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MIXING THE GENERATIONS & WORKING BETTER TOGETHER

REVD JOHN COYNE

I recently watched a BBC programme, Talking Business, which looked into the social and economic impact in many parts of the world of there being fewer young people alongside ageing populations. What became clear is that all ages need one another to meet the needs of present and future generations.



As I reflect on many years of public ministry, I have more recently seen the impact of communities and churches where this cross-generational engagement has been lacking. The result is always negative in terms of social cohesion and community life. Yet alongside this I know that the good news of God embraces every generation, encouraging churches and communities to celebrate and reach out to people of different ages.

The Old Testament prophet Joel said: 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.' (Joel 2:28). That is certainly an inter-generational promise!

Later on, the ministry of Jesus modelled a clear engagement with every age group, as well as with people from different cultures. This prompts me to suggest that the healthy future of our communities depends on somehow collaborating with and blending all ages in schools, churches and villages. Film nights, storytelling, craft activities and food sharing are relatively simple to organise and could well be an opportunity for sharing across generations. I have seen it work particularly well in Puddington and I have met individuals elsewhere who have a natural gift at

mixing up the generations in social settings.

The wisdom of the elders, the energy of the young, the curiosity of children and the resilience of those in midlife all belong together. Each generation embodies gifts that the others need.

So, imagine becoming a worshipping community – Burton, Puddington and Shotwick – where teenagers teach tech skills to older members, as elders share stories of faith that shape young hearts. Picture a community garden tended by toddlers and retirees alike. Envision worship services where children's questions spark sermons, whilst grandparents lead prayers with gentle authority. These are not idealistic dreams – they are real possibilities, waiting to be embraced.

As I retire, I want to encourage you to be bold in building bridges. Start small – a shared meal, a storytelling evening, a craft session, a walk. Invite the generations to listen to one another, to learn from one another and to love one another. Let the church be a place where age is not a barrier but an open-handed blessing.

I may be relinquishing formal ministry but I am not giving up hope. And my hope is this: that you will continue to give – and grow – as a community where every generation mingles, thereby finding purpose, belonging and joy.

Thank you for the care you've shown to Sue and myself during these (all too short) three years. We have enjoyed meeting so many people and ministering in your midst. Now go on and share that love – across the ages, across the pews and beyond the garden gate. Be agents of a new future...

John

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10:00AM 12 OCTOBER HARVEST PRAISE

WEEKLY - WEDNESDAYS
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1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH 8:45AM HOLY COMMUNION BCP

3RD SUNDAY OF MONTH 10:00AM HOLY COMMUNION CW





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3RD SUNDAY OF MONTH 11:30AM MORNING PRAYER BCP

4TH SUNDAY OF MONTH
11:30AM HOLY COMMUNION BCP

5[™] Sunday of Month 11:30am Holy Communion BCP

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Burton

Wedding

26 July

Helen Louise Carter & Craig Julian Doda

Baptism

13 July Ellie Jane Peters

3 August
Xander Jasper Perry

Interment Of Ashes

12 July William Thomas Draper

8 August Susan Frances Mortimor

Parish Vacancy - New Vicar Moving Forward Together

When Rev John Coyne took the decision to retire as vicar of Burton, he very helpfully provided the churchwardens and the PCC's standing committee with plenty of notice; something that has been greatly appreciated.

This extended notice period has provided valuable time for the church to reflect on and prepare for what will be needed in the months that lie ahead. The PCC, the standing committee and the churchwardens want the church to continue to operate from a position of unity and strength while we await the appointment of our next vicar. Above all we want to solicit your views and ideas regarding the way forward.

We realised that one person, or even two people, cannot possibly do everything on their own and we are very lucky to have a team of capable and willing people who want to work together for the benefit of our whole church. Consequently, the PCC has put in place an interim Parish Management Structure to help share the load and ensure that church life continues and remains as strong and as vibrant as possible in terms of church services, events, meetings and coffee mornings etc. all of which have always been the mainstay of our church and our local community.

In addition to normal PCC meetings, a standing committee of six people will meet regularly to oversee different aspects of church life, parish administration and pastoral care. These people will provide an additional resource and be an extra point of contact for everyone by offering helpful advice to the churchwardens to ensure things aren't missed.

