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Bluebell Woods in Burton

**IN THIS EARLY SUMMER EDITION**  
**COMMUNITY SPIRIT - SHARING MEALS TOGETHER**  
**PUDDINGTON'S NEW SOCIAL RUNNING GROUP**  
**SUMMER HARP CONCERT AT SHOTWICK**  
**BURTON VILLAGE GARDENS OPEN**

*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 MORNING WORSHIP

WEEKLY - WEDNESDAYS

10:15AM HOLY COMMUNION

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

8:45AM HOLY COMMUNION

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

6:30PM EVENSONG



## 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



# Christian Aid Week runs from 12-18 May



This is the main fundraising event in the Christian Aid calendar. To raise funds St Nicholas' Church, Burton is holding a coffee morning and sale on Thursday 16 May in the GVH Pavilion from 10:00am to 12noon.

## Coffee - Cakes - Plants - Gift Items

It is a sad fact that one in 10 people in the world are hungry mostly through no fault of their own. Climate change has brought both drought and floods to many countries. The war in Ukraine has cut off food supplies and other conflicts around the world have had hugely similar effects.

So many people need our support and help!



12-18 May 2024

Christian Aid Week

Will you help someone push back  
against poverty this Christian Aid Week?

*Please support Christian Aid this year by coming along to an event or by donating money at various collection points, or by making a donation online.*

*For more information [Click Here](#)*



# SCRIBO



## SIMPLY EAT

REVD JOHN COYNE

Several years ago, I was given a beautifully illustrated book entitled *Simply Eat*. Its vision is both simple and profound – to celebrate the delights of friendship, food and faith through a shared meal together.

As someone who needs little enticement to enjoy food (!) I was instantly hooked on the idea that food shared with others can deepen community and friendship. Since we moved here I have enjoyed a night out with Burton blokes, a neighbourhood barbecue, meals in our home, as well as in the homes of people I had only recently met. Puddington's village green has been the venue for a feast; we have sampled restaurants and coffee shops with others, and each occasion has been a delight and taken a friendship or relationship to a richer level.



*Simply Eat* is not about having an opportunity to impress others with our culinary skills, but about our opportunity to bless another person or group with kindness, love and faith. Within the Christian faith (and other beliefs too) shared food has deep symbolism.

The gift of eating with others – tasting, savouring and smelling our meal – can build and celebrate community. Jesus often spoke of God's best, the future He invites us



into, in terms of joining in a banquet or feast. Eating together helps build relationships and strengthen community. Jesus spoke of Himself as the 'bread of life' (John, Ch. 6), that is, as the one who feeds and satisfies the deepest hungers in the human heart.

So here is a suggestion to do something extra for the well-being of our local communities: let's become intentional about inviting others to share a meal with us. We can eat together in public spaces or in homes, in restaurants, in coffee shops or have a picnic in a field – but food will not be the goal of the encounter, rather, we'll be sharing food to build bonds of friendship across age groups, across post codes, across interest groups. As a result, we trust that living in our neighbourhood will become more fun, more inclusive and more enriching. I meet people who are so busy ... yet the chance to sit down with them over a slow meal and a drink changes the pace, opens up the conversation and builds bridges to friendship, interest and support.



I come across other people who see no one from one day to the next – yet a shared meal, a piece of cake or an invitation to come to tea could light up their lives. You might remember in the past when neighbours planned 'safari suppers' and moved from house to house, enjoying a course in each home



before moving on. They were always fun.

My primary reason for talking about Simply Eat is a longing that, whilst being privileged to live in our local villages, we do all we can to strengthen our community life. Sue and I know that we want to develop the delights of inviting others we may not yet know well to share a meal with us. The impact of lots of people reaching out in this way might just be transformative, giving us all wonderful experiences to share.

Bon Appétit !

