



# The Parish Magazine

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## **Bishop of Chester**

*Following the retirement of Dr Peter Forster last September the Church of England has been undertaking a period of consultation regarding the appointment of the next Bishop of Chester by seeking the views of a wide cross-section of individuals and interested parties.*

*Establishing the needs of the diocese has been the first stage of the process and has involved holding discussions within the diocese to agree what the challenges and priorities are for the ministry of the next diocesan bishop and, in the light of these, the skills and gifts that he or she is likely to need.*

*Because of the variety of roles which diocesan bishops have, not only within the Church of England but also in the local community and the nation at large, the choice of the next Bishop of Chester is not made by representatives of the diocese alone.*

*Six diocesan representatives have been elected to work with representatives of the Church of England as a whole, under the presidency of the Archbishops. They form the Crown Nominations Commission, the body that will ultimately decide who will be the next Bishop of Chester.*

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*Rev. Cathy Helm*

*The Vicar Writes . . .*

As we have begun a new decade already so much has happened that has been unexpected. If we have learned anything from the last decade surely one of the lessons is ... expect the unexpected!

With such rapid changes it can be hard to place hope in the future let alone guess what that future may look or feel like.

I quite enjoy watching programmes which try to predict what will be the gadgets or trends of the future.

Tomorrow's World was compulsory viewing in our house as I grew up and some of the predictions made in a 1989 programme about 2020 have actually become true such as being able to ask your music to play without touching a button, just like Alexa or other similar brands!



However, windows that become TV screens haven't quite made it! As any gardener will tell us, what we reap in the future will be largely determined by what we sow in the present. Can we expect to reap kindness, respect or generosity if we've not taken the trouble to sow those seeds broad and wide?

There's a story of an elderly carpenter who was ready to retire. He told his employer that he was planning to leave the house building business and live more leisurely with his wife. The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked him if he would build one more house as a personal favour. The carpenter agreed, but in time it was obvious his heart wasn't in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and cheap materials. It was an unfortunate way to end his career.

When the house was finished his employer came to inspect the house and he handed the carpenter the key, 'This is your house' he said, 'my retirement gift to you'. If only he had known!

Our lives in the future will be affected by our choices, our decisions, our behaviour today and is that something which gives us hope or concern? Yes, there will always be the unexpected, the curve ball that no one anticipates but I have found as Corrie ten Boon wrote:



*Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.'*

If we put our trust in God, whatever the future holds, we will not be alone. Psalm 27 is a wonderful psalm of hope which ends with the words:

***Trust in the Lord, be strong, do not despair and trust the Lord.***

The writer Sarah Ban Breathnach expresses this hope another way:



***Expect to have hope rekindled.***

***Expect your prayers to be answered in wondrous ways.***

***The dry seasons in life do not last.***

***The spring rains will come again.***



Whatever we're hoping for in the year ahead, we need to ensure we've planted well.

*cathy*

## ***Lent 2020***

Lent is the six week period leading up to Easter. It's one of the most important times of year for Christians around the world. From its start on Ash Wednesday, the day following Shrove Tuesday (pancake day) until its conclusion on Easter Sunday, Lent has been a traditional time for fasting or giving up something or abstinence. As part of Lent, St Nicholas' Church will be running a Lent Course - a time of reflection and learning.

## **Lent Course 2020**

This year we will once again be joining with other churches from Neston District Churches Together [NDCT] to host an ecumenical Lent group. We will be using the York Course called 'Superstar'.

The course booklet is written by David Wilbourne who studied Natural Sciences and Theology at Cambridge.

David writes; *It's 1970 – Edward Heath becomes PM, Apollo 13 limps back to earth, and Jesus Christ Superstar takes the West End by storm, asking daring questions that gave colour to my former monochrome faith and fired my vocation. Half a century on, its message remains just as relevant and we explore themes from its iconic lyrics in the 5 sessions of this course.*

The sessions will be held at The Vicarage on Tuesday evenings at 8pm starting on Tuesday 3 March.

- Session 1. Who is Jesus?
- Session 2. Miracles
- Session 3. The Psalms
- Session 4. The Church
- Session 5. Cross Purposes



Everyone is welcome to join us for all or just one of the group sessions.

# St Nicholas' Church Bells

The bells ring out for weddings, great national occasions, and of course every week. They also console us with poignant half-muffled ringing on contemplative occasions. Change-ringing is an almost uniquely English tradition, going back many centuries, and it involves considerable and satisfying skill.

