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Burley Parish Council Newsletter

Chairman's Introduction

Burley-in-Wharfedale residents are celebrating a one-million-pound investment that has been made in community facilities. This huge success has been made possible entirely by community volunteers who have driven these projects forward, investing time and money to make this happen. This community wide support in securing a £1m of investment in community facilities is a triumph for the village, for which Burley residents should be rightly proud of their achievements. In July the Parish Council announced that a £365,000 investment in the refurbishment of the Queens Hall was complete. The work included the creation of a new extension for public use, a new public toilet to replace existing facilities, a full enclosed kitchen area and full redecoration. Such has been the reaction, that the first wedding event has been held in the Queens Hall, with several more booked. Meanwhile August saw the grand re-opening of the library following a £150,000 refurbishment programme made possible by the Parish Council. The work included replacement of windows throughout, a new roof covering, full decoration, improved public access WC, new shelving which can be moved to allow the space to be more flexible for community use and a new children's area. Following the threat of closure by Bradford Council, the Parish Council took control of the building allowing the library to be run by a library committee, a part-time librarian and 60 local volunteers without whom a library service couldn't be delivered. Apart from the Parish Council, several organisations including Burley Community Trust, Burley Educational Trust, Ilkley Round Table have come together to donate their time, energy and resources to equip the library. While fundraising activities continue towards a library 'wish list' of equipment, both the library and the Queens Hall refurbishments were delivered under budget.

Burley Parish Council is comprised of unpaid volunteers elected to represent the views of the village. These projects have made a long-lasting positive impact upon the lives of many people in the Burley. With limited resources we focus on areas where we think we can make the biggest positive impact in the village, and these projects are fine examples of what's possible with a strong community spirit and the support of many volunteers and supporters.

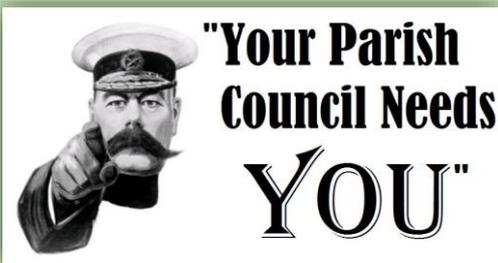


In September the culmination of five years of fundraising sees the opening of a brand-new state of the art Scout and Guide Headquarters at a cost of nearly £500,000. The new building has been made possible by the tireless energy of volunteers who have fundraised. Today Burley has a population of over 8,000, yet the former Scout & Guide hut had remained substantially unchanged. Over 350 young people currently attend Scout and Guide activities each week, but given the increased population there are also some 100 on the waiting list. The new Headquarters has been built on the same site as the old building but the size and layout better reflect current requirements for modern day Scouting and Guiding.

Councillor Mike Wild

Parish Council Vacancy

Former Parish Councillor Jackie Whiteley has stepped down from her position as a Parish Councillor. In her dual role as District and Parish Councillor, Jackie has developed a close relationship between the two organisations which has been to Burley's advantage. The Parish Council would like to thank Jackie for all the work she has done to date and wish her well for the future. Jackie will continue in her role as a District Councillor. The resulting vacancy was advertised and no request to hold an election was submitted.



The Parish Council is therefore seeking candidates who would like to be co-opted on to the Council. If you would like to express an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Councillor

Mike Wild on mike.wild@talktalk.net.

Wharfedale Greenway

The Parish Council has been in partnership since 2013 with Pool, Menston and Otley Parish Councils, plus Bradford and Leeds District Councils to develop a Wharfedale Greenway - a proposed safe walking and cycling path that will link Burley with Otley and Ilkley with a traffic free route.



Phase 1 (Otley to Burley) is now at the final stage. The Council has previously approved the purchase of land towards Menston, and has agreed to purchase land owned by Otley Golf Club. Planning permission has been submitted (ref 19/00044/MAO) following which Bradford Council has requested additional information including an arboricultural report on the trees along the route, and an Ecological assessment. These should be completed by the end of September. There had been a number of objections lodged to the planning application and some concerns from residents along Millstone Close following recent attempted break-ins. The police report submitted as part of the planning application considered that resurfacing will make an improvement, and defensive planting of, for example, hawthorn in various open locations will serve to hinder unwanted access to properties along the route. This is something which the Parish Council will address as part of its planting programme and tree policy. Collectively, this means that final approval from Bradford will be dealt with by the Planning Panel, and not at officer level. It is hoped that that a decision can be made by Bradford in October or November. Phases 2 and 3 relate to Otley to Pool and the link with Menston, but Phase 4 relates to the Burley to Ilkley route, where Bradford Highways are considering the possible use of a footpath as a cycle lane via a connection with Sun Lane. Also being considered for Phase 4 is the use of the old coal siding land at Burley Station, and meetings with Network Rail (the owner of the land) are planned.

