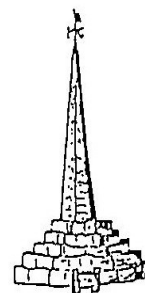


BURTON-CUM-WALDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Welcome to the Parish Council Newsletter, Issue 70

Village Events

New Year, new events!

Village Quiz Night

There will be a **Village Quiz** on **Saturday 21 February 2026**, at 7 pm for 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. Teams of a maximum of six people. Tickets will be available from the Fundraising Group in due course, and the price of £10 will include a light supper. Contact

Emma Davis: 07969 359599 or
edavis1095@gmail.com

There will also be a raffle - the Fundraising Committee is grateful for any donations of prizes, to be brought on the night.

Bring and Share Tea

There will be a **Bring-and-Share Tea** on **Sunday 19 April 2026**, 2pm - 5pm, in the Village Hall. More details from the organisers in due course.

New Village Lottery

The West Burton Fund Raising group intends to establish a monthly £2 lottery (£24 per year payable in advance) starting on 1 April 2026.

Up to 40% of the funds will be given in

monthly prizes, and the draw would be made at a local event such as the monthly coffee morning (details to be confirmed). Winners' updates will be declared on the village WhatsApp and Facebook groups.

All funds after prizes and expenses (NYC registration fee) will be used for the benefit of residents in the village.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Gordon Lund: 01969 663136 or gordonlunt1957@gmail.com

Thank you!

Thanks are due to various people for their efforts since the last newsletter.

Bonfire Night

Thanks to Pete Wheeler and his team for organising an excellent bonfire and firework display, and for restoring the Green so quickly. A good crowd enjoyed the evening hugely.

And thanks also to those people who gave generously towards fireworks at future bonfires. Collections were made on Bonfire Night itself; and we are also grateful to The Fox and Hounds Inn, which donated the proceeds of Boozy Bingo and provided burgers and hot dogs on the night. Others generously gave cash, or made donations through the fundraising page.

Including the £14.71 brought forward, there is now £2,214.62 in a separate, dedicated, account for future Bonfire Nights and Fireworks. Thank you!

Christmas Tree

Thanks are due to everyone involved in putting up the Christmas Tree. And again, thank you for taking it down so efficiently after the Christmas season was over. As in previous years, the owner of The Black Bull gave free electricity for the lights on the tree: we are very grateful for that.

This year, thanks are also due to the Wensleydale Creamery (Saputo) for a £50 donation towards the costs of the tree. And thanks to Christine Pratt who secured us this donation.

The Village Green

The mower that the Green Keeper has used to keep the Village Green in good order reached the age of twelve last year, and unfortunately began to show its age in maintenance costs.

The Parish Council is glad to say that a new mower has been ordered from Simon Winstanley Ltd and the old mower will be traded in part exchange when the new one arrives.

The net cost of the new mower has been entirely met by very generous donations from the West Burton Fundraising Committee, The Elm House Trust and Councillor Ritchie. This means that a new mower, which should keep the Green looking fine for many years to come, has no effect on the Parish Precept (see below).

Also, by way of information, the works that recently took place on the Green were to lay

ducting for fibre optic cables.

Parish Precept

The Parish Council has decided to increase the Precept to £7,800.00 for the financial year 2026/27. This represents a 3.36% increase from the 2025/26 Precept of £7,400.00. The Council Tax for a property in Band D (middle range) will therefore go up by £1.36. The Council is aware that no increase is welcome, but general inflation (the Consumer Price Index) has been at that level (over 3% per annum), and the Council is not immune from the effects of this inflation.

Reminders

The Post Office Van will now be visiting the Village on Wednesdays between 12.45pm and 1.15pm.

There will also be a Library Van coming to the village every fourth Wednesday at 1.25pm - 2.15pm, starting on Wednesday 11 February.

A Thank You from Marie

Marie O'Byrne, who used to run the Village Shop, writes:

Thank you for the Village Newsletter. It was lovely to get a mention. The collection gift went towards a lovely new sofa. All the best to you.

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