The bells were cast in 1724, and they needed no major overhaul until 1896. There has been no further work done since then. The good news is that the bells themselves are still in decent order after centuries of use, but all the

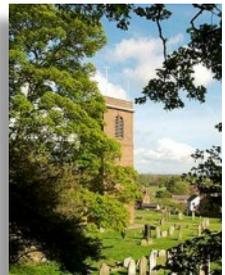


working parts that enable change-ringing to be done (the big timber rope wheels, bearings, clappers, rope guides, etc.) now need replacing or refurbishing.

When starting the appeal for the refurbishment of our six change-ringing bells, it was hoped that at least £3,300 could be raised. That was the absolute minimum needed and would have relied on using all the funds, previously donated by the Friends of St Nicholas, that are intended for the ongoing routine repairs and maintenance of the church and the churchyard.

As well as an opportunity for people to sponsor an individual refurbished or replaced item, in late November, Nigel Griffiths made a sponsored pilgrimage walk from Lichfield, which was once our cathedral, to Burton. a journey of 80 miles over 5 days.

£3,300 seemed a challenging target, but the generosity of so many people, both those in the parish and many outside, have achieved roughly triple that minimum. This means that we don't now have to call on the funds of the *Friends of St Nicholas' Church*. This is of particular comfort, as the general church fabric has to be inspected in detail every five years, and the next inspection is coming up this year. These inspections always produce a list of works that need to be done, often with a significant price tag attached, so it is good to be leaving intact the money donated by the Friends for such maintenance.



In addition to donations from over a hundred individuals and families, we owe a great debt of gratitude to the Mill Wood Trust, the Bellringers of Cheshire and Wirral, the Rushworth Charitable Trust, and the Chrimes Family Trust, all of which have given most generous grants towards the cost of the works.

So, thank you to everyone who supported the appeal by sponsoring either individual components of the bells or the pilgrimage walk, and by your warm encouragement. The bells will be decommissioned at the end of January, with their working parts going to Taylors of Loughborough for repair and refurbishment. They will be back in full working order before Easter. They will then be ready to ring again for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations over the next hundred years or more, thanks to your magnificently generous support.

## Nigel's own thoughts on the pilgrimage walk:

*'For me, the 80-mile pilgrimage walk from Lichfield, which started as a simple fundraising project, became much more than that, not to mention one or two hazards along the way!*



*The kindness I received from people whom I had never previously met, and from friends, coupled with having plenty of time alone for contemplative thoughts for the initial three of the five days, made it a valuable and enriching time for me.*

*It was also a delight to have an increasing number of people joining in for the last two days of the walk to Burton, and to be met by Cathy and others for a short prayer of thanksgiving when we finally arrived in our own churchyard.'*



*Starting out - early morning at St John's in Lichfield*



*Day 3 - a sunny day walking along by the canal*



*Service in Chester Cathedral before setting out on the last leg to Burton*



*Day 5 - arriving in Burton at dusk*

As a new decade begins, we offer greetings and good wishes to all our members and friends. We look forward to another year where we may grow in faith, in prayer, worship and action.

### **Looking Back**

The MU Christmas festivities were as beautiful as ever. The MU stall at the Christmas Coffee Morning sparkled with a wondrous variety of lovely gift items – many home-crafted. Thank you to all who contributed and worked so hard to make the sale a resounding success.

The MU Carol Service and Gathering was very well attended. In addition to our own members, we had the pleasure of welcoming visitors from Willaston and Neston. We are extremely grateful to the Rev. Cathy Helm for leading the lovely reflective service.

### **Looking Ahead**

#### **Wednesday 19 February at 2.00pm**

Monthly meeting in the Burton and Puddington Sports and Social Club

#### **Saturday 29 February at 11.00am**

Diocesan Festival Service in Chester Cathedral led by The Very Rev. Timothy Stratford.

#### **Wednesday 18 March at 2.00pm**

Lenten Meditation in Church.

#### **Sunday 22 March at 10.00am**

Mothering Sunday Service in Church.



