

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Burnham's Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.00pm on
Tuesday 23rd May 2022 at Burnham Park Hall

Present:

Cllr Marie Hammon (Chair)	Chair, Burnham Parish Council
Cllr Carol Linton	Vice-Chair, Burnham Parish Council
	Burnham Patient Participation Group
Louise Hayday	Parish Clerk, Burnham Parish Council
Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross	Burnham Parish Council
Cllr Trevor Stewart	Burnham Parish Council
Cllr Judith Foster	Burnham Parish Council
Cllr Akash Bagga	Burnham Parish Council
Cllr Graham Mummery	Burnham Parish Council
Cllr John Carey	Burnham Parish Council
Cllr David Pepler	Burnham Parish Council
PSCO Angela O'Connell	Thames Valley Police
Shirley Shaw	Burnham Heritage Society
Louise Dance	Rotary Club of Burnham Beeches
Andrew Stratthdee	Friends of the Library
	Neighbourhood Watch
	Burnham Community Association
Steve Tindall	The Monday Club
Vic Nicholas	The Burnham Foundation
	New School for Burnham Steering Group
Tony Jones	Mens Sheds
Frances Hope	Burnham Bowls Club
Terry Gamble	Hitcham Trust
	The Well @ Lent Rise
Sue Beech	Burnham Youth Club
Dominique Nicholls	Burnham Village Twinning Association
Peter Downes	Burnham Tennis Association

Other attendees: 3

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Jackie Slater	Royal British Legion
	Burnham Parish Council
Cllr Pat Bird	Burnham Parish Council
Cllr Alexa Collins	Burnham Parish Council
Dawn Harries	Burnham Health Promotion Trust
Andy Chapman	Beeches Community Board
Cllr Lindsey Chatralia	Burnham Parish Council

Chairman _____

Date _____

2. Minutes

The meeting approved the minutes as an accurate record of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th May 2022.

3. Parish Council

Cllr Marie Hammon, Chairman Burnham Parish Council, thanked everyone for attending and read the Chairman's report (attached). She particularly thanked Cllr Carol Linton for her support over the past year as Vice-Chairman. Thanks were also given to Councillors who had left the Council this year, including Edwina Glover, Richard Flemming, Zoe Hatch & Aiden Carlisle.

Special thanks were given to all staff for their hard work and dedication over the past year.

4. Other organisations

- 4.1 PCSO Angela O'Connell delivered a report on behalf of the **Thames Valley Police**, including crime figures and local issues.
- 4.2 Shirley Shaw delivered a report on behalf of the **Burnham Heritage Society** (attached).
- 4.3 Louise Dance delivered a report on behalf of the **Rotary Club of Burnham Beeches** (attached).
- 4.4 Andrew Strathdee delivered a report on behalf of the **Friends of the Library** (attached).
- 4.5 Andrew Strathdee delivered a report on behalf of the **Neighbourhood Watch** (attached).
- 4.6 Steve Tindall delivered a report on behalf of the **Monday Club** (attached).
- 4.7 Andrew Strathdee delivered a report on behalf of the **Burnham Community Association** (attached).
- 4.8 Viv Nicholas delivered a report on behalf of the **Burnham Foundation** (attached).
- 4.9 Viv Nicholas delivered a report on behalf of **A New School for Burnham Steering Group** (attached).
- 4.10 Tony Jones delivered a report on behalf of **Men's Sheds** (attached).
- 4.11 Frances Hope gave an update on the **Burnham Bowls Club**, she spoke on how the club is a community hub, with the clubhouse open all year round.

Chairman _____

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The club is now home is Burnham Joggers, Mens Shed and Bucks Vision. The club provides social interaction for older members.

The club has 58 full members and 28 social members, they have had good results in competition this year and have also played 20 friendly matches. 2022 was the centenary of the club and saw many events to make the occasion. Bowls England are actively promoting the sport to younger players and the club are holding open mornings on 14th May and 3rd June, all welcome.

- 4.12 Terry Gamble delivered a report on behalf of the **Hitcham Trust** (attached).
- 4.13 Terry Gamble delivered a report on behalf of **The Well @ Lent Rise**(attached).
- 4.14 Sue Beech gave an update on the **Burnham Youth Club**, she reported that the aftermath of covid was still being felt by young people and the club is doing their best to support them, providing an outlet for time, energy and creativity. They were please to now have a new youth leader who is very well liked and respected. Membership has dropped slightly but plans are in place to bolster this. The outside court has been refurbished and the young people have been involved in growing and planting in the garden area. They would like to thank Mens Shed for the new benches, Burnham Parish Council for a grant towards utilities and Farnham Common Nurseries for help with the planting. New volunteers are also needed and welcomed.
- 4.15 Dominique Nicholls gave an update on the **Burnham Village Twinning Association**, a new ambitious programme had been launched to grow the profile of the BVTA, recently there had been a film evening and a Tai Chi session and it was hoped to do similar events in the coming months. The group are looking to promote to all communities within Burnham and are working with St Peters School on French lessons in conjunction with the French twinned town. It is hoped that business links will be forged between Burnham and St Denis de l'Hotel to exchange ideas and open the possibility of apprenticeships in the future. New members always welcome.
- 4.16 Peters Downes gave an update on the Burnham Tennis Association, he relayed that Covid had had a positive effect on tennis and that club membership levels were currently high with some younger faces also joining. The courts had recently been resurfaced with 'tiger turf' and this had been well received by members, the club are now looking at the flood lighting with a view to changing to LED. Social and youth tennis are thriving at the club, and while some experienced players have been lost recently, the club are still putting out teams competitively on a regular basis. The Association would like to thank the Bowls Club for helping out with a bar for matches played on the hottest days of the year.
- 4.17 Cllr Carol Linton delivered a report of behalf of the **Patient Participation Group** (attached)

Chairman _____

Date _____

5. **Questions from the floor**
None

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

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Chairman _____

Date _____

A Message from the Chairman

It is with great pleasure that I as Chairman welcome you to the Annual Parish Meeting in 2023. It is also a delight to report that since last year we have moved on achieving great strides in many areas of Burnham Parish Council. Our new clerk who joined us last year, Louise Hayday, has brought a high level of consistency, efficiency and professionalism with a marvellous 'hands on' approach. She is forward looking and adds a certain sparkle to our council, both with staff and councillors. Louise's first priority was to make sure that our staff vacancies were filled, and we welcomed our new Parish Clerk Assistant Liaba and new Burnham Park Manager Alex to our team. Also Neil our new caretaker and Luwanne in Burnham Park Hall.

