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**IN THIS EDITION**  
**SPRING & LEARNING FROM SEEDS**  
**LENT & EASTER SERVICES**  
**VILLAGE EVENTS**

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*ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, BURTON CH64 5TG*  
*ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, SHOTWICK CH1 6HX*

# Church Services

## St Nicholas' Church

### March

#### Sundays

- 2 8:45 Holy Communion  
(Traditional Service)  
10.00 Morning Worship
- 9 10:00 Morning Worship
- 16 10:00 Communion for All  
6:30 pm Evensong
- 23 10:00 Morning Worship
- 30 Mothering Sunday  
10:00 Morning Worship

#### Wednesdays

- 10:15 Holy Communion

### April

#### Sundays

- 6 8:45 Holy Communion  
(Traditional Service)  
10.00 Morning Worship
  - 13 Palm Sunday  
10:00 All Age Worship
  - 17 Maundy Thursday  
7:30pm Seder Meal
  - 18 Good Friday  
4.00 pm Walk of  
Witness Service
  - 20 Easter Sunday  
10:00 Easter Communion  
No Evensong
  - 27 10:00 Morning Worship
- #### Wednesdays
- 10:15 Holy Communion
  - 23 No Service

## St Michael's Church

### March

#### Sundays

- 2 11:30 Morning Praise
- 9 11:30 Holy Communion CW
- 16 11:30 Morning Prayer
- 23 11:30 Holy Communion BCP
- 30 11:30 Holy Communion BCP

### April

#### Sundays

- 6 11:30 Morning Praise
- 13 Palm Sunday  
11:30 Morning Prayer
- 18 Good Friday  
2:00 pm Walk of Witness  
Service
- 20 Easter Sunday  
11:30 Easter Communion CW
- 27 11:30 Holy Communion BCP



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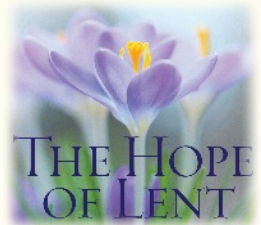


## LEARNING FROM A SEED

REVD JOHN COYNE

Gardeners get excited at this time of year as their gardens begin to wake up visibly and as they sow for new growth in the coming months. Others start to ogle over holiday brochures to take time out for refreshment and inspiration. Families are glad that the season of Spring opens up new opportunities to get out and experience more of life's opportunities.

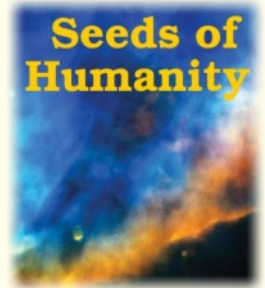
Within the Christian year we reflect upon the transformational change that Lent through to Easter offers. Lent isn't a miserable time even if we choose to give things up. It is sometimes called the Springtime of the Soul because it is a time for spiritual renewal and refreshment. Too often, however, we want to race to the Easter Resurrection without fully embracing the Lenten process that leads there. Lent reflects the forty days that Jesus wandered in the wilderness in readiness for a challenging ministry that would lead to transformation through his life, actions and words to humanity. Few of us can relate to the level of sacrifice and commitment that Jesus displayed in his forty days, yet Lent provides us with an opportunity to deepen our relationship with God from Ash Wednesday through to Easter Sunday.



There is a compelling metaphor that helps us embrace the wilderness and prevents us from racing too fast towards Easter. It is the metaphor of the seed. Jesus began his teaching ministry with the parable of the Sower (Matthew 13) and referred to seeds and trees, fruit and branches, throughout his ministry. The metaphor of Christian growth and spiritual development contained in a seed is to learn valuable lessons about change and transformation.



Here are two ideas about seed growing. Seed needs to be planted in good soil. Even in the best soil, without water and nutrients, growth will be limited. Without sun and cultivation, plants will decay and spoil. Seeds require a rich, healthy environment in which to grow. This applies to the environment in which we grow as followers of Jesus. There must be an ongoing flow of comfort and security, challenge and inspiration, learning and service. Without such an environment, growth is stunted, stagnant, or worse, dead. In Lent we will be holding two groups open to anyone. One will look at prayer and the other will look at trust through the Psalms. You are welcome at either and can find out more via me on [johncoyne.bps@gmail.com](mailto:johncoyne.bps@gmail.com)



