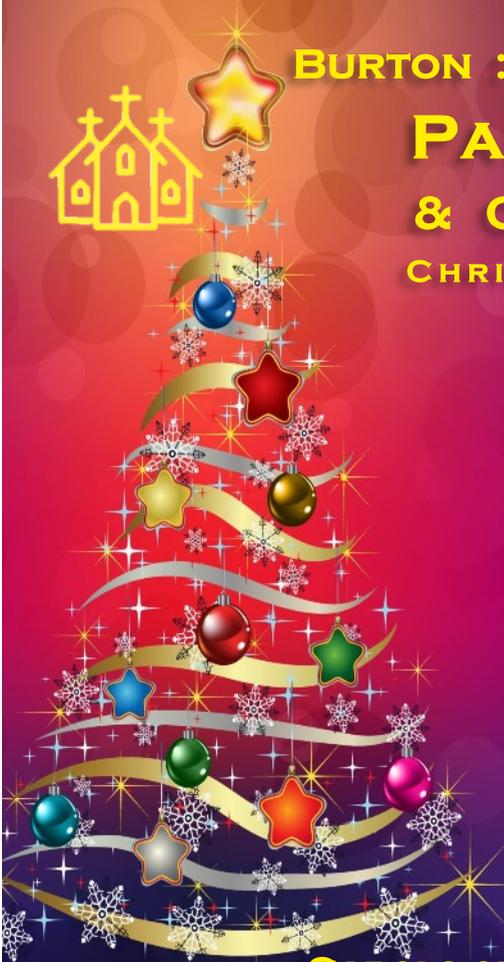




BURTON : PUDDINGTON : SHOTWICK

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CHRISTMAS & WINTER 2023/24



UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

IN THIS EDITION

**CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES
IN BURTON & SHOTWICK**

CAROLS ON PUDDINGTON VILLAGE GREEN

VILLAGE SOCIAL EVENTS



*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

WEEKLY - SUNDAYS

10:00AM MORNING WORSHIP

WEEKLY - WEDNESDAYS

10:15AM HOLY COMMUNION

1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH

8:45AM HOLY COMMUNION

3RD SUNDAY OF MONTH

4:00PM EVENSONG



SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, SHOTWICK

www.shotwick.org.uk

1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH

1 1:30AM MORNING PRAISE

2ND SUNDAY OF MONTH

1 1:30AM HOLY COMMUNION CW

3RD SUNDAY OF MONTH

1 1:30AM MORNING PRAYER BCP

4TH SUNDAY OF MONTH

1 1:30 HOLY COMMUNION BCP

5TH SUNDAY OF MONTH

1 1.30AM HOLY COMMUNION BCP





Dates for Your Diary
**CHRISTMAS
SERVICES**



**ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, BURTON
& ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, SHOTWICK**

Sunday 3 December

10:00am Burton - All Age Service

Giving & Charles Thompson's Toy Appeal Tree

11:30am Shotwick - Carol Service for Advent

Friday 15 December

6:30pm Burton - Children's Book Before Bedtime

Sunday 17 December

4:00pm Shotwick - Carol Service

7:00pm Burton - Carol Service & Community Choir

Saturday 23 December

6:00pm Puddington - Carols on the Green

Sunday 24 December Christmas Eve

10:00am Burton - Holy Communion

11:30am Shotwick - Crib Service

4:00pm Burton - Carols Around the Christmas Tree

Monday 25 December Christmas Day

9:30am Burton - Christmas Communion for All

11:00am Shotwick - Holy Communion Service

Sunday 31 December New Year's Eve

11:00am Shotwick

Burton & Shotwick Joint Service





Church Services at St Nicholas' Burton

December

Sundays

- 3 8:45 am Holy Communion
(Traditional Service)
10.00 am All Age Worship
- 10 10:00 am Morning Worship
- 17 10:00 am Communion for All

Carol Service

- 17 7:00 pm Carol Service with
Community Choir

Christmas Eve

- 24 Christmas Eve
10:00 am Communion for All
4:00 pm Carols for All

Christmas Day

- 25 9:30 am Communion for All
- 31 New Year's Eve
11:00am Joint Service at
Shotwick

Wednesdays

- 10:15 Holy Communion
NB except 27 December

January

Sundays

- 7 8:45 am Holy Communion
(Traditional Service)
10:00 am Christingle Service

- 14 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 21 10:00 am Communion for All
4:00 pm Evensong

- 28 10:00 am Morning Worship

Wednesdays

- 10:15 am Holy Communion

February

Sundays

- 4 8:45 am Holy Communion
(Traditional Service)
10.00 am All Age Worship
- 11 10:00 am Morning Worship
- 18 10:00 am Communion for All
4:00 pm Evensong
- 25 10:00 am Morning Worship

