

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

*It was great to see and experience the many activities and events that were organised to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. They were all brought about by the efforts of volunteers and the people that supported and participated in them so enthusiastically. The weekend demonstrated the contribution that volunteering and participating makes to our community, adding to its vibrancy and wellbeing. My sincere thanks to all, and not least to the staff of the Parish Council and the many businesses that contributed and worked through the coronation period.*

*“Volunteers Week” takes place 1-7 June every year in the UK to recognise the fantastic contribution volunteers make to our communities and for us to say ‘thank you’. We hope that you will look out for the many voluntary groups and activities within Burton Joyce during that week and the rest of the year and, if you haven’t already, find an activity in which to participate.*

*On that note, I need to express my thanks to two retiring Parish Councillors, David Wright and Robin Ringham who have made a great contribution to the village. Robin will be known to many for his work through the Burton Joyce Football Club and the Poplars Sports Ground Committee for the Parish Council. They will be missed, but their departure creates two vacancies on the Council to facilitate a new generation of councillors who wish to bring forward their skills and community focus. There is a lot happening and my thanks go to the staff of the Parish Council, under the leadership of Jessica Sherrin, Parish Clerk and David List, Grounds & Amenities Manager during this busy and demanding time.*

*Cllr Laurence King, Chair*

## THE CORONATION WEEKEND

After many months of planning, we were delighted to see the efforts of so many people come to fruition over the bank holiday weekend to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. It was wonderful to see the community come together to provide a fun-packed weekend of activities for all age groups.

On behalf of everyone who enjoyed and participated in the activities we would like to thank Steve Swann, Editor of The Magazine for taking the lead in producing the special edition coronation supplement and banners, Anne Tate Photography for recording the events in a brilliant set of photographs, local businesses including Nola Café and the Post Office for running competitions, BJ Rainbows for organising the scarecrow trail, the church for the craft afternoon and the Village Hall Committee for the fabulous range of events which took place in the Village Hall over the weekend.

### **The Big Coronation Party**

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all the contributors to make the **‘Big Coronation Party’** such a success. In particular we would like to thank the Women’s Institute (WI) for the amazing array of cakes produced for the occasion, Burton Joyce Community Brass for their wonderful music, Jane Jephson for the Waffle Station and beautiful cake she donated for auction plus her input into the special edition magazine. Our thanks are also extended to all the volunteers who helped during the event. The unveiling of the plaque marking the installation of the newly refurbished clock by the Village Society was a key moment in the afternoon, with the pleasure of seeing the fundraising efforts to restore the clock to its original glory being formally recognised and celebrated.

It was heart-warming to see so many people in the village come and support this special occasion and to make it an afternoon to remember. It demonstrated what a wonderful space that is available at the Old School Building, in the heart of the village. Below are some of the photos from the Big Coronation Party:









The 'Big Coronation Party' was funded thanks to the successful application to the Lottery's Community fund by the Parish Council. As a result we now have a full new set of outdoor chairs and the 4 window boxes and floral displays as a lasting legacy of the celebrations. Funds raised by the WI through their cake and hot drink sales and other donations for food and drinks will be invested in items for the Old School Building's community garden.

#### **IN OTHER NEWS**

##### **Dates for Your Diary**

Next events organised by the Parish Council will be the **Picnic in the Park** – an opportunity to see Burton Joyce Community Brass play again. This will be in The Grove, off Willow Wong on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September** from 1pm. A little time away yet, but to get it in your diary, the **Christmas Lights Switch-On** and celebrations will be on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** from around 3:30pm.

##### **New logo**

We are gradually reviewing and updating our policies and processes including communications. You will therefore begin to notice the new logo we have adopted. A refreshed and updated website is also in progress and should be going live within the next few months.

##### **Parking and Trains**

There has been little progress or activity on the parking area on the corner of Crifin Road and Lee Road, but it remains an important issue, particularly as a new planning application was submitted by the developer of adjoining land. Behind the scenes we continue to press for improved train services, but remain deeply frustrated by the lack of progress with the rail industry. We hope to have a meeting with the EMR Commercial Director, facilitated through our Borough Councillor in the near future.

##### **Parish Council Vacancies**

Following the recent (uncontested) Parish Council election we now have 2 vacancies in our team of 11 councillors. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk or speak to one of our councillors (all contact details on page 50).



## THE OLD SCHOOL TRUST

Since our report in Edition 2 of the 'The Magazine' the Parish Council has been taking action to safeguard, enhance and develop the site of the Old School Building and Carnarvon Room for the widespread benefit of the community of Burton Joyce, taking a whole view of the village and its needs. The following steps have therefore been taken:

- In response to the Old School Trustees (Vicar and Churchwarden) indicating a desire to surrender their roles and pass governance of the Trust to a charitable body outside the village, an application has been made to the Charities Commission to enact Section 299 of the Charities Act - local authorities' power to appoint representative trustees. This would give it a more representative and democratic constitution and ensure the future development of this pivotal village site lies within *local* control. It also addresses the need for necessary transparency and accountability.
- The Parish Council is saddened to witness the unnecessary departure of the History Society and all its wonderful displays from the Carnarvon Room, following the notice served on them by the Old School Trust. Applications have now been made and are being processed to register both the Carnarvon Room and the Old School Building as 'Assets of Community Value'. Once registered, the local community must be informed if the buildings are listed for sale within a 5-year period of registration.
- A recent attempt by the Trust to prevent the £70k investment of funds into the Old School Site, awarded to the Parish Council from Gedling Borough Council's Levy Fund (from housing developments, known as Section 106) has been evaluated by GBC's legal team. The Parish Council has the go-ahead to spend the funds, as GBC do not have any concerns relating to the deliverability or retention of the project. Once professional designs are drawn up for this hugely valuable community garden and facility, an application will be made to the Trust as part of the statutory planning process. Under the terms of the 125-year lease, the expectation is that permission will not be unreasonably withheld by the Trust.
- Our previous report in The Magazine asked for members of the community to get in touch if they wishes to hold a public meeting on this matter. In response to a significant number of requests, a **public meeting** will be held at **7:30pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** in the main hall of **Burton Joyce Primary School**, Padleys Lane.



The Parish Council has for some time endeavoured to engage constructively with key stakeholders on any discussions regarding improved medical services and facilities. As the elected representatives of the community, we expect to engage in any discussions taking place regarding this important issue, and for a proper assessment of need and options to take place to determine how these may be addressed.

We continue to seek a rational, inclusive and sensible outcome for the benefit of the whole community.