks. They certainly stand out in their elegant monochrome plumage when still surrounded by masses of grey-brown waders and colourful ducks during the transition of seasons.

By March, weather-permitting we'll be seeing and hearing the arrival of smaller summer migrants, such as various warblers, and martins. For now, though, let's enjoy the rest of the winter, with endless bird of prey activity, especially majestic marsh harriers which are now abundant after being a rarity here a decade ago. Plus, we've been treated to stupendous barn owl sightings around dusk for most days since December – head down one afternoon soon to see it!

For regular updates, recent sightings information and news about the reserve, check our website blog at [rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands](https://www.rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands) and follow us on Facebook and Twitter (search RSPB Burton Mere).

*The RSPB's events are now listed in one place, here:*  
<https://events.rspb.org.uk/>

*Pictures courtesy of RSPB*



# **Local Area Amateur Photographs Wanted**

***Burton - Puddington - Shotwick***

Some time ago we invited people to send in photographs that they had taken around the local area for use in the Parish Magazine and Community News, depicting the life and times of our villages.

We received some stunning photographs taken by several different people. It would be true to say that there is no lack of subject matter around the area to attract the interest of local photographers.

The photographs that we have on file have been used extensively in supporting articles covered in the magazine and we do try to use 'season appropriate' images to help illustrate various topics.

Now we would like a few more!

The magazine reaches nearly 400 individuals (and is passed on to quite a few more) and we would like to have a few more photographs from which to choose for inclusion in future editions. In particular, photographs that capture the essence of the landscape between Shotwick, Puddington and Burton would be most welcome.

We can't promise to use every photograph sent in but we really would appreciate any shots that you may have, or would like to seek out, for possible inclusion.



Please send digital photographs via email to:

[burtonchurchcomms@btinternet.com](mailto:burtonchurchcomms@btinternet.com)



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# Briarfield

The Rake, Burton, Neston,  
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**Snowdrop Festival**  
**Every Friday 3 February**  
**to 24 February**  
**10am - 4pm**

Adults £4 Children free

***There will be snowdrops for sale***  
***- mainly Galanthus nivalis (our native***  
***snowdrop) but there will be other species***  
***and named varieties.***



PLANTS FOR SALE

***This is a 'Cash Only' event.***

More information at [ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk)

# The Burton Society



Established 1971

***Thursday 2 February***

## ***The World of Hedgehogs***

*Greer Lacey will be introducing us to the world of hedgehogs and why they need our help. She will also be telling us about the work of the hedgehog centre.*

***Thursday 2 March***

## ***The Slave Ships of Neston & Parkgate***

*Anthony Annakin-Smith takes a look at this area's many links to the slave trade and extraordinary accounts of the voyages of many of the locally-connected ships involved in the triangular trade.*



# Burton & Neston History Society



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*Gladstone Village Hall, Burton*

***Thursday 9 February***

***The History of the  
'Anderton Boat Lift'***



***Speaker: Dave Thomas***

***Thursday 9 March***

***'Plotlands'***

***A housing phenomenon of the early 20<sup>th</sup> C***

***A case study of Moreton Wirral***

***Speaker: Heather Butler***

**Doors open from 7.45 pm, talks start at 8pm.**

**New members are always welcome. If you haven't been to one of our meetings before, it's free on the first occasion**

More information at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/burtonnestonhistory/home>

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Burton  
Residents'  
Association



## **BURTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION SURVEY**

*Over the Christmas and New Year period the Burton Residents' Association (BRA) delivered to every house in Burton a survey to assess residents' views on our village, how we could improve it and what the Residents' Association can do to help.*

*We are also hoping to collect contact details so that we can keep people better informed of what is going on, planning issues etc.*

*If you live in Burton and have not yet completed the survey, could we urge you to do so as the more opinions we get, the more we can do. In addition, we are always looking for volunteers to help with various projects around the village so please offer your skills if you are able.*

*If somehow your survey has gone astray or if you never received one for whatever reason, there is still time to complete it online by following this link to our website and click on 2022/23 Residents Survey*

***<http://burtonresidentsassociation.co.uk/index.html>***

If you have any queries or comments, please feel free to contact us on:  
***[chairman@burtonresidentsassociation.co.uk](mailto:chairman@burtonresidentsassociation.co.uk)***







## **PCSO Linda Conway**

Cheshire Police are committed to making Cheshire a safe place to live.

