

### The Parish Magazine

St Nicholas' Church, Burton-in-Wirral

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#### EASTER & SPRING EDITION





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#### Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Day

Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the most important Christian festival, and the one celebrated with the greatest joy. Without Easter there would be no Christianity. Without Jesus' suffering, his execution and subsequent resurrection there would be no Christianity, for however terrible the suffering was, it was part of God's plan for the salvation of humankind.

In Western Christianity, Easter marks the end of Lent, a period of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter, which begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts forty days (not counting Sundays).

The week before Easter, known as Holy Week, is very special in the Christian tradition. The Sunday before Easter is Palm Sunday and the days immediately before Easter Day (Sunday) are Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday respectively commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper and the Crucifixion.

## "It is Finished"



#### 'It is Finished'

This painting can be found at the Church of St Michael le Belfrey in York

The words 'It is Finished' are found only in John's Gospel, (19:28 and 19:30) and these are the only two places in the New Testament where it occurs.

Verse 28 "After this, when Jesus knew that all things were now completed, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, he said, 'I thirst.'"

Verse 30 "Then when he received the sour wine Jesus said, 'It is finished,' and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."

These are said to be the last words of Christ on the Cross.

#### THE VICAR WRITES



Would you believe that there is an official job called a 'penguinologist' or a job 'to be in charge of

the big door' and 'shredded cheese expert'. However, my favourite job description is when an American TV station listed Prince Harry as the "Prince of whales'!

What kind of title or identity do we give ourselves? Do we define ourselves by our employment, family status, social status, sexuality, nationality? If you are ever asked who you are, how do you reply? Would you say...I'm a wife, mum, vicar, teacher, daughter, sister, friend, UK citizen, Christian, dog owner, car owner, cook, household technician, a member of WWF, or a chocolate expert?

Of course the reply would largely depend upon the context in which it was asked. Whilst all of these are true for me and part of what makes me, me, they don't define who I am. For me the most important is that I am a child of God. From that starting point all the other 'labels' are blessings and out workings of the gifts, abilities and chromosomes that God has given to me and could change. My identity is found in who I am in Christ Jesus, for it is he that has made me and by accepting that status as

Rev. Cathy Helm



child of God it allows me to become all that God formed me for. Right at the beginning of John's gospel [1: 12] we read:

'Yet to all who received him, to all who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God!'

With calls to 'be who you want to be', to 'define yourself and not be defined by others' and identity being seen to be 'fluid', it's not surprising life gets confusing. No wonder so many become disillusioned and opt out to 'find themselves'. Virginia Woolf famously wrote,' it's much more important to be yourself than anyone else.' Yet how much energy is wasted in trying to be someone else?

Psalm 139 is a beautiful piece of poetry that celebrates the intimate way in which God knows each one of us. 'For you created my inner most being, you knit me together in my mother's womb'.

If my identity is secure in knowing that I am God's child, deeply loved and precious in his sight, that means I don't have to worry so much about trying to be a perfect wife, mum, vicar etc. (something I'm afraid to say is not possible this side of heaven!) because it's not about me alone, trying my best to be the best. Because I am God's child, He will help me become the best I can be in all these roles and opportunities that are open before me.

We are all unique and have our own God given gifts and abilities, personality make up and genes, even identical twins aren't exactly the same in everything. God promises in Isaiah 49: 15:

'Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the baby she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you.'

And, St Augustine wrote:

'God loves each of us... as if there were only one of us.'

Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter.

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#### A Prayer for Easter

Would we be counted among the doubters

hiding in the shadow cast by that cruel cross? Or, when challenged, like Peter openly deny you?



There are times, Lord when doubts assail and the distance between us seems to increase.

There are times, Lord when sin has its hold, like a barrier between us that will not move.

Who is there we can turn to when we feel so overwhelmed? Who can roll away the stone and reveal the empty tomb?

No-one but you, Jesus, no-one but you!

#### **BISHOP WILSON SCHOOL**





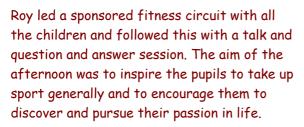
#### MAKING MUSIC!

