

# BURTON JOYCE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

## LAUNCH OF THE 'POP UP FOOD FAYRE' AT THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING

The Parish Council has worked collaboratively over the last few months with local entrepreneur and owner of Paddington's Waffle Station, Jane Jephson to launch the first 'Pop Up Food Fayre' at the Old School Building. This exciting new venture took place at the end of October, with fellow foodie traders joining the team. The idea was borne from the recognition that there is a need for a focal point in the heart of the village on Sundays for dog walkers, families and people simply wanting to meet and have a chat. It was incredibly well supported and many of the stall holders sold out! A big thank you to all who came along, supported and enjoyed this new venture, including members of the fabulous Burton Joyce Women's Institute who had a Christmas fund raiser stall. Following its great success we would like to make it a regular event and hope to host the next ones on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024 11am-4pm. Look out on social media and on our website for confirmation of these dates and further details. We hope to see you there!



## **FIREWORKS NIGHT**

Our annual fireworks display at the Poplars Sports Ground was a huge success - we were so lucky to have a window of dry weather to enable it to go ahead! Our new system of issuing pre-paid tickets worked well and helped the queues move quickly and efficiently on the night. A big THANK YOU to The Post Office, Nola and Rhubarbs for selling them on our behalf; we couldn't have done it without you! We are also incredibly grateful to our dedicated team of staff and all the councillors and volunteers for helping us get the 1200+ spectators through the gates, also to the great concessions who kept everyone and fed and watered, and of course to First Galaxy Fireworks for the fantastic display!



## **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Representatives from the Parish Council marked Remembrance Day by joining the community in laying poppy wreaths at our war memorial, in honour of those who have fallen in the line of duty. This important and solemn occasion was also marked this year with assistance from the children of Burton Joyce Primary School, who made this wonderful display for the Community Garden at the Old School Building. The red poppy is a symbol of both remembrance and hope for a peaceful future and they are worn and displayed as a show of support to the Armed Forces community.





## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

We are looking forward to the annual Christmas Lights Switch on, which will be taking place in the village centre from 3:30pm to 6:00pm on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. We're excited to be bringing back the very popular Jolly Jingles, who made his first appearance in the village at our Coronation Party in the summer, and are delighted to be expanding the number of stalls and food providers available by using the Old School Building community garden area as well as the Cross Keys Car park. The School Choir, Burton Joyce Choral Society and Trent Valley Singers will be singing a host of songs to get us in the Christmas spirit, with Burton Joyce Community Brass lifting the atmosphere with their wonderful musical arrangements. We will be waiting for the arrival of a very special Christmas person and his elves!! We look forward to seeing you there!



## COMMUNITY GARDEN

The designers are busy integrating recent feedback from the 'Old School Building Phase II Committee' on the broad design ideas for the community garden. The brief is to provide an open, accessible, outdoor, flexible, partly covered community space with a garden to create/reinforce the heart of the village. We have asked for a design which benefits the community, promotes health and well-being, has an educational benefit and encourages community groups to host outdoor events. Once we have had a further on-site meeting with them and received the revised plan we will be holding an open event to give everyone in the community the opportunity to take a look at the proposals and make comments on what is being suggested for the site.

## IN OTHER NEWS

Network Rail (NR) have contacted the Parish Council again because of their concerns regarding the behaviours of people using some of our rail crossings, the video evidence is disturbing. The crossings are vital in a village such as ours, but we need to work together with all village groups and stakeholders to address the safety and rail operation issues. We will meet again with NR soon, and expect there will be wide village consultation in the new year.

Following concern raised with the Parish Council from parents about the opening mechanism of the gate in Robert's Recreation Ground, we have installed a brand new gate which is repositioned and will now open outwards. We hope this addresses the problems encountered by children entering the site and thank the parents for their input.

And as the end of 2023 approaches, may we wish you a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas, and a very happy New Year.