*John*

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# Church Services

## St Nicholas' Church May

### Sundays

- 5 8:45 Holy Communion  
(Traditional Service)  
10.00 All Age Worship
- 12 10:00 Communion for All
- 19 Pentecost  
10:00 Morning Worship  
6:30 pm Evensong/BCP  
Holy Communion
- 26 Trinity Sunday  
10:00 Morning Worship

### Wednesdays

- 10:15 Holy Communion  
(Traditional Service)

## June

### Sundays

- 2 8:45 Holy Communion  
(Traditional Service)  
10.00 All Age Worship
- 9 10:00 Morning Worship
- 16 10:00 Communion for All  
6:30pm Evensong  
(Traditional Service)
- 23 10:00 Morning Worship
- 30 10:00 Morning Worship

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## St Michael's Church May

### Sundays

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## Pentecost

*Pentecost marks fifty days since Easter Day and brings the Easter season to an end. It is a major date in the Church's year when Christians recall how God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus' ascension, empowering them to begin the work of making disciples of all nations.*



# FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

## *Burton*

### *Funerals*

*6 March*

*Patricia Hulse*

*12 March*

*Shirley Mabel Reade*

*11 April*

*Margaret Doreen Chidley*

## *Shotwick*

### *Funeral*

*5 March*

*Dorothy Margaret Barnett*

### *Interment of Ashes*

*3 April*

*Philip Edward Brookes*

*14 November*

## **Sundays @ 7 - Storm Cecile**

On Sunday 5th May, St Mary's Upton have Storm Cecile as their guest at Sundays @ 7. Storm is an international spoken word poet and will be performing, telling much of her life story and Christian journey in a dramatic and engaging way. Please spread the word amongst the teenagers and young adults in your church.

St Mary's, Church Road, Upton, CH49 6JZ

Refreshments served from 6:30pm

Admission free!





## ***Lots of activity this term ...***

The Spring Term has been busy with the children involved in many sporting events such as bocca, archery, netball and football. They have also enjoyed visits to the Chester Grosvenor Museum to learn about Roman Britain and loved marching around the city as Romans. Year 5 visited Neston High's STEM week to explore exciting science activities and, as part of our cluster of schools worked with pupils from Capenhurst, Christ Church, Willaston and St Oswald's in Mollington, to take part in 'sing the Easter Story'. A huge thanks goes out to the team at St Nicholas' church for the fabulous Easter activities they put on for the children in the last week of term. The children learnt a great deal from their experiences and had lots to talk about when they returned to school - it truly brought the Easter story to life!

The children have been getting involved in the community by designing road safety posters to support the work of the Burton Residents' Association in keeping the roads of Burton village safe. Each class has been preparing artwork for the exhibition at Shotwick Church at the beginning of May.

As we embark on the final term of the academic year, we have plenty of exciting events to look forward to but also plenty of learning to enjoy too. The summer term allows (hopefully - if the rain ever stops!) us to enjoy sports days, playing on the beautiful school field, the Y5 and Y6 residential to York and of course the summer fair.

We have some open days planned for prospective parents on Tuesday 25 June, 9.30am to 11:00am and Tuesday 9 July, 9:30am to 11:00am. School will also be hosting a Teddy Bears' picnic on Saturday 15 June 2024, 10:00am to 12 noon.

Please look out for our advertising leaflets and spread the dates among friends and family.

We very much look forward to welcoming new faces to our school community and would very much enjoy visits from old friends too.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with what we are doing! ***Click Here***

*Suzanne Roberts*

**Head of School**

### ***School Diary of Events***

#### ***Teddy Bears' Picnic***

*Saturday 15 June 10am - 12 noon  
(please pre-book)*

#### ***School Open Morning***

*Tuesday 25 June 9.30am to 11:00am*

#### ***School Open Morning***

*Tuesday 9 July 9.30am to 11:00am*

#### ***School Sports Day***

*Tuesday 18 June  
(weather permitting)*

#### ***Summer Fair***

*Friday 19 July 3:15pm to 5:00pm*

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.

