These beautiful photographs have been submitted by Sonny Hamid.
More photographs and more about the Burbage Video and Camera Club inside.

Send your stories and pictures to bneditor@burbage-village.org.uk
A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Burbage News Quarterly is slightly different to the printed Burbage News because it is intended to give news about the Village that has already taken place rather than being informative as to forthcoming events.

It may seem that it is a repeat of the printed copy but because the space here is not reliant on advertisers it means that a more full account of events can be given with many more photographs and stories.

This explanation will hopefully explain why some of the information within this production would seem to be rather outdated. It does, though, mean that it can serve as a reminder should you need to refer back to any information that was in the printed version.

There is always a lot of activity in the village and for some reason I (and others) don’t get to hear about many of the activities that take place. As BNQ is a VILLAGE NEWSLETTER, please write to me (either as a Group or an individual) with your stories, photographs and any news that will be of interest to others. It is a fantastic way to advertise your groups and interests, hopefully attracting more members to join you.

Contact me at savernake_66@yahoo.co.uk

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Wiltshire Council had served a Notice about the closure of the A4 London Road, Marlborough, giving details of a proposed closure for road works in April until 3 May. This was updated in subsequent Parish Council Minutes. (Abridged as the times are out of date).

Health & wellbeing asset Map. The Pewsey Vale Health & wellbeing group is collating a list of activities that contribute to the health and wellbeing of the community. They are preparing a map and want to hear from all groups running activities in the Vale. Burbage & Easton Royal Cricket Club, Tennis club, Scouts etc are encouraged to share their contact details with the group. Contact Susie Brew at the Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) tel 07802 444022 or email pcap@hotmail.co.uk

Children’s Play Area. The play area has suffered over the winter months and the surrounding area is looking untidy. The parish council intends to place a contract to tidy up the hedges and trees. We will be writing to residents who may be affected. We also intend to replace some of the playground amenities. Meanwhile, we would be grateful if ‘users’ would keep the area tidy and use the litter bins provided.

Minutes & Agendas. Just a reminder that minutes and agendas are published on the Council website at: http://www.burbage-pc.org.uk/meetings.php and on noticeboards outside the post office, British Legion, East Sands Stores and at Stibb.

Contact the Clerk: If you need to contact the Parish Council on any matter please do so through the Parish Clerk, Joyce Turner, at clerk@Burbage-pc.org.uk. Councilors may, of course, be approached informally but individually they have no authority. Directing matters to the Clerk will ensure the matter is recorded and dealt by the Council appropriately.

Steve Colling (chairman@Burbage-pc.org.uk)
Notes following a Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18 March 2019

St Dunstans Play Area/ Bourne Way.
The Parish Council has no authority and management issues remain with Persimmon and Wiltshire Council. We have asked Wiltshire Council for an update on the opening of the play area and transfer of assets.

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Parish Council.
Over the winter a number of people have shown interest in joining the Council – now would be a good time to come forward and get involved!

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Rubbish.
There is still a problem with newspaper littering the Marlborough Road from Stibb towards the bypass.
There has been some damage and beer bottles have been smashed on the basketball pitch. This is unacceptable behaviour and is not clever. It will need Parish funds to put right and more importantly it poses a risk to everyone’s health. If you witness this behaviour then please report it to the police and the Parish Clerk - it would be good to send someone a bill for the damage and cleaning up the mess!

Grass Cutting.

Our contractor has been onsite during April. We’re keen that we do not have a repeat of last year’s problems with grass cutting. If you think something’s not right, please contact the Parish Clerk with details.

St Dunstan’s/Bourne Way. We’re still waiting for Persimmon Homes to transfer the ownership of assets to Wiltshire & Burbage Councils. Stuart Wheeler (Councillor for Burbage & The Bedwyns) is taking the matter up on behalf of the Parish.

Annual Parish Meeting.
The APM was held in Burbage Village Hall on Thursday 23 May 2019. Doors (and the bar) were open from 6.30 pm for a 7 pm start. We had a varied list of speakers. All welcomed.