## **Prayer ... for the appointment of the new Bishop of Chester**

*Almighty God, who sent Jesus Christ  
to be the cornerstone of your Kingdom  
and calls us to follow him: guide your  
Church, by the Holy Spirit, to show love and  
mercy as we build  
your Kingdom.*

*We pray for the  
person you are  
calling*

*to be the next Bishop of Chester.*

*Bless, guide and strengthen them to answer  
your call, in the name of Jesus Christ  
and in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*Amen.*



# YOUTH CHURCH'S THE ADVENT SLEEPOUT CHALLENGE

On the 13 December some of our church's families stayed overnight in the church to raise money for those sleeping out on the streets during Christmas.

We were thankful for the warm building knowing that so many people sleeping rough don't have any shelter. It was so much fun, and we thoroughly enjoyed keeping warm with lots of blankets and hot chocolate!

A big 'Thank You' to everyone who sponsored us for this event which helped us raise over £1,139 for the Church Urban Fund who are doing such an important job helping those in great need.

*Molly and Sam Ankers*



**CHURCH  
URBAN  
FUND**   
CHANGING LIVES AND  
COMMUNITIES TOGETHER



*On the Sunday before Christmas, Karen Huchings, Ruth Abbott, and their daughters, Ava and Roisin, went out on the streets of Liverpool to deliver knitted blankets to homeless people.*

*Unlike last year, the weather was kind, but bearing in mind many of the recipients wanted to keep them until Christmas Day, the blankets were put in reusable weather-proof gift bags.*



*They were received with such delight and pleasure it was a truly humbling experience. With every blanket given out, the recipient was told that the blanket was knitted by members of St Nicholas' Church Burton, and it seemed to mean an awful lot.*

*There isn't a great deal that we, as a church, can do to solve the big issue of homelessness. However, what we can do is reach out a caring hand and show compassion and love to those affected.*

*The value of this new ministry cannot be underestimated, so thank you to all who have been involved, and keep knitting!*



Bishop Wilson Church of England Primary

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

Over the Autumn term our pupils took part in many activities and visits which are appreciated and provide a rich experience. From sporting competitions such as quick sticks, athletics, cross country to the many creative experiences e.g. smoothie bike, nutritionist session, Church services, nativity, swimming, instrument lessons, visits to Chester, Techniquest and, of course, Crucial Crew for our year 6 pupils, introducing them to the many helpful services available to us.

We are always looking for extra help so if you have a few spare hours and could come into school to read with the children or help in the school garden, please let us know.

Thank you to the staff and the pupils for their hard work throughout the term, and indeed the support we receive from parents and carers in making a difference to so many young lives. In January, Mrs Gaddas left us to take the opportunity to train her dog as a 'pat' dog so he can provide therapy to those who need it – she may even bring him into school as a 'reading dog'. We thank Mrs Gaddas for all she has done in her time at school and her skills will be very much missed. We wish her well in her new adventure. Mrs Parkinson is delighted to be extending her working days in Robins to the whole week.

## CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

Many local schools met at Bishop Wilson CE Primary School in Burton to take part in an inter-school cross country running event. Congratulations go to Bishop Wilson CE Primary for winning Year 5 and 6 boys/girls' races. The winners showed huge determination and all of the children who took part were brilliant, with many showing progress in their running.

The PTA at Bishop Wilson did a wonderful job, providing bacon butties, tea and coffee for the event. Thanks, too, to all the parents who bring their children to these events and support them, no matter what the weather!

*'Techniquest'*

*A great way to discover science*



*Christingle Service in Church*



*A new chapter for Mrs Gaddas*



## YOUTH CHURCH

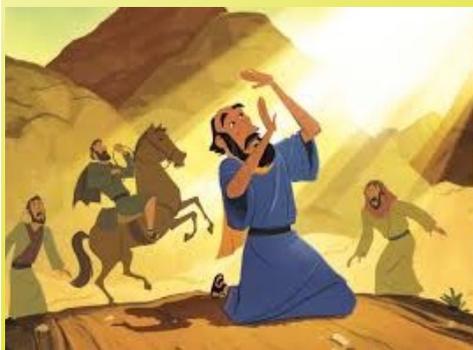
Children, Parents,  
Grandparents & Helpers  
All welcome!