Find out more: [Click Here](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 15 May

Luncheon Outing

The time and venue have still to be confirmed

May - date to be confirmed

Wave of Prayer

Our Wave of Prayer is a continuous expression of our commitment in prayer to each other. It runs throughout the year so that the work of MU and its members in every area in which it is active is prayed for at some point.

Wednesday 17 July at 2:00pm

Garden Afternoon at 'Hafod'

Please let us know in good time if you require transport to any of the meetings.

For more information

Ann Rudd, 0151 336 1513

## St Nicholas' Church Weekly Newsletter



A weekly newsletter is now produced and emailed to church members each week. It highlights details of the week's Sunday and Wednesday services, it includes specific items of news and mentions topics that people are invited to commit to prayer. It also publicises church events taking place over the coming week.

Printed copies are also available at church services for the congregation to read, to take away and to share with others.

If you would like to receive the weekly newsletter please email:

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

It's April at the foodbank. The (slightly) warmer weather is a boon, but demand is still high for fuel vouchers. Although inflation is lower prices are still rising and food and housing costs still much higher than a year or two ago (as you'll have noticed). Falling energy costs help though (negative inflation – hooray!). Consequently the demand for the Foodbank's services is still high and food donations have been hit.

**Food banks facing toughest period in a decade as donations drop by up to 45 per cent but demand keeps rising**



Food donations can be made at many supermarkets. The Wirral

Foodbank is looking for custard, pasta sauce, tinned potatoes, tinned meat and tinned fruit, while the West Cheshire Foodbank is looking for instant mash, UHT juice, tinned fruit, tinned meat/meat meals and toiletries (deodorants). Both foodbanks also accept monetary donations which they use to bulk buy food as needed and to provide other services to foodbank clients. Regular donations especially help with financial planning.

<https://wirral.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

<https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

The value that your donations bring is often expressed by clients. Most are amazed that it's donations that provide the food that they receive, and it's not uncommon for it to be described as a life saver for people who can otherwise not see how they would cope. Heartbreaking enough to hear from a single adult, but about 30% of food goes to children.

Wirral's Foodbank Plus service that provides help from Citizen's Advice Bureau agents serves about a third of all clients (that's about 200 people a month). The help ranges from assistance to claim support that a client's entitled to (which may just mean help with the forms), to advocacy to help write off debt, devise do-able repayment plans and appeal entitlement decisions. That's what they do, but the effect on their clients' lives is qualitatively different.

**To volunteer or donate just *Click***

A client 'L', who suffers from congenital heart disease and has had an internal defibrillator since childhood which limits their activities, is bringing up their 9-year-old. A year ago 'L' was struggling with a wide variety of problems – debts amassed on council tax, energy and housing. They were in despair – grateful for food, but still unable to see any light at the end of the tunnel. It's been quite a journey with Foodbank Plus, but today 'L' feels

positive – their debt is manageable and has gone down dramatically. It's the difference in L's outlook on life that is the real result from their work with Foodbank Plus and is tremendous and joyous to see.

As always, thank you for caring enough to help provide this support for our neighbours. It is greatly needed and appreciated by the foodbank's clients, volunteers and staff.

The local Foodbanks' websites list the most needed food and can take donations.

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

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

### Wirral Foodbank Plus

Wirral Foodbank Plus project work together to tackle food poverty in Wirral

Citizens Advice Wirral is working in partnership with Wirral Foodbank to deliver the Foodbank Plus project. The project helps individuals with the issues they have, that lead them to need an emergency food parcel.

The Foodbank Plus project helps clients resolve their practical issues and maximise their income, reduce their debts, solve housing and other issues.