In addition to the churchwardens who will oversee affairs, including the fabric of the church building, the interim management team will also include:

Tony Carter as deputy Churchwarden;

Philip Hillman will lead on faith and church services;

Bryan Blakeman will be involved in finance and communication; and

John Church will support pastoral visiting, compliance and regulatory matters.

We recognise that a parish vacancy can be a challenging time, and while there are likely to be some ups and downs, we hope that the changes we have introduced will help to strengthen our church and enable it to move forward, purposefully and prayerfully, until we are able to announce the appointment of a new vicar.

Ivor Thomas & Jane Davies, Churchwardens

Pastoral Care Visiting & Holy Communion at Home

Visiting people throughout the parish who live alone or are housebound, in care or in hospital has always been a mainstay of ministry at St Nicholas' Church. In advance of the current vacancy for a vicar following the retirement of John Coyne, the PCC have made suitable arrangements to ensure that people's pastoral care visits and Holy Communion at home needs are managed properly and sensitively.

Historically, in the villages of Burton and Puddington, there has been quite an effective informal network to keep people updated on pastoral needs with people visiting on a 'friend basis'. This, coupled with a full-time vicar until four years ago, worked satisfactorily. Now, the situation has changed and the future arrangements we have put in place are designed to support these informal networks whilst recognising the limitations of having a part time vicar and the fact that over 50% of our congregation live outside the parish.

The coordinator of our visiting will be John Church, Please don't assume that someone else has alerted John about someone who needs to be visited as it is important to respond to any requests on a timely basis. And, if you visit someone as a friend and wish to have these visits coordinated, please contact John.



Life events such as baptisms, marriages and funerals will continue to be managed through the church's normal channels by our parish administrator and churchwardens.

Holy Communion at Home

In preparation for the vacancy three Eucharistic ministers were approved by John Coyne and endorsed by the Bishop of Birkenhead, Julie Conalty. They are: Anne Parsons, Tony Carter and John Church and they will be supported by Lay Readers John Morris-Best and Philip Hillman. Collectively they will deliver Holy Communion at home using bread and wine that will have been consecrated by an ordained minister at a Holy Communion Service following the appropriate liturgy.

Bereavement & End of Life Visiting

Local ordained clergy will normally be asked to assist under these circumstances and if necessary, further assistance will be sought from the Rural Dean.

Pastoral Care and Holy Communion at home will both be coordinated by John Church and his contact details are: 0151 336 2228 or 07703199132 or via email at john_sue44@hotmail.co.uk.



Friends of St Nicholas' Church

The Friends of St Nicholas' Church (FSNC) is a group that is affiliated to St Nicholas' Church and was created some years ago.

Its raison d'être is to enable members of our local community who may be interested in the preservation of the church building, its historic churchyard and Church Wood to provide financial support that contributes to the maintenance of the building and the surrounding area as an important local amenity.

In addition to encouraging local people to donate just a small amount (e.g. £5 a month) the Friends of St Nicholas' Church also organises successful fund raising for the benefit of FSNC and other charities such as Wirral Foodbank and other causes.

Maintaining St Nicholas' Church and churchyard is expensive so if you care about maintaining its existence in Burton as a local amenity, now and in the future, please consider making a regular donation.

Contact:

Ron Curnow, Chair FSNC

07710 294 931

The next charity fund raising event being organised by FSNC is a performance by the internationally renowned Rhos Male Voice Choir

The choir performs regularly throughout the UK, Europe and the USA. On this occasion the funds raised will be shared between FSNC and Wirral Foodbank.

Further details about the concert can be found on the next page. Importantly the numbers that can be accommodated are limited so if you would like to book tickets, please do so as soon as possible.

The Rhos Male Voice Choir has achieved remarkable success and received many accolades including first place at the Llangollen International Eisteddfod and the National Eisteddfod of Wales. The choir has also performed at notable venues worldwide, including the Royal Albert Hall and the Chicago Opera House. Having the choir perform for us in Burton before its next concert in Rouen in France later in October, is a real coup for FSNC. The ticket price includes refreshments of wine or soft drinks during the interval.

