



BURTON FLEMING NEWSLETTER

"The first of April, some do say,
Is set apart for All Fools' Day.
But why the people call it so,
Nor I, nor they themselves do know.
But on this day are people sent
On purpose for pure merriment."
- Poor Robin's Almanac, 1790

"A small green frog
On a big brown log;
A black and yellow bee
In a little green tree;
A red and yellow snake
By a blue-green lake,
All sat and listened
To red bird sing,
"Wake up, everybody,
It's spring! It's spring!" "

April Fool's Day 1 April, in many Western countries traditionally an occasion for playing tricks. This custom has been observed for hundreds of years, but its origin is unknown. It is also called *All Fools' Day*.



April showers bring forth
May flowers traditional
weather rhyme, recorded
from the mid 16th century,
asserting the importance of
rain in early spring for
growing plants.

The April rain, the April rain,
Comes slanting down in fitful showers,
Then from the furrow shoots the grain,
And banks are fledged with nestling
flowers;
And in grey shawl and woodland bowers
The cuckoo through the April rain
Calls once again."
- Mathilde Blind, April Rain

"In Celtic tradition, the night of April 30 was thought of as the darkest of the year, when witches flew to frighten, spawning evil throughout the land. In response, people pounded on kettles, slammed doors, cracked whips, rang church bells and made all the noise they could to scare off the corruption they imagined to be moving on the moist air. They lit bonfires and torches and witch-proofed their houses with spring boughs. Such vigils were kept throughout the night until the rising of the May-dawn."



Andrew's
Hedgehog
Hospital

Hedgehogs have dramatically declined in rural areas of England. Last year several of us helped release hedgehogs that had been hospitalised at the ANDREWS HEDGEHOG HOSPITAL in Appleby, North Lincolnshire ; PATRON; The Duke of Marlborough of Blenheim Palace.

We have now been informed that they are building a new hospital at Elsham Hall, North Lincolnshire imminently. Due to our interest and success, we, as a village, have been asked to become the first hedgehog-friendly village in the North of England.

You may hear progress through the radio etc. But I am informed we shall be responsible for the release of a further 40 after Easter. If you would like a hedgehog in your garden please contact me for further details. Also if anyone sees a hedgehog in their garden or on their land we would appreciate it if you could let me know details of the siting etc so we can monitor their movements.

Kate Mercer; 01262 470556/07860 478867;
kathleenmercercer@btopenworld.com

Items for publication in the May issue should reach me by 25/4/17
Contact Margaret Barker - Tel: 01262 605935 - Mobile: 07966 160267
burtonflemingnewsletter@gmail.com

VILLAGE HALL NEWS & DIARY OF EVENTS
APRIL 2017

MARCH LOTTERY WINNERS

1st Prize - Gill Pike - £25 2nd Prize - Susan Cross - £15
3rd Prize - Mandy Miller - £10 4th Prize - Joyce Watson - £5

Thank you for your support, we have gained several more entrants this month. It would be better still if more people contributed as we always think the profits from this pay for the INSURANCE of the hall, which of course rise slightly every year, so if you would like to contribute in a very small way it would be greatly appreciated. The draw takes place every 3rd Friday at the Post Office. BE PART OF IT. It only costs £1.00 per month and payment can be made monthly, half yearly or annually. Contact: Kate Mercer 470556 or Kate Holroyd 470766 for a personal number or numbers.

THE MARCH COFFEE MORNING RAISED £162.00, IT WAS VERY WELL ATTENDED WITH PEOPLE COMING FROM VILLAGES ALL AROUND AS WELL AS OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY. IT WAS VERY ENCOURAGING TO SEE PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST MOVED IN TO THE VILLAGE AND HOPE THEY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US. WE AGAIN HAD SOME EXCELLENT DONATIONS OF BRIC A BRAC, ARTS & CRAFTS, PERFUMES, AND BOOKS, AND HELP WITH A REGULAR SQUARE COMPETITION. THANK YOU SO MUCH. PLEASE REMEMBER US WHEN YOU ARE DISPOSING OF ANY BRIC A BRAC AND BOOKS. WE ARE CONTINUALLY ROLLING OVER STOCK, WHICH WHEN UNSOLD, WE TAKE TO VARIOUS CHARITY SHOPS IN THE AREA. IF THERE IS ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP ON THE COFFEE MORNINGS WE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL.

The Whist Drive was very successful with a few new players who all seemed to enjoy the evening. This takes place every three months, the next one being Thursday June 1st.



The Bad Apple Theatre Company excelled again, we had a full house and a lot of fun was had by all. They never fail to surprise us with their professionalism. Its great to have them so close to home.

There will be a service of Holy Communion or Morning Prayer each Tuesday at 10am
PLEASE NOTE THE SERVICE WILL BE IN CHURCH FROM APRIL 4TH.



