

BURTON JOYCE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

We were delighted to welcome all the local groups and societies to our Annual Parish Meeting on 6th May this year. These included: The BJ Community and Eco Market, BJ and Bulcote History Society, BJ Bridge Club, BJ and Bulcote WI, Trent Valley Singers, Friends of BJ and Lowdham Stations, The Magazine, BJ Players, The Village Hall, BJ Scouting, BJ and District U3A and BJ Village Society. Reports were also provided by BJTV, the Garden Holder's Association, BJ Tennis Club and BJ Flood Wardens who were unable to attend. The meeting demonstrated the rich array of voluntary groups available to all residents within the village and was a great opportunity to get together and network. Each group provided a report on their activities over the year, with the common theme that all needed more volunteers to help run the groups. Links to community groups are available on our website. If you think you might have a role to play, no matter how large or small, they would all be delighted to hear from you. <https://www.burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk/community-groups/>. Minutes from the meeting will be available on our website shortly.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

And on the note of volunteering....! We still have a councillor vacancy on the Parish Council, for which applications are warmly invited. A parish councillor represents the interests and wellbeing of the whole community at the local level, whilst taking an active role in the decision-making process. If you are interested in joining the team of councillors now, or possibly in the future, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk, Jessica Sherrin at parishclerk@burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk or call into the office at the Old School Building for a chat.

NO MOW MAY

No Mow May is underway! Thanks to the hard work of BJ Climate Action Group in making wooden signs, sections of the grass verges on the A612 will be left unmown for the month of May. This year St Helen's Church Yard (with whom we have a Service Level Agreement) is also included in the programme. This is part of our Environmental Policy and is a national initiative to encourage bees, butterflies and other pollinators in the grassed public areas.



Following a delay on the tendering process, we are awaiting the 3 quotes needed to undertake the works on the community garden and have engaged a local project management firm to assist in getting this long-anticipated project off the ground this summer. We expect further news by the next issue!

Since the last edition, we have held another fabulous Food Fayre at the Old School Building, with the next ones booked in for **Sunday 25th May and 29th June 11am-4pm**. Pop down to catch up with friends, relatives and neighbours and enjoy some hot tasty food and drinks. *Meet...Eat...Chat!*



The Parish Council was delighted to take ownership this month of the 2 deer bestowed to us by the late Dorothy Pinkett. Dorothy held the deer very close to her heart, especially after the community came together to replace them when they were stolen from her property some years ago. The deers' new home will be in the community garden – a fitting place not far from their original home on Main Street and where everyone can continue to enjoy them. They will be relocated once the ground works and canopy installation are completed.

After a request on social media for feedback, along with research with the War Memorial's Trust and further deliberation by the Amenities Committee, it was agreed that a *temporary* ramp will be made available on request at the War Memorial on Nottingham Road, via the Grounds & Amenities Manager David List. A sign to this effect will be installed at the memorial. This is thanks to the kind agreement from Burton Joyce Bowls Club for the use of their ramp whenever needed.

NEWS FROM THE POPLARS SPORTS GROUND

We are working hard to extend the bookings of this wonderful village facility and are close to finalising the details of hosting a new regular 'Leisure League' on Sunday evenings, starting from 8th June. This is a 6-side adult team league. If your team would like to join, please take a look at their website <https://www.leisureleagues.net/league/poplars-sports-ground/burton-joyce-sunday>.



Free access to the 3G pitch over the **May half-term holiday** will be available to all Burton Joyce residents and BJ Football Club members from **10am - 4pm Monday to Friday**.



And finally, we are delighted to say that the clubhouse bar at the Poplars is now open on Friday evenings for the long summer evenings all welcome!