Secondly, a seed is the product of previous generations and contains within it all the genetic code for the future. Seeds are filled with the information that yields transformation. Each generation builds upon the last and lays the foundation for the next generation. The words that God has provided for humanity have to be passed down and impact every age group for the future. Each generation is important to the next and so holds the power to transform us all. At Burton, we have appointed Sheila Dennison [sheilad.stnics@gmail.com](mailto:sheilad.stnics@gmail.com) to work with us as our Families and Children's Worker to ensure we engage with each generation offering friendship and support to young families and encouraging spiritual growth for the future. Growth is not the only purpose of a seed, but a means to an end. Unless seeds give rise to new seeds, they fail to fulfil their purpose. As Jesus lived and surrendered his life, leading to Good Friday so he came to Resurrection. This is an entirely new life which he invites everyone to share. In his own words, John 10 : 10



What might that look like for you?

With anticipation

*John*

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FROM THE  
PARISH  
REGISTERS

*Burton*

*Funerals*

*6 January*

*Geoffrey Fairbanks Parsons*

*14 January*

*Philip Michael Redmond*

*Interment Of Ashes*

*29 January*

*David McMahon*

*22 February*

*Susan Mary Smith*

Prayer is a central activity in living out our Christian faith and it can be practised in a variety of ways. In this fascinating Lent course we explore some of the options.



St Nicholas' Church  
*Burton-in-Wirral*

## The Lent Course 2025

# TEACH US TO PRAY

### LENT 2025

#### Short 5-Week Home Group

This year, our short 5-week Lent Course explores prayer through the lens of some of the simplest things we ever learn to say.

We explore together how just a few simple words opens up a different way of thinking about prayer, and different practical approaches to praying. And, in the final section, we think about the kind of prayer in which we say nothing at all. It is a short course from which anyone will benefit.

Wednesday Evenings

7:30pm to 9:00pm

12, 19, 26 March, 2, 9 April

Danes Court, Mudhouse Lane

Burton CH64 5TS



In this short course we'll explore what it means to rely on God's strength and how the Psalms can serve as a guiding light and how God's strength offers us a firm foundation in turbulent times



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*Burton-in-Wirral*

## The Lent Course 2025

# LEANING BACK ON GOD

### LENT 2025

#### Special 5-Week Home Group

John and Sue Coyne will be leading a Lent Course on five Tuesday evenings during Lent

#### 'Leaning Back On God'

A look at 'Trust' based on the Psalms

You are very welcome to join them and they ask that you let Sue know if you hope to come:

[sue3coyne@gmail.com](mailto:sue3coyne@gmail.com)

Tuesday Evenings

7:30pm to 9:00pm

18, 25 March, 1, 8, 15 April

5 Burton Manor Gardens

Burton CH 64 5AB



Messy Church is a way of being church for families and others. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.



**Saturday 8 March**  
In Church from 2:00pm

## **Moses from Bulrushes to Burning Bush**

**Saturday 5 April**  
In GVH from 2:00pm

## **Preparing for Palm Sunday**

# **PALM SUNDAY SERVICE**

*Sunday 13 April*

Starting at 9:30am from Burton Manor we will be walking with a donkey to Church for a special family friendly service.

Refreshments will be served in Church before the start of the service if you wish to join us there to greet the procession.

Palms to wave will be available both at Burton Manor or at Church.





# St Nic's Nippers

PRE SCHOOL FUN

St Nicholas' Church now runs a bi-weekly pre-school group for parents, grandparents & carers with pre school children.

If you have a responsibility to look after a child or children please come along and meet others in Burton.

We get together on alternate Monday mornings in the comfort of Gladstone Village Hall in Burton from 10:30am to 12 noon for activities, play, stories, learning and much more.

The next meetings dates are :

Monday 3 March : Monday 17 March

Monday 31 March : Monday 14 April

Monday 28 April : Monday 12 May



No need to book.

For information please contact: Sheila Dennison  
St Nicholas' Church Families & Children's Worker  
[sheilad.stnics@gmail.com](mailto:sheilad.stnics@gmail.com)





We can't quite believe that we are already halfway through the school year. The children continue to work hard and make good progress and staff continue to provide opportunities for the children to learn outside the classroom with exciting trips to Pizza Express, Chester, Burwardsley and PGL in Shropshire.