It promises to be a fantastic evening and in addition to the performance by the choir the concert will also feature a short performance by Tony Davies, Piano Keyboard and Bob Hyatt Oboe who recently performed as part of the Neston Music Festival

Rhos Male Voice Choir

Côr Meibion Rhos

Musical Director: James Llewelyn Jones

St Nicholas' Church, Burton



Saturday 11 October 7pm

Charity Concert Tickets £20

Inc Refreshments

John Church 07703 199 132

Ron Curnow 07710 294 931



The Rhos Male Voice Choir is one of Wales' most successful choirs, known for its rich history and numerous accolades in male voice singing including winners 2025 National Eisteddfod of Wales

Proceeds in aid of Friends of St Nicholas' Church & Wirral Foodbank









St Nicholas' Church

Burton & Puddington News

A Fond Farewell

Sunday 31 August was John Coyne's last service as our vicar before his retirement. It was well attended by over 100 people from both Burton and Shotwick. The service was supported by both parishes with different church members undertaking readings and prayers and Rev Steve James, retired minister and accomplished musician, providing the music. The service was quite moving for all concerned.

Sue Coyne led the service, and John Coyne preached his last sermon. John and Sue Coyne were presented with flowers and gifts from both parishes and refreshments were served in the Church following the service.





Community Coffee Morning

Thank you to all those who supported John & Sue Coyne's farewell coffee morning. The event raised £235 towards Church funds.



St Nic's Nippers

For parents, grandparents, carers and pre-school children.

Every Monday 10:00am - 12 noon in Gladstone Village Hall.

Contact sheilad.stnics@gmail.com

Watch Services Online

To watch Sunday morning services online, either live or recorded, simply go to:

youtube.com/@stnicholasburton

Burton Church Verger Announces Retirement

After many years service as Verger at St Nicholas' Church, Ann Warr retired from the role on 31 August and relinquished her duties.

The role of Verger in the Church of England is steeped in history and dates back to at least the 16th century. In more modern times the Verger in a parish church is responsible for the preparation of the church for services. And, as Ann herself says, "tidying up afterwards!"

The Verger plays a crucial role in ensuring that services run smoothly as well as greeting and welcoming people to church and providing information. Ann has always provided a welcoming and cheerful face in the church porch to greet people and, although she will continue to attend services, her presence as Verger will undoubtedly be missed.

Church Verger - A Potted History

The title of verger arises from the ceremonial rod they traditionally carried known as a virge (from the Latin virga meaning branch, staff, rod). The Maces of State used in the House of Lords and the House of Commons are examples of another modern use of the medieval virge. In former times, a verger (usually a male) might have needed to use his virge to keep back animals or an overenthusiastic crowd from the



person he was escorting or even to discipline unruly choristers.

The office of verger has its roots in the early days of the Church of England's history. Historically, vergers were responsible for the order and upkeep of a house of worship, including the care of the church buildings, its furnishings and sacred relics, preparations for liturgy, conduct of the laity, as well as grave-digging responsibilities. Although there is no definitive historical examination of the office of verger, evidence from the cathedrals of Rochester, Lincoln, Exeter, and Salisbury point to the existence of vergers even in the 16th century.

The typical robes of a verger were a black gown worn over a black cassock. The gown was somewhat like an academic's gown and open-fronted in the English tradition. It was common for a verger's gown to bear the arms of the church, usually on one or both sleeves and often trimmed with velvet. Formally, a jabot (decorative accessory) was worn at the neck.

St Michael's Church

Shotwick News

A Bumper August 2025 -Clock, Tree and OrganFest

The Clock

It's ten years since the village of Shotwick heard the hour strike. Now thanks to Cumbria Clock, whose strap line is "Doing Time", and a very kind and generous benefactor, once again the telling of the hour is back.







The reinstalled fully electric clock is now set within a metal surround rather than wood as it once was. The whole task, including pointing the area behind, was completed without sight of ladder nor scaffolding!



The Tree

The planting of our new Oak tree under the Oaks 80 scheme run by Mersey Forest to replace our mourned European Larch, cut down due to health & safety problems.

Thanks are due to Alex Williams and Councillor Simon Eardley for organising this and to Fir Tree Cottage for watering duties!

An OrganFest

A splendid afternoon was had by over one hundred people who attended four hours of selected organ pieces played by nine passionately talented musicians of varying ages ... all with one thing in common, their love of pipe organs.