### The Story of Paul

Saturday 15 February  
**Sports & Social Club**  
4.00pm to 6.00pm

Saturday 21 March  
**Gladstone Village Hall**  
4.00pm to 6.00pm



### St Nicholas' Church HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

# Soup & Sandwich

BURTON & PUDDINGTON SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

11.30 am

Monday 3 February

Monday 2 March

Monday 6 April

Basil Keys Tel: 936 1403

Jen Williams Tel: 328 1006



Ness  
BOTANIC GARDENS

February Half Term Family Fun

15 February - 23 February

- Snowdrop Trail 10.00am to 4.00pm daily

- Wildlife and Hedgehog Crafts Sessions

Craft Workshop - Wednesday 19 and Thursday  
20 February 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Using naturally sourced materials this short,  
friendly workshop will show you how to create  
your own little pine cone hedgehog friend.

Trail and Crafts suitable for 3-12-year olds.

(Normal garden admission charges apply)

Botanical University Challenge

19 February 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Join us for a fun, free and educational remake  
of the classic University Challenge with a  
botanical theme! Teams of university students  
compete in this quiz about all things botanical.  
It is about UK wild plants and ecology,  
terminology, plant identification and diversity,  
food plants, plants in UK and world culture -  
indeed all the interests of the enthusiastic  
botanist. Free to all, but booking is essential.

[www.liverpool.ac.uk/ness-gardens/whats  
on/events-ness](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/ness-gardens/whats-on/events-ness)

Science Fair - 14 March 12 noon to 4.00pm

This year's instalment of the Science Fair boasts  
lots of hands-on activities that will please all the  
family. Scientists from the University of  
Liverpool and other organisations will be  
present too as part of British National Science  
week, creating a hub of fun and learning.

## *New Year Reflections & Exciting Times Ahead*

The new year is typically a time for reflection. For us, our story begins 40 years ago, when the area of vast saltmarsh and mud flats at Parkgate was purchased by the RSPB to be protected as a nature reserve. Though we've come a long way in the last four decades, we haven't forgotten our roots; our monthly Raptorwatch events at the very same Parkgate are testament to our humble beginnings, and a great way to get closer to birds of prey under the watchful guidance of knowledgeable staff and volunteers. This event takes place on the second Sunday of the month until March.

From the excellent 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary talk involving the reserve's original warden Bob Gomes, to wowing people with badger-watching, we've continued to maintain and expand our range of events on the estuary in our 'Ruby Jubilee' year, and look forward to offering you even more to get stuck into in the months to come!

In 2019 we not only celebrated a remarkable anniversary but were thrilled to receive the coveted 'Welcome Accolade' from Visit England, rewarding Burton Mere Wetlands with a 100% score on the staff component of our assessment. We pride ourselves on delivering a truly personal visitor experience to everyone that passes through our doors, and proudly thank our visitors, employees and volunteers for continuing to foster a sense of open community and shared knowledge on the reserve. From familiar faces to first-timers, enjoying nature at Burton Mere certainly doesn't have to be a 'solitary sport'!

Of course, the reserve is unique not only for its brilliant people, but for its bountiful wildlife!



*Welcome Accolade Award*



*Dee Estuary Mud Flats*



*Wetlands Burton Mere*



*Not a Solitary Sport*



Spoonbill



Much to see on the Reserve



Winter on the Dee Estuary



As rare species return to our reed beds and marshes, we can be proud of the difference protecting this land continues to make to recovering wildlife. We were excited in 2019 also to watch the valiant nesting attempts of a pair of exotic spoonbills and look forward to this year's breeding season with hope that they, too, will be successful.

2020 will bring further changes to the reserve. As some of you may know, we said a fond goodbye to our warden, Al Grubb, in October and we hope you will join us in welcoming Becky Longden, as she stepped into the role of warden this January.

This coming year will also herald the replacement of the Inner Marsh Farm hide, as we complete a project to improve the accessibility of the older part of Burton Mere Wetlands with further boardwalks and ramped access. Dating back to 1992, it's about time for an upgrade! We'll be excited to open the new structure and fully accessible path later this year.

Talking of accessibility, did you know that it's never been easier to help your little ones learn about the natural world with us? Our 'Little Explorer' events trialed last autumn have been of growing popularity, and it's been wonderful to see preschoolers starting their journey with wildlife at our family-friendly sessions on Monday mornings. These are set to continue on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

For further details on any of the reserve activities and events, see our website: [www.rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands](http://www.rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands) or [www.rspb.org.uk/parkgate](http://www.rspb.org.uk/parkgate)

