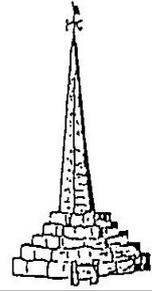


BURTON-CUM-WALDEN PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER January 2020 (Issue 54)



Welcome to the first Newsletter of the new decade

We hope everyone has enjoyed the festive season and we wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year

Christmas celebration

The celebration to light up the Christmas Tree went very well this time, thanks to the better weather. The tree, the largest we've ever had, was quite magnificent thanks to the heroic efforts of David Dent and his helpers. Thanks also to Dr Wrigley for his generosity in once again allowing us to use his electricity

Pat and Andy at the Fox and Hounds Inn produced their delicious punch and mince pies which were much appreciated by everyone who joined in the 'Switch-on' event. All in all it was a very good start to the Christmas season.

Bonfire Night

Once again the West Burton Bonfire and fireworks display was most enjoyable. We would like to thank Peter Wheeler and his team of helpers for all their hard work in setting up the bonfire and the spectacular display and then organising all the clearing up afterwards.

Thank you too to Andy in the Fox and Hounds Inn and his team for laying on all the refreshments. There is nothing quite like munching on a scrumptious burger standing in front of a huge bonfire on a cold winter's night!

Everyone, as usual, was very generous with their contributions towards next year's event. We have now accumulated £1,616.72 which should ensure an equally brilliant display in 2020.

Peter is always looking for extra members of his team, so if you would like to get involved **please contact him on 663494**. Your assistance would be most welcome.

Forthcoming event—not to be missed!



QUIZ NIGHT

At the Village Hall, West Burton
On
SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2020
From 7.00pm

Tickets £9.00
(quiz entry and hot supper included)
Teams of any size, but no more than 6

Bar & Raffle
Proceeds to West Burton Village Funds

Tickets: **Fox and Hounds, Hartle Butchers or Christine Pratt 663792**



Safety on our roads

At this time of the year we always ask people to be mindful of potential dangers on our local roads, particularly on the Walden Roads.

Slippery icy and snowbound surfaces are obvious hazards, but this is made worse by the narrowness of the roads and lack of verges.

We are well equipped in this Parish with a snow plough and trailer-gritter to deal

with bad weather, but care should always be taken when out and about during the winter months.

Other winter hazards

In this time of climate change, we seem to be experiencing much higher rates of rainfall and flooding. To help with any potential flooding, we have a ready supply of sandbags available for anyone to use, if they are concerned that their property is about to be deluged. **Please contact the Parish Clerk, Sue Ryding, on 663551 if you think you might need assistance.**

Another winter hazard, experienced recently, is power cuts. On the whole, Northern Powergrid are very good at responding to power outages and repairing any damage as speedily as they can. **Please report power cuts to the designated telephone number—105, and follow the options.**

There will be some scheduled cuts towards the end of January when the newly installed supply of power to the sewage pumping station at Waterfall Cottages is connected up. We understand that all those directly effected have already been notified.

New Local Plan

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority is in the process of formulating a new Local Plan which will be effective from 2023 until 2040. The Plan will replace the existing one and its policies will guide all planning application decisions for the future.

As the Plan covers all aspects of planning, including buildings, land usage, industrial and business development and the natural environment, the National Park Authority is keen to know what we, as residents of the Dales, feel should be in the new Plan.

We can make our views known through a survey which has been set up by the Authority and can be accessed in three different ways. **Firstly, it can be found on line at**

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GHGWR59

Alternatively you can fill in the back page of the **December 2019 edition of the Dales Magazine**, and finally, you can pick up a copy of the survey by calling in to the **Yorkshire Dales National Park office at Bainbridge.**

Dark Skies Reserve Status

The Parish Council has received information from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority regarding the bid to obtain International Dark Skies Reserve status. This means that the area will celebrate the exceptional dark skies that enable us to see into the night sky and view all the wonders that are there.

The Yorkshire Dales is already the third darkest National Park and has done a great deal to promote good practice in restricting the light during darkness and to enthuse the next generation with these ideas.

To assist with this process a Dark Sky Festival will be held between 14 February and 1 March 2020. **For further information please contact Rebecca Greenfield on 01756 751626 or look on the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority website under 'Things to Do' and then 'What's On'.**

May Fair, 25 May 2020

Planning has started in earnest for this year's May Fair. We are always looking for volunteers to help with our biggest event of the year which raises thousands of pounds for the community. If you would like to get involved or have just a few hours that you could spare on the day, please get in touch with either **Chris Pratt on 663792 or Jane Ritchie on 663385.**

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