



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Finale went off with a BANG





Chairman's News & Views

Dear Residents

I trust that you are all well and are looking forward to some good summer weather.

You can see from the content of this issue of the newsletter that the theme is the Queen's platinum jubilee celebrations and the events that took place in the village. There are some fantastic photographs included and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this edition.

The Town Council hosted the event at the cricket club at which a disco and firework display was provided free of charge. There was a good turn out and everyone agreed that the fireworks accompanied by music were excellent.

The celebrations to commemorate 70 years of magnificent public service by our Queen has led me to think about what to include in my piece and I decided that public service was a good topic.

The members of the Town Council work very hard for the residents of Burscough for no reward other than the immense satisfaction of knowing that they are contributing to the wellbeing and the quality of day to day life for our residents.

If you speak to any of our present councillors I can assure you that they will say that the satisfaction they get from doing this is worth the effort.

I would therefore like to say that at the moment :-

YOUR TOWN COUNCIL NEEDS YOU

There are vacancies on the Council after several Councillors retired in May and if you would like to contribute and help shape initiatives that will effect the lives of our residents then please think about putting yourself forward for co-option to Burscough Town Council.

If you would like to know more about this opportunity, please call for an informal discussion with our Clerk on 01704 894914 or email :- Jackie.maguire@burscoughtc.org.uk

Thank you for taking time to read this and please STAY SAFE.

Brian Kennedy

Burscough Town Council Chairman.



Fireworks display makes a great jubilee finale

At the Town Council there was much debate over how to ensure a suitable and appropriate finale to mark the end of the Jubilee celebrations on Sunday 5th June 2022. It was Councillor Brian Bailey who came up with the idea of a firework display set to music to be held at the Cricket Club. It was also thought that since darkness wouldn't fall till around 10 o'clock and the fireworks would look much better in the dark to hold a disco at the Cricket Club to cover the time leading up to the display.

The weather forecast in the days leading up to the event was not promising but the evening when it came was mostly dry and around 2 to 300 people gathered at the Cricket Club both inside and outside. Brian Sewell acted as DJ playing a mix of music including some suitably patriotic tunes and the volunteers at the club worked hard behind the bar keeping the drinks flowing. Catering was provided by Lourdes Deli and there was also an ice cream van. A number of children were playing games of cricket and the atmosphere was good. The rain mostly stayed off and people gathered outside as the sky darkened and the anticipation grew.

At around 10pm the fireworks began to the strains of Queen's "Don't Stop Me Now". Instantly people rushed to take photographs and videos and children stopped what they were doing to watch. "Don't Stop Me Now" moved onto other Queen songs, an inspired choice given the Jubilee celebrations. There were screams and giggles of laughter as the fireworks exploded and the soundtrack moved from one Queen song to the next. The fireworks illuminated the darkening sky and many residents afterwards said that they could see the display from quite some distance away.

The display ended to the final notes of "The Show Must Go on" with the final note continuing to echo as the DJ played the National Anthem. People who had stopped what they were doing to watch then returned to their drinks while the music started up again.

Burscough Town Council would like to thank Fantastic Fireworks, Burscough Cricket Club, Dave Fairclough, Brian Sewell, Lourdes Deli and special thanks to Councillor Brian Bailey.

Report by Councillor Chris Ryley



Burscough (and the uk) goes street party mad

It seemed to be a Bank Holiday weekend of Castles, Crowns and Corgis. Up and down the country there was a host of ideas for a weekend of Jubilee celebrations. From crown-making sessions and corgi trails to beacon lighting and stepping into the 1950s through music and exhibitions, there was plenty to get involved in.

Locally, Burscough Town Council were delighted with the response to their offer of specially prepared Street Party Packs. The Town Councils Clerks office was inundated with requests from local residents, all keen to bring their immediate community together in unison with over 5000 other registered Street Party organisers across the UK. Her Majesty The Queen is the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, and in her letter to the nation, The Queen said that she hoped the Jubilee 'will bring together families and friends, neighbours and communities' – well it certainly did all of that.

Ahead of the planned celebrations Burscough Town Council arranged for over 300 metres of specially themed QPJ bunting and matching lamppost badges to be erected on lampposts along both sides of the main village thoroughfare. The Queen's own Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Flag was raised in the Memorial Gardens, with the Ukrainian National Flag remaining in place as a show of support and solidarity for the citizens of Ukraine and their continued suffering.