I would like to thank our council staff, including Rupi and Halima, and also the Burnham Park Hall staff, including Nikki and Denise, for all their hard work this year. The council and halls have been run with great efficiency and harmony, the good spirit contributes to a finely tuned and happy operation. I want to congratulate Amanda, Scarlett and Zoe for reaching a 5 star rating at the recent inspection of the new Pitch Side Cafe. Also I must include our wonderful Ground staff Team Tim, Tom and Barry for their hard work in maintaining the parks, and also congratulate them for enabling us to achieve runner-up in the Tindall Cup for the Best Kept Village Competition 2022. An excellent result!

This has been a momentous year, not least with the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee last June, where the council lit a beacon to mark the historic event. We also celebrated on the green with food and music. Sadly three months later in September we mourned the death of our great Queen Elizabeth II and Burnham Parish Council joined in the Mourning Period, following all palace guidance. We also welcomed our new King Charles III, and Queen Camilla on Coronation Day on the 6th May by enjoying live music and refreshments at Burnham Park Hall which was also a great success.

I want to thank Cllrs Richard Flemming, Zoe Hatch, Aiden Carlisle and Edwina Glover for their wide spectrum of interests and knowledge they generously gave to the council during their time in office as they have now moved on to pastures new. I also want to warmly welcome our new Cllrs Graham Mummery, Lindsay Chatralia and Akash Bagga for joining our council. All our councillors have worked very hard during the year in devoting their time and energy to committees, outside bodies and various issues within the community. I especially want to thank Cllr Carol Linton for all her support she has given as Vice Chairman for the past year; also all the Chairs and Vice Chairs, Cllrs Alexa Collins, Ekta Kaur Ross, John Carey and Paul Bunce for their leadership and support within the various committees. Burnham residents have been well served by them all.

Louise and our Finance Officer Rupi have successfully brought our finances up to date with a clean audit; many achievements have been made such as the Pitch Side Cafe, Warm Spaces Scheme and public engagement. There are many ongoing projects with the Eco Audit, the Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign, the New Burnham School campaign, the Queen Elizabeth Oak Tree and the Stomping Ground Gate. There are also many plans on the horizon. My particular interest and passion is that Burnham Village should retain its independence and character and not be swallowed by its larger neighbours. Planning is the crucial vehicle that must be used for this cause. The Neighbourhood Plan is vital to the future of Burnham. Our own Metropolitan Green Belt is threatened, we need help from our residents. We are in the process of it now and we need public support in order to save our green, open spaces and utilise brown sites for development.

Burnham Parish is a modern and progressive council. We can also reach back in time to the Domesday Book with a great history of being a market town with a rural background. We are proud to live here and I am very proud to be Chairman of this council.

Thames Valley Neighbourhood Police's Report

Crime statistics cover Burnham/Farnham's/Taplow and the rolling 12-month figures from April 2022 – 2023 shows the following.

Burglaries

Burglaries continue to be a major problem and is still the forces no 1 priority. Over the past 12 months there has been a reduction in reported incidents from 40 to 32.

We are continuing to combat this with proactive operations which specifically floods rural and cross border areas of the LPA with proactive patrols during peak offending times. This has helped us to detect crime and apprehend cross border offenders who use arterial routes to enter our policing area and to protect residents living within South Buckinghamshire.

Please play your part in making this area unappealing for burglars. For an extensive discussion on what measures might best protect your home, you might like to watch the [Online Burglary Event](#) which our Neighbourhood Inspector hosted, at the end of last year. You could also take a look at Thames Valley Police Website for further crime prevention advice or contact your local Neighbourhood Team.

Theft from motor Vehicles

There's been a slight increase in theft from vehicles from 35 to 39 during this period. The NH team continue to combat this by carrying out high visibility patrols around our scenic car parks and raising awareness via clear car campaigns and have your say events providing crime reduction advice to local residents.

Theft of motor Vehicles

There has been an increase in reports from 15 to 22 which also includes the rise in keyless thefts which were previously recorded in the Burglary figures.

Antisocial Behaviour

The NH team are working closely with Bucks Community Safety team and Bucks and Berkshire Fire and Rescue to promote awareness around water safety and cold water shock. We have been visiting schools and giving joint talks to pupils as well as working together with partner agencies to create a new video to raise awareness around these issues.

We had a lot of reports of ASB around Stomp Park, however with the help of the parish council this car park is now gated at night which has helped to reduce the issue.

We are getting intermittent reports of scrambler bikes in the park which again we are liaising with the parish council to try to resolve.

Unauthorised Encampments

This is a regular issue in the area. The NH teams make regular contact with local landowners to ensure they are making their land as secure as possible. A Land Watch WhatsApp group has also been set up for local landowners which is being managed by Beaconsfield Council, Tabish Wazir, if you are interested in joining please contact him on Projectsupport@beaconsfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk

Burnham & District Heritage Society Report for Parish Meeting - May 2023

The Burnham and District Heritage Society aims to increase awareness, understanding and appreciation of the history and heritage of Burnham and the surrounding area and to involve local residents in developing resources to support this aim. By history we mean a record of past events and by heritage we mean the values, traditions, culture, buildings and objects handed down by previous generations.

The Society was set up in 2018, initially with the aim of developing a Burnham museum. A room had been made available within Burnham Park Academy but the closure of the school in 2019 brought this plan to an end. Very sadly the Society suffered another severe blow around this time with the sudden death of Councillor Christian Long who had been a key member of the group. Then in 2020 Covid put a temporary stop to our work. I think it is fair to say that since 2020 we have moved away from the idea of having a permanent museum in Burnham. Over the past two years we have concentrated instead on finding other ways to engage with the community.

In July 2021 we organised the first of our very popular High Street Heritage walks. A second walk took place in October of that year with the 3rd one this year on 20th May.