Wednesdays

- 10:15 am Holy Communion



St Nicholas' Church at Night East Window



Church Services at St Michael's Shotwick

December

- 3 11:30 am A Carol Service for Advent
- 10 11:30 am Holy Communion
Common Worship
- 17 4:00 pm Carol Service

Christmas Day

- 25 11:00 am Holy Communion
BCP
- 31 New Year's Eve
11:00 am Joint Service with
Burton at Shotwick
Common Worship

January

- 7 11:30 am Plough Service
- 14 11:30 am Christingle &
Holy Communion
Common Worship
- 21 11:30 am Morning Prayer
- 28 11:30 am Holy Communion
BCP

February

- 4 11:30 am Morning Praise
- 11 11:30 am Holy Communion
Common Worship
- 18 11:30 am Morning Prayer
- 25 11:30 am Holy Communion





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IN THE LAND OF CHRIST'S BIRTH

REVD JOHN COYNE

As Christmas draws closer, the current news from Gaza is devastating. The slaughter of innocents is disgusting, whether it's two thousand years ago in Bethlehem or today in Gaza. Peace on earth and goodwill to all humanity seem so elusive - but are no less needed.

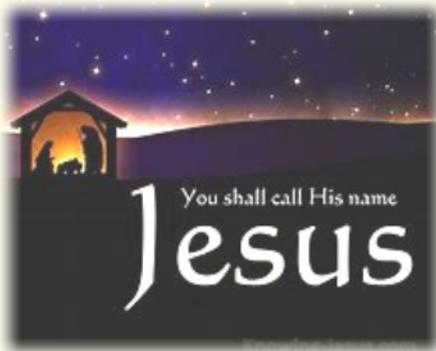
***Ceasefire,
compassion, common
sense - please come
home!***



Let the world be gifted with Christmas for all and especially for Sudan, Ukraine, and Israel with Gaza. A few days' break won't do - these places (and many more) need a big, long rest and recuperation from conflict. Work for it, pray for it, plan for it. Pursue it relentlessly and reward those who settle for nothing less.

Mindful of the haunting vision of many, many babies without an incubator to save their fragile lives, I look in awe at a conflicted world two millennia earlier, and recall another baby, born in a manger. They came to think of Him as God in a barn, God with an umbilical cord. So human, He suckles milk from a weary young mother; so divine, He is worshipped by angels.





Call Him Jesus,' the angel told the stunned parents, because that is the name which means 'The Lord is salvation', and this Lord, Jesus, is all about salvation. Salvation from sin, guilt, shame, death, and, yes, political treachery. 'And,' Gabriel added (with what might have been a smile), 'He will be great.' Great enough to silence storms, banish darkness, vacate a few graves, including His own. He's going to be great.

For some, the news from Bethlehem two thousand years ago is fine for nativity plays but not for a harsh world. Christ was neither a politician nor a military leader - instead He suffered at their hands. At the same time, He has inspired many to pursue the best for humanity. This means that we who honour and love Him must speak truth to power on behalf of all others who are longing for life, home and their freedom.

Those who live in the land of Christ's birth - Israeli, Christian and Arab - must discover ways of living alongside one another in mutual regard. It has been denied for so long and the current vile violence simply pushes that prospect further away.

The essence of Christmas and He who gave Himself for all calls out to the world 'enough is enough.' This particular Christmas 2023 it needs to be heard even more loudly!.

John

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TRUTH
TO
POWER





Well, what a busy and eventful Autumn Term it has been at Bishop Wilson Primary School...

The weeks have flown by since we started back in September and since I started in my new role as Executive Headteacher I have been working really hard to get to know the school community - but please don't test me on everyone's names just yet! It has been lovely to meet so many of our families, members of the community and is a pleasure to work with such a dedicated team of caring professionals.

We celebrated Harvest in St Nicholas' Church with Rev John Coyne and were kindly supported by other members of the church congregation. The children collected food items and decided that they wanted to donate it all to the West Cheshire Foodbank.

It is lovely to welcome Rev John to school every fortnight, where he leads our worship, a particular favourite with the children.



Bishop Wilson was lucky enough to host an inter-school tag rugby tournament. We welcomed pupils from Parkgate Primary, Woodfall Primary, Willaston Primary, Neston Primary and St Winefride's Primary. The weather was on our side and as the sun shone the children competed in short team games against other schools. All teams played with great sportsmanship and represented their school communities really well - a lovely celebration of sport!

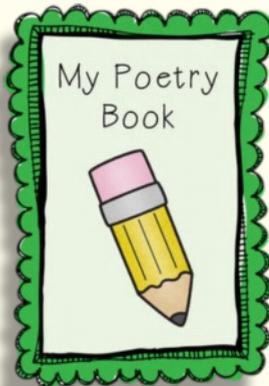
The PTA organised a very successful Bingo evening on Tuesday 17 October. The event was well attended by both families and staff and much fun and good food was had by all. A huge thanks to our dedicated PTA members who organise and put on events to raise much needed funds.