**Thank You**

Ian Birch, Volunteer, Wirral Foodbank

WIRRAL FOODBANK  
**FEEDING LOCAL  
PEOPLE IN CRISIS**



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME  
Gardens Open For Charity



# Burton Village Gardens

Burton, Neston, CH64 5SJ

Briarfield • Burton Manor Walled Garden  
• The Coach House • Trustwood

**Sunday 30 June**

**11am - 5pm**

Combined entry £6 Children free



WHEELCHAIR ACCESS



PLANTS FOR SALE



TEAS



ACCEPTED



Registered charity No. 1172641

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



**Charity plant  
sale!**

## Briarfield

The Rake, Burton, Neston,  
CH64 5TL

☀️ Charity plant sale ☀️  
For The National Garden Scheme's  
selected charities!

Thursdays 10am-4pm

Contact Liz Carter

☎️ 07711 813732

Please follow our Facebook  
Briarfield Gardens



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME  
Gardens Open For Charity



Sunday 30 June  
11:00am to 5:00pm

# Burton Village Gardens

Visit four fascinating  
gardens in Burton.

With teas in the GVH  
Pavilion, three plant  
sales and a saunter  
round the village, a  
splendid day out is  
guaranteed.



The Coach House



Trustwood



Briarfield



Burton Manor

# Shotwick

## News, Events

*St Michael's Church*

### Harp Concert - 'Bach to Beatles'

On Wednesday 26 June we welcome Bethan Griffiths at St Michael's for the third consecutive year. Once again it promises to be an evening of delightful music.

Adults: £12

Under 16s: £6 (when accompanied by paying adult)

Price includes light buffet

**Tickets - contact Rosemary Taylor 07762 605126**



### Thankful Villages

There are over 70 Thankful Villages in England – commemorating villages where all the men came back from the 14–18 War. Vanessa Stevens has been busy visiting them and she has visited well over 20 so far.



### Countryside Classroom Project

Preparations for Countryside classroom are progressing and Jenny Sneddon is making regular trips to help with outdoor learning classes in local C of E primary schools.



### Locum Ministers Step In

Like Burton, Shotwick Church had an unforeseen interruption to services over Easter when John Coyne experienced some ill health. Fortunately, retired ministers Ian Davenport and Ian Urquhart stepped into the breach and Lay Reader Sue Coyne, assisted by Philip Hillman, took the service on the Sunday after Easter. St Michael's Church wishes John well as his health recovers and in respect of his recent appointment as assistant to the new Rural Dean.



### Easter Decorations

St Michael's Church was decorated beautifully throughout the Easter period including lilies on the altar and other window arrangements.



# Volunteers Needed!

Friends of Burton Manor Gardens are a group of willing volunteers who look after the large, traditional walled gardens, once belonging to Burton Manor.

The gardens are open to the public and Friends of Burton Manor Gardens are members of the National Garden Scheme.

Community gardening is proven to relieve stress, improve mental health and well-being, provide social interaction, as well as being good exercise and a great opportunity to be outdoors.



If you'd like to get involved: email [burtonmanorgardens@gmail.com](mailto:burtonmanorgardens@gmail.com), ring 0151 336 6154 or turn up on a Monday or Wednesday at 9.30am.

The Village, Burton, Neston  
CH64 5TQ

Please pop in!

# Local History

## A Village

### Tragedy in

#### Puddington

##### 1888

*(From an account published circa 2010)*

According to some reports, in March 1888 the weather had been ferocious. Two foot of snow fell in parts of England in the month of March. On this day, events unfolded which were to have a profound effect on the entire community.

The Day family lived in the gamekeeper's cottage on Puddington Lane, Puddington on the Wirral Peninsula. George was the gamekeeper in the nearby Burton Manor Estate. The previous year the family had sadly lost their eldest daughter to what today would be just a normal childhood illness.

Like all boys the younger sons George and William were attracted to the local pond where ice had probably been prevalent for several weeks. The temperatures had been sub-zero but there had been frequent snowfalls during the previous days. As George ventured out onto the pond's slippery surface he went through the ice into the freezing black water. As William tried to reach out for him he too found himself in the same terrifying cold waters of the pond.

In a nearby field the Day family's older sons Charles and John Edmund had heard the two youngsters' fearful cries for help. They rushed to the pond to attempt a desperate heroic rescue.