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20 mph Zone:
The consultation has concluded and we’re waiting for a decision from ‘the authority’ before proceeding to the next state. As we understand it, there were a few objections; mostly because complainants wanted the zone enlarged to include the High Street. The High Street was not included in our original plan because:

**Timing:**

Traffic issues with the school run, access to Burbage Surgery and the rat run to Great Bedwyn have been well documented over the last 3-4 years and our scheme addresses these concerns. Issues on the High Street are relatively new. SpeedWatch raised concerns earlier this year and we have recently been made aware of issue adjacent to Bourne Way and just north of the turning to Westcourt.

**Priorities:**

The existing Burbage 20mph plan is just one project amongst many in Pewsey Vale all vying for the limited resource allocated by Wiltshire Council. The Parish has had to wait its turn to get the scheme ‘adopted’ and work done by Wiltshire Council. It has taken three years to get this far, to get the funding and approval (awaited).

Adding the High Street to the existing proposal at this late stage could delay implementation by 2-3 years and would probably be unaffordable.

Our preferred way forward is to go with the existing plan then, if there is support for 20mph limit on the High Street, push it through in Phase 2.

Steve Colling:
chairman@burbage-pc.org.uk

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EXCALIBUR ACADEMIES TRUST

2020/21 ADMISSION POLICY

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

I hereby give you notice that the Admissions Authority for Excalibur Academies Trust has now determined the above policy by which children will be admitted to the following Academies at the normal point of entry in September 2020:

- Burbage Primary School
- Easton Royal Academy
- Great Bedwyn School
- Lambourn CofE Primary School
- Oare CofE Primary School
- Ogbourne CofE Primary School
- St Katharine's CofE Primary School
- John O’Gaunt School
- Fairfield High School
- St John’s Marlborough

A copy of the 2020/21 Admission Policy for each academy is available on the Excalibur Academies Trust website at http://excalibur.org.uk/home/about-us/admissions/ or can be obtained direct from me at admissions@excalibur.org.uk

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February 2019
Cover note for:

Excalibur Academies Trust,
Primary Admission Policy for 2020/2021,
Burbage Primary School

The 2019/20 Admissions Policy for Burbage Primary School has been amended to reflect the incorporation of Burbage Pre-school into the primary school. Other changes to the 2019/20 policy are:

- Age range within Excalibur Academies Trust amended.
- School email address updated.
- Admission Timelines updated.
- Reference to and definition of a linked pre-school removed as there are no linked pre-schools
- Tiebreaker wording updated.

No significant changes have been made as a result of consultation however, the following correction was made:

- Acceptance/Decline slips to be returned to Local Authority Admissions Team.
Excalibur Academies Trust

Primary Admission Policy for 2020/2021

Burbage Primary School
Introduction

Excalibur Academies Trust (‘Excalibur’) is an all-through Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) that places high emphasis on developing a coherent and continuous learning journey from 2-19. This is achieved by Excalibur Primary Academies working in close harmony with linked Excalibur Secondary Academies.

Excalibur is the Admission Authority for all its Academies and applies strict Oversubscription Criteria to all applications reflecting this.

Excalibur, acting as the Admissions Authority for the Academy, participates in the Wiltshire Council (‘the Local Authority’) Local Authority Coordinated Admissions Scheme; all applications for Normal Entrance to The Academy (Infant or Reception class of a Primary) and all in-year admissions and transfers should be submitted via the Local Authority Coordinated Admissions scheme\(^1\).

This Admissions Policy applies to Burbage Primary School (‘The Academy’) details of which are given below:

**Burbage Primary School**

**Age Group:** 2 -11

**Address:** Blackman's Lane, Burbage, Marlborough, Wiltshire SN8 3TP

**Telephone:** 01672 810452

**E-mail:** admin@burbage.excalibur.org.uk

**Website:** www.burbageprimary.org.uk

**Published Admission Number:** 29

An Academy located in the village of Burbage and housed in a modern building with a pre-school facility and six primary classes which provides Early Years (pre-school) and Primary Education for children in its local community.

\(^1\)Except for applicants outside Wiltshire Council, who need to apply through their local council.
Applications
Applications to a Nursery/Preschool
Please see separate guidance/information document.