On Thursday 19 October the children took part in an online workshop with poet Ian Bland - then they had a go at writing their own poems. Jonny from Owls Class has written a fabulous poem, which he is happy to share.

*On buses and trains you wouldn't believe
The crazy things that people leave:
A mouldy cookie from 1983
A pet crocodile
A monkey with a mischievous smile
A cuckoo clock
Thousands of keys for a golden lock
Also, a lucky sock!
A spider with one thousand eyes
And ten pork pies
Something fake
A chocolate cake
A girl saying peek-a-boo
A bird playing the didgeridoo
Lost any of these? Bad news I'm afraid
My lost property office has been mislaid*



Staff welcomed prospective parents and pupils to school during our recent successful Open Day. The children who attended participated in forest school activities and enjoyed playing in the school grounds and classrooms.

The parents had a tour of the school and chatted to staff about life in our lovely village school.

If you know someone who is looking for a place for their child . . .

Bishop Wilson CE Primary School has a long history of high quality education. We continue this tradition by providing today's children with an enjoyable and enriching experience which equips them for lifelong learning and provides them with the desire and ability to have a positive impact on the lives of others.

The best way to find out about our school is to come and see us for yourselves. We welcome parents and carers who wish to look around our school or talk to us. To do this please contact Mrs Vicky Johnson by telephone (0151 336 3396) or email (admin@bishopwilson.cheshire.sch.uk) to arrange to visit.



WHAT IS MESSY CHURCH?

MESSY CHURCH IS A WAY OF BEING A CHURCH FOR FAMILIES AND OTHERS. IT IS CHRIST-CENTRED, AND IT'S FOR ALL AGES, BASED ON CREATIVITY, HOSPITALITY AND CELEBRATION. [*CLICK HERE*](#)



ROSE'S REVIEW OF THE RECENT ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH LIGHT PARTY

I really loved all the yummy food - the hotdogs and the chocolate cake. I liked making the edible sparklers with the icing and the sprinkles and I liked drawing circles and writing my name with real sparklers outside, in the dark. The firework scratch drawings were really fun and I liked playing with the glow sticks too.

I really loved spending time with my friends at the light party and talking about Jesus.

Rose is a very special young person and is a regular member of St Nicholas' Church. To learn more about Rose please

[*Click Here*](#)



BOOK BEFORE BEDTIME

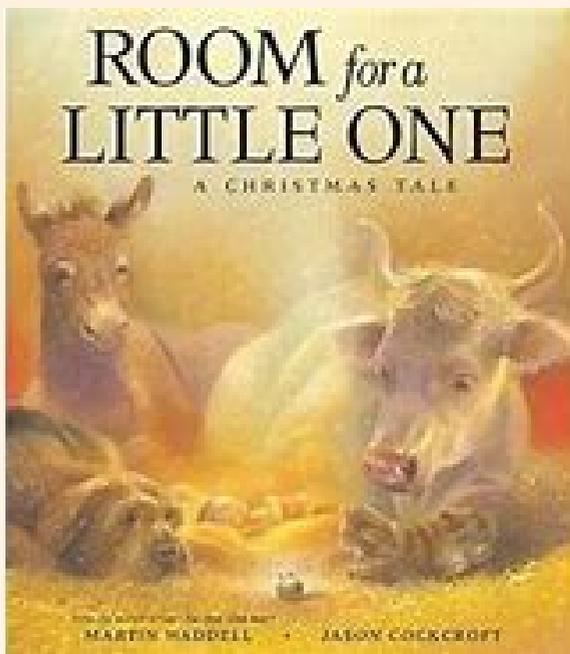
Come Along !

St Nicholas' Church

Friday 15 December

6:30pm to 7:15pm

***Come in your
PJs, bring your
Teddy Bear
and join the
fun !***



Gather Around the Christmas Tree and
under all the Christmas Lights

We have a craft, storytime and a game then finish
with refreshments of (not too) hot chocolate,
juice and a biscuit.

Further details: Sarah Curnow on 07527 848 781

THE PUDDINGTON SOCIETY

Puddington Village, Neston, Cheshire



CHRISTMAS IN PUDDINGTON

Saturday 23 December 6:00pm

**Puddington Village Community's
Annual Christmas Charity Event**



'Carols on the Green' 2023

Please Come Along!

**Gather Around the
Christmas Tree
All Your Favourite
Carols
Mince Pies & Mulled
Wine
A Christmas
Message
Father Christmas
Children's Presents**



This is a free event organised by the Puddington Society on behalf of the local community and is supported by the local **Parish Council** and our parish church of **St Nicholas', Burton**.