Alas, the rescue attempt was to end in a catastrophic failure.

The feeling of sadness of this terrible event spread swiftly through the local villages. By money raised totally by public subscription a memorial stone was erected. The grave and memorial stone is situated in the graveyard of St Nicholas' Parish Church, Burton, Wirral. Two trees were planted behind the Angels who looked over the brothers' grave and as the years went by the trees entwined around each other as they grew high, reaching out towards the heavens.

The Days had one other child, their daughter Clara born only two years before this tragic story took place. She became known as Nanny to her four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

As the children grew up they heard many stories from both Nanny and Granddad. It was not until the grandchildren were nearing adulthood that this story was tentatively revealed to them. Even at her tender age Clara still remembered vividly the sad day that her brothers' bodies were laid side by side on the cold kitchen floor. Nanny died in her hundredth year.

After 125 year the memorial stone is now very weather worn, but with careful study the inscription can be deciphered.

It reads as follows: >>>

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THE MEMORIAL STONE WAS ERECTED  
BY PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION  
AS A TOKEN OF DEEP SYMPATHY WITH  
GEORGE AND MARY DAY  
OF PUDDINGTON  
THROUGH THE SUDDEN  
AND PAINFUL BEREAVEMENT  
IN THE DEATH OF THEIR  
FOUR SONS BY DROWNING  
IN A POND NEAR THEIR HOME  
ON 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1888



CHARLES  
AGED 17 YEARS

JOHN EDMUND  
AGED 15 YEARS

WILLIAM THOMAS  
AGED 11 YEARS

AND GEORGE  
AGED 7 YEARS



AND WERE HERE INTERRED

TRAGICALLY  
THE TWO OLDEST  
HEROICALLY SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES  
ATTEMPTING TO SAVE  
THE TWO YOUNGEST

THEY WERE LOVELY AND PLEASANT IN  
THEIR LIVES AND IN THEIR DEATH  
WERE NOT DIVIDED

THE LORD GAVE AND THE LORD HATH TAKEN AWAY  
BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD

WHERE THE MOURNER WEEPING  
SHEDS THE SACRED TEAR  
GODS HIS WATCH IS KEEPING  
THOUGH NONE ELSE BE NEAR

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# Down the Garden Path

with Flori Bunda

## *Spring, Spring, Spring!*

Normally a beautiful season but not so this year with all the rain and gales.

The daffodils were beautiful, muscari and now bluebells to complete the picture. However, the camellias deserve a mention, pink, dark pink, white, cream and crimson, their blooms filled many vases.



Camellias

Having enjoyed the wonderful mountains, waterfalls and wildflowers of Scotland, returning to the garden was actually a pleasant surprise. Tulips were still in flower, lilacs first coming into flower, and rhododendron well in bud. Some sweet pea seedlings are growing on well thanks to the attention of a neighbour in our absence.

Gladioli, candy bar, and gladioli mixture have been planted in trays to grow on, after which, to be planted in the ground, if it ever dries!



Flower seeds, annuals mix, scabiosa summer sundae, cosmos brightness mix, and larkspur are all in trays in the greenhouse. When they are, hopefully, ready to be



Scabiosa

'pricked out', the usual cry will be – no room in the greenhouse!

Green/gold finches, robins, blackbirds, a woodpecker, nuthatch, and occasionally Jenny Wren, are frequent visitors to the garden.

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

Too many to list but ...

- Weeding
- Pots etc cleared ready for summer plants
- Feed and tidy up the camellias

*Above all - try to find time to relax and enjoy your gardening*

*Flori Bunda*





# Let it grow

for #NoMowMay



Plantlife's #NoMowMay is the annual campaign calling on all garden owners and green space managers not to mow during May.

**Approximately 97% of flower-rich meadows have been lost since the 1930s.** With them gone, is vital food needed by pollinators like bees and butterflies.

