

PARISH PLANET

BURSTON AND SHIMPLING PARISH COUNCIL QUARTERLY MAGAZINE

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Become a Parish Councillor

Are you passionate about where you live? Do you want to have a say in decisions that impact your community? Becoming a parish councillor could be for you.

We are looking for new members for our Parish Council and welcome applications from our community. Parish Councillors are volunteers who meet regularly to maintain and improve the parish for all and you can support this by proposing or getting involved in local projects, research and local conversations, bringing your skills and expertise to the council and our villages. To find out more come along to a meeting or contact the Parish Clerk [Fran Sharp clerk@burstonandshimplingparishcouncil.gov.uk] or any Councillor. Details on page 4 or our website <https://burstonandshimplingparishcouncil.gov.uk>



SATURDAY 5th APRIL 2025



OUR
COMMUNITY
CLEAN UP
MORNING



- 09:30 COLLECT EQUIPMENT
- 09:40 COLLECT LITTER
- 11:20 COLLECT COFFEE & CAKE
- 12:00 COMPLETE MISSION



MEET AT CHURCH GREEN

Can't join us on the day? Three ways you can help:
Contact angela@burstonandshimplingparishcouncil.gov.uk (01379 741534) and pledge to collect in an area during the week. Clip your hedge and sweep the leaves to prevent litter being trapped and buried. Bake a cake for the volunteers who work so hard to keep our community neat and tidy.



Avoid pollution, be part of the solution - bag it and bin it

We Need You ...



Burston Community Group are hosting Open Gardens again this year on **Sunday 11th May**

10 am until 4 pm

We would love a few more willing volunteers to open their gardens or help us out on the day with ticket selling or cake/lunch making.

We are also inviting anyone who would like to, to plant up or decorate any old container, wheel barrow, bicycle, old tyre or anything you think would make the outside of your property attractive to passers by.

All proceeds from last year have been held in a village fund that will become available to Villagers for local projects so watch out for information about how to apply.

Any one interested or any questions please email

JOleybOwley@gmail.com

Or phone 07776141457

Thanks Jo & Burston Community Group

BURSTON RECREATION GROUND NEWS

Spring is on the way – we hope – and another year ahead for the trees we have planted and the wildflower meadow to show that all the hard work over the past years is starting to come good. Some of the trees as expected have not survived and so with a donation of new saplings from the Woodland Trust and the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, we have plugged a few gaps in the park (some are also destined for Shimpling on the track to the church).

Over the winter the undergrowth along the ditch bordering Audley Close as been cut back and we are hoping that the grass will now extend into ground that has now been exposed making it easier in future to keep the boundary under better control.

We are now waiting for the new “wobble board” to be installed in the play area to replace the old balance beam which is now past its best. We would like to thank our local district councillor, James Easter, for a financial contribution from his dedicated community fund together with a donation from the local B4RN volunteer group. This has meant we have been able to replace this item of play equipment without raiding our reserve fund. We are now planning for the replacement of the triple swing equipment with a new setup again with the need to raise some additional funds to help with this expense.

Over the last couple of years we had Portaloo unit in the park which has proved to be a welcome facility and we shall be looking again to introduce this sometime in April/May.

Lets hope the weather will start to warm up so that the park can again be an area that is enjoyed by all the community. As usual if anyone has any ideas or comments then please let me know at keith@burstonandshimplingparishcouncil.gov.uk



Burston Primary School



We were honoured to have a past student of Burston join us to talk about his goals and dreams. At just 18, Jack has achieved so much through motivation, ambition, resilience and kindness - he has made his MARK! We look forward to hearing about your future endeavours Jack.



We had Mini First Aid Norfolk in to teach all of our children first aid. Every child from ages 4-11 learnt strategies and techniques to help save someone's life. We had a great day and it is a very valuable skill to learn at such a young age.

Mr Ben Aylmer Senior Teacher



Village Gateway Signs — Update



The plans to install village gateway signs at the main road entrances to both Burston and Shimpling are being progressed and we understand that Highways will carry this work out within the next couple of months.

The design of the signs has now been agreed with Highways and will be similar to the sign shown to the left. We are now just waiting for a meeting on site with Highways to discuss this project which we hope will help to slow traffic travelling through the villages.

Another initiative we have agreed with Highways is to install some flashing speed calming signs by the school. This will replace the existing old sign and add one coming from the Diss direction. Again we are hoping these will be in place within the next few weeks.



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

Sunday 2nd March (Sunday next before Lent—Quinquagesima) 09:30 Holy Communion Chris

Sunday 23rd March (Lent 2) 0930: Morning Prayer Sue

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

The Parish Council have started an occasional email newsletter of items of interest. If you would like to receive this please sign up here

<https://burstonandshimplingparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

To suggest topics or events for inclusion please contact the Parish Clerk

clerk@burstonandshimplingparishcouncil.gov.uk

Next Meetings: Wednesday March 19th 2025 starting at 7.30pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting is on 23rd April starting at 7pm, followed by the regular meeting. The agenda will be posted on the website and noticeboards during the week before the meetings. Both meetings will be in St. Mary's Burston. Please send any items for discussion to the Clerk.

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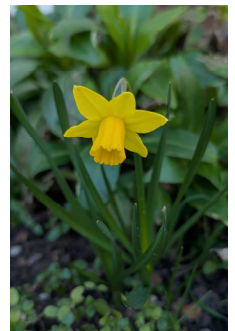
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