Friends and neighbours, as well as people from other local villages and the surrounding area, are all most welcome to come along.

A cash collection in aid of charity will be taken on the night on behalf of the charity **The Mango Tree**. This organisation has its roots in Puddington Village through charity founders Gail and Willie Fulton.

Over the last 20 years the charity's good works have supported the education of over 27,000 orphans of HIV/Aids and their communities in sub-Saharan Africa

So, if you are able, please give generously £ £ £!

Committee Members: Hazel Huxley - Nicola Hampton - Steven Cox - Scott Lewis - Bryan Blakeman

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

Thursday 7 December

At 10:00am

Christmas Coffee

Morning in

Church with Craft &

Produce Stall



Wednesday 13 December at 2:00pm

Advent Service & Tea

Christ Church, Willaston



Everyone is Welcome

Wednesday 17 January at 2:00pm

Annual Meeting

For more information about these events
Contact: Ann Rudd, 0151 336 1513



A Brief History of Nearby Shotwick Castle

St Michael's Shotwick



Shotwick Castle was a Motte and Bailey castle on the crest of a steep escarpment above the east bank of the former course of the River Dee. Its defensive position was enhanced by two steep sided watercourses flanking it on the north and south sides.

The motte itself is a small mound, hexagonal in plan and 40m by 20m at the top. From limited excavation in the 19th century there appears to be the foundations of a stone keep surviving to a depth of 2.3m under the turf. A ditch surrounds the motte and is about 25m wide and 3m deep. This would have been flooded at high tide. To the south east is a small bailey which is 38m wide at the top. It was built by Hugh Lupus, Earl of Chester, during the eleventh century.

Under various owners it formed part of the defence of the borders with the Welsh until 1281 when peace was finally made with the rulers of Wales. In 1327 the manor was 'emparked' as a royal game park for the recreation of Edward III. The last major repairs to the castle are documented in 1371.

Shotwick just was one of the castles of the earldom of Chester that came into the King's hands in 1237.

Although it commanded a ford over the River Dee, Shotwick Castle was never of more than minor importance, and when the Black Prince visited in 1353, at which time it was not even garrisoned, it was described as a manor rather than a castle.

Reflections on Remembrance Sunday

St Michael's Shotwick

St Michael's Church had a congregation of around 20 on what was a wet Remembrance Sunday in November with an excellent sermon from Rev John Coyne which focused on ***'The King's Most Loyal Enemy Aliens'*** 10,000 of which fought for the allies in WW II proving that it's not always straightforward who you might consider to be an enemy!