Burley awaits the inspector's report into Sun Lane



The Parish Council understands that the planning inspector's report into the proposed development by CEG at Sun Lane has been submitted to the Secretary of State. We had hoped to hear what recommendations are being made, but instead we need to wait for the decision which should be made by mid-October.



Paul Attwood is Burley's Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) from the Shipley Neighbourhood Policing Team. Paul has been a PCSO for 15 years and has worked in Burley for around 18 months. Paul's role includes dealing with anti-social behaviour, offering crime prevention advice and gathering intelligence from the community. Paul will be running police drop in sessions for residents at the Library on the following dates between 11:30am and 12:30pm: Monday 14th October, Tuesday 22nd October, Monday 4th November, Tuesday 12th November and Monday 25th November.

Ten thousand people have now signed up to receive crime prevention advice, investigation updates and appeals for information from West Yorkshire Police's new Community Alert system. The system allows residents to receive local policing updates and information on positive work being carried out by officers via email. Signing up is simple and can be done by visiting www.wypcommunityalert.co.uk.

Burley Bowls Club

Watching a bowls match in Grange Park on a sunny afternoon is one of the most pleasant sights in our village. The Bowls Club is doing more and more to open up to all the community and both the Parish Council and the Community Trust have been delighted to support their fundraising campaign for a new larger clubhouse with much better facilities for community use. The good news is that they have reached their target of £85,000 with help from Sport England and grants from other local community groups.



Overhanging Trees and Hedges

The Parish Council has received a number of complaints over the summer months about trees and hedges that are overhanging onto pavements. This causes difficulties for pedestrians especially wheelchair users and parents with pushchairs due to the path becoming narrower as well as for drivers at certain junctions due to sightlines being impaired.

If you have a hedge or tree which overhangs a pavement or highway please take action and ensure that it is pruned to be in line with your property boundary. If action is not taken, Bradford Council are entitled to carry out the work and charge you for it.

News from your Library

Monday 19th August saw the largest number of visitors that Burley Library has ever had (571). This was primarily due to the Burley Festival Teddy Bears' Picnic which, thanks to the weather co-operating for the most part, was held outside in the park. Bookstart Bear was a big hit and made two appearances, the second by popular demand inside the library.



This followed the Grand Official Reopening on Saturday 17th August. Over 300 attended and were entertained by Wharfedale Valley Voices Choir and Story Bees. £850 was raised by the raffle towards the library Wish List. Thanks go to all who supported this, especially to Stephen Smith's Garden Centre who provided the prizes. There is a Wharfedale District Councillors' Surgery on Saturday 21st September from 10.30 am and 11.30 am and a number of police drop-in sessions in September and October.

See www.burleylibrary.org for details.

For the younger ones there is National Poetry Day on Thursday 3rd October with special guest Sue Dyde from Shout Drama! performing a story time and silly rhymes based around the book "Sometimes I feel Sunny" by Gillian Shields. This event replaces Tiny Rhymers and runs from 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm. All pre-schoolers are welcome. It's Libraries Week between Monday 7th and Saturday 12th October. There are no additional activities planned (except for a closed-door visit to the library and archives from the local Mothers Union on Wednesday 9th October) but there is always lots going on in the library so come along and support these activities. See <http://www.burleylibrary.org/regular-activities.html> for details of the library's regular activities. Then on Tuesday 15th October at 1.45 pm there will be a special visit from the "50 things to do before you're five in Bradford" Initiative. Again, this is suitable for all pre-schoolers. Finally, on Tuesday 22nd October Story Bees will be presenting, not one, but two, special events in support of the Family Learning Festival. The theme is "Around the World" and Maddie will have activities at 1.45 pm and then again after school around 3.30 pm.

Last, but not least, the library is having another volunteer recruitment drive. If you would be interested in volunteering, please get in touch with the library by email at burleylibrary@gmail.com, by phone or in person. Please could you leave details of your name, email address and availability. See page <http://www.burleylibrary.org/how-you-can-help.html> for information on shift times. You only need to commit to one or two shifts per month.

