

# Chair's Report

Easter is early this year at the beginning of April and the Burtle Village Hall will still be closed.

**It is a shame that we cannot host any events for this Easter but the Government has announced its 'roadmap out of lockdown' and we are moving forward slowly but surely.**

***It's starting to look more positive!***

The Burtle Village Hall will **reopen on Monday 19th April** but only for a couple of user groups who comply with the Government guidance and fit the criteria. We so look forward to welcoming back our first regular user groups!

**From 17th May**, the Government's second ease of restrictions date; we hope that more user groups may return within the set criteria. The last ease of restrictions date is set to be **21st June** when we hope to welcome back all of our regular user groups, take other bookings, and consider holding some events. However, as we all know, these dates are subject to change by the Government, so we need to be cautious and flexible. **The Kitchen and Bar remain out of use** until after 21st June.

It also seems that the Burtle Village Hall will once again act as a Polling Station on Thursday 6th May. We have been informed this event is still going ahead, unless circumstances change. If this does go ahead and you are going to place your vote, please be aware that there will be a 'one-way system' in place, entering via the steps on the left (as you look at the front of the hall) and leaving via the double doors on the right. There will be hand sanitisers for use and please try not to touch many surfaces. Social distancing will still be important – thank you!

When we welcome back our user groups, and later more people for events, you can be assured of a Covid-safe environment. A new cleaning schedule, using our excellent Cleaning Agency, has been put in place and the Hall is being cleaned before and after each user group. **Deep cleaning has taken place at regular intervals.** We have also purchased a Fogging Machine which should give confidence to people using the hall, as it gives another layer of deep cleaning on a regular basis.

The Burtle Village Hall Management Committee has been working hard during the lockdowns. Improvements to the hall have taken place, including

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brand new flooring in the Bar this month to replace the very worn and stained original flooring which was also torn and becoming a trip hazard. A new built in Projector and screen was put in place early in 2020 and new curtains were installed over the foyer door, the fire exit and over the stage storage in the summer of 2020, replacing the old curtains that were patched, worn and falling apart!

All the service maintenance contracts have continued and the 'Pest man' has been a regular visitor to deal with rodents! Insurance and Licences have been renewed and the Hall has been checked regularly. We have managed to achieve rebates on the Utilities and acquired financial grants to put Covid-safe measures in place and to help with the severe loss of income. The Committee has continued to meet monthly via Zoom and are committed to running and maintaining the hall as best we can in these difficult times.

**Details of the Burtle Village Hall AGM are in this Newsletter and I urge you to attend on Wednesday 21st April. It will once again be held via Zoom but you can join us on the night and find out more about the running and maintenance of the Hall and support your Committee. Our Treasurer Bharti Baron is standing down from the Committee and we would like to thank her for all her time and hard work over the last three years. The rest of the present Committee are willing to stand for re-election and we have some new people who are also willing to stand for election.**

The Committee have decided to extend the date for the 'Sweets in the Jar' competition that is currently running. As you walk or drive past the Village Hall, stop and take a look through the window of the double doors. You will see a large jar full of sweets and all you have to do is guess the number! There are forms and envelopes outside the hall to use for your entry. So, you still have a chance to enter our competition. You can enter as many times as you want and there are prizes for the nearest adult guess and the nearest child (under 18) guess. Full details are in this newsletter. Come and have a go! Finally, it just leaves me to say on behalf of the Burtle Village Hall Committee 'Happy Easter' to everyone, stay safe and look after each other.

*Lyn Goodliffe – Chair Burtle Village Hall*

# Hug in a bag

## Zoom Zoom Zoom.

Only a year ago we had never heard of the word but now we are using it weekly.

In Burtle we decided to hold a Saturday morning Zoom each week to bring together people who were having to self-isolate for health problems and were in danger of becoming very lonely and cut off. We called it Café Zoom, as it was a way of carrying on Café Burtle, which we all missed so much.

We have about 16 people who log on when they wish for 40 minutes of chat and in some cases, just to see someone. To begin with we would discuss where we might be able to get self-rising flour, which was in short supply or if someone needed a prescription picking up from the surgery.

It was suggested one Saturday morning that we could pick up on Catcott Village Association idea, to say thank you to NHS workers by giving them a "Hug in a Bag". We decided to open it up to all key workers who live in Burtle. NHS, Carers, Teachers, Lorry drivers, Post Office and shop workers.



Kala, who has a beauty salon in Bridgwater called Alak, sold us the bags with a few beauty products in them and we added a few more.

Body lotion, candle, face cream and we added scented t lights, bubble bath, face masks and Lindt chocolate. The idea was to be a pamper in a bag which we would all contribute towards.

