BURTON UPON STATHER PARISH COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024
For the villages of Burton upon Stather, Normanby and Thealby

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR REPORT

As said last time – and 'still it rains!!' 2024 is carrying on in the same vein as 2023 ended – but we live in hope of drier times.

We trust you all enjoyed the festive season and are now heartened by the sight of the many snowdrops, crocuses, primulas and daffodils that are beginning to take over our area, making it look stunning as spring arrives as well as lifting our spirits with the new growth.

While there is plenty of water on the surface of our gardens and the fields, there have been numerous occasions over the last few months when the water in our taps has been absent. This is due to major repairs being required to the Burton Water Tower that have been ongoing now for nearly a year and our water supply having to come via Thealby; which was never designed for the demands put on it by a place the size of Burton. Anglian Water reckon that this work should be completed by the end of March, when full service should be resumed. In the mean time they have put measures in place in the hope of minimising disruption and the situation has improved – but we look forward to the return of normality as soon as possible.

As a Council we have been busy. The situation with the proposed North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park is still being monitored. All the papers are currently with the Secretary of State awaiting his decision. This should have been announced on 15th November 2023. but it was deferred till March 15th when we should hopefully get this decision.

There have also been a number of problems connected to the reopening of The Wharf down The Stather. The Parish Council, together with North Lincs Council, and the Stop the Wharf group have been investigating this from a number of different approaches. Many of the problems relate to the increased threatened and real presence of extra HGV's for which our village's roads were never designed. The problem is exacerbated by confusing road signage as to the weight limit routes, which have led to mixed messages being received by many residents. There should be no large HGV's driving on the High Street as there are specific routes for them to follow, unless they are making deliveries to properties along there. HGV's specifically related to the Wharf should come down from the A1077, through Thealby, along Darby Road, then turn right onto The Stather. Those leaving do that route in reverse. They must not turn right onto the High Street. It must be remembered though that many vehicles of this nature in the area are legitimate as they deliver to other businesses, farms, bottom pub and the like – and some actually do go to the shop and club.

Other issues are also being investigated, both by your Council and North Lincs Council, including the light nuisance and the dust problems – and as stated there is the invaluable work being done to highlight awareness by The Stop the Wharf group. So please keep your eyes and ears open, and support when you can.

On a different note, soon to appear on the playing field will be a permanent fixed table-tennis table, the purchase of which has been funded by a North Lincs Community Grant. The Trim Trail will soon be repaired and restored and there is an exciting article on page 6 about the possible installation of a climbing wall at both Burton and Thealby play areas. This is a consultation, but we do need your response in order to apply for this.

As the days draw out and hopefully dry up a bit we wish you a wonderful spring and Easter.

Penny Pringle and Jim Mitchell Chair and Vice Chair

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

We have been busy since the last Parish magazine report was published.

The Christmas Fayre last December was enjoyed by all and a success. We raised £475 for our funds. Thanks to everyone who supported us. This year's event is already in the diary – Saturday 30th November – and we are taking bookings. If you wish to book or are interested and need to find out more, please contact Jan Benn on 07870 804787 or email janbenn.villagehall@gmail.com.

A section of the main Hall floor has been taken out and replaced as rotting joists had been discovered. The floor is now problem-free. The work was done to a very high standard by AJG Services. We successfully applied for a grant from Grange Windfarm to pay for this work and we thank them for their generosity.

For some time we have been monitoring some cracks behind and below the stage. Thankfully the tell tales we used showed that there had been no movement so these cracks have been made good, including some re-pointing.

A key focus in 2023 and into 2024 has been making the building less susceptible to damp and draughts. All interior doors into the main hall have been rehung, hinges refitted or replaced and draughtproofing updated. The doors now fit snugly and we think it is making a difference. The centre section of the boiler house door has been replaced and a vital air brick moved to a better place in the wall.
All the above work was carried out by AJG Services.