Leaving patches of grassy areas to grow longer this summer allows native flowers to bloom for **bees and butterflies** and provides shelter for small mammals.

With **over 23 million gardens in the UK**, even the smallest grassy patches add up to a significant proportion of our land which, if managed properly, can deliver enormous gains for nature, communities and the climate.

Less mowing also means we have more time to enjoy our green spaces and connect with nature.

Whether you're in a city, town or the countryside – you and your green spaces can get involved in #NoMowMay. Put the lawnmower away and give nature a boost it deserves this summer.

Join the No Mow May movement at [plantlife.org.uk/nomowmay](http://plantlife.org.uk/nomowmay)





# The Puddington Society's Pizza on the Green



Saturday 29 June 6:00pm

Puddington Village Green



**DOUGH BROS**

A Great Selection of Freshly  
Prepared Pizza from The Dough Bros

\* \* \*

Choose What You Would Like to Eat  
Bring Your Own Drinks - Quiz & Raffle Prizes  
Enjoy a Night Out With Family & Friends

To book or to enquire:

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

# **The Puddington Plodders**

A new social running group supported by the Puddington Society for beginners, improvers and people who just enjoy running

**Meeting point : Ness Gardens**  
Saturday Mornings at 10:00am



Supporting old and new friends to run between 1K and 3k followed by refreshments and a chat in Ness Gardens Café

Relaxed and welcome to all.

If you're interested in joining for free,  
please contact:

**Lani Perry 07548 263 537**

**John Traynor 07964 346 536**

We hope to see you soon!



# Burton Mere Wetlands

Despite the unsettled weather we are still having, the reserve is now exploding with life! The weather is finally feeling a bit more like Spring with a nice fresh breeze but wonderful sunshine.

The Little Egrets are doing their fantastic bubbling calls up in the heronry. Cattle Egret have been seen in the heronry roost regularly, but less so on the reserve. Grey Herons will no doubt have chicks by now as they are always the first to start nesting.

The warden team have been super busy and initially had some slight delays due to the weather and extraordinary high tides, but with a great team of volunteers and now three fantastic residential volunteers Miles, Kinga and Al, they are getting back on track for the breeding season. Point of Ayr has had a right battering after the incredibly high tides. Fencing has now started to be installed and there have been 50 Little Terns spotted recently, fingers crossed for a good year.

Which brings me to our very exciting news of our first Lapwing chick of the season. Avocets are sitting on nests now and the count for them is over 120 individuals.

Marsh Harrier are in full swing with nesting onsite and are seen regularly food passing over the reedbed. We had a great couple of weeks of steady reports of Grasshopper Warbler being heard and seen occasionally both ends of the reserve.

A real rarity that turned up 19 April were four Common Cranes! A first for the reserve, landing for a few minutes giving those lucky enough to be in the Visitor Centre a fantastic view at the back of the main scrape area.



**Warden Team**



**Lapwing Chick**



**Grey Heron**



**Marsh Covert Bluebells**



**Dawn Chorus - Song Thrush**

Our beautiful bluebells are at their best right now in the Marsh Covert Woodland. Almost a month early from the reports, one visitor reported when they were here last year, they were at the same place 7 May. Always worth a visit in the woods, for its peacefulness but equally for a fun family adventure in the Den Building area and to complete our monthly quiz trail.

Events are building up now with our Wader Walk. We plan to hold this in May, so keep an eye on the website as booking is essential.

International Dawn Chorus Day is 5 May here at the reserve along with our Binocular and Telescope Weekend on 4 & 5 May then again on the 2 June with our Viking representative.

We will be holding a Woman's Wildlife Wonder towards the end of May and hopefully some more wildlife walks in July too.

If you are keen to be part of the change and want to do your bit for nature, why not consider becoming a volunteer. We have many varied roles that you could lend your skill set to and you will be joining a fantastic team of passionate and knowledgeable individuals.