Children in Years 5 & 6 attended a Music 4
Life Workshop, culminating in an evening
concert for parents. The workshops were held
at Neston High School and the aim was to
provide an inspirational, exciting musical
experience to enthuse young musicians to
develop their interest and confidence
further. Several of the students from Bishop
Wilson School joined in the Band Workshops
as they have been playing brass and woodwind
instruments as part of their music lessons at
school for over a year. We also had a large
number of children involved in the Singing
Workshops.



#### PARALYMPIC INSPIRATION

The School was very excited to welcome GB Paralympic Footballer Roy Turnham to school recently. Roy, part of the Football 5-a-side team, made his Paralympic debut in London in 2012 and was part of the team that finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place.







#### WORLD BOOK DAY

All the children and staff at Bishop Wilson CE Primary School in Burton took part in World Book Day with a costume parade, and reading activities throughout the day. The staff also got involved in the dressing up

#### LEARNING SIGN LANGUAGE

The children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 at Bishop Wilson Primary School in Burton have started a 10-week sign language course developed by Deaf Active. The aim of the training is to break down the communication barriers that still exist within society through the medium of play and song. The program is delivered by hearing and deaf coaches and at the end of the ten weeks the children will present a signed performance that will include three songs

## SCHOOL WINS YET ANOTHER MATHS COMPETITION!

Year 6 children took part in an interschools Maths Quiz hosted by Neston High School in conjunction with Liverpool Hope University. Our team made it through to the final which took place at Ellesmere Port Civic Hall competing against five other schools. After a hard fought battle Bishop Wilson were announced as the winners!

Well done all involved

#### Youth Church at Burton

One of the many activities much enjoyed by the young people of the Youth Church is known as a 'Safari Supper' when, as part of a meeting, the young people travel around Burton or Puddington villages and enjoy a starter, a main course and a pudding at different venues during the evening. Victoria attended a recent event and this is her account.

#### TBY Safari Supper

On Sunday night, 25 February at TBY, we went on a Safari around Burton village! Some very kind people invited us into their homes and made us supper. We had starters of spring rolls, pigs in blankets (my favourites) and chicken nuggets, at John and Sue Church's cottage.

Our second stop was with Chris at Cherry Holme for a main course of pizza: pepperoni, margarita and ham and pineapple, with pickles and garlic bread, so delicious!

Third stop for dessert, was with Martin and Jo for lovely pancakes with lemon and sugar and a filling I had never tried before. I will definitely be having it again because it was so good, Nutella and mascarpone. It was really nice.

It was a lovely evening, everyone made us so welcome I loved it! Thank you all so much, I wish it would happen where I live!

#### CONFIRMATION SERVICE

#### Sunday 29 April, 6.30pm



This year we have *Bishop Keith Sinclair*, Bishop of Birkenhead coming to take our Confirmation service.

It is a service which

gives a person the opportunity to confirm the promises that were made on their behalf when they were baptized.

A Confirmation Service is a wonderful high point in the life of a church as we see people of all ages make a stand for their faith in God and to receive God's assurance of being with them as they continue through life and all that it brings.

Do come and support our candidates as they confirm their baptism promises and make a stand for their faith in God, receiving God's assurance of being with them as they continue through life and all that it brings. It is a high point in the life of our church, do come along and join us.

## THE FRIENDS





The committee of the 'Friends of St Nicholas' Church' is grateful to all who contribute to help preserve the church for future generations. An exciting programme of events for 2018 is being finalised and will be published in the next edition of the Parish Magazine.



## Alleluia, Christ is Risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

As we celebrate the glorious resurrection, we pray with Christians everywhere for new life for the oppressed, the hungry, the abused and the lonely. We give thanks for our members who minister to those in need and ask that they may be inspired and renewed by the Easter celebrations.

#### Looking Back:

An excellent review of 2017 given by the Secretary and an encouraging statement of accounts presented by the Treasurer constituted the major part of the AGM business in January. Committee members and leaders will continue in office for the year 2018.