Leading up to the Jubilee weekend a number of local village shops took part in a Magical History Tour which was kindly organised by the St John's C of E Church and local historian and photographer, Michael Dawson. Featuring many of his 'Images of Burscough' photographs Michael managed to recreate what many of



our local shops were like all those years ago when Her Majesty The Queen ascended the throne.

Along with the Street Parties other large scale celebrations included The Big Jubilee Lunch, making its second appearance after its debut at the Diamond Jubilee in 2012. There was live music at the wharf throughout the 4 day period, and life in Burscough over the Bank Holiday weekend became rather hectic with large crowds also attending other local resident organised and highly enjoyable competitions like the Raft Race, the Duck Race and the Scarecrow Festival. BTC would like to offer a WELL DONE to all the organisers for their efforts in bringing



the community together. The holiday weekend was topped off with a Town Council funded disco, special thanks to our DJ for the night, Brian Sewell, along with a fireworks display finale kindly hosted by the Cricket Club.

It was (street) party time at Rivington Drive



The residents of Rivington Drive certainly picked the right day, Saturday 4th June, to hold their Queens Platinum Jubilee Street Party. It was a day of continuous sunshine and allowed over 80 residents, adults and children alike to enjoy a day of bingo, quizzes and various competitions organised in the most part by resident Anne Monk and her family, plus a duo entertaining everyone with sing-along versions of 60's numbers. Residents supplied their own food & drink and a jolly good knee up was had by all. David Hardisty a former Town Councillor expressed the view that it was good to see old friends and neighbours getting together after losing contact through the pandemic, he was also keen to pass on his thanks to Suzanne Hill from WLBC for all her assistance and advice.

*Reports by Cllr. Derick Moss
Burscough Town Council Vice Chairman.*

Climate action, globally and locally

Fairtraders are, of course, also dedicated to cooperation and action to protect our climate. That all adds up to a different way of working, trading and living.

All of these ideas will doubtless come together at the 27th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 27) to the UNFCCC which will take place in Sharm El-Sheikh, in Egypt from 7-18 November 2022.

But whatever our leaders do, the real action will only be effective if we are all playing our part as we shop and organize locally– so watch out for the news in the autumn as the Town Council move into their new headquarters at the Burscough Bridge Station where it is hoped we can be providing information to help everyone learn how they can help. And meanwhile when you shop 'think Climate!'

FCCC: United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.





Burscough Scarecrow Festival 2022

The Annual Burscough Scarecrow Festival returned again this year, as always organised by Burscough's own Dotty Woods. With 2022 being the year of the Platinum Jubilee the festival was extended to a whole week running from the 30th May to the 5th July though many kept their scarecrows up longer and had a royalty theme which many interpreted in surprising ways. In all there were a fantastic 59 scarecrows that entered this year.

The scarecrow maps as in previous years printed by Burscough Town Council were on sale through the week and families had a great time finding all the scarecrows and posing for pictures.

The winners were announced at the family fun day held at St John the Baptist Church on Sunday 5th July. The winners were: - Best Home and Best Overall Scarecrow went to 72 Higgins Lane

Best Business went to Heskin Farm
Best Church went to Burscough Methodist Church
Best Royalty Theme went to 29 Orrell Lane
The money raised from the festival always goes to local causes. This year it went to the Burscough Food Bank and Spartac Gymnastic Club which is a disability gymnastics club.

Burscough Scarecrow Festival would like to thank Anwyl Homes, Burscough Town Council, Holly Budgen, Caroline Ramsden, Rachel Jones, Jodie Watson, Carolyn Morley and everyone who built a scarecrow or bought a map.

Report by Councillor Chris Ryley





Burscough Duck Race 2022

The Annual Burscough Duck Race returned this year on the 5th June 2022 on the Platinum Jubilee Sunday. As ever the race was held on the canal by Burscough Wharf and as always, a great crowd turned out to see it. 2000 ducks were sold in all at a cost of £2 each over the weeks leading up to the race.

On the day things didn't go entirely according to plan as the ducks decided not to cooperate and began drifting the other way. The Duck Race Team however headed by Dotty Woods acted swiftly and moved the finish line to the other side of the canal bridge. It all added to the fun of the day and there were still 11 clear winners. Afterwards every single duck was picked out of the canal and bagged up to be counted and verified.

There were a whole host of prizes available this year from nights in castles, shepherd's huts and Hobbit Houses to



meals out at various eateries around Burscough.

The winners were announced along with the Scarecrow Competition winners at the family fun day at St John the Baptist Church.

The money raised will go towards the One Little Village Charity and help to

complete the school that the charity has been helping to build in Kenya.