In October we embarked on a building project to adapt some of our learning spaces for different uses. In January we opened our Baby Room, where we can accommodate children from 9 months to two years. Hopefully, after half-term we will be opening our purpose built Early Years Hub. This will provide learning areas for Pre-School and Reception class, giving them their own kitchen area and en suite toilet facilities. This will provide families with the opportunity for all their childcare to be in one place and hopefully provide a much-needed service for our community.

It is always lovely to celebrate the children and their achievements and it is always a proud moment to read about their successes in the newspaper. We are immensely proud of all the children in the Bishop Wilson school family and



the contribution they make by supporting each other and demonstrating their Christian values every day. As our school continues to grow, new pupils fit seamlessly into school life - supported by their peers, as if they have always been with us.

*From Team Bishop Wilson*

### Bishop Wilson Calendar of Events

**Sports Day - Tuesday 20 May (weather permitting)**

**PTA Bingo - Thursday 1 May 2025**

**Lap of the Wirral fundraising event - Monday 5 May**

**Teddy Bear's Picnic - Saturday 7 June 10:00am -12 noon (please pre-book)**

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook to keep up to date. [Click Here](#)

# *St Michael's Church*

# *Shotwick*

# *News*



As I was to be the grand old age of 70 at the end of January, I thought to share a glass of wine and chocolates alongside the usual 1st Sunday refreshments on the 2nd of February.

But, my goodness, was I taken by surprise at the 'behind the scenes' planners! I won't name the guilty because I may miss one or two out. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and I was truly overwhelmed, in fact I still am!

Some months prior to the event I had the idea to sit in the ancient 'Warden's Pew' at the back of church on my 'big day', a birthday treat! So to everyone's amusement I climbed in the Pew and immediately Di Snelson shouted, and I quote:

"My Uncle Arthur who lived in the Hall (Shotwick Hall & apparently was a farmer) used to sit in there when he was the Church Warden, and take register of who came to the services every Sunday".

An idea for another day, thought I! Apparently the reign of Di's uncle was circa 1940/50s. Can't see it going down very well in 2025 though!!!

A massive thank you to all concerned, it was fab.

Rosemary Taylor,  
Church Warden



Mothers' Union is a global Christian movement working with people of all faiths and none to develop communities, strengthen families and advocate for change.

We are a loving organisation open to anyone, and supportive of everyone. You don't have to have children, be married, be a woman, or be a churchgoer to join us.

There are different ways to belong to Mothers' Union depending on what works best for each person. To find out more: ***Click Here***

***Theme for 2025:***

***Join Us and Join In***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, our meetings are held at the Sports and Social Club in Burton.

Wednesday 19 March 2:00pm  
Lenten Meditation. In Church.

Sunday 30 March 10:00am  
Mothering Sunday. In Church.



For more information, contact:  
Valerie Lyon [vallyon@btinternet.com](mailto:vallyon@btinternet.com)

## The Mothers' Union Prayer

Loving Lord,

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.

In Jesus' name.

Amen

# Hugh McAllister

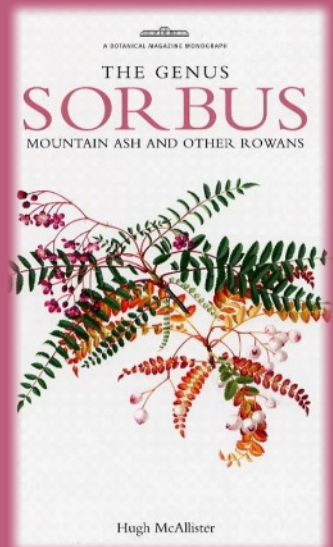
By Mike Roberts,  
Plant Records Officer



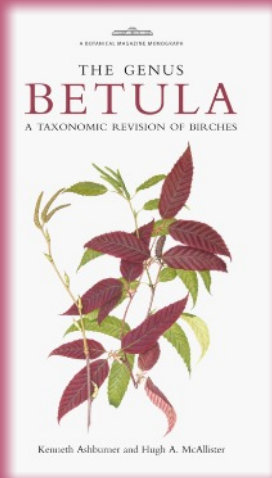
Throughout Hugh McAllister's fifty-plus years at Ness, he not only developed the living collection into the internationally renowned scientific resource it is today, but he also authored and co-authored several publications on the genera he studied. In this article, I will look at some of Hugh's key publications.

Along with the descriptions of many new species, numerous published scientific papers and articles, and a continuing contribution to the increasingly invaluable online resource Trees & Shrubs Online, Hugh has published several botanical monographs that are considered the last word on their subject genera.