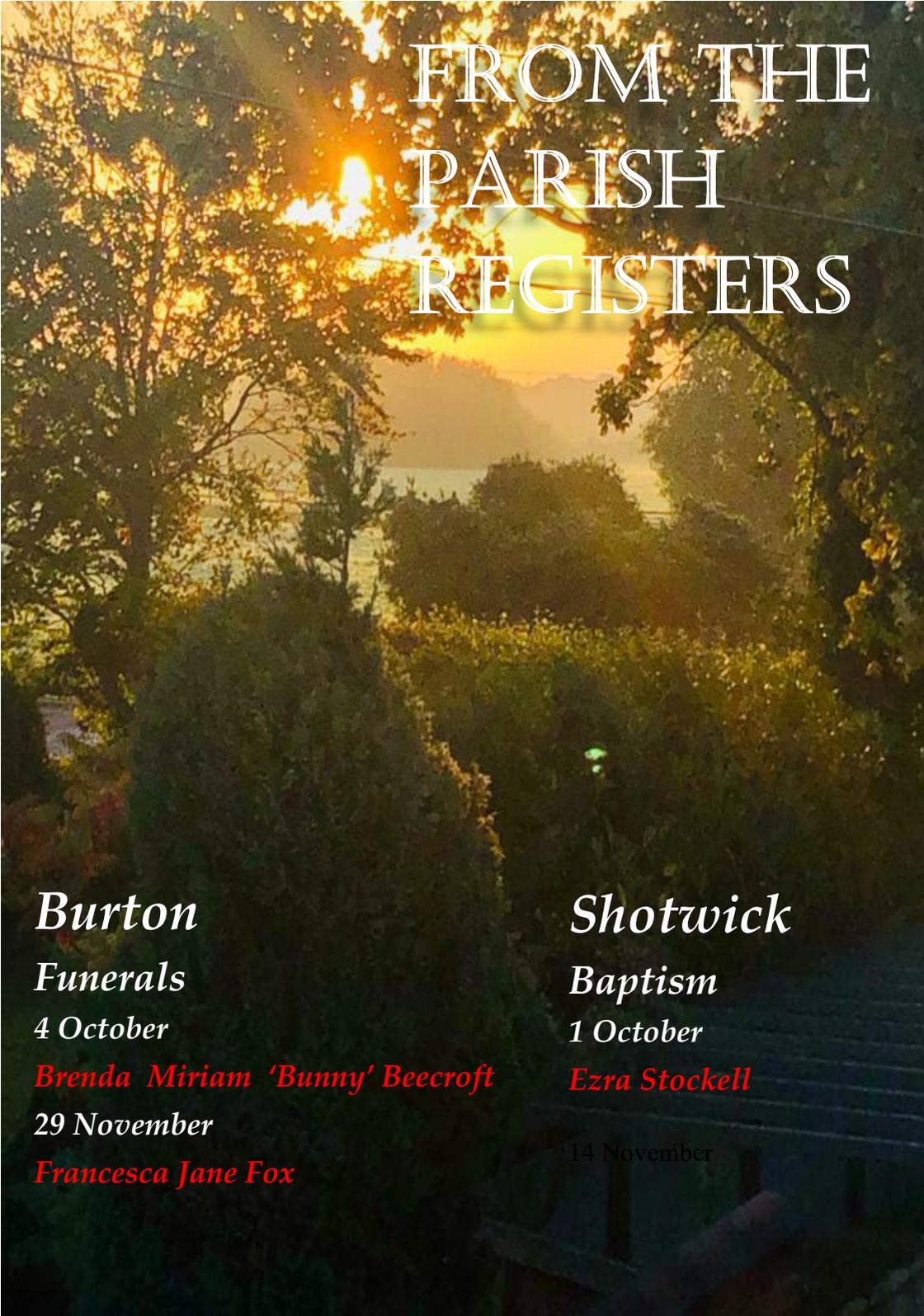
Involvement With Local Schools

Jenny Sneddon, Churchwarden at St Michael's Church, and recently retired university lecturer at Liverpool John Moores University, has been working on a number of outdoor projects with some local schools.

Jenny said:

"I am currently working on outdoor learning activities with Bishop Wilson School in Burton, as well as Capenhurst and Christchurch schools and hopefully in future also with St Oswalds School"





FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Burton

Funerals

4 October

Brenda Miriam 'Bunny' Beecroft

29 November

Francesca Jane Fox

Shotwick

Baptism

1 October

Ezra Stockell

14 November



Coffee Morning



Everyone Welcome



Thursday 7 December

10:00am St Nicholas' Church, Burton

*Including a Christmas Crafts
& Produce Stall*

*Come along - meet friends, bring friends
and enjoy some coffee or tea and cakes!*

In aid of St Nicholas' Church, Burton

Tales From

By mid-November the weather has turned colder – still maybe 10°C outside but most of us will have started up our heating for the winter. The news is starting to show that the rate of inflation is falling to (perhaps) below 5% as big energy price rises of a year ago fall out of the equation. It's also the time of year that recipients of government benefits get the second one-off cost of living payment of the year.

It's £300 – a very significant amount of money, and it has a big effect to reduce the number of clients at the foodbank. For two or three weeks at least. For those who believe that it's spongers who go to foodbanks this large dip in numbers when there's more money in people's pockets is a demonstration that actually it's lack of money that brings most people to a foodbank, not the draw of 'something for nothing'. This year more and more of our clients are reporting that they permanently don't make enough money to get by. Last year it was mostly temporary – a job loss or an illness.

But although the drop in client numbers is large, it's nowhere near complete – we still have more than 60% of last month's number. There are many reasons for this – some people have debts that need to be paid, but more shockingly there are some people who aren't eligible for this 6 month cost of living payment through a vagary of timing or some accidental reason.

Although the lump sum payment covers a six month period, it's only paid to people who are paid benefit in one specific month. So those who earned a bit more that month and didn't get benefits, if it had 5 weekly pay packets in it, for instance, or if they had some extra hours in that month, get nothing even if they received benefits in all of the other 5 monthly periods. The payment is also withheld from those who are sanctioned by the DWP in that month, again even if they had no sanctions in the other 5 months. Sanctions are not always deserved – Foodbank Plus can, and does, help sort that out, but can't retrospectively get the cost of living payment.

WIRRAL FOODBANK

**FEEDING LOCAL
PEOPLE IN CRISIS**



SUPPORTING


Wirral
foodbank

Lovely as the £300 is, it's a bit of a budgeting problem, although it seems a bit churlish to say so. It represents about £12 per week over 6 months and (perhaps) the best thing to do with it is to put it in a bank account and use £12 of it a week over the next 6 months. I don't know about you but I know that I could not do that – especially if the kids were hungry and cold. To me it seems like a design made by people who have enough money and are used to an annual bonus. It would cost nothing more to add £50 to each monthly benefit payment.