Mrs. Chrissie Parr (lecturer/teacher of Sign Language for the profoundly deaf) gave a delightful and informative talk to Members in February. Chrissie's ability to teach with humour and engage on a 'one to one' level was much appreciated.

The Lenten Meditation was conducted by Rev Geoffrey Parsons. Also, the enrolment of a new member took place at a beautiful Mothering Sunday Service.

#### Future Dates:

#### Wednesday 18 April at 2:00pm

Members' Afternoon and Sharing Wedding Memories to be held at the Sports Pavilion.

#### Wednesday 16 May

Outing to Bunbury Mill including lunch and a visit to Nantwich (time tbc).

#### Sunday 20 May

Wave of Prayer

(Burton time slot 9:30am - 9:45am)

#### Thursday 31 May at 11:30am

Diocesan Festival at St George's Stockport.



Hardy Perennials is a lunchtime meeting for ladies who live largely independently.

Along with friends they meet most months at Pollard's Inn in Willaston for lunch (two courses plus coffee for £13) and to share each other's company Out to LUNCH!

#### Next lunch dates are:

Monday - 30 April

Monday - 11 June

Monday - 30 July

Monday - 10 September



Monday - 29 October Monday - 10 December \* \* \* \* \*

*If you normally attend Hardy* Perennial lunches and would like to bring a friend, please feel free to do so.

Booking essential 12.30pm for 1.00pm ™ Vívíenne 336 7435 Línda 336 5017

#### St MICHAEL'S SHOTWICK



**Annual Church Meeting** Sunday 22 April

**Pet Service** Sunday 13 May 11.30am

> Art Weekend Friday to Sunday 4 to 7 May



#### **BURTON'S NEW PLAY AREA**

Fundraisers, parents and villagers are celebrating the completion of a project to revamp Burton Village's play area.

The newly refurbished facility, installed in the

grounds of Gladstone Village Hall, is the result of months of hard work. campaigning and fundraising



by a team of local volunteers. It couldn't have been possible without the generosity of donors and supporters.

Thanks to the team's dedication and commitment. Burton now boasts a vibrant outdoor play area complete with super slide, climbing tube, cargo nets, fireman's pole, wobbly steps and an exciting shop area for imaginative play.

Nicky Dorman, who was part of the fundraising team alongside John Nuttall, said:

"We're really proud to have reached our goal and been able to give families in Burton and nearby villages a place to spend quality time together.

"To be able to give Burton a wonderful new space to enjoy the outdoors is a lovely feeling and we're so pleased so many young families have tried out the equipment already. I'm sure it'll be a popular place this Easter!

"We're all so grateful to the individuals who generously donated funds or supported the project. Their kindness will ensure Burton has a fun and exciting place to encourage children to keep active for many years to come."



#### **Church Services**

- Easter Day 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Family Communion 6:30 pm Evensong
- 4 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 8 Second Sunday of Easter8:45 am Holy Communion10:00 am Morning Worship
- 11 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 15 Third Sunday of Easter 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Family Communion 11:15 am Annual Parochial Church Meeting
- 18 10:15 am Holy Communion
- Fourth Sunday of Easter8:45 am Holy Communion10:00 am Morning Worship
- 25 10:15 am Holy Communion
- Fifth Sunday of Easter
  8:45 am Holy Communion
  10:00 am Morning Worship
  6:30 pm Confirmation Service



## April

Diary Dates



15<sup>th</sup>

**Annual Church Meeting** 

18th

Mothers' Union Meeting

21st

Messy Church Gladstone Hall

23rd

Coffee Morning in Church

 $24^{th}$ 

Bible Book Club at Vicarage

29th

Confirmation Service

30<sup>th</sup>

Hardy Perennials Lunch



# May Diary Dates



4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>
Art Weekend - Shotwick

13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Week

 $13^{th}$ 

Pet Service at Shotwick

 $16^{th}$ 

Mothers' Union Bunbury Mill

19th

Messy Church Gladstone Hall

22<sup>nd</sup>

Bible Book Club at Vicarage

31st

Mothers' Union Meeting

#### **Church Services**

- 2 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 6 Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Family Worship 6:30 pm Evensong
- 9 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 13 Sunday after Ascension Day 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Morning Worship
- 16 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 20 Pentecost 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Family Communion
- 23 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 27 Trinity Sunday 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Morning Worship
- 30 10:15 am Holy Communion