Rowans, whitebeams and service trees were a key field of study for Hugh, who produced several papers on the topic, leading to his first published monograph 2005's *The Genus Sorbus*, an account of over sixty species of rowans. Ness, of course, holds a National Collection of *Sorbus*, built up over the years by Hugh as he studied these berried treasures. The monograph is beautifully illustrated by renowned botanical artist Josephine Hague, whose drawings, along with the photographs included, act as helpful tools for identifying key distinguishing features between species.

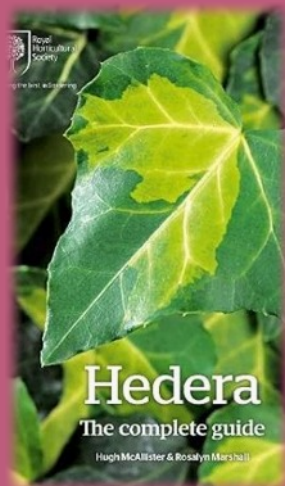


Hugh's discovery of apomixis (asexual reproduction by seed, whereby a plant can produce clonal offspring, genetically identical to the mother plant, without fertilization) within the genus is outlined in an accessible way and has made an impact on proliferation of certain species in horticulture. Always a gardener as well as an academic, Hugh also includes information on how best to cultivate these attractive small trees, making *The Genus Sorbus* useful for the taxonomist and the horticulturalist alike.



*The Genus Betula* (2005) came next and was co-authored by Hugh and the late Kenneth Ashburner, founder of Stone Lane Gardens, the Devon arboretum specialising in birches and alders. The living plants at Stone Lane provided much of the material in this monograph, and like Mr Ashburner's garden, Ness also now boasts a National Collection of birch. The monograph compiles descriptions of all birches then known to science, with a key to help navigate the (sometimes difficult) identification of these magnificent trees. The book also features thorough information on the distribution of each species, history of cultivation, and cultivation techniques. *The Genus Betula* serves our curatorial staff as a vital accompaniment to Ness's important birch collection.

But it is not just trees that Hugh has researched over the course of his career. *Hedera: The complete guide* (2017) was published by the RHS and co-authored by Rosalyn Marshall. Ivies are oft misunderstood plants with enormous horticultural value, and our garden team look after a strong collection of both cultivated and wild collected specimens. Hugh and Rosalyn's monograph includes accounts of all twelve species of ivy, as well as descriptions of almost two-hundred cultivars. Particularly fascinating in this publication is the history of the genus as it pertains to its human uses, both in folklore and traditional medicine.



Hugh's contribution to horticulture and botany, and to Ness itself, is truly incalculable. He continues to contribute his voice to debates both on taxonomy, lending his authority to the recent reclassification of the whitebeams. Or on broader issues surrounding the conservation of plants, such as in his recent article in the *Plant Review* concerning international agreements such as the Conservation on Biodiversity (CBD) and Nagoya Protocol, that he argues may be doing more harm than good.

All of Hugh's botanical monographs are essential works on their subjects and deserve a place on the shelves of all botanically-minded horticulture lovers.

# Down the Garden Path with Flori Bunda

## Spring Time

*Galanthus nivalis* (snowdrops) are first to appear, although this year they were slow to bloom (15 January). There are a few different varieties: *Flore Pleno* (double), *elwesii Beluga* (larger than *nivalis*), *woronowii* and *ikariae*.



Winter aconites can be seen and the camellia *White Swan* has shown some wonderful blooms.

The sweet pea seeds have grown into seedlings and the tops will be pinched out when four true leaves appear.

The Holly tree which was out of control has been cut down to a more manageable size. The buddleias have been pruned.

This is a wonderful time of year with green shoots appearing and the Spring flowers are eagerly awaited. The Kilmarnock (weeping pussy willow) is a little fragile after the winter, but small 'pussies' can be seen.

However a small clump of celendines were spotted.



Four dahlias were purchased, namely *Crazy Love* (white/mauve) and three cactus mixed. They will be planted in pots to grow on prior to being planted in the garden.

Quite a variety of birds have visited the garden: cock pheasant, greater spotted woodpecker, eight long-tailed tits, blue/great tits, gold/green finches, pied wagtail, Robbie Robin and, unusually, Jenny Wren was seen. Obviously, these birds do not all appear at the same time!

