

Burbage News - April - The Short Version!

What's Happened to The Burbage News Monthly Magazine?

The monthly printed magazine WILL RETURN! We have suspended production due to the current crisis, to protect our distributors and readers, and to minimise the chance of potentially spreading the COVID-19 virus

As a temporary measure, we have created a new website which can be found at:

www.burbagenews.co.uk

All the groups who have provided information which was supposed to be in the April magazine are featuring here, along with your usual features. We are constantly adding new things and trying to improve the site as we go. This is important to ensure the latest information is readily available

Our advertisers are there, too, although many are in the same lock-down situation we are all experiencing. If there are any updates from them, those will appear with their advertisement

Supplies and Food Banks

The Burbage Emergency Planning Group is constantly working on ensuring you have help, essential food, and supplies available

Our fabulous WhatsApp Support Group members are making regular shopping trips for the vulnerable and elderly

If you can, order online. Supermarkets are releasing delivery slots at various different times of the day

A list of local suppliers who offer either home delivery or Click-&-Collect can be found on our website: www.burbagenews.co.uk/supplies/

DO YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, NEED HELP WITH ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES?

We are looking into the resources available from food banks to help those in desperate need. If this is you, or if you think someone you know might need help, PLEASE contact the helpline - 810853 - today.

Don't wait

How are we trying to communicate with you?

First - most importantly - if you know someone who DOES NOT have Internet access - TELL US! Phone the Helpline (810853) and let them know the name and address of whoever is affected, and we will arrange to send a hardcopy (like this one!).

Email updates: Subscribe by sending an email to: **bneditor@burbage-village.org.uk**

With 'add to C-19 list' in the subject

Facebook: We have re-named our new Facebook group to something a little less dramatic. It's now called 'Burbage Notice Board (Formerly Burbage C-19)', and is the OFFICIAL page for notices from the **Burbage Emergency Planning Group**. New notices and updates will appear there first, along with copies from various other services, support groups and Wiltshire Council. As we (Burbage) no longer have any control over the old 'Burbage Community - Wilts' Facebook Group page, we will keep the Burbage Notice Board running beyond this crisis, by Burbage residents, for Burbage. Thank you for supporting Burbage!

Website: www.burbagenews.co.uk has been created specifically for this crisis, and temporarily replaces the physical magazine which we are currently unable to produce. Updates, blogs and anything else about the community will appear here

Helpline: 810853 is the number for ALL queries and requests for help. This is being run by the Parish Council who are coordinating the local support groups and can refer callers to the relevant authority if necessary. Any medical queries, including prescriptions, must go direct to the surgery (810566)

Word-of-Mouth: The various members of the Burbage Emergency Planning Group have a wide range of contacts with groups and filter information down through these as well. Please feel free to share this newsletter with everyone. Could you download and print a copy for your neighbour, please?

WhatsApp Support Group: This marvellous team of volunteers have been working hard to help the elderly, vulnerable and self-isolating residents with obtaining essential supplies. They have also been keeping in touch regularly with anyone who needs a friendly voice to chat with, to help alleviate the boredom and loneliness. Call the helpline (810853) to be put in touch with someone if you need supplies or some friendly chat

COVID UPDATE - Burbage Surgery

We will be here for you throughout this challenging time

Simple measure will be the best way to counter the spread of the disease; wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds, stay at home as much as possible, when out of the house avoid busy places and try to stay 2 meters from other people.

If you are in a high risk category please isolate yourself at home and rely on other, whether it be friends, family or members of the community for help and support.

If you have a fever or a persistent cough, please self-isolate for 7 days. If you do not live alone, then the whole household should isolate for at least 14 days, and until everyone is symptoms free.

If during this time you feel you need acute medical attention ring 111 or in an emergency ring 999.

For all other medical issues please ring the practice as normal or book appointments online. All appointment with a doctor will be over the phone first and on agreement patients will be invited down for a face to face review.

The nurses are continuing to carry out vital or urgent treatments, for example; vaccines, wound dressing and blood tests where absolutely necessary. Routine blood test and blood pressure reviews are being delayed at present.

The dispensary is open and we ask that you request your medication online, by prescription slip or over the phone as usual. We can only issue one month of medication at a time to ensure there are no medicine shortages with over ordering. Please await a text message letting you know you medicine are ready to collect or leave at least 3 days before collection. We are requesting people come to the back of the building, following the signs to collect their prescriptions, this is to avoid unnecessary foot fall through the building. Apologies if you get wet.

If you are unable to collect your prescriptions due to self-isolation and do not have family or friends who could collect on your behalf, we have a group of volunteers who are endeavouring to deliver people's prescriptions where possible. You should have received a letter through your door with information and a telephone number to call about this service. If you have not please contact the practice and we will try to sort this for you.

All of these measure are to ensure the practice stays a safe place for ongoing care. This is especially for our elderly and vulnerable patients, reducing their risk of infection, whilst continuing to function at the highest standards possible for all our patients.

For further information please go online
www.theburbagesurgery.co.uk
www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

We really appreciate all your support and understanding at this difficult time.

As a community will we get through this and be stronger as a result.

Dr James Downie
Burbage Surgery
burbage.surgery@NHS.net
01672 810566

Keeping Fit

In keeping with current guidelines, all venues have been closed, which has resulted in many of your favourite fitness instructors providing online videos or hosting live online sessions for you to follow. Please contact your individual instructors for further advice and their availability

Contact details are on the Diary page, on our website
www.burbagenews.co.uk

Stay Safe ~ Stay Home

EVERYONE INCLUDING THE CHILDREN

Unless you're a key-worker (which includes our team of volunteers) then you **MUST** follow the rules.