### Opening Times

Nature reserve	9:00 am – 8:00 pm
Shop	9:30 am – 4:30 pm
Cafe	11:00 am – 4:00 pm
Car park	9:00 am – 8:00 pm

For full details of our events see [events.rspb.org.uk/deeestuary](https://events.rspb.org.uk/deeestuary) and to keep up to date with our regular blogs see [rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands](https://rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands)

If you're keen to get involved see our volunteer application site: <https://tinyurl.com/uukxwmxn> Alternatively call us on 0151 353 2720, or why not drop in – we're open every day!



# Poetry Picnic

Saturday 18th May  
11am till 3pm  
At

Burton Village and Hampstons Well  
with Wirral Poets Judith Railton,  
Emlyn Jones and guests



The Friends of Hampstons Well warmly invite poets and lovers of poetry to join them in the village at Burton Manor Café at 11am for a meander through Burton Village to Hampstons Well. Drawing on the sights, sounds and textures of nature you will find bubbles of inspiration to journal your poetic discoveries and observations

Emlyn will give you an overview of the historical context, the characters and forces of nature that have shaped and etched their marks in the landscape.

Judith will share ideas of how to create poetic word forms and visuals using materials found in nature.

There will be opportunities to share ideas, listen to poetry and music during the session too.

### An afternoon of delightful creativity

This event is a fundraising event to help the Friends in their work at the Well.

The Poets and Musicians have kindly given their time and expertise for free  
The cost for participating in the event is £5 (pay via Bank transfer on booking)  
(bring your own packed lunch and notebooks to journal in)

If you would like to book onto the event or require more information please

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

Places will be limited so please book as soon as possible.

# THE BOWLING GREEN

## Pop-Up Pub

**Friday 7 June 2024**

**6pm-8pm at the Sports Pavilion**

**Why not try your hand at Bowls while  
you're there?**



**Free taster session  
All equipment supplied  
Please bring closed, flat-soled  
shoes - no sandals**

**BURTON & PUDDINGTON BOWLS CLUB**

**[bowls.gladstonevillagehall.org](http://bowls.gladstonevillagehall.org) or Facebook (BPBowls)**

# Cheshire West & Chester Mobile Library

THE MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS BOTH  
BURTON AND PUDDINGTON

Visit the electric mobile library

Residents may have noticed the new mobile library vehicle from Cheshire West and Chester.

It is fully electric and therefore much cleaner and greener.

The vehicle is fully accessible and includes a hearing loop. It also has other sustainable features including solar panels and LED lighting. Other improvements include an awning for summer activities and onboard Wi-Fi and digital access for customers.

There is a wide range of stock on offer, including adult and children's books as well as audiobooks. It also provides access to the Library Management System, enabling customers to borrow books from across the library service and to make reservations, as well as updating their library accounts.

Mobile Library staff can also provide online Council information and a Council enquiry service. Cheshire West Mobile Library will be in Puddington from 10:40am to 11:00am and at the GVH in Burton from 11:10am to 11:50 am on the following dates:

Friday 3 May

Friday 24 May

Friday 14 June

Friday 5 July



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# Cheshire West & Chester Library Services



## Regular Activities at Neston

### Monday

Adult colouring and craft club: 10am - 12pm, weekly.

U3A history group: 2pm - 4pm, last Monday of the month

### Tuesday

Stories and rhymes for under fives: 11.15am - 11.45am, weekly.

Wellbeing walk: 1pm, weekly.

Let's talk: 1pm - 2.30pm, weekly. Advice provided about how to access community activities; cost of living support; reducing social isolation and loneliness; and carer support.

### Thursday

Tea and Tattle group: 11am - 1pm, second Thursday of the month. Older LGBTQ+ social group set up in partnership with Body Positive and Silver Rainbows

Digital device drop in: 2pm - 3pm, weekly. Basic help with your digital devices, from tablets to smartphones.

Employment Directions (IPSPC): 2pm - 4pm, last Thursday of the month. Get advice and support from an Employment Support Officer. Drop in.