## Tasks to be getting on with:

- Clean greenhouse
- Wash seed trays
- Sow seeds
- Remove weeds
- Enjoy the garden

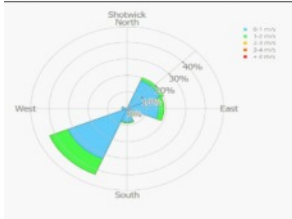
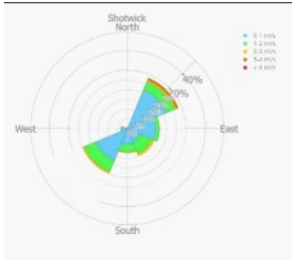
*Happy Gardening !*



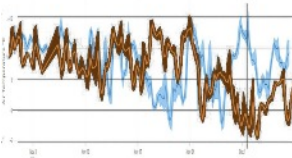
*Flori Bunda*

# NICE WEATHER FOR THE TIME OF YEAR!

Jenny Sneddon has a weather station in her orchard in Shotwick. It is connected to a site called Exploratory run by ScienceScope, a school education company who aim to empower young people for the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow. They passionately believe that education should foster a mindset that not only adapts to change but contributes positively to the world.



Air Temperature °C Shotwick 2023-24 2024-25



For instance, interpreting multi-dimensional data like frequency of occurrence of different wind speeds and directions throughout winter using wind roses. The two here for Shotwick's winter 2023-24 (top) and winter 2024-25 (middle) allow easy comparison between the two periods.

Pupils will see that the wind roses tell us the wind was sometimes *much* stronger last year and blew in a wider variety of directions compared to this year.

Because the temperature in Shotwick varied a lot from day to day it's hard to compare one winter (brown) with another (blue) but, by combining results from hundreds of thousands of stations around the world, climate scientists were able to report on BBC Radio 4 that the global average temperature was half a degree higher in January this year. This use of averaging to reduce the variation seen in data is another important lesson that Jenny's weather data helps to teach.

The rainfall this year seems to have been more concentrated than last - an effect Jenny has noticed from dryer access to field paths.



Gladstone Village Hall will be looking for a Hall Manager from April. In addition, we have identified the need for a Caretaker to assist in general site maintenance. Both are part time, remunerated roles. The GVH Committee is currently drawing up the role specifications for these two posts, but in the meantime, expressions of interest should be emailed to [info@gladstonevillagehall.org](mailto:info@gladstonevillagehall.org)

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# Tales

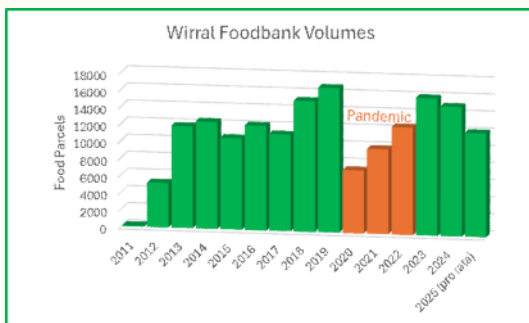
# From <sup>Wirral</sup> foodbank



*To volunteer or donate  
just **Click Here***

It's a new year at the Foodbank, and while we've seen an uptick in the number of clients seeking help as the weather has turned colder (more seasonable, it's February after all), the longer term trend has been for the number of clients to reduce.

2025 figures in the chart are pro rated from January and February, so you shouldn't judge the trend too strongly based on that last bar, but still the reduction from 2023 to 2024 and beyond seems real. The Foodbank has been doing a lot of investigation to check that the reduction is not the result of turning people away or of other services providing food support, and it seems it is not.



Cautiously this is good news. The Foodbank's mission is for there to be no need for its services – hence the Foodbank Plus programme that funds Citizens Advice agents to help resolve the underlying causes of needing emergency food for one client at a time.

Still, the trend seems at the moment to be recovering from the 2018–2023 peaks and returning towards the 2013–2017 level of 11,000 food parcels a year (more than 200 a week, and an average of 3 parcels a year per 100 population. Still a frightening level – like 3% of the population receiving an emergency food parcel).

The Wirral Foodbank is looking for cereal, tinned vegetables, custard, pasta sauce, and tinned fruit, while the West Cheshire Foodbank is looking for UHT milk and fruit juices, tinned vegetables, puddings/desserts, biscuits and small jars of coffee. Both Foodbanks also accept monetary donations which they use to bulk buy food as needed and to provide other services to Foodbank clients. Regular donations especially help with financial planning.