The next phase of work is twofold: make the door between the foyer and the Wedgwood Room wide enough for comfortable wheelchair access; rake out and re-point the whole exterior wall round the main entrance. A proper lime mortar mix will be used, rather than the existing cement which prevents the wall from 'breathing' and could cause damp. We have applied to Grange Windfarm for a grant to have this work done and hope to have an answer soon.

Then we will consider what to tackle next. This is a large, aging building so there is bound to be something! But, by doing the work that we have, it should make the building easier and cheaper to maintain into the future.

There are some hire slots available so, if you are wanting somewhere for regular use or an occasional function, please contact Jan Benn.
I would like to remind everyone that the Village Hall is linked to the 'Lincs Lotto' scheme. If you don't already belong to this, please consider doing so. Tickets cost £1 a week, of which the Hall receives 50p and prizes vary from free tickets up to the jackpot of £25,000. If just 50 people were to sign up, this would raise £100 p/a towards the Hall's running costs.

To sign up go to www.lincslotto.co.uk and search for Burton upon Stather Village Hall.

Ian Pringle Village Hall Management Committee

BURTON UPON STATHER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Here at Burton upon Stather Primary School, we have had a super start to the calendar year.

As a school, we are extremely proud of the children's achievements in their studies and the way in which they have grown as people. Our school rules 'Be Safe, Be Ready, Be Respectful' echo through the corridors and it is wonderful to see the progress made by our children.



Family members of some of our classes have enjoyed their child's recent Inspire Afternoon in school; family members are invited into school to learn alongside the children in a creative way. In



my short time here, I have seen several exciting sessions take place; including Year 6 making heart diagrams using playdough to help develop their knowledge of the circulatory system. Year 6 children commented, 'It was really fun and entertaining; we got the chance to do some learning outside of the classroom, using creative methods'.

The Year 4 children spent their Inspire Afternoon making the digestive system, so that they could look at how food makes its way through the body. The class and their adults got ‘hands on’ with 'pretend poo', which was made by using a combination of different materials such as banana and cookies. As you can imagine this is one learning experience that will stay with our children for life.

There have been a number of sporting events that our children have attended recently, such as Dodgeball and Cricket; our children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and meeting children from other schools! Our pupils demonstrated amazing effort and represented our school brilliantly!

It has been fantastic to spend these last few weeks at Burton upon Stather Primary School and it is good to reflect on everything and to say thank you to the community both in and out of school - without the dedication from the staff, pupils, parents and carers, the school would not be able to make the positive impact on pupil development. Thank you again for all of your support!

Ash Eastwood Headteacher

DRUGS IN THE VILLAGE

There have been several occasions when evidence has been found of drug dealing and usage, mainly on the playing field, but also around the Doctor’s Surgery and The Paddock.

If you find any such evidence; empty cannabis sachets, gas cannisters and the like, please take photos noting the time found and the location so that the police can be helped to build up a profile that will hopefully lead to the perpetrators being identified and dealt with.

Either take your evidence directly to the Police, report it via 101, or complete the online form. Alternatively speak to your Parish Council and we'll help you. After photographing, if cannisters are involved, they can be brought to the Parish Office during the Clerks working hours, so that effective disposal can be arranged. Please do not bother **only** putting it on Facebook – that goes nowhere and helps no-one.

MONKEY CHALLENGE EQUIPMENT

Is this something you or your family would use?

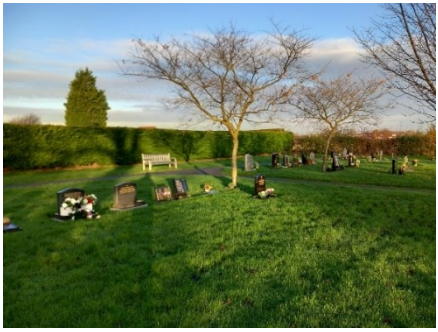


The parish council has been given the opportunity to purchase some monkey challenge equipment, which will be funded by a National Lottery Fund grant. It is planned to install one piece at the playing field and another at Thealby Play Area, but before the parish council embarks on this project, it would like to know what you think about it. Is it something that would enhance your play time and be great to use? Can you please ask your family members what they think and let the parish clerk know on: clerk@buspc.org or 07982 265914

PARISH COUNCIL AWARDS

We are now looking for nominations for the next people to receive the Geoff Robinson award for adults and the Peter Hearn Award for Children and Young People, which will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2024.

