

# Burwell Parish Council Newsletter

## July 2014



#### **DIARY DATES**

Tues 8 JulyFull Parish Council7.30pmJubilee Reading<br/>RoomsTues 29 JulyFull Parish Council<br/>Jubilee Reading7.30pmJubilee Reading

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### **BURWELL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER**

Helping to keep residents up-to-date with Parish Council issues and activities. This newsletter is available on noticeboards located at the Jubilee Reading Rooms and on the websites: www.burwellparishcouncil.gov.uk and www.burwell.co.uk

#### DIAL-A-RIDE

The Parish Council has been running a Dial-a-Ride minibus service from Burwell to Ely on the first and third Thursday of each month. It was hoped that the service would provide a way for local people to get to Ely market or to the council offices after public transport services from Burwell to Ely were stopped.

Over past months the service has not been used enough to cover costs of the minibus. This means that extra costs have had to be paid out from Parish Council funds. Unfortunately the council is unable to continue to fund the service to this extent on a regular basis and so the service is in danger of being stopped unless more people use it.

Council is now trying to spread the word that the service is open to anyone in the village - there are no age or mobility restraints. The fare is just  $\pounds 5$  return or  $\pounds 2.50$  with a bus pass.

If you, or someone you know, would like to use the service please get in touch with the Parish Council office or call Ely Soham Dial-a-Ride on 01353 661161.

#### UPDATE ON DAY CENTRE

In response to the recent Abatement Notice that was served on the Parish Council, works have been undertaken on the extraction and ventilation system to alleviate noise and odour problems.

The Parish Council is liaising with the Environmental Officer and others to assess and monitor the situation.

#### SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



There has been a recent increase in reports of bogus callers in the village. Residents are urged to report any suspicious incidences to the police and to take appropriate precautions when answering the door to unknown individuals. Alerting your neighbours, especially those that are elderly or venerable, is welcomed and be on the look out for any suspicious behaviour. Be alert and keep safe.

#### PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Interested in being someone in the community that others will look to for help, guidance and support? Would you like to help influence decisions for the benefit of Burwell residents? Then consider becoming a **Parish Councillor**. Burwell Parish Council currently has two vacancies.

A candidate for a Parish Council is qualified if, when nominated: he or she is a British Subject or citizen of the European Union or Ireland, has attained 18 years of age, and is either: on the register of electors for that Parish/Town, or has during the whole of the preceding twelve months:- occupied land as owner or tenant, had a principal place of work there, or resided in or within 4.8 kilometres (three miles) of it. Please contact the Parish Clerk for further information or to pick up an application form.

#### HANDYPERSON

The Parish Council welcomes George Rowland to his role as Handyperson for the Council. George took up his role this month and will be seen out and about in the village. We wish George every success in the role.



This Minibus Service to Ely is run twice monthly by the Parish Council in partnership with Diala-Ride.

The minibus service is open to everyone in the village and costs just £5 return (£2.50 with bus pass). It runs on the first and third Thursdays of each month. To book a place or for more information call Dial-a-Ride on 01353 661161.



#### **CONTACTING THE COUNCIL**

- The Parish Office is open every week day morning from 9.00am 1.00pm
- E-mail: burwellpc@btconnect.com
- Telephone: 01638 743142
- Letter: Burwell Parish Council, Jubilee Reading Room, 99 The Causeway, Burwell CB25 0DU
- Web-site: www.burwellparishcouncil.gov.uk/
- Contact details for all Councillors are published on the notice board at the Jubilee Reading Rooms and on the website.