We have had information stalls at the Village Fetes in 2021 and 2022 and most recently at Lent Rise School's 50th Anniversary Fayre. We have had several displays in Burnham Library, for example for the Platinum Jubilee and the Coronation and we are currently preparing a display about Burnham in the 1970's to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Library later this year. Through the involvement of two of our members with Burnham's Intergenerational Programme (LaST – Learning and Sharing Together) we have been delighted to have been able to include contributions from children from St Peter's School and Lent Rise School in our displays.

Over the past year we have made three visits to the Monday Club where we have enjoyed sharing memories of Burnham and we have also interviewed several local residents. We have been particularly keen to capture people's memories of the High Street and of Burnham's "old doctors".

We are mindful of the wealth of information and memorabilia that we are starting to gather, for example we recently acquired the records from the Burnham Society which span 40 years, from 1971 to 2011. We are very grateful to the Parish Council for providing us with a large storage cupboard. The next step is to develop a system for arranging and cataloguing the contents and finding a way to make the information accessible. We are aware of towns and villages which have created excellent "virtual museums" so we will be exploring this option. Other ideas include creating some short films about different aspects of Burnham.

We hope this report has given you a flavour of our work and we would be delighted to hear from anyone who is interested in joining us.

Shirley Shaw, Treasurer Email burnhamheritage@btinternet.com Tel. 01628 665932

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REPORT - BURNHAM BEECHES ROTARY
23rd MAY 2023**



We have continued to hold in person meetings at Burnham Park Hall, where we meet at 8.00 pm on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. President Michael Adigun has officiated throughout the year and Louise Dance, a resident of Burnham, will be taking over on 1st July. Come and join us!

Our efforts to make our Club more accessible and attractive for prospective new members have paid dividends and membership remains at over 40.

We continue to prioritise helping the local community and supporting young people, but also during the year made significant donations to ShelterBox's Ukraine support fund. ShelterBox helps those suffering in disaster situations all over the world. During the year we have pushed ahead with many projects. These have included:

- Providing continuing hands-on support for Burnham Youth Club and Burnham Grammar Interact Club
- Distributing 'Dictionaries for Life' to local schools
- Hosting the Rotary Young Writer, Young Photographer and Young Environmentalist competitions at local schools
- Raising around £12,000 for Children in Need working with local schools
- Commenced working with Arbour Vale School and local employers to facilitate work placement and employment opportunities for special needs children.
- Providing support for Burnham Care & Share Food Distribution Project
- With financial support from the Beeches Community Board at Buckinghamshire Council, sourcing, packaging, and delivering around 320 Xmas food parcels to disadvantaged children and families. We worked with Burnham Care & Share, St Peter's School Burnham, Lent Rise School, Farnham Common Junior/Infants and St Mary's Schools
- Donating around £7000 to local good causes including Alexander Devine, Thames Valley Adventure Playground, South Bucks Riding for the Disabled and Burnham Youth Club.
- Working with local schools and community groups to promote the avoidance of single use plastics and staging litter picking events
- Staging our annual Burnham Beeches Virtual Charity Run which encourages families, including the dog, to participate together in healthy exercise
- Organising and helping at Xmas events including the St Peter's Church Carol Concert
- Continuing to collect disability aids for onward shipment those in need overseas through PhysioNet

We also staged several community events, including the Farnham Common Orchard Day and 'Almost the Donkey Derby' in Burnham Park. We are busy planning our 2023 Donkey Derby event which takes place on 27th May this year.

We have an active Social Media presence and have worked with the local magazines and press to keep the local community informed about our activities.

Michael Adigun
President, Burnham Beeches Rotary

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Neighbourhood Watch Update

The past year has been another rather difficult one for Neighbourhood Watch in Burnham, as in common with other voluntary organisations post Covid we have lost a few more volunteer street coordinators who have become ill or too elderly to continue their roles and have retired. As news is cascaded down via street coordinators and with nobody stepping forward to fill the vacant roles, whole street memberships can fall out of the communication network.

This breakdown in communication has been partly counter balanced by the continued distribution of the weekly Neighbourhood Watch email news bulletin which provides local crime information, Bucks Council information press releases and details of local village news and information. This newsletter continues to be well received, especially by older residents who tend to be more housebound and have fewer opportunities to catch up with village news out in the wider community.

In addition to this being cascaded via coordinators, it is also published on the Burnham Directory Website at <https://burnhamdirectory.co.uk/nhw-bulletin/>

Wendy Strathdee

Area NHW Coordinator, Burnham

Burnham Community Association

Monday Club

Monday Club is a meeting place for older residents of Burnham at the Methodist Church on the Lent Rise double mini-roundabout. The Club meets weekly every (yes, you've guessed it!) Monday, from 1.00pm to 3.00pm.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided plus the chance for a chat to others and a game of bingo.

In addition, most weeks there is also something different taking place for about an hour that is interesting, useful or simply entertaining. For example – quizzes, sing-alongs, seated keep fit, meals out (we are going for afternoon tea at Flowerland, Bourne End on June 5th) and meals in (buffets, fish & chips), visits by Lent Rise School children, a demonstration by Berkshire Birds of Prey, and a Magician.

External experts give talks on topical subjects such as - eye care, green/environmental issues, Burnham heritage and meteorology.

Would you like to join in as a Member or a Volunteer?

Members – the cost is £3 a meeting. A mini-bus service is also available door-to-door for an additional £3 (making £6 altogether). If you would like to come along one week and see what happens, just let Steve know.

Volunteers – our Volunteer Team is involved in the basic preparing, serving, clearing and washing up of the refreshments. There are also opportunities to interact with Club Members.

Contact Steve Tindall for more information :

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Transport Committee

The Village Minibus is continuing to provide transport to a range of groups around the village ranging from shopping trips to longer day trips for outings. The number of these is starting to increase again after the cessation during Covid and we hope to be able to develop more use as people realise that it is available. There is a need for people to train as drivers as always so any volunteers would be welcome.

The same applies to the Good Neighbour Scheme as this was unable to operate during Covid and the pickup of the number of people wanting to use the service has been slow. As ever, the availability of drivers with a vehicle is an important part of this offering, so again volunteers are always needed.

Round and About

.Round and About continues to be published bi-monthly. Being funded as it is by advertising, the drop off in adverts during Covid has led to a reduction in the number of pages. In addition, printing prices had been increased and this had necessitated an increase in the charges for advertising. However, the number of adverts was increasing again and this should result in the print returning to a larger number of pages. As always, R & A is grateful for the number of volunteer deliverers covering most of the village, but are always advertising for additional people to take on this task.