#### June

First Sunday after Trinity 8:45 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Family Worship 6:30 pm Evensong



## SPRING NATURE WATCH WITH RSPB

The avocets, one of our key breeding birds here, made their usual return in small numbers in mid-February, and by April we should have around the fifty pairs which nested here last year, most of them right in front of the Reception Hide making for close and easy viewing.

The herons and egrets are already nest-building and April is the best time to witness them in the treetops, before the buds bloom and leave us to just enjoy the unusual gurgling sounds of the colony. Will we see the cattle egrets, one of our biggest successes of last year, nest again? There is at least one of them currently around the reserve, so watch this space!

Another spring spectacle is the unmissable bluebell carpet of Gorse Covert woodland which greets visitors as they arrive at the reserve from Puddington Lane. The best four weeks of colour are usually mid-April to mid-May, though the recent cold spell may have held things back slightly. We have two exciting "Bluebells and Birdsong" guided walks to showcase the woodland plants amidst the beautiful soundtrack of the nesting songbirds, taking place on Wednesday 25 and Sunday 29 April. Booking is essential so please get in touch if you wish to join in.

Speaking of birdsong, the famous dawn chorus becomes a feature in May; International Dawn Chorus Day is the first Sunday of the month, and as always we host a guided walk to showcase the phenomenon at Burton Mere Wetlands. Not for the faint-hearted, but the 5.00am start is well worth it to experience the reserve waking up at first light, with a crescendo of birdsong as each different species sparks into tune.





Avocet



Cattle Egret



Visitors Centre



Wheatear



House Martín



Meadow Pípít



In a similar vein but a slightly later start, a week later (Sunday 13 May) our "Birdsong and Breakfast" walk takes in the different array of breeding birds along the Burton Marsh Greenway, finishing at Nets Café for breakfast.

As well as residents like skylarks and meadow pipits, the walk's guide will track down various freshly-arrived warblers, swallows and martins and even birds passing through like Wheatears. As the weather warms up we'll see not only a burst of colour from flowers, but also the great range of flying insects — butterflies, dragonflies, damselflies and some lesser-known mini-beasts — vying for your attention as you wander around Burton Mere Wetlands' trails, and on really sunny days the common lizards will start basking on their favourite fences.

So take advantage of the improving weather and wander down for a visit; remember, you can now enjoy a delicious fresh sandwich here, supplied by *The Village Bakehouse & Deli* in Little Neston, along with a hot or cold drink and various snacks – everything you need for a spring picnic!

For further details on any of the reserve activities and events, see our website;

www.rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands0151 353 2720

We're open every day!

Free entrance to RSPB Members

Adults £4 - Children £2 - Concessions - £3

Free entrance for first child & Under 5s

#### **HYMN STORIES**

'STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS'

Stand up, stand up, for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss:
From victory unto victory,
His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up, for Jesus,
The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict,
In this His glorious day:
Ye who are men, now serve Him,
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up, for Jesus, Stand in His strength alone; The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own: Put on the gospel armour Each piece put on with prayer; Where duty calls, or danger, Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up, for Jesus, The strife will not belong; This day the noise of battle, The next, the victor's song: To him who over-cometh, A crown of life shall be; He, with the King of glory, Shall reign eternally.



Rev. George Duffield, Jr.

This hymn of American origin and synonymous with the abolition of slavery and the American Civil War was composed by George Duffield Jr in 1858 following the death of his friend Rev. Dudley A Tyng – an anti-slavery preacher.

In 1858 revival was taking place in Philadelphia. The movement grew out of midday prayer meetings coordinated by the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). Rev. Dudley A. Tyng, a young Episcopalian minister, soon came to be recognised as its leader.