Applications for Normal Entrance to an Academy
Children should start Primary Education in the academic year (1st September to 31st August) in which they have their fifth birthday. Children reach compulsory school age at the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday, and most pupils are admitted from September in the academic year in which they turn 5. Parents can request that the date their child is admitted is deferred until later in the year or until the child reaches compulsory school age. Pupils will normally be admitted at the start of a school term. Parents can request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

There are NO automatic entries from a nursery or Pre-school into a Primary School, nor from a Primary School into Secondary, and there is NO automatic offer of a Sibling place (a place for a brother or sister). Therefore an application must be made for a school place for each child.

Applications (either online or paper) can be made from 1st September 2019 through the Local Authority www.wiltshire.gov.uk. The closing date for receipt of applications by the Local Authority is midnight on the National Deadline date confirmed in the Academy Application and Admission Timelines Section of this policy. Any application received after the National Deadline will be treated as a Late Application.

The Admission Authority will determine and publish how many children it will admit into Reception, in September – this is the PAN (Published Admission Number) for that Academy. Should the Admission Authority decide it can offer more than the PAN in any one year, information will be posted on the website of the Academy and the Local Authority will be informed. Parents/carers will be notified of the outcome of their application by the Local Authority, which will be posted on the National Offer date confirmed in the Academy Application and Admission Timelines Section of this policy. Offers for a place at an Academy will need to be accepted within 2 weeks of posting of the notification letter.

Admission of children outside their normal age group
Parents of gifted and talented children, or those who have experienced problems or missed part of a year, for example due to ill health, can seek places outside their normal age group. In addition, the parents of a summer born child (children born from 1 April to 31 August) may choose not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday and may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – to reception rather than year 1. Such Applications will be considered on the basis of the circumstances of each case. Parents have a statutory right to appeal. This right does not apply if they are offered a place in another year group at the school.

Right of Appeal
If an Application is not successful, the applicants have the right to appeal against the decision to an independent panel. Appeals should be made within 20 school days and addressed to the Appeals Clerk % the Trust’s Admission Authority at Excalibur Academies Trust, St John’s Marlborough, Granham Hill, Marlborough SN8 4AX or email to admissions@excalibur.org.uk.

Waiting Lists
When an Application has been unsuccessful, a child’s name will be added to a Waiting List for the Academy held by the Admission Authority. Children on the Waiting List are ranked in order with reference to the Oversubscription Criteria. The position on a list will be determined by applying the Oversubscription Criteria and not by date order of receipt. This will mean a position will change if a later application is received from someone with higher priority according to the Oversubscription Criteria. Waiting lists for all year groups will close on the last day of the academic year in which entry has been applied for - at which time they will be cleared. Places that become available will not be offered to children who are not on the relevant waiting list. Offers will be made when a place becomes available. If your child is offered a place from a waiting list then you must accept or decline the place within 10 working days of the date of the offer.

All applicants have the right of appeal against any refusal of a place. The existence of a waiting list does not remove this right from any unsuccessful applicant. A fresh application can be made for a place for the next academic year group but this will not be considered before 1st May (Term 5).

Excalibur Academies Trust Admission Policy (2020/21) for Burbage Primary School
Other Applications (Reception and for Years 1 to 6) Applications for a school place which are not for Normal Entrance into the Academy or which are Late Applications (Applications which were submitted after the National Deadline) are determined as follows:-

a. **Immediate Admission** - applications for an immediate start, e.g. moving into the Catchment Area of the Academy by transferring from another school. The Application should in the first instance be made to the Local Authority who will pass the application to the Admission Authority. The application will be considered by the Admission Authority using the Oversubscription Criteria as specified in this Policy. Notification of the outcome will usually be made by the Local Authority within 20 school days of receipt.

b. **Future Admission** - applications for admission at a future date. The application should in the first instance be made to the Local Authority who will pass the application to the Admission Authority. Applications will be considered using the Oversubscription Criteria in this policy at the earliest date they are eligible for consideration which is two terms (6 per year) in advance of the requested admission date. If an application is unsuccessful the child will be placed on the waiting list for the year group applied for using the Oversubscription Criteria in this policy.

If admission is refused, parents have the right to appeal as detailed above in the ‘Application for Normal Admission to an Academy’ section.

**Oversubscription Criteria**
The Criteria are listed below in the priority order applied to Applications when there are more Applications than available places.