STAY HOME. Follow the guidance as specified by the government

This includes **CHILDREN**

It is **NOT** safe to let them cycle around with their mates

It is **NOT** safe for anyone to let their children roam freely around the parish

For the first time ever, we **DON'T** want to send our children outside to play

Because - it'll save us, and save our NHS

Stay Safe - Stay Home. Children too

Update from All Saints Church

Church Closure

All Saints Church is temporarily closed in compliance with government instructions. But the Church is not the building; the Church is us. And we remain open. If you need to speak to someone, please call: 01672 810853 or contact Revd Dr Colin Heber-Percy on: 01264 731386. For subscription to our Daily Prayers email Colin at: **colinheberpercy@gmail.com**

Prayer

While the churches are closed, and we find ourselves confined to our homes, we can nonetheless live in prayerful reflection, in love for our neighbours, and in Easter hope. Bear in mind that when you pray, you never pray alone; you pray with the faithful everywhere, and with all the angels and archangels, and the whole company of Heaven.

You are not alone. And nothing can separate us from the love of God.

The Pewsey Deanery is emailing out a daily series of readings, reflections and prayers from the churches and parishes across the Pewsey Deanery. To subscribe to these emails please email Revd Colin Heber-Percy: **colinheberpercy@gmail.com**

Hard copies of prayers for use at home can be collected from the envelope on the church door.

Who's who at All Saints'

Team Vicar	Revd Dr Colin Heber-Percy	01264 731386
Associate Priest	Rev Rob Grist	811431
Churchwarden	Mr Peter Devenish	07887 795233
Churchwarden	Mrs Thelma Henderson	810199
Centre Manager	Mr Rob Hartwell	810839

All Saints' Parish Church Office

Administrator	Mrs Glenda Pearce
Telephone	(01672) 810853
Email	churchofficeburbage@gmail.com
Address	Church Centre (Upstairs Office) Eastcourt, Burbage
Office Hours	Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.00am - 12.00noon

Savernake Team Office

Administrator	Mrs Diana Rowlands
Telephone	(01672) 550870
Email	savernaketeam@outlook.com
Address	Church Centre (Rear Office) Eastcourt, Burbage
Office Hours	Tuesday & Wednesday 10.00am-3.00pm, Thursday 10.30 - 1.00pm

Parish & Team Offices

In line with government advice both the Parish and Team offices are closed at present. Diana Rowlands is working from home and can be contacted using the details above. The office telephone is currently being used as the Helpline number for the parish – telephone 01672 810853. You can still use this for church business

From the register

19th March 2020

Funeral Service

William Charles (Pete) Highett

We remember his family and friends at this time.

Food & Supplies

We are aware of the difficulty people are having booking online deliveries. We have sourced a number of local suppliers who can either deliver to homes or provide a click-and-collect service. Please contact them to check availability and their delivery schedule

Their contact details are on the 'Supplies' page (under Burbage Emergency Planning Group), on our website

www.burbagenews.co.uk

The Mace Store

Eastlands

Easter Opening Hours

Good Friday	7.30am - 12.00noon
Saturday	7.30am - 6.00pm
Easter Sunday	8.00am - 2.00pm
Easter Monday	7.30am - 12.00noon

Our Mace store - and Post Office - have stayed open when we need them most.

Please remember that when things return to 'normal'

PLANTS FOR SALE

Every Tuesday 10.00am - 1.00pm

Andy will be at Eastlands Mace Store with a wide range of garden plants. Please include this in your essential shopping to avoid going out more than necessary

Pre-orders and home delivery is available
07548 216 220

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Many of us are feeling the effects of isolation and loneliness. If you would like a friendly chat either regularly or as a one-off, phone the Helpline on **810853** and we will get one of our wonderful, friendly volunteers to phone you, at a time convenient to you.

Stay in touch with the community - we need you

Helpline: 810853

Burbage Parish Council

Notes following a Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 2nd March 2020

The current emergency situation we find ourselves in is extremely fluid, and this information may be superseded. It is important for all residents to be aware you are NOT alone. See below for help in keeping in touch

- The Burbage Emergency Plan is online on the Parish Council website. outlines our plans in response to Coronavirus 19. The main aim of the plan is to make sure everyone in the Parish is kept safe and that no one is neglected or forgotten. We can't provide medical support but we can pass information by email, flyer and by phone and we can arrange for volunteers to run errands. I don't know how much help we'll get from outside the Parish so our community needs to be self-sufficient in this respect. Our plan should minimise actual contact and thereby not spread the virus.
- Information will also be passed by email and via Facebook. For the latter, you need to join the official Burbage Facebook Group, 'Burbage Notice Board' (formerly 'Burbage C-19')
- For those who need assistance with shopping, contact or other Coronavirus-related queries, we have the Helpline - **810853**. This will not deal with routine parish matters - for that you should contact the Clerk by email: clerk@burbage-pc.org.uk

The good news is that the network of volunteers is rapidly expanding. Many of the organisations, clubs and societies and areas within the parish have a representative on our contact list but not all. We need a contact at Leigh Hill and Southgrove. Phone us on the helpline if you can help with those areas - **810853**

We may find ourselves in this emergency for quite a while. How well the Parish comes through it will depend upon our attitude, selflessness, compassion and consideration for others.

Contact the Clerk:

If you need to contact the Parish Council on any matter please do so through the Parish Clerk, Joyce Turner, at **clerk@Burbage-pc.org.uk**

Councillors may, of course, be approached informally but individually they have no authority. Directing matters to the Clerk will ensure the matter is recorded and dealt by the Council appropriately.

We will issue the usual notices when normal meetings are able to resume

Steve Colling
chairman@Burbage-pc.org.uk
HELPLINE: 810853