So, inevitably, we'll see our normal level of clients again in 2 or 3 weeks.

The falling rate of inflation mentioned above is also a double-edged sword (or perhaps triple-edged). While it's great that the rate of price increases is slowing, I don't need to tell you that prices are still a lot higher than a year ago and not going down. Wage increases at the lower end of the pay scale are not as big as the average, while food, energy and housing inflation rates are higher than the average. With inflation adjustment happening retrospectively the lower paid, whether receiving benefits or not, are behind as soon as they get any increase as long as inflation continues.

Foodbanks everywhere depend on donations to continue to support those families and those individuals who are faced with deciding what to do without – shelter, food, energy. Wirral and West Cheshire are no exception to this and rely on our generosity, even though times are harder for all of us.

The local foodbank's websites list the most needed food and can take monetary donations.

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

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

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

Thank You

Ian Birch, Volunteer
Wirral Foodbank



To volunteer or to donate [Click Here](#)

Burton Mere Wetlands

Winter Approaches . . .

It's been a fantastic, if not very wet, season so far. With the trees finally turning, there's stunning autumnal colours spread across the landscape and breath-taking sunsets to be seen over the Dee Estuary reserve. It's a perfect time to wrap up and take some time out for yourself to clear your mind and embrace how lucky we are to have this unique landscape on our doorstep.

We have had a great variety of birds migrating through, using the Dee Estuary as a spot to rest up and navigate their way to their wintering sites. Some birds of course are here to stay for the winter, like the Pink-footed Geese in from Iceland. These distinctive geese with their soft sounding calls and their V shaped flight patterns can be watched at dusk, ten thousand plus strong.

Hen Harriers and Short-eared Owls are another superb winter spectacle to see on the marsh and occasionally will be spotted here at Burton Mere Wetlands. Marsh Harriers have been regularly seen very active from our Visitor Centre, most likely our family group from the summer.

The estuary is an absolute marvel at this time of year and teeming with bird life. We implore you to get out there. Record numbers of ducks like the Shoveler, Wigeon, Shelduck and Gadwall, one of my favourite ducks that often gets overlooked. As well as growing sightings of Whooper Swan, with 33 seen here at Burton Mere wetlands. Great Egrets are up, with 45 recently recorded and around 370 Little Egret, a bird we once considered a very rare sighting. Another record was 21 Cattle Egret seen regularly riding on the ponies that we use to graze at Burton Mere Wetlands, taking advantage of them disturbing frogs and insects for them to feed on.



Pink Footed Goose



Hen Harrier



Shoveler Duck



Whooper Swans



John Hewitt

Cattle Egrets



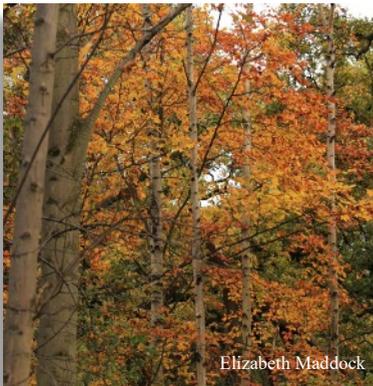
Dee Estuary



King Fisher



RSPB Telescopes &
Binoculars



A Hive of Colour

Pictures courtesy of RSPB

We've had a few fabulous pops of colour between the grey, rainy days with the likes of mixed flocks of small birds like Tits and Goldfinches with bright yellow Siskin, electric blue Kingfisher seen often around the meres and at the hides, then mossy green, Green Woodpecker, a little more hard to catch but when you do they're all the more special.

Our wonderful café is now up and running with a nice selection of goodies to warm you up in these colder months. Freshly ground RSPB bird friendly, organic coffee is going down a treat and we have a selection of refreshments available with the menu changing regularly while we try out different recipes like freshly baked scone or bacon and sausage butties!

The mail-order shop has a new display of Christmas items for you to browse then order with us and get free home delivery for any order over £15 with the profits coming back to the Dee Estuary reserve.

On Sunday 3 December, we will be holding another Binocular and Telescope Open Day, with expert knowledge from our Viking rep and our team. Don't forget we stock these products now, so you can take them away to use on the day.

January will bring the annual RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. We hope to be running some family friendly events, giving you some top tips on identifying the different garden birds you might find on your count, so watch this space.

Closing times for the reserve are 4:30pm & café 4:00 pm.

Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve closing at 3:00pm with café closing at 2:30pm.

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

rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands,

Facebook, or Twitter, telephone 0151 353 2720

Christmas Events at Ness Gardens



Christmas Wreath Making

2, 3 & 5 December, 10am - 12 noon

£45 Members of Ness Gardens

£50 Non-Members

You don't have to be an expert florist to make your own beautiful wreath for your front door.