Applications will be considered by category as listed below. Within each category, applications will be ranked according to the straight line distance (distances supplied by the Local Authority will be used) from a defined point at the Academy to a defined point at the home address (all points defined by the Local Authority), using Ordnance Survey eastings and northings to four decimal places. Priority in each category will be given to the shortest distance. In case of the distance being the same a Tie Breaker will be used (see below).

**Children with Special Education Needs (SEN) or Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan** - All children whose Statement of Special Educational Need or Education, Health Care Plan names a school must be admitted.

1. **Looked After Children** or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order.

2. **Children who have exceptional social or medical needs**, supported by a written recommendation from the child’s paediatrician/consultant, general practitioner or specialist to show that it would be detrimental to the child not to be admitted to the preferred Academy. The letter must explain why the school is the only suitable school to meet the child’s needs and why no other school could provide the appropriate support for the child. All supporting evidence should accompany the original application or submitted by the deadline for exceptional circumstances supporting evidence.

3. **Students living in the catchment area**. Where necessary, priority will be given to siblings.

4. **Children of Excalibur employees employed at the academy** on a permanent, minimum 40% Full Time Equivalent contract with the Trust for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission is made or who have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

5. **All other Applications**, where necessary, priority will be given to siblings.
Academy Application and Admission Timelines

- **15th January 2020** - National Primary Deadline – applications must be received by the Local Authority by midnight. The Local Authority will issue a receipt for all applications received; if confirmation is not received; parents/carers must follow up with the Local Authority to ensure the Application has been received and will be processed.

- **16th April 2020** - National Offer Date – the Council will post notification letters to the Applicants

- **30th April 2020** - Offer Acceptance Deadline – the deadline for parents to accept the place offered. All acceptance and declined slips should be returned to the Local Authority Admissions Team. If they do not respond by this date it will be assumed that the place offered has been declined.

- **1st September 2020** - Normal Entrance Admission date – on or after.

Glossary and Definition of Terms

**Adopted** - This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders).

**Catchment Area** - The address which determines whether a child lives in the Catchment Area of the Academy, is the place where he or she is ordinarily resident at the deadline for applications and will continue to do so when the child is admitted. The Catchment Area is defined below.

**Final Year** - The Final Year of a primary or junior school is year six and an infant school year two.

**Home Address** - The home address given for the child should be the child's normal place of residence at the time of the application deadline. If the address given is not the same as that of the applicant, please attach details of the child’s residential arrangements to the application form. If you have shared custody of your child such that he or she has two addresses, the address given on the child benefit notification letter will be taken as the child's home address. Where schools are oversubscribed, you may be asked to provide proof that your family were living at the address given on the application form at the time of the deadline. The Local Authority reserves the right to check details held on the Council Tax database to confirm residency at an address.

**Looked After Children** - A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.

**Sibling** - Siblings are defined as children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters who are on the roll of the Academy as at the Application Deadline and continue to do so when the child is admitted. Note there is no guarantee that a younger Sibling will obtain a future place in the same school as his or her brother or sister.

**Tie Breaker** - When two or more children with the same priority for admission live exactly the same distance from the preferred School, the available places will be decided by random allocation (casting lots) by an independent person, except when the children are twins or from the same multiple birth, in which case their applications will be treated as a single application and the twin or other children of the same multiple birth will be admitted as supernumerary (above PAN without in effect increasing PAN).

Catchment Area

The Catchment Area for the Academy will consist of the following Civil Parish(es) which used to be the designated area of the former Burbage Primary school:

- Burbage Civil Parish
We had a good start to the year, with lots of ideas to share with a variety of work being produced and some finally finished after many years of labour. It is always exciting to see a finished piece!

In January, sixteen of us went to the Roebuck Inn for our Christmas meal - excellent food and lots of it and altogether a very pleasant evening. Alison Dunton, who took charge of assembling the Burbage Armistice Wall Hanging was our guest.

Each stitcher who created a piece for the wall hanging was given a photo of their work plus the whole hanging and that applied to the school children and others who do not normally come to the Saturday sessions. The photo book created by John Francis is now in Church. Hard copies are available and can be bought: Please contact Kay Francis (tel: 811090) about this.

The wall hanging is in Burbage Parish Church and if you have not yet seen it, please go and take a look at all the hard work that was done to produce it.