Village Information Point

The Village Information Point is continuing to collect and provide a wealth of local information and work was proceeding to put some of this online. Thanks to the generosity of a Burnham Historians donation it has been possible to bind a further set of Round and About Magazines for future access by anyone interested.

Village Fete

Organisation of the Village Fete last year was thrown into some disarray by the withdrawal of the MP, who was due to open the Fete, the afternoon before. We were very grateful to the Chairman of the Parish Council, Marie Hammon, who stepped in at very short notice and opened the Fete, acted as a judge for the Eco Floats and carried out the Prize draw despite this intruding on her love of Tennis for Ladies Day at Wimbledon.

We saw an increase in the number of Eco Floats, with decorated hand-powered vehicles such as prams, wheelchairs, pushchairs, bicycles or wheelbarrows to the Fete theme of the Jubilee. This was won by Thames Valley Police Cadets with a representation of a Royal procession.

In addition, the Prize Draw is a major generator of funds for the various BCA activities and attracted a good amount of ticket sales, although we could always do with more. The generosity of local businesses in supporting the draw with prizes is much appreciated.

The Dog Show was well supported and we were entertained by Sing4U, Michelle Mellor's Dance School and a musical drill display by the Police Cadets, which caused great amusement.

Arrangements for the 2023 Fete are well under way and we look forward to seeing local organisations represented as stalls and everyone coming along to enjoy an entertaining afternoon.

Friends of Burnham Library

The Friends have continued to support the Library with a range of activities and fundraising ranging from Café and coffee mornings/ cake sales through to two very successful Plays Nights, where we were entertained by the very competent writers and actors from Prompt Productions. At Christmas we ran our Prize draw and again were grateful to the support we get from generous local businesses and villagers who bought tickets. We again sold a considerable number of Christmas Cards to support a range of charities, especially our Partner, MacMillan for who we also raised money through a cake sale and coffee morning. Purchases of Books for the summer reading challenge was made to ensure that there were a range of recommended books available. We also funded the provision of the Warm Space in the Library following the decision by the Council to offer this facility for those who might be suffering from the increases in energy costs.

One strange event was the theft of the cover from the Library Gazebo, immediately prior to the Fete, but we were able to obtain a new one, before finding the stolen one being used as a tent for a rough sleeper in the Park hedges, which then of course, had to be scrapped!



Monday Club



Become a Member, Volunteer or Speaker

Monday Club is a meeting place for older residents of Burnham at the Methodist Church on the Lent Rise double mini-roundabout. Run by Burnham Community Association (BCA), we meet weekly every (yes, you've guessed it!) Monday, from 1.00pm to 3.00pm.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided plus the chance for a chat to others and a game of bingo.

In addition, most weeks there is also something different taking place for about an hour that is interesting, useful or simply entertaining. For example – quizzes, sing-alongs, seated keep fit, meals out and meals in (buffets, fish & chips), visits by Lent Rise School children, a demonstration by Berkshire Birds of Prey, and a Magician.

External experts give talks on topical subjects such as - eye care, green/environmental issues, Burnham heritage and meteorology. If you could provide a worthwhile hour on a Monday afternoon for a lively group of senior citizens contact the Leader – Steve.

Would you like to join in as a Member or a Volunteer?

Members – the cost is £3 a meeting. A mini-bus service is also available door-to-door for an additional £3 (making £6 altogether). If you would like to come along one week and see what happens, just let Steve know.

Volunteers – our Volunteer Team is involved in the basic preparing, serving, clearing and washing up of the refreshments. There are also opportunities to interact with Club Members. Contact Steve for more information.



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Monday Club



Activities 2023

<i>JAN</i>	
2	CLOSED New Year's Day
9	REOPEN finger buffet lunch
16	"Who wants to be a millionaire"
23	Donna Keep Fit
30	Social + Lent Rise School
<i>FEB</i>	
6	Quiz
13	Mike Smith & Entertainers
20	Shrove Tuesday Monday pancakes
27	Social + Lent Rise School
<i>MAR</i>	
6	Cake Sale
13	Rev Vicci Davidson and Shirley Bassey
20	"Who wants to be a millionaire"
27	Social + Lent Rise School
<i>APR</i>	
3	Donna Keep Fit
10	CLOSED Easter Monday
17	Tracy Leigh Director, Walker & Campbell Optometrists
24	Social + Lent Rise School
<i>MAY</i>	
1	CLOSED May Day
8	KING'S CORONATION Buffet+Sue Beach singalong
15	Burnham Heritage Society
22	Quiz
29	CLOSED Spring Bank Holiday
<i>JUN</i>	
5	OUT for Afternoon Tea at flowerland Bourne End
12	Rev Vicci Davidson and Irving Berlin
19	Police Constable Ange O'Connel - SCAMS
26	Social + Lent Rise School
<i>JUL</i>	
3	Claire Knowles, Prevention Matters
10	Berkshire Birds of Prey
17	Donna Keep Fit
24	TBC
31	Fish & Chips
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THE BURNHAM FOUNDATION UPDATE

The Burnham Foundation (TBF) continues to be indebted to the Parish Council for the support it continues to receive since its formation in 2012 following the interest generated by the 2012 Olympiad and continues to focus on supporting the arts, sports and volunteering in and around Burnham and more recently enhancing environmental awareness.

With the support from The Woodland Trust and the Burnham Beeches management team – over 100 guests enjoyed a ‘Tree Supper’ held in Burnham Park Hall in Autumn 2022 and a follow up event is planned for Friday 10th November 2023. The working title for the coming evening is “What can you tell children about trees?”

Personally, I am indebted to my fellow trustees – Les Stuart and Toni-Ann Hirayama – for their support and also to Veronica White who has continued to act as treasurer despite moving to Eastbourne several years ago.

One of TBF’s supporters – Paulann Walker – prompted me to advertise on a volunteer recruitment website – and we have been successful in recruiting an exceptionally capable volunteer who has taken on the bookkeeping and also enhancing our website. He lives in Chertsey Surrey and as a group of trustees we would welcome any approach from more local community members who would be prepared to support TBF’s efforts with a view to becoming a trustee.