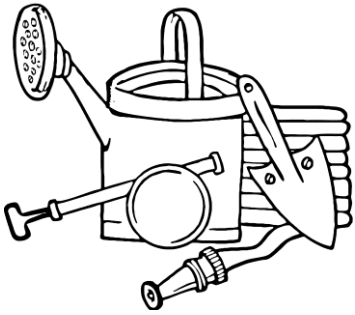
If you know of someone who you think has served your community in an outstanding fashion over the last 12 months – be it continuous service or a special one-off act – please write to or email us at the Parish Office, with details of who, for what, and for which award. It would be good to have many nominations to choose from.



BURIAL GROUND

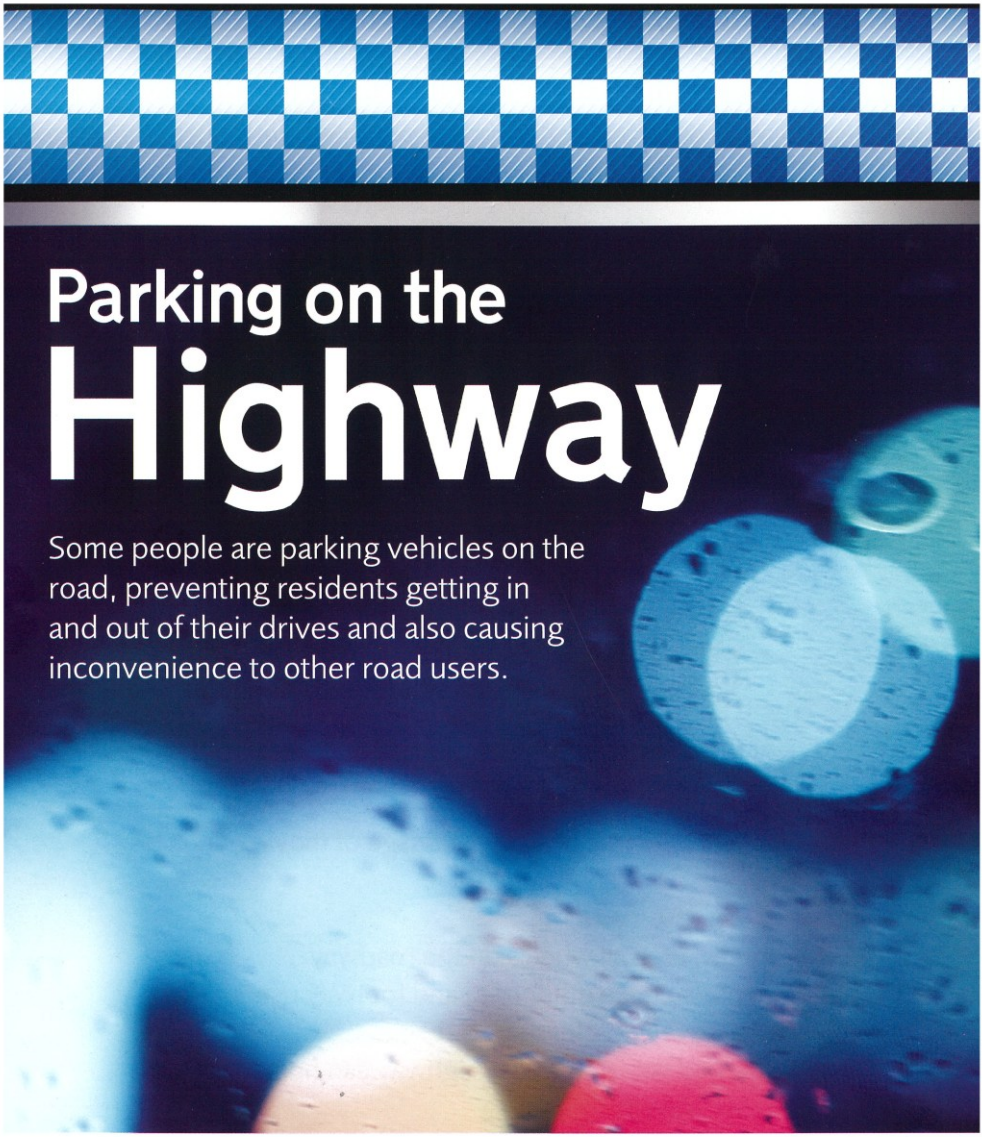
It has recently been suggested that the name 'Burton upon Stather Burial Ground' is not very enticing and that perhaps the name should be amended to something more amicable. If you can think of a more appropriate name, then please get in touch with the parish clerk on clerk@buspc.org or 07982265914 and let her know your suggestions.

