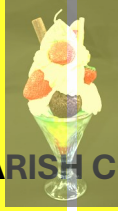


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Send items for the magazine to

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Burston Mill



Burston mill has a long and illustrious history including changes of ownership, and company names. Becoming part of the BOCM PAULS Ltd Group in 1992, which in turn was taken over by ForFarmers in 2012. Following comments made on social media and generally within the parish about the possible change of ownership of Burston Mill, the parish council had a meeting with the existing management in June to discuss this issue.

At the meeting we were informed that the mill is in fact changing ownership and that probably the new owners would take control of operations sometime in September. We were also informed that the majority of employees were being transferred over to the new owners and that initially the operation of the mill would continue as it was including HGV numbers, movements and timings.

We were further advised that the new owners understood the current good relations between the community and ForFarmers and hoped for this to continue. Fortunately, the parish council's point of contact will remain the same which will help with communications on any future changes once the new owners take control.

Keith Cowley (keith@burstonandshimpling.org.uk)

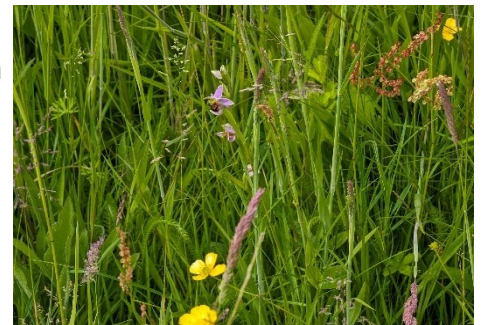


No Mow May on Church Green

Residents would have noticed that during May the council adopted a "no mow May" approach to the village green. This was due to rare bee orchids previously having been seen on the green and the council wanted to establish exactly where these rare plants occurred. The council has been obliged to adopt a Biodiversity Policy and Action Plan to demonstrate that the council is following good environmental practices and are taking measures to improve the biodiversity of the parish.

As a result of the "no mow May" approach we were able to establish where the bee orchards were growing and record their numbers and locations. We also recorded a total of 28 other wildflower species growing on the green and this has been reported to the Norfolk Wildlife Trust to add to their data base.

In future years, now we know where the bee orchids are likely to appear we shall be able to target these areas so that we can continual to mow the rest of the village green as usual .



Bee Orchid on Church Green



The Parish Council have started an occasional email newsletter of items of interest. If you like to receive this please sign up here <https://burstonandshimpling.org.uk/burston-and-shimpling-newsletter>

If you have anything you would like to see included (or not) please let the council know by contacting the Parish Clerk parish.clerk@burstonandshimpling.org.uk

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Burston Open Gardens

With some misgivings a group gathered to hold an open gardens day again on Sunday May 19, three years since our last event. This early date was chosen to avoid the Bank Holiday and clashes with neighbouring events.

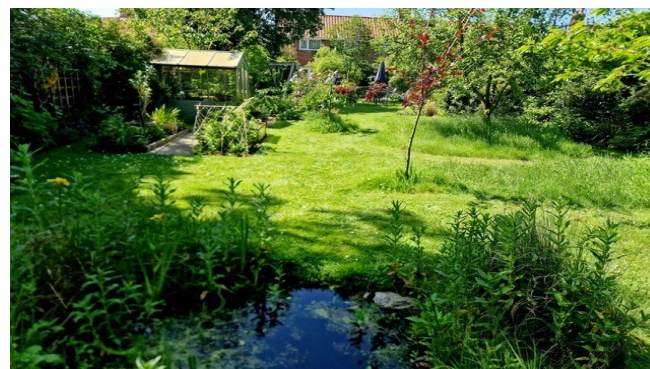
After the cold wet winter, a warm spell encouraged gardeners to get to work and plants (and weeds!) to grow. A group of gardeners, cake bakers and other helpers, who had all worked hard to make the event successful, toured the evening before and were delighted by the wide variety of flourishing gardens, twelve in all.

Sunday was sunny and warm all day, ideal for a day out and sitting out to enjoy a ploughman's lunch or cakes and tea. We welcomed more than 150 visitors and raised over £1000 which this year will be used to fund village projects.

Thank you everyone who opened their gardens , provided refreshments or welcomed visitors.



Cottage Garden Border



For Wildlife—meadow and pond

Norma Ajdukiewicz & Open Gardens Team



Norfolk Police – Courier Fraud Awareness

At the end of last week there were four reports made from South Norfolk residents (located in Diss, Wymondham, Framingham Earl and Aplington) about being contacted by fraudsters pretending to be police officers. During the calls they were encouraged to withdraw/transfer large amounts of money from their bank. Unfortunately, one attempt was successful and the victim has lost £4,000 We would like to remind you that the police will NEVER ask you to withdraw or send money, ask for your PIN or send a courier to collect money from you.