I do have three irons in the fire which could lead to hosting more fundraising events in Burnham in the coming year and hopefully at least one will come to fruition.

Trustees have confirmed their preparedness to support Burnham Youth Centre following the resurfacing of its outdoor basketball court and also assist in the purchase of a large outdoor umbrella for the members of The Well at Lent Rise.

Viv Nicholas. May 2023

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THE NEW SCHOOL FOR BURNHAM STEERING GROUP UPDATE

It will be soon four years since the closure of E-Act Burnham Academy and the campaign for the school to be reopened would have undoubtedly withered away without the significant support from the Parish Council's members and officers. The future health and vitality of our village community depends on its capacity to provide an outstanding education for all of its young people up to the age of 18 years.

The decision to close the school was both ill-advised and irregular and unfortunately many of the people involved in that decision have yet to open their minds and reflect more carefully. It is evident that the older members within our community do share a great concern as to the reopening of the School but to date it has proved to be a challenge to capture the interest and commitment from most parents of school-age children. Burnham Grammar School's governors and leadership team continue to be resolute in offering their support and we need to work harder to gain the support of all our local primary schools that are located in both Buckinghamshire and Slough.

Our primary focus over the past few months has been to track carefully the pathways that our local Year Six children will be taking as they transition to secondary school education. This academic year there are 399 children attending our seven most local primary schools and our research in March indicated that 101 were planning to attend Slough Secondary Schools, 96 were aiming to attend comprehensive schools in Maidenhead, 26 were allocated places in Buckinghamshire Secondary Schools and 46 had been offered places at Burnham Grammar School. There were also 89 children who had yet to have been allocated to any school.

We will be following up on this issue at the end of the summer term to check on the transitions being made by all of our current Year Six children.

Our data on the number of children attending our local primary schools does indicate that this pressure and uncertainty to find secondary school places will continue for future primary school children and their parents and we are starting to prepare for a more concerted effort by our local parents to challenge the decision to close Burnham's non-selective secondary school. We are also fortunate in having the support of our local press and some talented people adept at developing social media interest.

Another pathway we are pursuing is to attract the interest of clubs and groups where young children are supported outside the school setting by their parents and other adults. We have done well in gaining interest from Phoenix Rugby Club who encourage young boys and girls to play rugby on Sunday mornings and good progress is being made in winning the support of Burnham Juniors Football Club who are by a considerable margin the largest voluntary organisation in Burnham.

Viv Nicholas. 17th May 2023

Burnham Men's Shed Annual Report 2022 -23

This time last year we were faced with a large increase in our rent which upset our Cost Plan.

Fortunately, the Parish Council came to our rescue with a donation that covered the increase for a year.

However, not wanting to either increase members subscription during these difficult times or rely on charitable donations every year we focused on increasing our income to achieve our aim of being self funding.

We widened the quality and range of our merchandise and produced sufficient quantities to sell at 5 local events (3 in Burnham, 1in Farnham Common & 1 in Slough)

We have been able to hold our membership, but have increased the usage of our sheds from twice a month to twice a week

This has not only increased output/productivity, but has also improved team spirit and increased our enjoyment.

We were also grateful to be donated, a small shed which we have used for storage facilities, this in turn has given us more working space in our large production shed

We have continued to provide craft tutorials but have widened the subject scope to include items of general interest(photography,tax and will advice, protection against scamming to name a few).

This has enabled us to increase the number of visitors attending which in turn boosts the audience to both the speakers and our benefits .

We have also continued to do charity work for the local community either at cost price or by including a small donation.

We are particularly pleased to have recently been appointed by Cliveden Estates to do a number of small projects for the Easter holidays and we have also had repeat business from other local organisations.

Our gardening section continues to thrive and the donation of a green house has been particularly welcome .

We are now able to grow plants from seed which enables us to start providing Burnham Care & Share with vegetables earlier than previous years and saves us buying plants

We have also benefited from advice from the Cliveden Head Gardener.

The local community continues to be generous, donating, second-hand tools and quality second-hand wood.

This enables us to compete with the local Garden Centres./ Department Stores.

Finally, it looks as though we are on course to balance our books and this has been achieved by hard work and has given pleasure to our members who have gained experience from a large range of tasks.

Tony Jones

C.E.O. Of Burnham Men's Shed

Hitcham Trust – Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 23 May 2023

The Hitcham Poor's Land Trust, now known as the Hitcham Trust, has been in its present form since 1963 (we celebrate 60 years in September 2023) although its history goes back to 1779.

The Hitcham Trust offers financial assistance to residents of Burnham and Hitcham who are in or who have fallen upon hard times. As a guide, the trust can help with school clothing, shoes, winter coats, and household goods, carpets, white goods and replacement items (for example tools).

The Trustees, if possible, like to make a home visit as in this way other requirements can often be assessed or the individual signposted to other supporting agencies. Being on benefits is not a prerequisite to asking for help - it is to recognise that a sudden bout of impecuniousness can strike at any time!

Application is usually made through agencies such as Social Services, schools, children's support departments, Citizen's Advice, churches and of course Burnham Health Promotion Trust which Hitcham Trust played its part in setting up.

Please note the trust is precluded from paying cash or assisting with bills or making retrospective awards.

With interest only now moving from their historic low, the trust's income has been hovering around £6000 p.a. although it is anticipated this will now rise.

It was thought, with all the problems caused by 'lock-down' and the subsequent cost of living increases, that calls on the Trust's funds would have increased. However this has not been the case; in fact there were no applications in the 3 months prior to the last Trustees meeting.

In accordance with the Trust Deed, funds have been applied to other good causes over the years, Alexander Devine, Care and Share, Thames Valley Hospice to name a few and the trust is investigating making an award to Padstones (that's news to them!). There is also Burnham Lighthouse that is set to return in 2024.

The trustees of Hitcham Trust (which is secular and non-political) are supportive of the campaign to have the non-selective secondary school in Burnham re-opened. Letters in support are being prepared.

It is believed by the trustees that the Hitcham Trust will continue to serve the community by helping those in need who are referred.

Terry J Gamble

Chair
Hitcham Trust

Annual Parish Meeting - Tuesday 23 May 2023

THE WELL @ LENT RISE (Charity No. 1124145)

The Well @ Lent Rise started as an outreach project of St Mary's church, Hitcham and was registered as a charity 15 years ago last Saturday (20th).