Tel: 0151 353 2720

# Here's What's Happening!

## Church Services

### February

- 2 Candlemas  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Worship  
4:00 pm Evensong
- 5 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 9 Third Sunday before Lent  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 12 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 16 Second Sunday before Lent  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Communion
- 19 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 23 Sunday next before Lent  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 26 Ash Wednesday  
10:15 am Holy Communion  
7:30 pm Holy Communion

## February

### Diary Dates

3<sup>rd</sup>

Holy Communion with Soup & Sandwich Lunch

15<sup>th</sup>

Messy Church - The Story of Paul  
Gladstone Village Hall

19<sup>th</sup>

Mothers' Union - Monthly Meeting

24<sup>th</sup>

Hardy Perennials Lunch

25<sup>th</sup>

Coffee Morning in Church

29<sup>th</sup>

Mothers' Union - Diocesan  
Festival Service at Chester  
Cathedral

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## Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



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*Tuesday 25 February*  
*Shrove Tuesday - 10.00am*

*St Nicholas' Church*

*Coffee - Tea*

*& Home-made Cakes*

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# March

## Diary Dates

2<sup>nd</sup>

Holy Communion with  
Soup & Sandwich Lunch

3<sup>rd</sup>

Lent Course 8.00pm The Vicarage

10<sup>th</sup>

Lent Course 8.00pm The Vicarage

17<sup>th</sup>

Lent Course 8.00pm The Vicarage

18<sup>th</sup>

Mothers' Union Meeting  
Lenten Meditation in Church

21<sup>st</sup>

Messy Church - The Story of Paul  
Gladstone Village Hall

22<sup>nd</sup>

Mothering Sunday

24<sup>th</sup>

Lent Course 8.00pm The Vicarage

30<sup>th</sup>

Hardy Perennials Lunch

## *Church Services*

### **March**

- 1 First Sunday of Lent  
8:45am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Worship  
6:30 pm Evensong
- 4 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 8 Second Sunday of Lent  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 11 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 15 Third Sunday of Lent  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Communion
- 18 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 22 Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Mothering Sunday  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 25 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 29 Fifth Sunday of Lent  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Morning Worship

### **April**

- 5 Palm Sunday  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Worship  
6:30 pm Evensong

*Find Out What's Been Happening  
Down the Garden Path ...*

## **A lovely time of year ...**

*This is a lovely time of year with new growth everywhere and, of course, beautiful spring flowering bulbs. What a delight, at the time of writing (January) to find spears of green with white tips – Galanthus Nivalis. Eranthis Hyemalis (winter aconites) are yet to appear.*



*This is a busy season. The buddleia will be pruned back hard in February and later roses will be pruned. The camellias have masses of buds and their lovely blooms eagerly awaited (pale pink, white, red and crimson).*

*The hydrangeas will be dead headed when the danger of frost has passed.*



*The old flower heads of the hydrangea protect the new buds underneath.*

*Hellebores are also yet to bloom, but any large leaves will be trimmed when buds appear.*

*A lovely patio rose will have to be re-potted as its current home is badly damaged. This should have been covered in the frost! The geraniums which are housed indoors seem to have survived the winter. The new rhododendron (a supermarket purchase) is planted in a large pot and has wintered well and growing on strongly. Some very wet fallen leaves remained in the rear garden and had to be gently raked off to allow the many bulbs to grow on.*

*The seed trays in the greenhouse had a further wash and need filling with compost ready for seeds to be sown.*

*Our feathered friends kindly left some berries on the holly for Christmas decorations.*

*Green/gold finches, nuthatch, blackbirds, blue/great and long-tailed tits are frequent visitors, a pair of robins continue to chase sparrows and Jenny Wren prefers the front garden.*



*Goldfinch*

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

- Clean greenhouse windows and prepare seed trays
- Remove weeds (they like frost!)

*Enjoy the blaze of colour from your bulbs.*

*Flori Bunda*

## From the Registers



### Baptisms

22 December

- Daisy Florence Susan Dunne

### Funerals

16 December

- William Anthony Hyland

19 December

- Alexandra Prudence Joanna Thompson

20 December

- Elizabeth Ann Thomas

3 January

- Maurice Watkin

17 January

- Francis Leslie Jones



## FLORIST OPENS IN BURTON MANOR

Flourish Flowers is now open at Squirrel Lodge in Burton Manor.

Flourish Flowers was established by Angela Adlard in 2011 and is a preferred Florist for 'Oh Me Oh My', Thornton Manor, Tower Hill Barns and are also the resident florist at The Red Fox in Thornton Hough.