Our meeting dates for the rest of 2019 are as follows:

17 August
21 September
19 October and
16 November

All are on Saturdays from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm in the Church Centre

Costs are still £3 per session, tea, coffee and biscuits included and new members have a first session free.

What do you like to do? Knitting, crochet, cross stitch, hand embroidery, patchwork, machine embroidery, smocking, overlocking, free machining, quilting, tapestry, needlepoint, applique, rag dolls, rag rugs, soft toys, soft furnishing, dolls’ clothes, baby clothes, weaving, needle weaving, tassels, cords, pintucks, pin cushions, cushions, curtains, blinds, upholstery, lampshades, lavender bags, darning, mending, wall hangings, fabric painting, transfer printing, dressmaking, seeding, beading, needle felting, doll’s house accessories, fashion accessories, boxes, book covers, bunting, purses, bags, Christmas decorations, embellishing. French knitting, Italian quilting, shadow quilting, silk paper, white work, black work, gold work, cut work, ribbon work, canvas work, Dorset buttons, Suffolk puffs ……..

If you like stitching and knitting or want to learn a new technique, do come and join us!

For more information, contact Helen Colling tel: 810949
or
Kay Francis tel: 811093
IT’S A STITCH UP

ABOVE: Melissa has at last finished the quilt started 25 years ago!

JUST A REMINDER:

It’s a Stitch Up is still going strong and meets every month even throughout the summer!

There’s always lots of interesting work being done as you will see both from this and previous issues of Burbage News Quarterly online at https://issuu.com/burbagenews/docs

Our next meeting is on Saturday 17th August
9.30 am - 12.30 pm in the Church Centre

Catch up with unfinished work and the company of friends!

If you haven’t been for some time, we’ve missed you and hope to see you soon.

New Members too - do join us - for you, a free taster session!

Details from Helen 810949
or
Kay 811093

Help and advice always available
February

June Pearson, a lovely lady and truly dedicated to her subject, gave a wonderful and passionate illustrated presentation about the work of the David Sheldrake Trust on February 21st. Operating in Kenya, the trust was set up by Daphne Sheldrake in 1977, the year her husband David died, but for many years prior to that the couple had devoted their lives to rescuing baby elephants, orphaned largely because poachers had caused the death of the mother elephants. Despite ivory trading being illegal, poaching claims the life of an adult elephant every 25 minutes, an appalling statistic.

If the trust can intervene in time, the life of the orphaned baby may be saved but many are still at risk from death through infections or simply the trauma they have experienced. Daphne developed a special milk formula and the babies are fed 2 very large bottles every 3 hours; each of the very dedicated keepers have to sleep with their young charges in order to do this. New orphans, when admitted to the nursery, have their own blanket for warmth, comfort or protection from the sun.

Despite their awful experiences, young elephants learn to trust the humans who care for them and to interact with the other elephants, enjoying each other’s company.

Their trunk is used to feel and explore their new elephant and human companions. If a human gently blows into their trunk they will never forget that person. There were some wonderful images of all these encounters and of elephants simply enjoying being elephants after all their harrowing experiences - and some very moving pictures and accounts of babies clinging to their dying mothers.

June has a beautiful quote from Mishek Nzimi, Nairobi Nursery Keeper: "Some of these tiny innocent elephants have suffered deeply, yet they showed such courage and strength to survive. All I want is to make sure the life they fought so hard for is a worthwhile and happy one. My reward is that they learn to trust me and love me despite what they have suffered before, at the hands of man."

June’s work takes her into schools to educate pupils about the work of the Trust – she represents Kids Tusk Force – www.kidstuusforce.org.uk info@kidstuusforceuk.org.uk, which is the children’s branch of the David Sheldrake Trust - and engages them in making special beads to sell and raise money for the work as well as adopting elephants. These are her words for which she has given permission to be used:

‘The plight these beautiful giants of the plains face on a daily basis is heartbreaking and which is all down to the greed of man unfortunately. The story of that simple string of African inspired beads has brought that plight to the attention of generations in the last two years (since Kids’ Tusk Force UK really got going). My heart is filled with joy that in some small way help is being offered by the enthusiasm, motivation and determination of school children. I always ask the children I work with to write to their M.P.’s urging them to continue the Governmental fight against trade in ivory and a ban on trophy hunting - so the whole initiative includes much in the way of an education - from learning about conservation, the geography of Africa, the major role that elephants play as a keystone species, anti-poaching, saving habitat from mining and roads and rail construction (which inhibits the movement and ancient trails of the elephant), the Sheldrick Trust’s Orphan Project, Daphne Sheldrick’s extraordinary vision, the work of plains veterinary teams, understanding KTF’s bead symbolism, creating them, organising a fund raising sale, writing letters to m.p.’s and the local press ... and finally having the utmost joy of becoming part of an elephant’s future- a little elephant orphaned as a result of this heinous trade in what is basically two teeth - and which belongs to elephants and no-one else..... none of this perhaps would normally be included in the national curriculum.
‘Kids’ Tusk Force is a purely voluntary initiative designed to educate our young generation. The children become the teachers themselves telling their family members and friends about the plight of Sub-Saharan elephants. Someone once said to me that our children are the conservationists of the future ... I responded with “On the contrary, I think they are the conservationists of the present.” ’

Burbage Primary School is one of the latest she has worked in, and she was overwhelmed by the response and resourcefulness of the pupils in their fundraising.

June had a stall at the Christmas Tree Sale and as well as the beads also sold felt elephants she has made, and angels in aid of the charity. She is a wonderful speaker and very keen to visit groups who wish to put on fundraising events.

Do visit the website, and the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust site – www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org where you will also find some short films of the elephants and their carers, as well as lots of information about the David Sheldrake Trust.

- The committee of Burbage Woman’s Own are a very dedicated group of seven who wish to provide a wide variety of interesting and entertaining evenings appealing to ladies of all ages. We aspire to create a relaxed, happy and genial atmosphere where we can meet and make new friends, where newcomers can walk in and be instantly made to feel welcome.
Our candlelit supper was a very pleasant evening with a wonderful selection of savoury dishes provided by members, and delightful desserts by the committee. There was musical accompaniment, before and between courses from Thelma Henderson and Lyn Quick on flute, clarinet and keyboard. This was a real treat of classical, jazz and Christmas music. After a wonderful performance they enjoyed their well-deserved supper and it was lovely to share the evening with them. A quiz on each table kept the little grey cells ticking over.

2019 started with the AGM on 17 January.

The Treasurer’s Report, last year’s Minutes and Chairman’s Report were read out.

This year’s program was still a work in progress but is now complete. (see Page 17 of this Newsletter) Members were invited to contribute ideas to future programs.

Pat Nicholls resigned as Chairman after several years; she was thanked for all her hard work and received a lovely bouquet.

Glenda Pearce was voted onto the Committee and Sue Stead has taken over from Jan Ritchie as Secretary.

No one as yet has felt able to step into Pat’s shoes, so in the interim there will be a different “guest” Chairman each month.

After the business a very nice selection of cheeses, pates and wines were available, prepared by Elaine Dutton and Kay Francis.

Editor’s Note: I am sure that all members will join me in thanking our Committee for their hard work in organising our evenings. We do appreciate you!
Meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month 7.30pm

Church Centre, Eastcourt, Burbage,

with the exception of the Skittles Evening which is at The Royal British Legion, Eastcourt Road,

and the theatre visit which is usually at The Watermill Theatre, Bagnor, near Newbury.

Information for that is not normally available until early Spring.

Members only events are in bold italics. Otherwise, we are delighted to welcome guests and encourage them to join.

Annual fee £4.00
Monthly fees: £2.00
wine/food events £2.50
Guests: £3.00

March 21st Sonny Hamid - The story of Brick Lane
April 18th Birthday Party
May 16th Pauline Mobey - Littlecote House – a virtual tour
June 20th Sue Fitzmaurice with Sue Shires - Flower arranging for the terrified at next to no price!
July 18th Beetle drive
August 15th Theatre
September 19th Linda King – The Parish of Burbage and surrounding influences over the centuries
October 17th Skittles
November 21st Christmas Crafts Workshop
December 19th Candelit Supper
January 16th 2020 AGM with cheese and wine
JUNE 2019:

Appropriately for June, when the sun is hot, days long and gardens full, we decided to have a flower arranging demonstration entitled “Flower arranging for the Terrified at next to no price” (or no price at all if your garden is in full bloom!).