The event was underpinned by our dedicated team of caterers who refreshed the audience with tea and cake etc.. a massive thank you Teamwork St Michael's! £500 was raised which will go towards the cost of maintaining our ancient pipe organ. Thank you everyone for your generosity

Rosemary Taylor Churchwarden











16 yr old Abhay Prabhakar, Junior scholar at Bangor cathedral, and Nigel James, Director of Music at St John The Evangelist, Great Sutton.



St Michael's Church

Heritage Open Day Saturday 20 September 2025 10.00am to 4.00pm

St Michael's Church is a Grade I listed building which dates back to the 12th century but was largely rebuilt in the 14th century. The oldest part is the carved Norman doorway while the tower was built around 1500.

Notable features include the medieval arrow sharpening grooves in the porch and the 17th/18th century furnishings – the canopied churchwarden's pew, the box pews and the three decker pulpit.

Visitors are welcome to join us and take part in the following activities:

Self Guided Tours

Highlighting the main features of the church – sheets available for adults and children.

Bell Ringing

Demonstrations of bell ringing with the opportunity to try ringing a bell under supervision.

Tower Tours

Ciimb to the roof of the tower for views of the surrounding countryside. These will take place at 11.30, 13.20 and 14.30 and will be limited to 6 people at a time. Sensible shoes and clothing must be worn.

The Organ

Find out about what is involved in playing the organ with the opportunity to try it out – at 13.30 and 14.40.

Guided Walks

Explore Shotwick village at 10.30, 12.10, 14.00 and 15.20.



Trena Mary Cox

There will also be a small display about the stained glass artist Trena Mary Cox (1895-1980) who designed the altar window depicting the Archangel Michael.

Refreshments available all day.

There is a car park opposite the church and toilet facilities are available. There is a ramp for wheelchair access. The paths to the toilet are well made but up a slope. Assistance available if

Bellringers Needed

Bellringing is a team activity which stimulates the brain and helps keep you fit. It also makes a glorious sound. Many consider ringing to be their contribution to church life, others do it for the pure pleasure it brings.



At St Michael's we have a ring of six bells and a friendly band of ringers.

We are looking for new people to join us.

If you would be interested in coming along to learn to ring, please contact us on 07702 748140.

As usual, the summer term is always incredibly busy, but along with the traditional events there has also been a fond farewell to long standing members of staff and the recruitment of new teachers. Autumn term will see a new staff team in school but the same nurturing environment and continued dedication to the best outcomes for all children.

The school building will also feel a little different in September because over the summer we have had work completed to install energy efficient lighting, new flooring and the beginning of the installation of a new central heating boiler. As custodians of the school building, it is important that school improvements are both cost efficient and considerate of the environment.

While at this time of year we are always sad to see our lovely Year 6 children move on to high school, it is always exciting to welcome our new reception children and their families too. We have been a popular choice for our Reception 2025 cohort and our numbers in Pre-school and the Baby Room are growing too. Again, our holiday club has also been very busy over the summer.

As we move into Autumn, we look forward to being involved in village events and will also be holding our annual Autumn Saturday Open Morning with Forest School Activities - please pass this on to anyone who may be looking for a Reception place for September 2026 or an in-year transfer. Follow us on our Facebook page for dates of future events in school.

Best wishes from, The Bishop Wilson Crew



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 to Mothers' Union depending on what works best for each person. To find out more: **Click**

Theme for 2025: Join Us and Join In

We extend a warm welcome to our newest members, Amanda Taylor and Karen Taylor, who joined us in August.

In July the Mothers' Union Annual Garden Meeting took place at the home of Mr and Mrs Lyon. The afternoon was a lovely sunny one and we enjoyed a relaxed afternoon. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.







Wednesday 17 September at 2:00pm

We are holding a Beetle Drive on 17 September 2025 in the Village Hall at 2pm. The tickets are now available at the cost of £10. Please contact Hazel Huxley on 0151 336 2288.

For more information, contact: Valerie Lyon vallyon@btinternet.com

Mortimus Spook's Museum of Curiosities



Tuesday 25 October 2025 11:30am & 1:30pm Adults & children: £5 each

Click on the picture to book!



Come one, come all, come big, come small! Welcome to the Museum of Curiosities, brought to you by the gleefully ghoulish Mortimus Spook – fresh from his research into all things strange at the University of Shiverpool.