They concentrate mainly on creating bespoke flowers for weddings and events, but Flourish bouquets are available online for next day delivery. Drop into the shop to see their range of flowers for sale or sign up for one of their flower-arranging workshops (dates to be confirmed).

Flourishflowers.uk or email [shop@flourishflowers.uk](mailto:shop@flourishflowers.uk)



## Hardy Perennials

Next Lunch Dates

Monday - 24 February

Monday - 30 March

Monday - 11 May

Pollards Inn, Willaston

12.30pm for 1.00pm

Tel: Vivienne 336 7435



The Food Bank is in urgent need of the following items:

- Squash
- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables (including potatoes)
- Tinned fruit
- Pasta sauce
- Coffee
- Jam
- Packet soups
- Sugar
- Instant mash
- UHT milk
- Custard

APRIL 2018 - MARCH 2019  
**1.6 MILLION**  
EMERGENCY FOOD PARCELS  
WERE GIVEN TO PEOPLE IN  
CRISIS BY TRUSSELL TRUST  
FOOD BANKS



We have plenty of baked beans.

Thank you!

Community  
Gladstone Village Hall



They're fun-filled evenings to enjoy with your family and friends with a chance to make new friends along the way. It's not the winning that counts, but the playing of the game!

Friday 21 February

Friday 20 March

Quiz Nights take place at the Burton & Puddington Sports and Social Club starting at 7.30pm

Come Along - Everyone's  
Welcome

## MOBILE LIBRARY

Cheshire West Mobile Library will be on the Village Green in Puddington from 11.00am until 11.20am and in the Car Park at Gladstone Village Hall from 11.30am to 12.25pm on the following dates:

Friday, 21 February

Friday 13 March



## Live Music in Burton

at the Sports & Social Club

Local band Simple Folk will be hosting live music on the last Friday of each month in the Sports and Social Club.



### **'Folk, Blues and Beyond'**

evenings offer a wonderful opportunity to make music, play music, listen to others or just relax at the bar.

There are many talented singers and musicians in the local community, some involved in other activities such as bowls, snooker, cricket, tennis, who also like to sing or play.

Your hosts for these evenings of music are **Simple Folk**, a local band of musicians comprising Nigel Spencer, Patrick Kearney, George and Alan Blackburn. They have an eclectic repertoire of music and songs focusing on Irish and English folk music as well as other popular songs with harmony and interesting solos.

### **Music Nights - 7.00pm 'til Late**

Friday 31 January

Friday 28 February

Friday 27 March

### **St Patrick's Day - 7.00pm 'til Late**

Tuesday 17 March

**Enjoy the craic! - a special night of Irish themed music**

For more information contact:

**Alan Tel: 07935 687024 or**

**Nigel Tel: 07941 672610**



# Gladstone Village Hall

*The Village Hall and Sports Club for the Villages of Burton and Puddington*

*It's 2020 and Gladstone Village Hall is embracing new technologies! Last year we installed a new large projector screen with electric motor setup, and a Bluetooth connector to allow easy connection to our sound system. We're also becoming more efficient by switching to a smart heating controller that syncs to our events calendar, the heating now only comes on when needed and we can check from our mobile phones that it's performing as it should.*



*The internet has been installed across both our sites bringing card payments to our bars, so there's now no excuse for not buying a round!*

*We feel so lucky to have technically minded supporters, particularly Mike Hosker from Hosker.tech, to help*

*improve our facilities and keep us up-to-date.*



***Come along and experience the future!***

*Friday 28 February  
7.00pm  
Folk & Blues Music  
Night*

*Friday 21 February  
7:30pm  
Village  
Quiz Night*

*Sunday 23 February  
2.00 to 6.00pm  
Vegan Pancake  
Pop Up Pantry*

*Tuesday 17 March  
7.00pm  
St Patrick's Day  
Folk & Blues Night*

*Wednesday 25 March  
8.00pm  
Annual General  
Meeting*

*Friday 20 March  
7:30pm  
Village  
Quiz Night*

*Friday 27 March  
7.00pm  
Folk & Blues Music  
Night*

*Saturday 20 June  
GVH 'Shindig'  
Fund Raising  
Event*

*Sunday 28 June  
Evening Performance  
Liverpool  
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Society & Club Meetings : Group Events  
Social Gatherings : Health & Exercise Classes

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Police have been made aware that a number of residents have been targeted by fraudsters online.