One of the original ideas was to bring together young and old in the Lent Rise area and the charity started in the Methodist Church hall with an after school homework club (the Learning Lab). Soon other community projects were undertaken: memory book (for pre-dementia/dementia sufferers and carers), post-natal depression support, Youth Cafe (after school youth club) at Burnham Upper school, budgeting support, Street Youth Outreach (Friday night) and the Meeting Place and Wake-up-Wednesday.

Because of the lack of volunteers qualified in their respective fields, and the difficulties for charities to be given funds for salaries, only the last two activities currently continue, The Meeting Place and Wake-up-Wednesday, funded predominately from voluntary donations. The Well @ Lent Rise should however shortly be receiving grants from Burnham Foundation and Beeches Community Board towards the cost of large parasols so that those who attend can take their refreshments in the Methodist Church Garden or car park as we call it! I would add that the Burnham Lions Club assist quite considerably by volunteering in keeping the shrubbery under control and weeds at bay.

Wake-up-Wednesday

Provides bacon rolls or croissants, hot chocolate, fruit and fruit juice predominately for students catching school buses. Our first 'customer' arrives shortly after 7 a.m. and we usually continue to just after 8 a.m. when the non-retired volunteers go off to work.

The cost of provisions has risen quite sharply of late from approximately £17 to £23 weekly during school term.

Remembering our St. Mary's roots, in addition to treats at Christmas and Easter, booklets are given out, to those who wish to receive them, explaining the real meaning of these holidays. On quite a few mornings, during the school terms we are joined by Wayne Dixon from Christian Connections in Schools who further brightens the mornings.

The provision of a breakfast on Wednesday mornings is greatly appreciated by the schoolchildren, and also means that students from different schools interact.

When Wake-up-Wednesday started one of its aims was to make young people feel part of the community and for the short time on Wednesday morning this is achieved.

Later in the morning a check is made to ensure that no wrappings or cups have missed the rubbish sacks provided. Fortunately the children themselves provide very little or no rubbish.

Unfortunately, over the week, others who have no compulsion not to throw rubbish ensure that this exercise is worthwhile!

The Meeting Place

From 9.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. on Wednesdays all are welcome to meet and partake of tea/coffee and home-made cake. Volunteers organise a cake rota with 'gluten free' e.t.c. always available.

The Well Stitchers undertake all sorts of needlecraft raising money for charities and good causes both local and further afield. Ukrainian refugees, Age Concern, Australian bushfire victims, Burnham Library have all been recipients of the Stitchers largesse. Wall hangings for local churches have also been produced. The Well Sitchers have been on training courses, museum visits and craft exhibitions in order to improve their skills and motivation.

Claire Rollinson, The Well @ Lent Rise's volunteer professional artist, spends time with anyone who wishes to participate in crafts and artwork.

There are also ad hoc card and flower arranging workshops during the year.

On Saturday 9th September 2023, at the Methodist church hall, a fundraising Craft and Arts showcase is taking place with works from those who attend The Meeting Place.

Each week there are various games available and a 'crossword corner' to help 'the little grey cells' keep active.

On the 2nd Wednesday of the month there is a 'walk-in' Citizens Advice Service and a private room is provided.

The Meeting Place has celebrated both the late Queen's Jubilee and The Coronation.

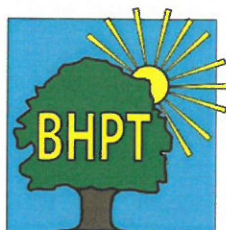
Many of those who attend took advantage of a subsidised trip to the pantomime at Christmas as well as a Christmas Lunch.

The Well @ Lent Rise was also involved with the joint community 'Beer and Carols' event at The Royal British Legion in early December 2022.

The trustees of The Well @ Lent Rise, (which is non-political and has no agenda), are supportive of the campaign to have the non-selective secondary school in Burnham re-opened. Letters in support are being prepared, Wake-up-Wednesday giving a unique insight to this cause.

The Meeting Place has for the last 15 years provided a warm and friendly welcome to all who attend and provides a vibrant place for locals and those from further afield to engage in a morning of fun.

Terry J Gamble
Trustee
The Well @ Lent Rise



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'Working together for a happy, healthy, active and caring community'

Update for Burnham Parish Council AGM Tuesday 23rd May 2023

Written by Dawn Harries (Head of Community Wellbeing)

Hello Everyone

It has been another busy year for Burnham Health Promotion Trust which has included amongst other things a move, after 20 years, from our offices at the Health Centre to Burnham Park Hall. This move was necessary to give both organisations more space to grow and serve the community.

The Trustees and staff of Burnham Health Promotion Trust would like to take this opportunity to thank the Councillors of Burnham Parish Council and the Staff of Burnham Park Hall for accommodating us and for ensuring our move from the Health Centre before Christmas went smoothly.

Please see below for details of our forthcoming events:

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Forthcoming Events

Donkey Derby: 27th May 2023 – We shall be hosting our usual tombola stall at the Donkey Derby on 27th May. Please come and visit us.

Wellbeing Day: 4th June 2023 – Following the success of our last Ladies Wellbeing Day back in January, we are planning to hold another on 4th June – Tickets are £8 each purchased in advance or £10.00 on the day. Please buy tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ladies-wellbeing-afternoon-tickets-626112468247>

Taplow & Hitcham Fete: 24th June – Burnham Health Promotion Trust have been invited to be in attendance. Raffle tickets are available to purchase on the day at the Fete and via St Peters Church and our offices.

Burnham Fete: 8th July – Please come and visit our stall on 8th.

All proceeds from the above events will go to support Burnham Care and Share Foodbank.

News and Updates

Care and Share – This collaborative initiative between ourselves, St. Peters Church, and Foodshare continues to operate from the foyer of Burnham Park Hall on Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 2 till 4 and we are grateful to the Parish Council for the space and help provided which has allowed us to support 2760 adults and children for the year from 1st April 2022 to 30th March 2023. Referrals can be made by local schools, GP surgery, St Peters Church and BHPT. It is noteworthy that the support being provided is recognised by Buckinghamshire County Council as further grant monies have been secured from them which will allow us to continue to help those in need locally.

Number 22 - Number 22 Counselling Service in conjunction with BHPT are now providing support from the newly created “counselling hub” operating from Meeting Room 4 at Burnham Park Hall. This is providing mental health support for those in and around the Burnham area 5 days per week.