PRAYER & PRAISE
is held each Monday morning (excl. Bank Holidays)
from 9am - 9.30am in the church.



Do come along to Pop-Ins on Mondays (except Bank Holidays) at 9.30 -11.00am for a chat and a cuppa and to meet old and new friends

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St Cuthbert's Church will be held on Friday 21st April at 7pm in the church. This is the meeting which all folks in the village are invited to, where the officers of the church are elected and where anyone from the village can have their say. Please do make the effort to come along.

Thank you, Revd Barbara

CRAFT & CHAT
Will meet Tuesday April 4th at the vicarage
at 2pm until 3.30ish and then will break until September



Do come and join us; it's great fun!!

ANOTHER ADVANCE NOTICE :

'Open Day' at St James, Fordon from 10am til 4pm.
Refreshments, raffle, quiz.and fellowship.

This is our main fundraising event of the year, please support us !!!

PLEASE NOTE: THE SITUATION FOR THE GRASS-CUTTING AT THE VICARAGE HAS NOW BEEN FILLED, THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO CONTACTED ME.

Burton Fleming Parish Council News

Newsletter Advertising

The costs to place an advert in this newsletter are as follows:

£5 for a $\frac{1}{4}$ page advert per issue

£10 for a $\frac{1}{2}$ page advert per issue

£20 for a full page advert per issue

Please contact Jennifer Hobson-

Tel: 07542874957 -

clerk@burtonflemingpc.co.uk

If anyone is interested in sponsoring the Newsletter for one month or more (£26 monthly)

please contact

Jennifer Hobson Tel 07542874957

Anti-social Behaviour

It is disappointing to have to report that there have been several reports of anti-social behaviour by a group of younger residents of the village. Those that are guilty should be aware that these incidents have been reported to the Police who are monitoring the situation.

Planning Applications

Planning Ref: 17/00380/PLF

Application for the conversion of existing chapel to dwelling including part demolition, St Johns Methodist Church Front Street Burton Fleming YO25 3PR

Planning Ref: 17/00266/PLF – Erection of 4 dwellings and 4 garages, creation of vehicular access and associated works following demolition of agricultural buildings at Land and Buildings West of Holmeffield Farm, Front Street, Burton Fleming YO25 3PR

Should you wish to report any concerns, make comments, or submit items for discussion at future meetings, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Hobson (Clerk) during office hours on the following details: Tel: 07542874957, Email: clerk@burtonflemingpc.co.uk Landline: 01723 890084

Speeding Traffic

The Parish Council have received quite a few complaints regarding the speed that some cars and farm vehicles are travelling around the village. Members ask that you please be mindful of the speed limits and in particular remind any of your visitors to slow down. Thank you!

Next Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Council meeting (including the Annual Parish Meeting) is to be held on 9 May 2017 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

This meeting is the AGM of the Parish Council and the Election of Officers will take place at this meeting. This will be followed by the opportunity for members of the public to put forward any concerns or requests to the Parish Council regarding the village for the coming year. Parish Council Meeting No 1 - 2017/18 will follow on from the Annual Parish Meeting on the same evening, 9 May 2017.

VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear Friends.

I never cease to be amazed by people.

Firstly, by the dreadful, brutal behaviour of some people who claim to be following 'Allah'. It is beyond me that someone can get in a car and mow down innocent people going about their own business, not bothering anyone, just getting on with their lives.

Secondly, about those who are caught up in these vile acts, the mum going to collect her children, the guy celebrating 25 years of marriage, the elderly gentleman who'd walked that route many times and of course, the injured & still in hospital, some fighting for their lives. We mustn't forget PC Keith Palmer, the brave policeman, on the front line, without any defence.

Thirdly, those members of the public who rushed to help, many shocked and shaken themselves, but wanting to do what they could. The MP for Bournemouth Toby Ellwood & security minister Ben Wallace who fought ceaselessly but in vain to save the policeman's life. I'm sure there were others too, methinks of the story of the Good Samaritan..... although some passed by.

Fourthly, those men and women who worked so hard to deal with the trauma of life-threatening injuries, even fighting to save the man who had caused such devastation. People, ordinary people, who showed human kindness and concern for their fellow human beings.

The Archbishop of Canterbury said 'That speaks - at this time of year as we look forward to Holy Week and Easter - of a God who stands with the suffering, and brings justice, and whose resurrection has given to believer and unbeliever the sense that where we do what is right; where we behave properly; where that generosity and extraordinary sense of duty that leads people to treat a terrorist is shown; where that bravery of someone like PC Keith Palmer is demonstrated, that there is a victory for what is right and good; over what is evil, despairing and bad'. I am grateful to the unsung heroes of our liberty and democracy. Please pray for them all.

May you have a happy and peaceful Easter, safe in the knowledge of God's love, the resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Love & blessings,
Revd Barbara