ALLOTMENTS



Do you fancy growing your own vegetables? Have you ever thought about having an allotment? There are currently vacant plots at the allotments off Wiltshire Ave. The annual fee is £20 and is from January to December, so you have plenty of time to get your plot established this year. If you are interested, then please contact the parish clerk on clerk@buspc.org or 07982 265914

Parking on the Highway



Some people are parking vehicles on the road, preventing residents getting in and out of their drives and also causing inconvenience to other road users.

See over for tips on safe parking...

North Lincolnshire Council
www.northlincs.gov.uk

Humberside Police



To make sure you don't cause problems:

Do not park:

- on a footway or verge
- where the kerb has been lowered
- within 10 metres of a junction
- where it will obstruct other road users
- at night:
  - facing oncoming traffic without lights on roads where the speed limit is more than 30mph
  - without lights if your vehicle weighs more than 1,525kg unladen (ie 30cwt approx).

Tips on safe Parking

Remember...

The highway is for the free flow and passage of moving vehicles.

If you park on the road:

- **Do it** correctly, with all wheels on the roadway;
- **Do not** inconvenience other road and footway users.
- If you have a driveway, please **use it**
- Correctly parked vehicles on the highway can help to reduce other vehicles' speed.
- Your co-operation is essential, to make North Lincolnshire roads safer.

Humberside Police can prosecute for dangerous or unnecessary obstruction - BE WARNED!

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BURTON BOWLS CLUB

Have you ever thought about taking up bowling?

We have an excellent bowling green and clubhouse right here in Burton adjacent to the playing field. The green has been established around 50 years. North Lincolnshire Council gave us a grant in 2018 to build a new clubhouse, which now gives us one of the best facilities in the area. We currently have a membership of around 40 and are always looking to encourage new players to join the club. It is a sport for all regardless of age, gender, or ability.

The outdoor season starts in April and ends in September. You could join the members for a friendly roll up on a Sunday afternoon or play in the league matches which means visiting other clubs in and around the Scunthorpe area. When we play at home it is nice just to come and watch and enjoy the company. If you have bowled before you may wish to give it another try. Come and join us.

We are having an Open Day on Saturday 20th April just before the new season commences for anyone who would like to give bowling a try. All are welcome just drop in, you never know it might just be the game for you. Watch out for updates on our Facebook page and posters around the village.

In the meantime, during the Winter months, we play Short Mat Bowling in Burton Village Hall, on Thursday and Sunday afternoon from 2pm. Pop in and have a chat or join us for a game.

For further information please contact the appropriate club secretary:

Craig Hobson burtonstatherbowls@gmail.com (Outdoor)
Annie Mumby mumby389@btinternet.com (Short Mat)

AT THE POST OFFICE

In January we welcomed our new postmistress Sara who has taken over the Keadby Post Office and hence our out reach. Due to the low usage of our facility on 2 days, the Post Office has cut our hours and for the present our hours are only **Tues 9.30am – 12.30pm**.