### Friday

Stories and rhymes for under fives: 11.15am - 11.45am, weekly.

Adult crafternoon: every other Friday, 2.30pm.

Not a reading group: 5.30pm - 6.30pm, first Friday of the month.

Come along for a chat and meet new friends. No reading required! Talk about books that you have read, would recommend and books you would like to read in the future.

### Saturday

Lego Club: 10.30am - 12 noon,

### Forthcoming joint Police & Councillor Surgeries

Tuesday 7 May, 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Friday 17 May, 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Wednesday 22 May, 2.00pm - 3pm

Tuesday 28 May, 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Friday 7 June, 5.30pm - 6.30pm

For more information [Click Here](#)

# Burton & Neston History Society



Thursday 9 May

## AGM & Reports on our Research Projects

The doors open at 7.30 pm and the AGM and talk will start at 8 pm. Refreshments are served after the meeting and visitors are welcome.

The May meeting will be the last to be held at Gladstone Village Hall, where we have met since the formation of the Society in the 1970s. From October 2024 when our new talks programme starts, we will be changing our meeting venue to the Presbyterian Church Hall, Moorside Lane, Neston. We will continue to meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month from October to May.

More information at:

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

## Our Spacehive Project Reached its Fundraising Goal

Burton & Neston History Society are sponsors of a Crowdfunding Project that aims to create a memorial at Ness to miners who worked in the Neston Collieries and install several interpretation boards with historical and other local information along the coastal route between the spring at the bottom of Moorside Lane in Parkgate and Burton Point. This is part of the King Charles III England Coast Path – North West. There are also plans for information boards on the Green at Little Neston and one on the Wirral Way in Neston.



The project reached its fundraising goal at the end of January, and now works are in hand to obtain detailed estimates, permissions and planning consents, where these are necessary, for the installations to proceed. Further updates will follow as the project progresses. Many thanks to those who have contributed to the project.

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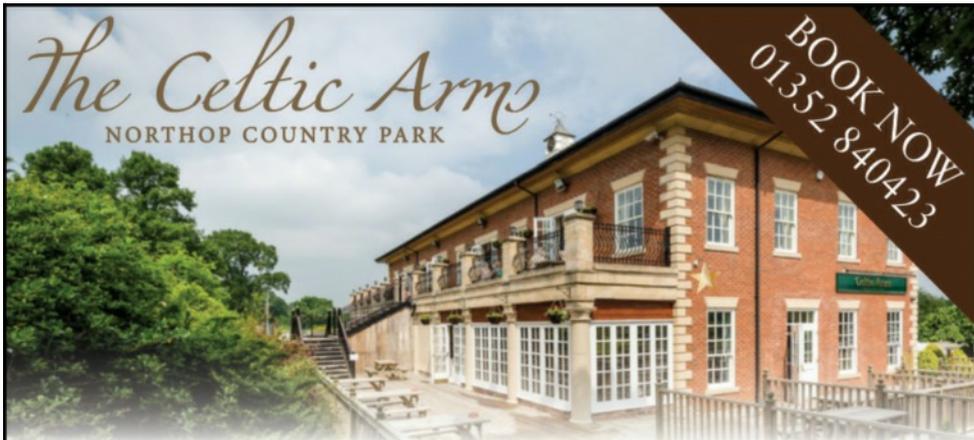
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Pizza on the Green - A Puddington Village Community Summer Event

Saturday 29 June 6:00pm

For information on activities & events please contact [puddingtonsociety@gmail.com](mailto:puddingtonsociety@gmail.com)

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### **THE BURTON SOCIETY**

The Burton Society meets on the first Thursday of every month from October to April at 8pm in the Gladstone Village Hall. After the talk, there are refreshments and an opportunity to chat to other members.

New members welcome. Contact Renee Syme on 0151 336-5852.

### **BURTON WALKING GROUP**

For more information please contact Gilly Mansfield 0151 336 4297

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