Though there was some controversy over his anti-slavery preaching, Tyng was known for his strong commitment to God.

Among the interdenominational leaders who gathered around him was the Presbyterian minister George Duffield, Jr.

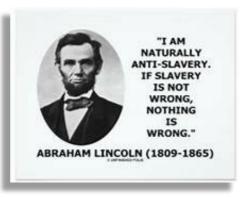
On Tuesday 13 April 1858 Rev. Tyng was studying at his country home when he went to the barn to check on his mule which was driving a machine that shelled corn. As he patted the animal, the sleeve of his gown got caught in the cogs of the machine, and his arm was severely injured. The arm had to be amputated, the wound became infected, and Tyng died the following week.

Before he died, however, he was asked by friends if there were any messages he had for those who had participated with him in the revival work. Tyng responded briefly, beginning with the words, "Tell them, let us all stand up for Jesus."

In the days and events following Tyng's death, these final words were invoked several times to all who had been inspired by him.



American Flag Only 33 States circa 1861





When George Duffield, Jr. preached to his own congregation the next week, he focused on Ephesians 6:14,

"Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth..."

He concluded his sermon with a hymn he had written. It began with the line, "Stand up, stand up for Jesus."

The hymn was soon picked up by Presbyterian and Congregationalist publishers, and it quickly became an established work.

#### CHURCH MATTERS



The Big Church Day Out is the UK's largest annual gathering of the wider Church that Creates a space for all denominations and ages to gather each year for two exciting days of worship and celebration. For the second year running the Big Church Day Out is being held at Capesthorne Hall from Friday 1 June to Saturday 2 June.

People - young and not so young -Can go along for the day or Camp overnight, joining thousands of people gathering together to worship and Celebrate all that is good.

Tickets bought through the Diocesan website are Vastly reduced. This year a group of us from church are going to Camp and get the full festival experience. Come and join us.

For more details contact Cathy Helm 07471 890 827

#### **HOLY COMMUNION** & LUNCH

**Burton Sports & Social Club** 

Monday 9 April at 11.30am Monday 14 May at 11.30am Monday 4 June at 11.30am

#### Contact

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Gladstone Village Hall 4.00pm to 6.00pm

Theme for 2018 People Who Met Jesus

> Saturday 21 April - On the Emmaus Road' Saturday 19 May

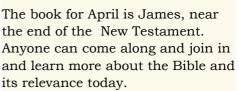
- 'The Rich Young Man'



**MONDAY** 

#### BIBLE BOOK CLUB

**Tuesdays** 24 April & 22 May 8.00pm at The Vicarage





#### **FLORI BUNDA**

#### **Springtime**

A most beautiful time of the year!

Once again the white Camellia was first to bloom with Felice Harris

ad Lady Macon (pink). To date daffodils are still awaited: King Alfred, Tête-à-Tête, and Cheerfulness Minnow to name but a few.



The tulips in bloom are eagerly awaited. The brown florets on the Hydrangeas will be trimmed off and hopefully many buds on same will appear.

A small border which contained six Lavender bushes has been cleared as they had become very 'leggy'. They could well be replaced with roses and a Kilmarnock (weeping willow). A Ceanothus (Californian Lilac) has been planted in a space in the large border.

Some Dahlias were left in the ground covered over with masses of grass cuttings so hopefully they will survive the cold snaps.

With the Sweet Pea seed sown when the seedlings appear and four true leaves show, the tops will be pinched out to promote sturdy seedlings. They will be 'hardened off' when strong enough, prior to planting out.

The rockery is always a problem and needs urgent attention. The roses have now been pruned and their new growth awaited.

Many birds have visited the garden, especially during the very

cold snaps. A lone Jay visits daily and a pair of great tits are again inspecting the bird box –



will they rent it for nesting?

#### **TASKS:**

- · 'Prick out' seedlings in the greenhouse
- · Prepare various tubs etc., for planting
- Prepare the ground for sweet peas (husband's chore)

Good Gardening

Flori Bunda

#### CHRISTIAN AID

The charity, Christian Aid is a partnership of people, churches and local organisations committed to fighting poverty and injustice worldwide.