Just a reminder that this is an out-reach facility that operates inside the brown doored vestry to the left of the blue doors at St. Andrews Church. It can deal with your mail, your parcels, banking, bill payments, cash withdrawals and many more things. About the only things we don't do are passports and car tax. **Use us or lose us!**

THE SHEFFIELD ARMS – Elliott O'Roarty

"Brilliant Carvery" "Great to see it back" "Outstanding"

Just a few of the Trip Advisor comments currently online.
The Sheffield Arms has been under new leadership since August and has received a deep makeover. The Landlords Rob and Gina have decades of experience in the industry and excel in improving dying pubs. Elliott is the local boy turned manager and has years of experience in Bars and Restaurants in Manchester. "We are working hard to make The Sheffield Arms a space that serves the community of Burton Upon Stather, offering quality food and hosting community driven events". The Sheffield Arms Team.



The Sheffield Arms serves a Lunch Time Carvery for £7.95, Classic Pub Meals and an All You Can Eat Sunday Carvery.

Launching on 14th February, the old pool room will become a vibrant Cocktail & Gin Bar with a London Essence Font.

Renovating the upstairs rooms will be next!

Go and check them out and support your local!

(There are a number of events planned that will be happening into the summer and beyond, starting with events over Easter and followed by the concert/gig advertised on the back page with a past member of The Human League)

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW



North Lincolnshire Council has begun a Community Governance Review on all parish councils/parish meetings in North Lincolnshire. The stage one consultation runs from 12th February to 11th April 2024 and the council would like to hear resident's views. Maybe you believe that a parish council's boundary should be amended, a parish council should be abolished or combined with a neighbouring one. Further information can be found at: Community Governance Review - North Lincolnshire Council (northlincs.gov.uk)

North Lincolnshire Council has set up an online survey to receive people's thoughts on this review, which can be found at the website link above. Alternatively, you can email your response to: Communitygovernancereview@northlincs.gov.uk

🎺 W.I. NEWS 🎺

We have a diverse and exceptionally interesting programme planned for the coming year. Do come along as a guest, you will be made welcome, always the second Tuesday of the month and from March until November meetings will revert to the summer time of 7.30 p.m.

In April we have a member of the Blood Bikes team to talk about their life saving work.
In May our local poet Jean will be entertaining us with amusing poems
June will see Chris Tomlinson demonstrating beginners sign language.
Finally in July, Dr. Nicola Creuwe will give a lecture on DNA profiling in forensic science.

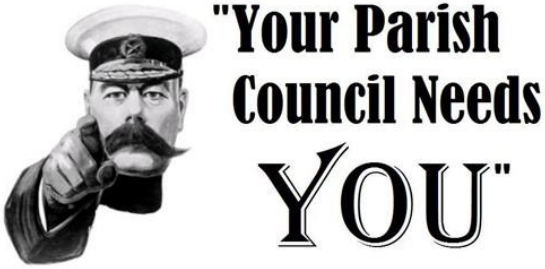
Over the last year the W.I. has had a varied and interesting programme, which is briefly summarised here. Their meetings have included speakers like Keith Hanson talking about the Tower of London, Revd Julie Donn, rescued animals, photograph composition with Geoff Trinder .

Additionally they have been entertained by the Saint Singers, taken part in Encaustic Art, tasted fresh cooked samosas, danced, went out on a summer flower drive, practised CPR, and learned about how to use defibrillators. The Shoe-box appeal was taken to heart – and will be repeated this year.

Some of the members have enjoyed different courses provided by our Federation over the year like Candle Wreaths and Lino printing. They will be attending the Federation AGM in April and Michelle will be the delegate for our group of local W.I.s at the AGM in London.

It has been a difficult year of ill health for some members, but the four afternoon meetings during the winter months have been much appreciated. Our thanks to Michelle who after two years as President has decided to stand down in order to enjoy her husband's retirement.

Maureen Adkin



Have you ever wondered what the Parish Council does in the community? Then why not get in touch and even consider becoming a Parish Councillor.