Be prepared to be amazed, amused and bemused by Mortimus' incredible magic tricks and spine-tingling stories as he tours you round his spooky collection, curated from his many years of travel to the world's most petrifying places.

Mortimus Spook's Museum of Haunted Curiosities is the perfect Halloween treat for you and your little monsters, suitable for all ages! It's a show not to be missed.

Created by The Big Tiny, one of the North West's leading children's theatre producers.

www liverpool ac uk/ness-gardens/

Down the Garden Path with Flori Bunda

Autumn Tints

As summer fades it has been a season of many successes and failures.

The sweet peas were wonderful – four to five florets and long stems. These wonderful flowers filled many vases until two weeks prior to the Show. Short stems and fewer florets were the norm. However, a large bowl containing same gained 1st at the Show! To date, the leaves are almost dust, but there are still sweet peas in flower.

The roses have been beautiful. Alec's Red peaked too soon, and Dutch Gold was shown instead - only 2nd Prize!

A large sunflower has grown alongside a bird feeder.

Zinnias were grown for the first time and are really lovely although the flowers were small!

Agapanthus alba only flowered for a short time but hopefully some seed from same can be collected.

The dahlias were disappointing, being a lot smaller than usual and gladiolii are still only showing leaves.

Buddleia davidii, white, only flowered for a short time so the brown 'heads' will be pruned off.



The rowans have a lovely crop of berries.

Spring flowering bulbs will soon be planted, both in tubs and in the ground.

The borders behind the greenhouse were growing over the path. This has now been cleared. Ground elder is still a menace and continues to be pulled up by the roots.

Blue/great tits raid the bird feeders in great numbers. Robbie Robin has been seen. Wonder of wonders one Jenny Wren appeared in the middle of the lawn and later two more wrens appeared.

Tasks to be getting on with:

- Dead head flowers
- Collect seeds if possible
- Continue weeding and water pots





It's August at the Foodbank. In June I mentioned that Wirral Foodbank has helped set up a Community Advice Hub as a result of the research done by their community organiser (funded by Trussell Trust). The Hub opened in the Charing Cross area of Birkenhead.



Wirral's Mayor, Councillor Brian Kenny, with staff and customers of the Community Advice Hub in Birkenhead during its opening on Thursday 3 July

"Over four sessions in the first month of operation, the Hub has supported a total of 59 people. The top issues are benefits and tax credits, utilities and debts and the majority of people have heard about the Hub through word of mouth. We are pleased that most people using the Hub are coming in before their issue has reached crisis point. We hope this will act as a preventative measure to reduce the number of people who have to depend on the Foodbank."

The Hub goes beyond this though. One of the 59 clients was a deaf man who the Job Centre suggested should visit the Hub where he got help to call United Utilities to get a water meter fitted, which could save him £540 a year in water bills. United Utilities now know that all future contact should be via text. It's a powerful reminder of how small, in-person actions can have a big impact.

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

Thank you again for your care and support for your neighbours in Wirral and West Cheshire.

Ian Birch, Volunteer, Wirral Foodbank

Burton Mere Wetlands

Moving Into Autumn

At the time of writing, we are in another heatwave period. Unlike 2024 this summer has seen several hot periods and very little rain.

The main scrapes have seen a successful breeding season and now the chicks are nearly impossible to tell from their parents. The last of the Avocets have moved on, but the families of Shelduck and Egyptian geese are still being seen. The Spoonbills who successfully bred in the trees have been seen out on the salt marsh, and the Marsh Harrier family are seen flying over the scrapes regularly.

The main excitement has been seeing the Bittern fly past the visitor centre and disappear into the reedbed near the reedbed screen, and there have been regular sightings of at least 12 Yellow wagtails, mainly in the field with the cows.

What to expect in September and October

Last year Autumn arrived in early September with a lot of wet and windy weather. Who knows what 2025 will





Egyptian Geese (S Ryde)



Yellow Wagtail (C Anstey)



Yellow Wagtail (A Grubb)

bring? We will continue to have regular sightings of our various raptors - Peregrine, Buzzard, Marsh Harrier, Sparrowhawk, and Kestrel and we look forward to the return of the Hen Harriers to the estuary.