Led by Philippa Harris from Dovecote nurseries, you'll be given all the guidance and inspiration to make your very own festive door ornament that will indeed make your neighbours jealous! And what better way to get you into the festive spirit than enjoying coffee or tea and a mince pie, too.

All materials are provided but please bring a pair of gardening gloves and secateurs as we are not able to provide them.

No experience required. Suitable for 18 years +

For more Information [Click Here](#)

The 3Ls Christmas Choir

Saturday 2 December, 2.00pm

Free Event

Get into the festive spirit with the fabulous 3Ls Choir who will be performing a varied programme of Christmas songs, from medieval to Rock'n'roll.

The 3Ls Choir is part of the Wirral 3Ls (for Leisure Learning and Laughter) organisation which offers day-time classes and activities to the over 50s.

The concert is suitable for all the family.

For more information [Click Here](#)



Continued...

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Family Christmas Crafts

2, 3, 16 & 17 December

Free activities included in your normal garden admission.

Join us this festive session for some Christmas crafts with your children or grandchildren.

There will be 4 sessions per day, please only book one session per family.

10.30-11.00am , 11.30-12.00 noon

1.30-2.00pm , 2.30-3.00pm

Please book one slot per family, up to 3 children. Activities suitable for children aged 3-12 years. The craft session is free with garden admission but pre-booking is required.

For more information [Click Here](#)

Story Time with Father Christmas

Sunday 10 & Sunday 17 December

£9 per child (includes a gift to take home, & admission into the gardens on the day)

The man in red is visiting once more to hear your child's Christmas wishes. There will be time for each child to have a chat and if you'd like to, bring a letter to Father Christmas on the day. He loves to read what you've been up to. Father Christmas will be at Ness on Sunday 10 and Sunday 17 December.

There are four sessions per day each 30 minutes long:

11.00 - 11.30am , 1.00 - 1.30pm , 2.00 - 2.30pm , 3.00 - 3.30pm

Places are limited to a maximum of 20 children each session.

Suitable for 3-11 year olds

For more information [Click Here](#)



Neston Miners Memorial and Information Project



Burton & Neston History Society

The Society are sponsors of a local Crowdfunding project to create a memorial to the miners of the Neston Collieries (men and children) which will be on the small village green at Ness. It will provide information about the miners and associated trades who worked in the Neston Collieries in the context of locations where the mining took place.

Coal mining in the Neston area is an extraordinary story. The historic village of Ness is proud of its memorials to Lady Hamilton, her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as well as to servicemen who lost their lives in both World Wars.

What is currently lacking is a memorial to honour the men and children from Ness, Little Neston, and Neston who laboured in the local mines. The first of these, Ness Colliery, operated from 1759 to 1855. There were also mines at Little Neston (c.1820-late 1840's) and Neston from 1875 until closure in 1927.

These individuals worked tirelessly underground and beneath the estuary in demanding and dangerous conditions. Tragically, some lost their lives as a result, so it is only fitting that they be remembered with a suitable memorial which will be located in the heart of Ness village.

In addition to the memorial, the project aims to install a series of interpretation boards along the coastal path, starting from the bottom of Moorside Lane at Parkgate and extending to Burton Point. These boards will provide valuable information, including one near the location of the Ness mine at the end of Denhall Quay. Other boards will include the history and other points of interest relating to the local area such as the Old Quay and Little Neston Green.

What the project will deliver:

- Create a Miners' Memorial to be located at Ness village
- 6 Interpretation Boards with the history of the local area

For more information and to show support for this worthwhile project with your contribution [**Click Here**](#)

In the Garden

with Flori Bunda

Winter . . .

At the time of writing, parts of the garden remain waterlogged. However, the leaves remaining on various shrubs and trees vary from crimson, yellow, and gold. The dark green of the holly and red berries complete the picture.



The hydrangea florets are in winter hue, but there are also 'heads' in pale blue, pink, and white. All wonderful for decorations in vases indoors.



Three lavender bushes have been successfully re-planted into a border in the front garden.



A border at the rear of the greenhouse was again overgrown and in need of attention. A task for husband! A rosemary bush remains – perhaps more herbs will be planted in the space.

As the hazel nuts have been eaten by a squirrel, Harry Lauder's Walking Stick can have a haircut



There is a lovely 'blue' pine tree in the garden. Branches of same are used in Christmas decorations as the needles stay intact.

Sweet pea seeds have been purchased, possibly to be sewn in January.

A blackbird was spotted in the garden, Robbie Robin (always present), masses of blue/great tits. A blue tit perched on the door handle of the french window.

Not many garden jobs remain.

But tasks you can still be getting on with:

- Weeds can still be seen.
- Keep paths clear of moss.
- Make plans for next year



Flori Bunda

**Burton
Residents'
Association**



Meet the Neighbours ...