Over the coming weeks you may notice posters in public places informing you about Clare's Law.

This legislation gives individuals the right to ask the police if they are worried that they may be at risk of domestic abuse from a partner. It enables the police to disclose information to a victim or potential victim of domestic abuse about their partner's or ex-partner's previous abusive or violent offending.

Local Policing Units are working hard to highlight this and we are distributing the posters throughout the County.

If you have any concerns that you or someone you know is at risk of domestic abuse please contact Cheshire Police either by phone on 101, online at [www.cheshire.police.uk/claresslaw](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/claresslaw) or speak to any police officer or PCSO.



# **Clare's Law**

## **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

### **Ask us ...**

You have the right to ask if you are worried that you, or someone you know, is at risk of domestic abuse.

If we hold information that could protect the person at risk, we will tell them.\*

**Contact Cheshire Police:**

- ☎ 101 (non-emergency number)
- 🌐 [www.cheshire.police.uk/claresslaw](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/claresslaw)
- 👮 ask a police officer

\*or the most appropriate person who can keep them safe.

**Clare's Law**  
The Domestic Abuse Act 2021



**Cheshire Constabulary**

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# ***Voter ID at Polling Stations from May 2023***



From 4 May 2023, people who wish to vote in person (including those acting as a proxy), will be required to produce an accepted form of photographic ID to prove their identity before they will be issued with a ballot paper.

This will apply to:

- Local elections
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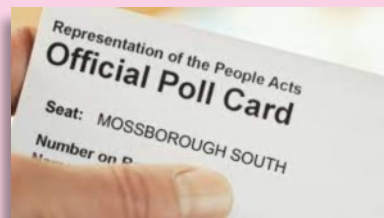
There is currently no requirement for postal voters to provide photographic identification for the May 2023 election.

Accepted IDs include passport, driving licence and blue badge. Other IDs are acceptable. See the link below.

If you do not have an accepted form of ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate. You need to register to vote before applying for a Voter Authority Certificate. For the local, town parish council elections taking place on Thursday 4 May 2023, the deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate is 5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2023.

More information, including accepted forms of ID and instructions on how to apply for a voter ID document at:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your-council/voting-and-elections/voter-id-at-polling-stations>



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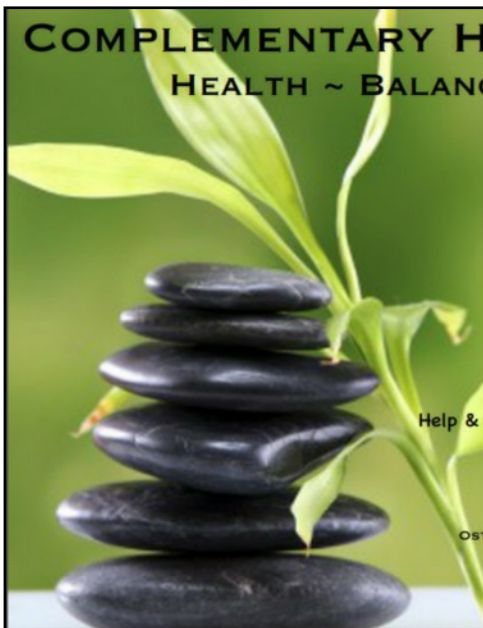
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*Credit: Kate Smith*

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For more information please contact Hazel Huxley on 0151 336 2288

### **THE BURTON SOCIETY**

Thursday 2 March - 'The Slave Ships of Neston and Parkgate'

Gladstone Village Hall 8:00pm

An Illustrated Talk by Anthony Annakin-Smith

Contact Renee Syme on 336-5852

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If you haven't been to one of our meetings before, it is free on the first occasion.

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