Various migrant Wader species, such as Ruff, Spotted Redshank and Curlew Sandpiper may be seen, and the Kingfisher is now a regular sighting. We await the arrival of the Pink-Footed geese who winter on the Estuary in large numbers and also our wintering duck species such as Wigeon, Pintail and Teal.

On 13 September we will be celebrating the history surrounding the reserve and the hillfort on Burton Point as part of Heritage Open Days offering free entry. Wildlife Wander guided walks continue through Autumn, a great time to see many species on the reserve. To see more about our upcoming events see our website:



Spotted Redshank (J Hewitt)



Pinh-Footed Geese (S Ryde)

https://events.rspb.org.uk/deeestuary

For regular updates, sightings information and news about the reserve, check our website blogs at rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands and follow us on Facebook and Twitter (search RSPB Burton Mere).

We hope to welcome you here soon.

Burton & Neston History Society



Monthly meetings are held at the **Church Hall**, **Parkgate & Neston United Reformed Church**, **Moorside Lane**, **Parkgate**, **Neston**.

9 October 2025

Shakespeare & Neston. Speaker: Geoff Wright

Click Here for information about the Society and for details of other meetings in our programme.

Talks start at 8:00pm, doors open at 7:30pm. Visitors are very welcome to attend our meetings and it is free on the first occasion. Refreshments are served after the talks.

There is free parking next to the Church Hall. If this car park is full, there is usually plenty of space in the free public car park behind the library, which is accessed from Beechways Drive (off Parkgate Road), just a few minutes walk away.

Neston Miners Memorial and Information Project



There will be an opening ceremony for the new memorial to the miners of Ness and Little Neston which will shortly be installed on the Green at Ness.

The ceremony will start at 10.30am on Tuesday 16 September by the memorial (near the bus shelter).

GLADSTONE VILLAGE HALL

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FRIDAY NIGHT IS PUB NIGHT

Every Friday 5pm-9pm In the GVH Sports Pavilion Everyone and every age welcome

SAVE THE DATES

2025 Time Capsule Event 28 September 2025 See next page

Wine-Tasting
27 November 2025
Watch for details

Flower Arranging Workshop
3 December 2025
Watch for details



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

GVH is more than just a Village Hall. There's the Pavilion (home to our four sports clubs - Bowls, Cricket, Snooker, Tennis), the playing field, tennis courts and the children's playground. We want to know what you think about this valuable resource and how it can best benefit our community. Please help us plan for the future. Fill in our online survey. The deadline is 14 September. Thanks!

25 Year Time Capsule Event

Burton 2000 AD - a time capsule was buried! And now we're planning on doing it all again – but this time celebrating the communities that make up Burton & Puddington – plus raising funds for local amenities.

The date? 28 September 2025 at midday on the cricket field.

We will be unearthing the contents of the 2000 time capsule and burying a new one for 2025. We will have a BBQ and refreshments available for purchase, the bar will be open and music will be provided by Simple Folk – and we will be re-taking the photograph for 2025!



This photo is currently on display in the porch of St Nicholas' Church. Please pop in and have a closer look! We're looking to identify as many people as we can.

Please email <u>sarah.curnow27@gmail.com</u> with the names of people you recognize and we will ensure that these are attached to the rear of the photograph for future generations. Or write the names on the sheet located by the photograph in the Church.

Thank you
Burton & Puddington Community Events Group

News From Briarfield Garden

Burton Village Gardens National Garden Scheme (ngs) Open Day - 29 June

Thank you to all residents for being so tolerant about the disruption to village life. We raised a total of £4,435 for charity - £3,492 for ngs, £943 for Claire House Children's Hospice.

Cheshire West & Chester Mobile Library

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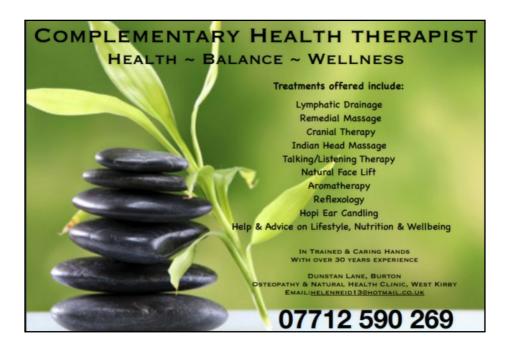
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