This time it's a

Christmas Warm Up

Friday 1 December 6:00pm

Burton & Puddington Sports Pavilion

Gladstone Village Hall



Bar Opens 6:00pm

Mulled Wine & Usual Bar Facilities

Dogs and Children Very Welcome

Relaxed Evening & Fun for All

Better Than Writing Christmas Cards

***A chance to have a nice relaxed evening
before the Christmas party season starts***

DON'T FORGET TO BRING A NEIGHBOUR!



THE BURTON SOCIETY

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CHRISTMAS
POTPOURRI

A Selection Of Festive Readings

7 December 2023 at 8pm
Gladstone Village Hall

Tickets: £3 (Members Free)
Call 336 5852



QUIZ NIGHT

Quiz Season is Back!

Friday 19 January

Friday 16 February

Friday 15 March

Friday 19 April

Friday 17 May



Burton & Puddington Sports & Social Club

*The bar and Clubhouse will be open from 7:30pm with
the main quiz starting at 8:00pm.*

Just £2 entry per person, includes half-time snacks.

BURGLARY PREVENTION ADVICE

from PCSO Linda Conway



Some Basic Steps:

- Photograph each item, keep a written description, and make sure it is included on your insurance policy.
- Use special property marking technology from www.securedbydesign.com
- Keep fences/hedges at front of property low – give them nowhere to hide.
- Keep your gardens well lit – install dusk till dawn lighting at front and rear of property.
- CCTV/video doorbells with clear signage can be a deterrent. Look at window/door alarms, these can also be good intruder alarms. If a potential intruder attempts to hit or smash the window, then a powerful siren is triggered.
- Alarms – consider an accredited burglar alarm.



The two inspectorate bodies are the NSI (National Security Inspectorate – www.nsi.org.uk) and the SSAIB (Security Systems & Alarm Inspection Board – www.ssaib.org). Both inspectorates have search functions on their websites to assist in checking out if a security company installing alarms is genuinely approved. It will ensure you have a reliable and well-maintained system that meets relevant British and European standards, and which could result in lower insurance premiums.

These are just a few things to consider when looking at your home security, for more information about keeping your home and property safe visit

www.cheshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/

Report any suspicious activity, such as being watched or followed, to the police through our website, on social media or by calling 101. Always 999 in an emergency.



NESTON LIBRARY



CHRISTMAS EVENTS



Christmas Crafts

Saturdays, 2, 9 & 16 December

10:00am - 12 noon

Join us to make Christmas cards for your family and friends. Drop in.

Monday 18 December

10:00am - 12 noon Christmas colouring

2.30pm: Board games & Christmas bingo

Tuesday 19 December

11.15am: Christmas Rhyme time (U5s)

Wednesday 20 December

10.30am - 12 noon

Festive coffee morning & book folding

Thursday 21 December

4:00pm: Christmas bedtime story

Come along in your festive pyjamas and listen to a special story and sing some rhymes.

Friday 22 December

10:00am - 4:00pm: Festive card colouring

Saturday 23 December

10:00am - 12 noon Children's crafts

Wednesday 27 December - Friday 29 December

10:00am - 4:00pm: Games, colouring

Why not come and play some board games, do some colouring, help create a Lego masterpiece or just chill out and chat over a brew?

For regular activities at the Library, [**Click Here**](#)

Cheshire West & Chester Mobile Library

THE MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS BOTH
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New 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 new 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 8 December
2024 dates yet to be
announced



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'Carols on the Green'

Saturday 23 December 6:00pm

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For more information please contact Hazel Huxley on 0151 336 2288

THE BURTON SOCIETY

The Burton Society meets in the Gladstone Village Hall at 8:00pm.

Thursday 7 December - '**A Christmas Potpourri**' - a selection of festive readings.

Mince pies and wine will be served. Tickets available (£3) from Renee Syme 336 5852. Members free!

Thursday 4 January - '**Japan - Bowing To Tradition**'.

Travel with Jim Holmes through the unexpected sides of life in Japan.

Thursday 1 February - '**A Sunday Ride Through La Belle France**'

Richard Hudson shares his experience of competing in La Marmotte 2023

Everyone Welcome

BURTON & NESTON HISTORY SOCIETY

Thursday 14 December '**Becoming Lady Hamilton**' - Speaker: James Chalmers

Thursday 11 January '**Chester Foundling Hospital**' - Speaker: Anthony Annakin-Smith

Thursday 8 February '**The History and Restoration of the Daniel Adamson**' - Speaker Sheila Leonard

Gladstone Village Hall. Doors open from 7.45 pm, talks start at 8pm. Visitors welcome.

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

BURTON WALKING GROUP

For more information please contact Gilly Mansfield 0151 336 4297

BURTON BRIDGE CLUB

Burton Bridge Club meets on Monday Evenings

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