

The Bugle



Resounding for a better Burton

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Welcome to first edition

YOU may have heard that Burton has a new organisation, Burton Community Association, launched in March. The reasons why BCA was set up and its aims are explained in the welcome opposite from its chair, villager Amanda Read.

The Bugle is part of the village initiative. One of its roles is to be a regular newsletter to tell Burton how BCA is getting on in trying to develop community activities and facilities in the village.

Many of you may also know that the village has its own website. BCA is now working on developing that website. Another of The Bugle's future roles will be to signpost you to the website, where you can find out more about BCA's progress and what else is happening in the village.

My name is David Webb, I have lived in Burton for four years and I am editing The Bugle as a volunteer in the village initiative.

The Bugle will be delivered throughout the village, and it is hoped that issues of the newsletter will be kept on the website.

If you have ideas for The Bugle, or would like to contribute an article, photograph or simply have your say in a letter to the editor for publication, then please email me at davidwebb357@btinternet.com.

Your involvement will be welcomed.

David Webb, Editor

...and the new group

I'M delighted to be writing for the first edition of The Bugle about the recently formed Burton Community Association, which aims to improve the experience of living in Burton through fostering a sense of community and pride in the village.

This might take the form of: promoting networks such as the new parenting club or the book club (see page 4 for further details); organising regular events; backing appeals for village facilities; or simply planting grass verges with bulbs. The important thing is that it should support what villagers want for their village.

BCA was launched with an informal gathering at the Old House @ Home attended by some 30 villagers who identified their priorities for the village, including a children's play area, Burton in Bloom, community social events, and allotments. Each of these priorities has been assigned a champion and support team, but more help is still needed. Future Bugle issues will include updates.

BCA, now with about 50 members, will be holding its next meeting for everyone in the village at the Old House @ Home on Monday, May 12, starting at 7.30pm. Please come.

Amanda Read, Chair of BCA



Bugle Blog Let's hear about Your Burton

*The opening column is from the chair
of the new BCA, Amanda Read*

I SEE BCA as being a representation of the aims of the community, undertaking a rolling programme of activities and projects proposed by and for Burton. Individuals can opt in or out of any or all of these projects as they please.

Projects may be facilitated and co-ordinated by the BCA Committee, which is composed of a cross-section of age groups, gender and location in representing the people of Burton. While distinct from other local representative bodies, such as Nettleton Parish Council and the Church, BCA projects are encouraged to involve such bodies, as appropriate, for the good of the village.

Whether you've lived here for five years or 50, I believe you have a right to a voice in the improvement of your community. But it's not just about having your say, it's about taking action. Only by getting involved will your ideas for a better Burton be realised.

BCA would not have come about without the drive and enthusiasm of village stalwart Al Caie. During my tenure as Chair of BCA, I aim to put in place a sustainable framework on which his vision – a vision shared by the community – can be taken forward.

As someone who works full-time some distance from Burton, the honest reality is that it can take some effort to plug into village life. My personal wish from BCA, therefore, is for: a varied local social life; a greater sense of neighbourliness; and facilities that enhance (not detract from) the rural nature of the village.

Where to find me: I can often be spotted in the environs of Burton trailing behind my hyper-friendly Border terrier puppy, Carlos! If you don't come across me in person but want to make contact, please email (amanda_read@bopenworld.com).

The first meeting in the village that started it all...

THE inaugural meeting of Burton Community Association (BCA) took place on March 17, 2014. It was very well attended with about 30 residents descending on the OH@H to put forward ideas to improve community spirit, foster pride in the village and encourage the development of social facilities.

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The first meeting...

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Nearly 100 thoughts were gathered and sorted into 12 categories. These were further refined into three capital and nine operational projects. Over time, the operational projects will aim to deliver:

- organised social events (hopefully monthly and to include local trips, quiz nights and a range of community clubs);
- encouraging a beautiful Burton (for example, with flower boxes, benches, fencing, signage, tidying and speed enforcement);
- a Burton Village Website (to include The Bugle newsletter and public notice-boards);
- liaison with the public utility companies;
- improving transportation links;
- a parenting club;
- and pub deals.



The capital projects, longer term by nature and requiring a greater level of funding, aim for progress towards community allotments, a children's play park and a Village Hall.

All bar one of these projects now has a village champion who has volunteered to make these a reality. To do so, they will need help from within the community. So please volunteer – you can dip in and out as your availability allows. But please GET INVOLVED.

If you fancy championing the transportation links project (primarily enhancing bus services) then please contact the association's secretary, Al Caie, on acaie@burtonwilts.org.uk

Go to the website to find out more...

THE village website, www.burtonwilts.org.uk and currently in its original format, has a host of useful links including to:

- The Neighbourhood Watch scheme, with reports from local policemen on any crime in the area to help keep the village alert;
- St Mary's Church, which is currently looking for volunteers to help with many activities, ranging from gardening in the churchyard, church events and the distribution of church notices.

First round of BCA ideas getting off the ground

Opening of the Book Club

BURTON Book Club meets on the third Monday of every month at 7.30pm in the Old House @ Home. The book of the month is picked out of a hat from member's nominations.



You don't need to attend every month. In fact, you might never attend, but you will be able to find out which book has been selected each month by following the Burton Book Club blog on the soon to be launched refreshment of Burton's website.

This month the members who attended the opening meeting of the club (pictured) are reading *Winesburg, Ohio: A Group of Tales of Ohio Small Town Life* by Sherwood Anderson (1919). It is a collection of inter-related short stories about the various inhabitants of the fictional small mid-western town of Winesburg.

For information about the club, contact amanda_read@bopenworld.com

Burton Parenting Club is on its feet

THE parenting club's aim is to establish an informal group of like-minded parents to connect with other families and establish a relaxed, fun and supportive community in Burton.

Whether you are working, stay at home, single, with toddlers or have children at school, or expecting, the club hopes there will be something for everyone, mums and dads alike.

Activities will include play dates, coffee mornings, babysitting, discussing school recommendations and child development, swapping or passing on baby gear, a lending library for books (parental textbooks and children's reading), general support and a friendly shoulder to lean on when your stress level is elevated!

If you want to get involved, then look out for the new Burton Parenting Club section once the village website has been refreshed. Alternatively, make yourselves known at the next village meeting on May 12.

The club's inaugural members are Ruth and Paul (with boys aged four years old and one year old) and Sally and Grant (with boys aged three years old and two months old).