<https://wirral.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

<https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

**Thank you** to all those who care enough to help provide support for our neighbours. It is greatly needed and always appreciated by the Foodbank's clients, volunteers and staff.

Ian Birch, Volunteer, Wirral Foodbank



# Tennis Open Day Event

**Sunday 11th May 10am-12noon**

**Come and join us for a fun morning of tennis .... adults and juniors are welcome and its FREE!**

Burton & Puddington Tennis Courts are located behind the Gladstone Village Hall in a stunning position overlooking open farmland and the beautiful Dee Estuary. The Tennis Section is run by a small group of volunteers who enjoy playing tennis socially and are keen to preserve the village courts by encouraging all ages and abilities to play.

For non-members the Open Day is a great opportunity to take part in a Tennis taster session. Juniors will be on court from 10-11am & Adults from 11-12noon. Our LTA coach will be on hand to give useful hints and tips with refreshments available throughout the morning in the Sports & Social Club. Everybody is welcome, so pull on your trainers and come along. Racquets are available for use on the day.

## **We are also welcoming new Members for 2025**



Membership allows unlimited court booking, access to fun social mix-ins & coaching.

### **Coaching**

Adult & Junior tennis coaching sessions are available with our LTA coach. If anyone is interested in joining the coaching this year, we would love to hear from you.

For more information check out our website [www.gladstonevillagehall.org](http://www.gladstonevillagehall.org) or contact [tennis@gladstonevillagehall.org](mailto:tennis@gladstonevillagehall.org)

# Burton Mere Wetlands

## The Weather Has Been Quieter

We are pleased to announce that improvements have been ongoing and work on the track to the car park at Burton Mere Wetlands has been taking place. To allow for these essential improvement works Burton Mere Wetlands has been closed and inaccessible during this time and reopened on Friday 14 February. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. Following the temporary closure our popular café reopened.

With some recent 9 metre tides there has been a good chance of spotting birds such as Peregrine Falcon and Merlin amongst others as the sea reaches the marshes.

Thankfully February opened with much quieter weather after the destruction caused by storm "Eowyn" in late January. With water levels quite high, the wet conditions made life quite difficult for the work parties on the reserve. However, the daily sightings board showed a good variety of species seen across the marsh.

Over 75 species have been recorded on the reserve, including: ducks and geese, wader species, wetland birds, raptor species and various other common species not always recorded on the sightings board.

The Kingfisher continues to be seen on many occasions from the visitor centre, often sitting on the reeds at the back of the reception pool.



**Kingfisher**  
J Hewitt



**Merlin**  
*S Ryde*

Raptors continue to be seen daily, including Merlin, Hen Harrier, Kestrel and Peregrine as well as our resident Marsh Harriers.

Among the waders, Spotted Redshank and Greenshank have been seen, and the more eagle-eyed visitors have been able to find the Woodcock hiding amongst the tree roots.

Cattle Egrets have been seen as well as our usual Little Egrets and Great White Egrets, and the Green Woodpecker is also reported often seen in the Sheep Field by Burton Point.



**Bullfinch**  
*P Martin*

Other species being reported include Bullfinch, Goldcrest, Redpoll, Tree Creeper, Nuthatch, Long-tailed Tit and Cetti's Warbler.

During the next few weeks, we expect to see the return of some of our Summer visitors. The first Avocets have usually arrived before the end of February, so we are having bets as to the actual date!



**Avocets**  
*S Ryde*

Burton Mere Wetlands is the gateway to the Dee Estuary reserve, with a mosaic of freshwater wetland habitats, mixed farmland and woodland. The area is bursting with wildlife. It is a place where wading birds and wildfowl thrive among wet grasslands, lagoons and shallow pools, known as scrapes. Reedbeds come alive with warblers in Spring and in the ancient woodland, Bluebells carpet the floor in Spring,

For regular updates, sightings information and news about the reserve, check our website blogs at [rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands](http://rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands) and follow us on Facebook and Twitter (search RSPB Burton Mere) – we hope to welcome you here soon.

# The Burton Society



**Thursday 6 March**

## ***'The Battle of the Atlantic'***

David Hearn will tell us about the longest continuous military campaign of World War II. It pitted German U-boats and German aircraft against the combined navies of Canada, the USA and the UK together with merchant shipping.