Please share this message with your friends and family, especially those who may be vulnerable to this fraud.

More details can be found here: <https://www.norfolk.police.uk/news/norfolk/news/news/2024/july/four-reports-of-courier-fraud-in-south-norfolk>

Highway Matters

At the annual parish meeting one of the residents attending enquired if the 30mph speed zone coming into Burston from Diss could be moved to the top of Durbidges Hill in order to slow vehicles travelling around the sharp bend where Back Lane joins Diss Road. Other residents have also expressed a concern that any pedestrians walking along the road towards the village encounter a section of the road which has derestricted speed limits and this would be made a lot safer if the speed limit was reduced to 30mph.

On enquiring with NCC Highways dept we have been informed that any change to the existing speed zone would require a formal request for a Traffic Regulation Order. There could also be a cost to the Parish Council for this



request.

Before the parish council embarks on this process, we would like to gauge the response from the community on this issue which may become more relevant if and when the residential development planned for the land north of Diss cemetery on the corner with The Heyward goes ahead. It is anticipated that more traffic will travel through the parish as a result of that development.

Could residents with any comments on the issue of moving the 30mph speed zone please send them to the parish council clerk or any member of the council. Email addresses are in this magazine and on the parish councils website.

parish.clerk@burstonandshimpling.org.uk

Summer Report in the Recreation Ground

Well so this is summer, it seems to arrive in short spasms between very wet weather but at least the trees we planted earlier in the year as replacements for the ones that didn't make it from last year are feeling the benefit. So there is some good from the poor summer we are having.

At the end of July we are due to mow the meadow area in readiness for some green hay to be delivered care of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust again and from a wildflower survey that was carried out at the beginning of July we seem to have increased the number of species in the meadow hopefully as a result of the green hay that was spread last summer. This year the council has decided to hire a power scythe to spare the backs of the hand scythers who cut the grass last year leaving just the hay collection to be done by volunteers.



In this task we are being assisted by a team from the local probation service who are as part of their individual sentences are required to carry out dedicated community hours work. Hopefully this will make our work a lot less onerous on the volunteer team but also give these people a sense of giving back to the community.

It is hopefully planned to have another "Picnic in the Park" event, probably in late August with a re-run of the village pétanque competition plus other games depending on how many families turn up for the event. Efforts will be made to get the ice cream van to make a visit like last year. Check the council website and Facebook page for details. It will also be included in the regular Newsletters we are now sending out to those residents who have chosen to subscribe to this service (see details elsewhere in the Planet).

Unfortunately, the timber swing broke earlier in the summer and we are now waiting for the specialist playground equipment company to return to make a repair. We shall also be carrying out a review of the play equipment to see which items are coming to the end of their life, mostly the original timber equipment, and should be replaced. This will be a large capital project and will probably require outside funding so may need to be implemented in stages.

As always, any comments residents have on the recreation ground can be sent to me at keith@burstonandshimpling.org.uk.

St. Mary's Church

We are part of the Diss Benefice see

www.dissteamministry.co.uk

Diss Office 01379 643783

For further details please call

Bob Beck 01379 740834

Youth Café

If you are High School age then the Youth Café is open during term time every Thursday in St. Mary's Church from 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm with free pizza and milk shake.

Burston Chapel

All Welcome—see the Burston Chapel Website for latest information

www.burstonchapel.co.uk

Sunday Morning Service at 11 am

Sunday Evening Service at 6.30 pm

Jamie's Gang

(Reception to Year 6)

During term time on Wednesdays 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm.



Summer Picnic on the Recreation Ground.

We are planning to have a Summer Picnic on the Recreation in Burston on Sunday 25th August 2024 starting at noon. Bring your own picnic for a fun community event with activities for children and a boules competition. Will last year's winners keep their crown?

Anyone interested in learning to play Pétanque (or boules) or wanting to meet up for a game and refreshments. Please contact Brian briandfishwick@gmail.com



Next Meeting 18th September 2024 in St. Mary's Burston starting at 7.30 pm.

Agenda on the website. No meeting in August

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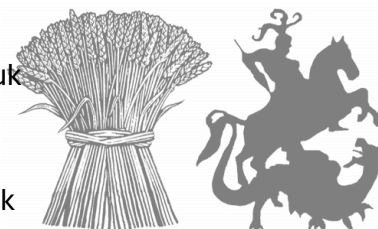
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