Two of our talented floristry members, Sue Shires and Jean Weller, stepped up to the plate to do this and gave the results as raffle prizes. You will have to wait for the full report next month!

On JULY 18 we will have a bottle drive; lots of fun to be had there and we will look forward to guests joining us.

To finish off the summer season, in AUGUST our annual theatre trip takes place at the Watermill Theatre to see ‘Kiss me Kate’

Committee members

Secretary: Sue Stead
Treasurer: Linda King 811795
Catering: Elaine Dutton  810174
Kay Francis 811093
Programme: Helen Colling  810949
Sue Shires  811352
Publicity: Glenda Pearce  810581

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All of the photographs on this page are submitted by Sonny Hamid.
APRIL 2019

The postponement of our outdoor project for last month session because of the bad weather was the intention of our April session.

Members were taken to a structure in Fair Mile near Wexcombe for some landscape shots. However, the intense misty conditions prevailing at the time provided many challenges which called for much manipulation of camera controls.

While the outdoor session did not last as long as it usually does, nevertheless all members managed to gain some worthwhile shots.

We do not have a firm project planned for our next session in May but are hoping to tackle yet another outdoor session perhaps covering an evening sporting match in the vicinity of our villages. Organisers of suitable events are invited to contact us to see how we can cover the event with our photography.

Editor’s note:
I should have received some photographs direct from Members but I didn’t receive any. The photographs shown on this page are contributed by Mike Bird but do not relate to the item above.

Mike’s photos were taken at Hackpen Hill
Our May outdoor session was a very exciting one as we spent much of the session photographing goats of the Boer species at a Farm near Avebury.

The photo session was very challenging as trying to predict the animal’s movement was impossible! This meant that some shots had to be taken in “motor drive” mode. Whilst this method provided us with some good results post-production editing became a lengthy chore as so many image files had to be examined then a decision had to be made as to which shots could be erased and which archived.

Despite all of the challenges we had to face our Members managed to get some excellent results and the Farmer appeared to be very satisfied with our images. A short video clip on the subject of feeding time was also produced in HD 1080p resolution and is available for viewing on YouTube [https://youtu.be/jpc2RNv-b94](https://youtu.be/jpc2RNv-b94)
JULY 2019

The “photographer friendly” weather during July was ideal for us to continue with outdoor shooting activities and for our July session we were invited to undertake a photo tour of Marlborough College.

Our brief was to seek out and photograph areas of historic interest within the College precinct. These included some of the residential, educational and administration buildings, the magnificent interior of the College Church and the Neolithic Mound. The gardens, streams and lake also provided much opportunity for photography. As dusk approached our Members had to cope with diminishing natural lighting with reducing contrast all of which presented technical challenges in order to capture reasonably well exposed shots.

If requested, we will be delighted to display our work at any Community event in Burbage and neighbouring villages.

We intend to continue to take advantage of lighter evenings and for next months session; we are planning a visit to a Wiltshire Wildlife Trust nature conservation site to photograph local birds which may include Kingfishers, Chaffinch and possibly some migratory species.

Our next session in August will start @ 19:00 hours on Wednesday, 21st August, 2019 at the Burbage and Easton Royal British Legion Hall, Burbage.

We welcome new members from Burbage and the surrounding villages all of whom are welcome to join us in sharing this exciting hobby or who may seek to develop their camera skills.

Please contact Sonny on 01672 811 933 or Mike on 01672 810 574 for more details.
The next few pages show some gorgeous photography by both Sonny Hamid and Mike Bird.

These three pictures were taken in Mike’s garden
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These are Mike’s pictures taken on a recent visit to Swanage and Corfe Castle.
Sonny’s beautiful photographs. The bottom two were taken in his garden.
These are Sonny’s photos taken in Zambia whilst on holiday earlier in the year with his wife Ute.

This was the path we had to take to get from our room to the resort’s restaurant and on our journey we had to stop each time a zebra or giraffe crossed our path! There were many other herbivores to whom we had to give way each time we walked along this route!