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The people at Christian Aid also take part in several coalitions – such as the Climate Coalition, the Green Economy Coalition and Leave No One Behind – to tackle the underlying causes of poverty and challenge the systems that keep people poor.

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## Christian Aid Week 13 - 19 May

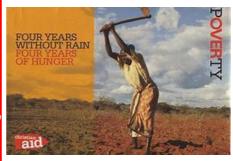


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dropped through the door.

If you would be willing to help with the collection please contact:

Janey Griffiths ■ 336 5017



#### From the Registers

#### **Baptism**

4 March

- Amelia E Thomas

#### **Funerals**

13 March 23 March - William F Grantham

- Diana Dod

#### Weddings

24 March

 Jessica Bell & Simon O'Brien



#### John Stephen Sheldon

Also from the Parish, the death was recently announced of John Sheldon of 'Allsprings' Puddington Lane.

John's family had been growers and retailers of fruit and vegetables in Chester, Mold and Neston for a great many years. The funeral took place on 21 February at St Francis' Church, in Chester.

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#### MOBILE LIBRARY

Cheshire West Mobile Librarv will be in Burton and



Puddington villages on the following dates: 20 April, 11 May, 1 June and 22 June

It will be on Puddington Green from 11:00 am until 11:20am and at the Gladstone Village Hall car park in Burton from 11.30am until 12.25pm.

Please Support Wirral Foodbank



### **EMERGENCY FOOD** FOR LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

Donations of tinned and packaged food that is 'in date' as well as toiletries can be left in the boxes in the porch of St Nicholas'

Church Burton. Thank You!

### Gladstone Village Hall

**Booking Secretary Wanted** 

Gladstone Village Hall is looking for a new Bookings Secretary following the retirement of Connie Draper.

The voluntary position involves taking bookings and producing a monthly timetable. Connie - who will continue to serve on the GVH Committee and organise the annual Christmas Fayre - will help any volunteers to take over the role. She will also be dealing with existing wedding bookings and future inquiries. Her number is 336 3679

#### New Cricket Season Starts in May

The club has three teams - a midweek league side and two teams that play friendlies on Sunday afternoons and on Thursday evenings. We welcome players of any age or standard. If interested, please contact Kevin Jackson:

**2** 07468 579815

k.jackson@ntworld.com



Breakfasts - Toasted Ciabattas & Toasties - Hot Drinks - Homemade Soup Sandwiches - Cakes - Ice Cream Chapel House Lodge, Chapel House Lane, Puddington www.giftcafe.co.uk

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#### THE BURTON SOCIETY

Meetings at Gladstone Village Hall 8.00pm Next meetings: Thursday 5 April 'Burton Mere Wetlands' - Preceded by AGM

#### THE PUDDINGTON SOCIETY

Friday 4 May - 'Treasure Hunt & Supper'
6.30pm from Shotwick by car and supper at 8.00pm at Pollards Inn Willaston
For more information about events call Hazel Huxley on 0151 336 2288

#### **BURTON AND NESTON HISTORY SOCIETY**

Every second Thursday of each month at 8:00pm in the Gladstone Village Hall. For more information please contact Clive Edwards on 336 1190

#### **BURTON WALKING GROUP**

New members always welcome For more information please contact John Nuttall on 336 7178

#### **BURTON BRIDGE CLUB**

Burton Bridge Club meets every Monday evening at 7.15pm in the Gladstone Village Hall Experienced players most welcome for duplicate bridge. For further information please contact Hazel Huxley 0151 336 2288.

#### MANOR GATEHOUSE CLUB

A club for the retired or partially retired that welcomes new members and meets monthly with an invited speaker.

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Meetings at Squirrel Lodge, Burton Manor Tuesday 10 April at 7.15pm - 'Olympic Games - A View from the Athletes Village' An illustrated talk by David Mottram For more information call 345 1107 or email, burtonmanorgardens@gmail.com

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