We distributed the bags together with a hand written message of thanks for all they do by putting themselves and their families at risk every day. We really are very fortunate that these people are willing to be 'key workers' who live in Burtle.

Rosemary Tucker

## The Burtle Village Hall

# AGM for 2021

will take place on

**Wednesday 21st April 2021**

@ 7pm via Zoom

All members of the public are invited  
**Contact Tash Bloor the Bookings Secretary**  
**at [nattbehive@gmail.com](mailto:nattbehive@gmail.com)**  
to book your place and receive a link to the Zoom AGM meeting



# Just for fun!

## 'GUESS HOW MANY SWEETS IN THE JAR?'

**CHILD = 50p per entry**  
**ADULT £1.00 per entry**

Put onto an envelope:  
**your NAME(S) - CONTACT DETAILS - DATE of your entry**

**Incl your ENTRY FEE inside the envelope**  
**Post into the Village Hall Post Box**  
(located on the front wall)

**Post box will be emptied daily ·**  
**The hall has active 24 hour CCTV**

- ▶ We will announce **one Child winner & one adult winner** at start of May.
- ▶ The winner will be the one who has guessed the correct number of sweets - If no one gets the actual number it will go to the closest match
- ▶ In the event of more than one person guessing the correct number - we will choose the person with the **earliest entry date** on their entry envelope.
- ▶ All money raised will be supporting **BURTLE VILLAGE HALL.**

Prizes:

Child (under 18) -  
**The jar of sweets!**  
Adult -  
**A bottle of Prosecco!**





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## Church in your slippers!



### LUTTRELL MEMORIAL CHARITY

Sometimes circumstances put great pressure on our ability to make ends meet. This local charity can provide for those who need assistance in times of difficulty. Whether young, old, infirm or housebound, in Edington, Chilton Polden, Catcott, Burtle & Cossington. To apply, in confidence, write to:- Mrs A Auld, Clerk to the Trustees, West Close, Church Road, Edington, Somerset, TA7 9JT

### FOODBANK

There is a green bin put in the church porch for items for the food bank. This will be taken to the Bridgwater Food Bank every few weeks. Thank you for kindly donating as it is very gratefully received. Thank you for your continued support. We have already collected 140kg in 2021

from The Polden Wheel churches. Items needed are tinned meat, fish and fruit. Toiletries, biscuits, snacks fruit juices and Tinned sponge puddings.

### EASTER AT BURTLE CHURCH.

Please come into the churchyard and read the notices around to tell you the story of Jesus and the Easter journey. The next service in the church will be a 9.30am Holy Communion on Sunday 25th April.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Cream Tea on July 17th at Catcott Burtle Farm. More details to follow nearer to the event

### CHURCH SERVICES IN 2021

I'm sure a year ago none of us would have expected church would go online in the way it has. Church services for the Polden Wheel via Zoom have given us the opportunity to meet each week and enjoy an informal time of fellowship. We have hymns and songs old and new, Bible readings, often a video clip, a talk and time of prayer. Recently we have followed the service with a time in smaller groups to have a chat and perhaps get to know people from other villages. The services are also recorded and can be seen on YouTube, the links are on the Polden Wheel website. Of course we are really looking forward to getting back into church, and this will be reviewed shortly, but naturally it has been a priority has been to keep all of us safe. We haven't opened Burtle Church for a time of private prayer on a regular basis but if this is something you would like it can be arranged. The buildings may be shut but the church has not gone away! And yes, I do go to church in my slippers!

Ask Rosemary or Alison for a link to the weekly Zoom service or look on



**CHECK COLLECTION DAYS AT**  
<https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/collection-day-look-up/>

### Bank holiday rubbish and recycling collections

The Easter Bank Holiday period from Friday 2nd April to Monday 5th April means rubbish collections will be altered.

Collections due on Friday 2nd April will take place on Saturday 3rd April.

Collections for the week commencing Monday 5th of April will be one day later, including Friday collections taking place on Saturday 10th April.

**Please note:** Collections now start from 6:00am.



*Thank you to everyone who is a member of the BVH 100 Club for supporting the Burtle Village Hall.*

## Burtle Village Hall 100 Club

The very first draw for the Burtle Village Hall 100 Club in 2021 took place on Saturday 13th March which would have been a Café Burtle morning.

The Burtle Village Hall Management Committee is delighted to announce the first winners for 2021 as follows;

- \* First Prize of £20 – **Lorraine Simmonds (number 45)**
- \* Second Prize of £10 – **Phil Hamlin (number 87)**

Congratulations to both winners and commiserations to those who did not win this month!