Our “**Hold My Hand**” initiative continues to provide local youngsters aged 11 to 21 with early intervention counselling support. The success of this initiative has resulted in the BHPT recently introducing the “**Hope**” initiative for adults. Referrals can be fast tracked via GP’s at Minnicroft Road Health Centre or via Number 22’s website direct.

Schools Project - Applications for grant funding were invited last year for Early Years projects to help children with speech, language and developmental difficulties post covid. The Trust awarded a total of £25,000 to support projects at St. Peters School, Lent Rise School, Lynch Hill, St Nicolas and Priory School. Application forms for this academic year’s funding have been sent out and the closing date for applications is 30th June. The Trustees and staff would like to thank all those that support us when we apply for assistance, which in turn enables us to be as generous as we can to support others.

Citizens Advice Service - We are delighted to announce the return of Face to Face Citizens Advice sessions which take place on Wednesday mornings in Meeting Room 3 at Burnham Park Hall. Appointments can be made by ringing 01494 791391 (Please see separate leaflet). Telephone consultations are also available for those that cannot attend in person.

Job Club – Our new Job Club commenced in the Library in February and supports all those needing help gaining employment. Assistance with applications, covering letters and CV writing are being provided, along with help to find training or benefits.

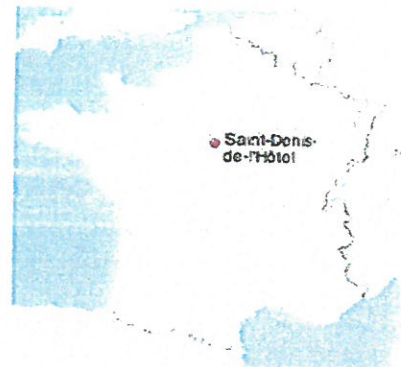
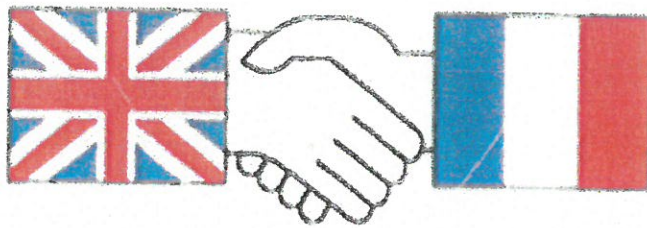
Timetable

I have highlighted a few items of relevance above but attach a copy of our timetable showing other opportunities that are available locally.

As always, our Trust and Staff are always receptive to hearing feedback or ideas for new initiatives from the Councillors or members of the public. Please contact us if you wish to discuss something with us.

Day / Time	Activity/Service	More Details	Frequency	Target Group	Cost	Referral
Monday 9.45 - 10.45	Chair Based Exercise With Donna	Burnham Methodist Church Eastfield Road	Weekly	60+ Men and Women For more info call 01753 674945	£5	Just turn up
Monday 14.15 - 15.15	Tai Chi With Colin Bond	Burnham Park Hall All abilities welcome	Weekly	Adults of any age For more info call 01628 666298	£7 or £25 for 4	Just turn up
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.30	Outdoor Gym Group	Burnham Park Green Gym Next to the Library	Weekly	Adults of any age	Free	Just turn up
Tuesday 11.00 - 12.00	Singing for the Memory	Join in with our friendly group at Burnham Library, Windsor Lane, Burnham.	1 st & 3 rd Tues of the month	Adults with memory loss, early onset dementia and their carers.	Free	Just turn up
Tuesday 11.30 - 12.30	Walking Football	Sessions in Burnham Park New players always welcome, try for free then pay as you play.	Weekly	Call Jeff for details 07932 475200 or visit www.redkites.weebly.com/join-us.html	£3	Just turn up
Tuesday 12.00 - 14.00	Burnham Job Club	Do you need help with job searching, CV writing and interview practice? Join us at Burnham Library, Windsor Lane, Burnham.	Weekly	Over 18's. For more information contact gemma@bhpt.org.uk or 01628 661441	Free	Just turn up.
Tuesday 14.00 - 15.30	Simply Walk Eton / Dorney	Meet at the Dorney Garden Centre or Eton Wick Football Club. Call to confirm which	3 rd Tues of the month	Adults of any age	Free	Register / Book online Simply Walk webpage
Wednesday 10.00 - 11.00	Walking Football	Sessions in Burnham Park New players always welcome, try for free then pay as you play.	Weekly	Call Jeff for details 07932 475200 or visit www.redkites.weebly.com/join-us.html	£3	Just turn up
Wednesday AM	Citizens Advice	Face-to-Face appt at Burnham Park Hall or phone appointments available	Weekly	Adults of any age	Free	Self-refer. Call to book 01494 791391
Wednesday 10.00 - 10.30	Simply Walk Burnham Park	Meet at Burnham Park Hall	1 st & 3 rd of the month	Adults of any age, this walk is suitable for slower walkers	Free	Register / Book online Simply Walk webpage
Friday 10.00 - 11.00	Simply Walk St Peters Church	Meet at Cornerstone, St Peter's Church, Burnham.	Weekly	Adults of any age	Free	Register / Book online Simply Walk webpage
Friday 10.00 - 12.00	Men's Sheds	Burnham Bowls Club, Stomp Road, Burnham For info call Tony 07712 436933	2 nd & 4 th Fri of the month	For adults - Women welcome Tools, shed access & gardening included	£3 per session	Just turn up
Sunday From 14.30	Simply Walk Burnham Beeches	Meet at the café on the Lord Mayors Drive	3 rd Sunday of the month			Register / Book online Simply Walk webpage

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Burnham Village Twinning Association BVTA

Burnham has been twinned with a small town in the Loire Valley, Saint Denis de l'Hôtel, since 2012. Situated one hour by train from Paris, and a step away from Chambord, Saint Denis de l'Hôtel is a traditional French town, proud of its culture, its gastronomy and its wines.

In Saint-Denis, you can make the most of the outdoors. From camping in the countryside to biking/ hiking along the River Loire, enjoy water sports and many other activities. You can also discover the Castles around, some of them are also part of a vineyard. Being so close to Paris, a day shopping trip can easily get organised. Of course, our friends from Saint Denis will be welcoming you and making sure you have the time of your life!