Thanks are due to Holly Budgen, Caroline Ramsden, Rachel Jones, Jodie Watson, Carolyn Morley and Creative Kitchens.

Report by Councillor Chris Ryley



Photos by Michael Dawson and Debra Baldwin

Knit and Natter Group

Burscough Town Council provided funding of £250 to fund knitted bunting, toppers for the post box, flags and the Town Council Coat of Arms this was a group contribution for the Queens Platinum Jubilee Project. We would like to give a BIG thank you to all the knitters for all their hard work and for making the village and shop windows look very pretty. The Knit and Natter Group also hosted an afternoon tea on Monday 23rd May 2022, where they invited Town Councillors to attend and look at all the items they had knitted, this was a great success.

By, Clerk – Jackie Maguire





Flower power burscough is summer ready

By the time that this newsletter pops through our letterboxes, summer 2022, along with hopefully a bit of summer sunshine will already be upon us.

The Town Council has long considered that colourful eye-catching plant and floral displays across the village can help give local residents that summer feeling and encourage the creation of visitors to the area, which in turn will hopefully boost the local economy. As in previous years, paid for through public funds and this year dedicated to celebrating the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, the Town Councils Street Scene Working Group organised a colourful face-lift to the main street with up to 70 hanging baskets adorning the lampposts stretching from Moss Lane to Mill Dam Lane.

Hoping to bring a bit more flower power and an extra burst of colour to the high street an additional 10 barrier baskets, making 22 in total, were fitted to the railings along the front of the main street shops and the corner of Station Approach. With the colourful newly planted tier planters occupying their traditional positions around the village BTC is committed to create a beautiful and better environment for everyone to enjoy and take pride in.

*Report by Cllr. Derick Moss
Burscough Town Council Vice Chairman.*



Illuminating evidence



Research has shown that darkness produces a big fall in the number of people out walking – and a major reason for this is that people feel less safe walking in the dark. Thus, it is generally accepted that brighter levels of light do make people feel safer when out walking at night.

The first phase of new lighting to two sections of the village trees was approved by Burscough Town Council and completed in April. The original lighting strings on the 3 trees on the canal side bank and the 3 trees on Smithy Walk, which had been in situ for a number of years, had to be removed as a matter of urgency due to vandalism which had left them dangerous to the public. The new more up to date economical and energy efficient lighting strings are made up of 10 metre lengths of IP67 commercial grade with an output of 6.4 watts. New similar lighting is also planned to a number of the Hornbeam trees on the main village thoroughfare which will hopefully take place once they have been pruned in the Autumn.

*Report by Cllr. Derick Moss
Burscough Town Council Vice Chairman.*

Resin Street Art



Street Art has arrived in Burscough Village. Residents may have notice lovely pieces of Street Art on the wall outside Purely Pizza, Heyes Opticians and the Canal Bridge steps by the Wharf. These have been created by Amanda Anderson Mosaics who has used glass and ceramics to bring to life the joy and excitement of spotting a bird in the wild. This Street Art pays homage to the local fauna and natural beauty within the Burscough area and look amazing in the village. Funded by West Lancashire Borough Council to help after the pandemic invite residents back onto the High Street.

By, Clerk – Jackie Maguire





Reading Pods funded by Burscough Town Council at Burscough Village Primary School

Burscough Town Council early this year provided £10,000 funding for outside reading pods for Burscough Village Primary School. The Town Council were delighted we could help and the school was delighted with the outcomes.

Through “Pupil Voice” pupils were encouraged to make suggestions for ways that they could improve their school. The project idea came from several children mentioning that there were limited places to sit at break times to have quiet space away from playground games.

Miss Smith, Headteacher, commented “Since returning from the pandemic, we have been working on different incentives to reignite the children’s love of reading. Being able to provide the children with these excellent outside areas to read and write is wonderful, it has been lovely to see all the children from Nursery to Year 6 using them.”

On Thursday 26th May, the school held a Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Party with lots of singing and dancing celebrating the 70 years of the Queen’s reign. During the celebrations we welcomed our community and delegates from Burscough Town Council. Councillor, Chris Ryley, officially opened the schools’ reading pods and stated that the Town Council were proud of the Reading Pod project which has been installed at Burscough Village. Primary School

The school worked with a local supplier, Saul’s Joinery, to create four extremely versatile reading pods, these have opening side panels for the warmer months, a table for teacher intervention sessions and blackboards for making notes on books that the children read. Behind the picket fence we have created a wildflower garden to attract bees, butterflies and hedgehogs.