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## FRIENDS OF BURTON MANOR GARDENS EVENT

Tuesday 11 February 2020 at 7.15pm

### 'Rise and Fall of Bees Seeds'

A talk by Edward Hilditch covering the rise and fall of the Bees Seeds company established by A K Bulley in 1906.

The first catalogue offered over four thousand varieties of flower and vegetable seeds at 1d a packet. The company expanded rapidly and moved from Ness to Sealand where

eventually it had an estate of one thousand acres. The company sold seeds in Woolworths and by the 1960s were selling 30 million packets of seeds a year.



### Book Tickets

Tickets cost £8 and can be reserved by contacting us at Friends of Burton Manor Gardens. Payment can be made by cheque (made payable to Friends of Burton Manor Gardens) or by cash, either in advance or on the night.

By Post: Burton Manor Gardens, c/o Burton Manor, The Village, Burton, Neston CH64 5SJ

By Telephone: 0151 336 6154 – Please leave a message with your phone number & your call will be returned

By Email:  
[burtonmanorgardens@gmail.com](mailto:burtonmanorgardens@gmail.com)

The event will be held in the Burton Manor Music Room which is on the ground floor.



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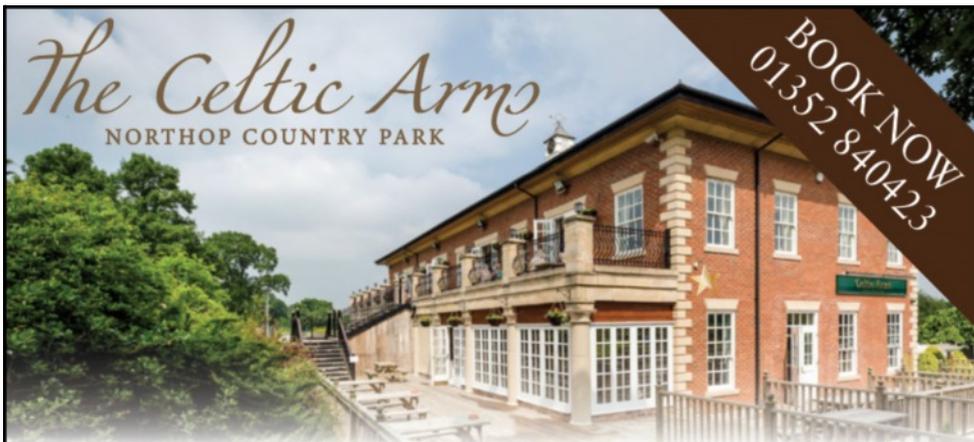
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## Defending Wirral: Burton Marsh in World War II Speaker - Phil Pritchard

Burton & Neston History Society  
Thursday 13th February  
Gladstone Village Hall, Burton  
CH64 5TH Talk starts at 8pm

visitors welcome



## *Community & Society Information*

### **THE BURTON SOCIETY**

Meetings in the Gladstone Village Hall at 8.00pm

#### **Thursday 6 February - 'Gardening and Astronomy'**

A talk by Mike Bode, Professor of Astrophysics

#### **Thursday 5 March - 'The Mango Tree'**

Willie and Gail Fulton describe how they started this Orphan Support programme in Tanzania in 2002 and how it has developed

### **THE PUDDINGTON SOCIETY**

#### **Friday 6 March - 'Fish & Chips Supper' and Guest Speaker**

7.00pm - Sports & Social Club

#### **Annual Puddington Village Tidy Up**

Weekend of 21 & 22 March

For more information about events call Hazel Huxley on 0151 336 2288

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

#### **Thursday 13 February - Defending Wirral, Burton Marsh in WW II**

An illustrated talk by Phil Pritchard

#### **Thursday 12 March - Wirral Archaeology Society Latest Projects**

Meetings at Gladstone Village Hall at 8.00pm every second Thursday

For more information please contact Robert Thrift on 0151 336 1771

### **BURTON WALKING GROUP**

New members always welcome

For more information please contact John Nuttall on 0151 336 7178

### **BURTON BRIDGE CLUB**

Burton Bridge Club meets every Monday evening at 7.15pm in the Gladstone Village Hall

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For further information please contact Hazel Huxley 0151 336 2288.

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You can also reach Linda at: [www.cheshire.police.uk/little-neston-and-burton](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/little-neston-and-burton)

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