Our programme is to put in place different exchanges between our two towns such as:

- sports events (football, biking, pétanque, Tai Chi)
- art exhibitions
- concerts with local bands and choirs,
- meetings via videolink.
- Children's activities.
- develop school exchanges via videoconferences and visits.
- organise long weekends and holidays in France
- building strong friendships
- learn or improve your French

Do you like France, its inhabitants, its culture and gastronomy?

Would you like to become a member of our friendly association?

Do you have time and would like to help the community and participate in organising events? You don't need to speak French!

Let us know!

Come and meet the BVTA team on 22nd April at our stand at the Beer Festival at Burnham Park Hall.

In the meantime, you can contact us on 07747120321 or 07940775862 for a chat.

PROGRAMME 2023

This year we have an exciting list of events that you don't want to miss.

6 April: Children fun afternoon at the Burnham Youth Club (under 10 year old)

22 April: Beer Festival – Burnham Park Hall – BTVA stand

06 to 26 May Children's drawing competition

17 or 24 May: Tai -Chi in video link with the Tai Chi club of Saint Denis at Burnham Park Hall between 7 and 8 pm

17 June: Social Evening (including 'Prize Giving for the Children's Competition and a quiz) at the British Legion

8 July: Village Fête – Raffle / games at the BVTA stand in Burnham Park

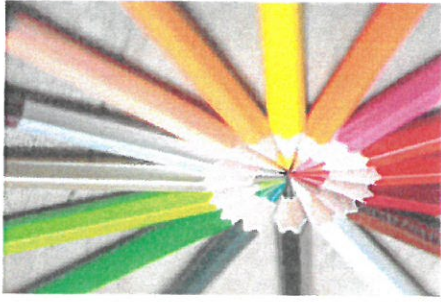
14 July: Get together for Bastille Day – Drinks in Burnham Park or Park Hall depending on weather. Zoom call with Saint Denis

TBA September: Visit of the French Institute in London followed by tea, coffee and cake before watching a French movie in the cinema of the institute at 5 pm. (movie in French with English subtitles)

11 and 12 November: Commemoration of the Armistice WW1 in respective towns. Exchange of Wreaths – Possible visits of delegations.

18 November : Beaujolais Nouveau Evening: Wine and cheese! Videolink avec Saint Denis

6 December: Afterschool Saint Nicolas's party at the Youth Club (Saint Nicolas will be there!)



Drawing competition

Organised by the Burnham Twinning Village Association



Open to all children from 6 to 12 years old. The competition starts on the 6th May and ends on the 26th May 2023.

3 age groups will compete for prizes:

- 6 to 8 years old
- 8 to 10 years old
- 10 to 12 years old

You can choose to draw any building or landmark of Burnham, such as your school, a church, the park, the Burnham Park Hall, the War Memorial, the library. Your drawing will be judged by members of the BVTA Committee as well as by some members of the Saint Denis de l'Hôtel.

Please send your drawing- A4 format - together with your name and a contact (mobile and email address) to:

BVTA, 19 Littlebrook Avenue SL2 2NW

If you have any questions, please contact us on 07940775862.

Bonne chance à toutes et tous!

Annual Burnham Parish Meeting 2023

Patient Participation Group update

The Patient Participation Group is part of the national strategy to improve communication between GP surgeries and the Community. I thought this was a good opportunity to do just that.

I attend the NHS engagement meetings and follow the setup of the Integrated Care Board for Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire (BOB). It's been slow but 3 patient groups have pushed back on some details. We want convenient access to good facilities where ever we live.

So what changes are happening locally?

GP Surgeries are not allowed to close their books to new patients, which is another reason for having a local plan to balance new homes and infrastructure.

Burnham Health Centre needs more space for new staff and patients. The mainly empty Community Centre building behind the Health Centre would be useful if Bucks councillors could help make it available. Planning permission has been refused for a second storey for the Health Centre due to limited parking.

Burnham Health Promotion Trust moved to Burnham Park Hall releasing 2 rooms which will be used for telephone and admin staff. Three new consulting rooms are being fitted out.

There is a rare extra GP, a mental health practitioner, an extra pharmacist (making 2 ½ fte) and a GP associate who will aim to provide test results on the same day. Burnham is a training centre for GPs so there will always be new staff around. The advantage of seeing one of the new staff is that appointments are longer, but an experienced GP is always available if required.

Twelve months ago, fibre optic lines were installed to speed up the IT systems and enable a new telephone system. There is now an option to leave a message, but not about appointments. A call-back system is possible if money becomes available.

Recently, most patients received a text message about the Ask FIRST App. There have been lots of positive responses locally and more appointments are being added to meet that demand. The patient enters their symptoms, and the system navigates the patient to the appropriate service.

Alternative AI applications are constantly being evaluated. They are easier to setup (if your details are correct at the surgery), and can be accessed in a variety of ways. The surgery understands not everyone uses a smart phone, so patients can opt to receive emails. Proxy access is being made available, for children and others unable to manage for themselves.

Receptionists are a vital part of the process to navigate patients to the available services, but they often face abuse for doing their job. They can send links to other services by text or email. These include the Wycombe Urgent Treatment Centre, Ask FIRST and 111.

The enhanced access appointments on Saturdays are booked in advance by telephone, but there is a large proportion of Did Not Attend. This doesn't bode well for the introduction of appointments booked 2 weeks ahead. Cancelling appointments seems to be a forgotten courtesy.

The new website is <https://buckshealthservices.co.uk/burnham-health-centre/> with links to a wide variety of information from reliable sources.

The Patient Participation Groups communicate between the community and Surgery on generic issues. We can share information from the surgery and pass on suggested improvements. There is also a suggestion box.

Individual issues should always be addressed to the practice directly. Letters can be left in the letter box and, yes, they are opened by staff who redirect as required.

The PPG has new terms of reference. There is a virtual membership who will receive news emails about the surgery and NHS services. There will be a small organising committee, to organise the volunteers at flu clinics and local events, and communications.

Please get yourself included in the distribution list to receive regular updates.

Thank you for listening.

Anything that can be bought over the counter is not available on prescription.

Some patients are very demanding – 84 appointments this year, or complaining after 3 appointments in 2 days.