**Thursday 3 April**

## ***AGM followed by 'RSPB: Burton Wetlands'***

We will hear about what is happening at our local Reserve. One of our local team members will tell us about the work of the RSPB and the on-going development of Burton Wetlands.

After the talks, there are refreshments and an opportunity to chat to other members. New members welcome. Contact Renee Syme on 0151 336-5852.

***7.30pm in the Gladstone Village Hall  
Everyone is Very Welcome***

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# Burton & Neston History Society



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Monthly meetings are held at the **Church Hall, Parkgate & Neston United Reformed Church, Moorside Lane, Parkgate, Neston**

**Thursday 13 March**

***The Life of Lady Lever***

Speaker: Gavin Hunter

**Thursday 10 April**

***Myths, Neston and Much More***

Speaker: Clive Edwards

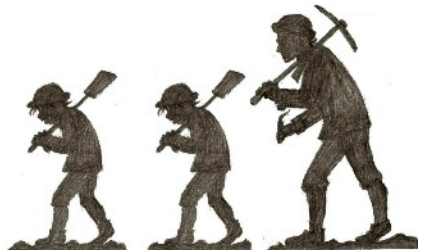
For details of other meetings in our programme [\*\*Click Here\*\*](#)

Talks are held on the second Thursday of each month at 8:00pm, until May 2025. Visitors are very welcome to attend our meetings and it is free on the first occasion. Refreshments are served after the talks, and doors open at 7:30pm.

## **Update on our Spacehive funded Project**

Burton & Neston History Society are sponsors of a Crowdfunding project to create a memorial on the village green at Ness to miners who worked in the Neston Collieries, and to install several interpretation boards with historical and other local information along the coastal route between the bottom of Moorside Lane in Parkgate and Burton Point. There are also plans for boards at Station Road, Neston and the former waterworks on Lees Lane, Little Neston.

We have now obtained planning permission for the memorial and street licences, where these were required, for the various board locations and so secured release of the funds raised through Spacehive. This means work can proceed to commission the memorial and interpretation boards. Many thanks to those who have either contributed to the project or worked behind the scenes to progress the design and planning of the project.



# News From Briarfield Garden

## Snowdrop Openings

Despite dreadful weather on all four of the open Sundays we raised £3060 for charity. A huge thank you to the helpers and everyone who turned out to support us.

## Media

Cheshire Life have an article about the garden in their February edition.

Hopefully we will have a warm spring day for the opening on 6 April.



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME  
Garden Open For Charity

## Briarfield

The Rake, Burton, Neston,  
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**Sunday 6 April**

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# The Friends Of Hampston's Well



The Friends of Hampston's Well continue to make steady progress in restoring the site and gardens, making it more attractive to the many visitors who now call in to explore and learn of the local history associated with the Well.

Although the weather had been very inclement, the small group of volunteers have continued to meet on the 1st Sunday and the 3rd Thursday 10.30am to 12.30pm. They have added a number of enhancing features including a rustic sign and bench kindly donated by Ronnie Smith, one of the volunteers. Further donations of polyanthus plants from Sion Jones at Station House have been planted to give a splash of colour on the top terraces.

Sadly, one of the large trees fell during the recent winter storm and a section of the recently restored sandstone wall has been significantly damaged.



The Friends are holding a Fundraising Music night on 29 March at Gladstone Village Hall to raise funds to repair the wall and to buy materials to continue with the restoration.

Please email [friendsofhampstonswell@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhampstonswell@gmail.com) if you would like tickets (see poster on the next page for details) or if you would be interested in helping with restoration or committee work please do get in touch.

Finally, the Friends will be holding their AGM on Sunday 6 April at The Glasshouse in Burton Manor at 11am. You would be most welcome to join us to hear a full round up of our work in the last year and plans for the future. Tea and Crumpets will be available too, so why not join us for brunch?





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The Shenannigans

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Sunday 30 March, 2:00pm

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Church Hall, Parkgate & Neston United Reformed Church,

More information at: <https://sites.google.com/site/burtonnestonhistory/home>

## **BURTON BRIDGE CLUB**

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For more information please contact Hazel Huxley on 0151 336 2288

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[burtonresidentsassociation.co.uk](http://burtonresidentsassociation.co.uk)

## **FRIENDS OF HAMPSTONS WELL**

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