Christmas Market and Lights Switch-on 30th November 2019

This is one of the biggest events in the village's annual calendar. A huge number of people, led by Tom Sumner, work on preparing the Christmas lights and erecting them, and meanwhile others are organising the market stalls, the craft fair, the Christmas rides and Father Christmas, the speakers and local musicians

(including the schools and community choirs and the Ukulele Jammers), the road closures, the street marshals, and the collecting tins and buckets. These events are led by Burley in Wharfedale Community Trust with the Parish Council making a generous contribution. None of it would work without the Burley village; please note the date for your diary: Saturday 30th November. More details will be available soon.



Youthquake (Youth Provision)

24th July saw the launch of the new youth club which the Community Trust has been working on and raising funds for. This initiative is led by BWCT trustee Loraine Hughes and a dedicated team of young people, working in partnership with Bradford Youth Services and Burley Parish Council. BPC has made the Queens Hall available for the 11-14 age group which meets 4-6pm on a Wednesday. Thank you to many local people who came along and offered support at the launch. Please do mention the group to your family and friends who might have children of the right age.



We need more helpers. Might you have any skills you can bring or know people who do and put them in touch with us? For people who might like to help out at the Wednesday late afternoon youth club, we are offering a free 'Introduction to Youth Work' training session for people aged 17+ and a free DBS check, split across two evenings, 30th October and 6th November, 6.30pm to 9pm. Please get in touch if you would like to attend.

How to Contact the Parish Council



All meetings of Burley Parish Council are open to the public. Details of the times and dates of meetings are advertised on the notice boards around the village and on the village website.

Planning meetings are generally held on Monday evenings (see notice boards/website for dates) and meetings of the full Parish Council are usually on the second Thursday of every month. Meetings of the Community and Environment Committee are held every 6-8 weeks. Meetings are held in the John Squire Room at the Queens Hall on Main Street.

At the start of every meetings there is a slot for public participation when members of the public may ask questions or raise with the Parish Councillors. Local residents are always welcome at meetings as observers or to ask questions or raise issues of concern.

If you wish to raise an issue with the council between meetings, then please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Clare Smith, or any of the Parish Councillors. The Parish Council has an office in the John Squire Room at the Queens Hall. The office is open to the public on Wednesday mornings between 9:30am and 11:30am when the Clerk and members of the Parish Council will be available to answer questions.

The Parish Council is made up of nine councillors:

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Cllr Duncan Ault duncan.ault@gmail.com

Cllr Stuart Bottomley stuartbottomley50@gmail.com

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Cllr Bob Felstead bob.felstead@burleyparishcouncil.org.uk

Cllr Jan Lepley lepleyjan@gmail.com

Cllr Bernard Poulter bernard.poulter@live.co.uk

Cllr Chris Turner chris_purusha@yahoo.co.uk

Vacancy

If you need to contact the Parish Council

Website www.burleyparishcouncil.co.uk

Email clerk@burleyparishcouncil.co.uk

Telephone 01943 864728

Facebook Page Burley Parish Council

Wednesday Morning Surgeries

The Parish Council office in Queens Hall is open every Wednesday morning 9:30am – 11:30am; if you have any concerns or questions please pop in and we will do our best to help you.

Community Notice Board

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Anti-social behaviour is any aggressive, intimidating or destructive activity that damages or destroys another person's quality of life.

POLICE	BRADFORD COUNCIL
Begging	Abandoned Vehicles
Dealing / taking of drugs & drinking alcohol in the street	Dead Animals
Gangs and youths drinking in parks	Dog Fouling
Harassment or intimidation	Fly Posting
Misuse of Fireworks	Noise Nuisance
Vandalism	Syringes or needles
Prostitution and indecent behaviour	Lost or stray dogs

To report to the Police, call **101** or if a crime is in progress call **999**. To report to Bradford Council call **01274 431000** or report it online at <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/form/report-anti-social-behaviour> or <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/your-community/crime-and-crime-prevention/anti-social-behaviour/>

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Burley-in-Wharfedale & District Probus Club
presents

A CHARITY CONCERT

in St Mary's Church, Burley-in-Wharfedale,
on Saturday, 19th October 2019, at 7pm

in aid of Yorkshire-based **CANDLELIGHTERS** Trust,
the area's pre-eminent children's cancer charity

featuring
WHARFEDALE MALE VOICE CHOIR
Conductor: Paul Hurst M.C. Ken Bellwood

ORGAN RECITAL
by Peter Collins, Director of Music, St Mary's Church

& SELECTED READINGS
by Charles Prest

Tickets: Adults £10.00
(including a complimentary glass of wine)
Students £5.00

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or David Sowman (01943-863151)
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