For more information please feel free to call

Sonny Hamid tel: 01672 811 933 or
Mike Bird tel: 01672 810 574
A PRIL 2019

The events during April have taken the Club to new heights as we were privileged to exhibit at two Model Railway Exhibitions during the month. The first was one organised by the West Wiltshire Model Railway Club and held at the Village Hall in Holt while the second was the inter-County organised by the local Rotary Club at the Community Centre in Fordingbridge.

It really was hard work though as we had to meet on several previous occasions prior to the exhibition to adjust finer detail and to generally tidy up loose ends on both the layouts we were to submit for the exhibition. Nevertheless, the hard work paid off as we were very pleased with the extent of foot-fall and the level of interest and support we received at both exhibitions all of which made us feel our hard work was so worthwhile.

Photographs of the layouts and possibly some videos may be posted on journals such as Burbage News Quarterly as and when editorial space is available.

Following the excitement of the two exhibitions, we are now in the process of evaluating our work through a debriefing session after which we will return to our ongoing work on the layout depicting Great Bedwyn railway and village layout as it appeared during the 1960s and perhaps taking on more challenges. **We are also planning our future project to model a section of the Savernake High Level Station and for this we would appreciate any old photographs, diagrams and other documents which will enable us to accurately model this section of the railway.**

The Club welcomes new members and also any donations and gifts of unwanted model railway items. So, if you would like to try your hand at this hobby or have some equipment you are not using, please feel free to call me Sonny Hamid, on 01672 811 933.
Photos taken at the exhibitions at Holt and Fordingbridge.
JUNE 2019

This month has been an exciting and rewarding one for our Club. It has taken us over ten months of work to complete the construction of our Bedwyn layout during which time we had to access all of our resources and ingenuity. The layout is modelled on the real railway as it appeared during the mid-1960’s.

There were very little commercially made products which we could use and this meant seeking materials for constructing the various elements needed to complete the layout from scratch: typically, Brillo pads were used for hedging, liquid plastic poured into a channel to simulate the River Dun and thin steel wire used for hand rails on the stairs. All members together with our wives contributed towards its construction.

We were honoured to accept an invitation from the Bedwyn’s Historical Society’s exhibition at St Mary’s Church to display our new layout. This was the third invitation we received this year.

The Exhibition was held over a period of two days with a foot-fall of over 260 people almost all of whom spent much time viewing the layout and asking interesting questions. Many older visitors who were residents during the 1960’s commented on how accurately it represented the station of times past.

The layout provided many moments of nostalgia. Probably the most moving were when visitors told us that the layout brought back memories of their childhood while playing near the station or recalling the times when their parents were working on the railway.

We continue receiving positive feedback weeks after the exhibition and are very pleased that we have been invited again to display yet another layout at their exhibition on 2nd November.

A short video of the layout can be viewed on: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-RQsnhkUIN4&list=PLTugznZz8ftMPPI8J4xGwVA8m_9Qbj5b4R&index=2&t=0s
Burbage & District Model Railway Club
**JULY 2019**

The Club’s July session started with a review and debriefing of our last exhibition at Great Bedwyn.

Several areas for improvement were discussed and will be implemented in our future projects.

The debrief session was followed by work on the our new Project of modelling the Midland and South West Joint Railway station at Savernake High.

The ex-station and goods yard site is now a private residential property but with kind permission of the property owners we were able to shoot many photos and take measurements of remaining ex-railway buildings including the water tower and signal box.

The layout is made from 3mm plywood sheet and braced with support battens. There are three x 5 feet lengths making an assembled total of 15 feet in order to accommodate the prototype layout of tracks and buildings.

Work was also undertaken to mark out the track layout. We commenced by cutting and laying strips of cork sheet to simulate track ballast and this was followed by laying down the first track length.

This project will be our main focus of work until completion and hopefully an opportunity to exhibit the layout in Burbage at one of the Village’s main 2020 summer events.

Event organizers may wish to note that our Club is very willing to exhibit any of our past layouts at any of their forthcoming events.

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**The next Club session is scheduled for 19:00 hours on Monday, 19th August, 2019.**
According to the last census, there are 47,608 people in Wiltshire providing care and support to a relative, child, partner or friend who would not be able to manage on their own.

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