Miss Smith added “We are extremely grateful that Burscough Town Council were able to fund this project for all the children and future children of Burscough Village Primary School.”

By, Clerk Jackie Maguire



Burscough food bank’s June up-date



As the media report on price rises not surprisingly we are finding we have more clients - and are doing our best to meet the need.

As part of a bigger charitable organisation – Skelmersdale & District food bank - we benefit from shared resources.

Donations gathered from all over West Lancashire come together at our warehouse in Skelmersdale to supply each individual food bank in the partnership – Burscough being one of four local food banks; enabling each individual food bank to provide local people in need with emergency food, essential toiletries and basic cleaning products e.g. soap powder & washing up liquid.

We are welcoming clients from all over Burscough, Mawdesley, Rufford and other local areas.

Low income, delay in benefits and ill health are key causes for people needing support.

As well as supplying emergency parcels, we supply each client with a support pack, signposting them to professional organisations that can offer expert advice e.g. ARK, SWILCAN, Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB).

Local donations are critical to our work. The local community continue to be exceedingly generous! For example: we receive donations from small craft groups, exercise groups, primary and secondary schools, individuals, families, businesses large and small; recently we received a wonderful donation of food from the ‘Burscough Scarecrow Festival’ organisers.

Burscough Tesco continue to play a key role in supporting the food bank, as they offer a donation

collection point, and match the weight of the TESCO food donated with a 20% donation.

Clients also benefit from fresh eggs donated weekly from a local farmer – these are very much appreciated!

Each and every donation goes to a person/family in need, making a difference in people’s lives when they are most in need of kindness and support.

Our clients are most appreciative of the help they receive and amazed by the generosity and kindness of the local community in supporting the food bank.

We are aiming to provide a fresh fruit & vegetable parcel with every emergency food parcel starting in July. This is possible due to the generosity and kindness of another local organisation, driven to support local people in need.

However, as soon as donations come in, due to the increase in demand, donations are packed and shared with clients.

We continue to need the support of every donor; no matter how small, every item received is received makes a difference!

We hope to soon have a colleague from the Citizens Advice Bureau working with us each Thursday, supporting clients face to face in the food bank.

We have also applied to be part of a national Fuel Federation, which will enable us to support clients facing fuel poverty.

Other acts of kindness making a difference, have been ‘bags for life’ made by the local Rotary group and stitching group; phone cards donated by O2 and most of all the volunteers themselves, who ensure clients are welcomed with tea/coffee, a smile, a chat and support.





Message to local walkers in the Burscough area

Please could you inform the Town Council – Jackie.maguire@burscoughtc.org.uk regarding any problems walkers encounter accessing public rights of way In Burscough only, in order for The Town Council to refer to appropriate authorities at Lancashire County Council or arrange for the vegetation to be cut back.



Dates for the Diary / Future Points of Interest

- Defibrillators coming to Manor Road and Richmond Avenue. Following the refurbishment of the telephone kiosks, which are due to be returned week commencing 4th July 2022 and will be fitted with defibrillators just like the one in the main village.
- Trees in main village centre due to be cut back with possible new lighting fixed after the work.
- Burscough Town Council will be moving to the Interchange Building in September 2022, we are creating community space available to hire, we do have a list but if you are a group who may wish to hire space please contact: - Jackie.maguire@burscoughtc.org.uk
- Climate Action open meeting to be held once the Interchange Building is ready.

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Town Council vacancies

Burscough Town Council currently have vacancies we would like to fill. If you are 18 years old or over and live or work in Burscough you can apply. This will give you the opportunity to make a difference within the community that you live, making decisions with other Town Council members. More information regarding minutes and agendas can be found on our website or by emailing the Clerk Jackie.maguire@burscoughtc.org.uk There are a number of working groups you could be involved with:-

- Street Scene
- Finance
- Newsletter and Publicity
- Personnel
- Capital Projects
- Station Building
- Traffic Issues
- Flooding
- Climate Change
- And additionally Planning and Footpaths Committee

The positions are available on a voluntary basis with an easy co-option process to become a member.

Please contact the office 01704 894914 / Jackie Maguire Clerk Jackie.maguire@burscoughtc.org.uk for further information.

Website address: <https://burscoughtc.org.uk/>

NOTICE Thank you to everyone who has provided photographs of the events within this Newsletter, If you would like an electronic copy of any of the photographs in this issue, please contact the Clerk – Jackie Maguire. Jackie.maguire@burscoughtc.org.uk