Burton upon Stather Parish Council is the local level of government for Thealby, Normanby and Burton and currently has three Councillor vacancies.

Council usually meets on the third Tuesday of each month, which are public meetings open to all residents of the parish. It is non-political and councillors give their time voluntarily.

The Council:

- Discusses and resolves issues raised by parishioners and represents their interests to North Lincolnshire Council, the Government, and other bodies.
- Raises an amount of money, the Parish Precept, through local taxation and makes decisions about its use specifically on parish amenities and groups.
- Plans, and prepares for the developing needs of the Parish.
- Is a statutory consultee of the local Planning Authority, North Lincolnshire Council, for all planning applications made within the Parish.

If you are over 18 years of age and are on the electoral roll for the parish **or** have lived or worked in the Parish for at least 12 months, then you could be eligible to become a Councillor. If this interests you, then why don't you attend a Council meeting to see what goes on or get in touch with the Clerk or a Councillor to find out more.

For further information contact the Clerk, Candace Brent on 07982 265914 or via email on: clerk@buspc.org

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE:

Cllr Penny Pringle – Chair
Cllr Jim Mitchell – Vice Chair
Cllr Simon Barnes
Cllr Peter Bell
Cllr Stephanie Bull
Cllr Emlyn Evans
Cllr Cathy Harber
Cllr Simon Nicholson
Cllr Elliott O'Roarty
Cllr Rob Tuplin
Cllr Rachel Webber

Clerk to the Council is Mrs Candace Brent

We can all be contacted via **The Parish Council Office**
High Street, Burton upon Stather, DN15 9DE
email: clerk@buspc.org
phone: 01724 489981 07982265914

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU. Darryl and Mandy Stevenson want to say a heartfelt 'thank you' to all the residents who helped to find their dog Molly who went missing in Burton on 21/2/24, being found next day in Thealby. As they said:

"Burton upon Stather – a beautiful village, full of beautiful people."

BURTON IN BLOOM



Anyone who would like to book a stall, please contact Rachel on 07773 442229.

Appeal for Knitters
Calling all knitters – This year Burton in Bloom would like to produce a poppy waterfall display in the village for Remembrance Day and so are

appealing for support in producing the poppies. For anyone able to help, below is the knitting pattern. Completed poppies can be taken to Rachel Webber, Ann Hobson, Wendy Faulks or Pat Webster.
With thanks 🌻

Poppy Pattern
Cast on 48 stitches with red wool
Rib K2, P2 for 8 rows
Cut off red wool
Join black wool
K2 to across row
Next row K2 tog
Slip stitches onto needle and draw up
Stitch seams together
Use size 7 or 4mm needles



NEWSLETTER DATES AND HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

All adverts must be agreed in a useable format – an editable **word** document sent electronically by:	Distribution by end of:
Mid May 2024	June 2024
Mid August 2024	September 2024

Adverts cost: half page £25 colour, £12.50 black and white – landscape

The Parish Newsletter is delivered to all households in Burton, Thealby and Normanby. It is the **only** communication that has that scope. Its role is to promote not only the workings of the Parish Council but when space permits, to help local groups and businesses by also promoting them wherever possible.

Would you like to see something in the newsletter? Or propose someone for interview? Do you have something to say? Advertisements? Promotions? Contact the editor **via the Parish Office**

BURTON STATHER HERITAGE GROUP





80th Anniversary of the D - Day Landings



Thursday 6th June

join us at The Ferry House Inn.
THE best vantage point to see the lighting of the Beacon

Saturday 8th June

at The Stage Door Canteen (aka The Village Hall)
for a 1940's Themed Supper Dance (ticketed)
Entertainment is with the fantastic Marina Mae

Sunday 9th June

join us for Afternoon Tea (ticketed),
and entertainment.
We hope to soon have confirmation of a BBMF Flypast.
More information will follow.

BURTON IN BLOOM EVENTS





Little Angels Pet Services

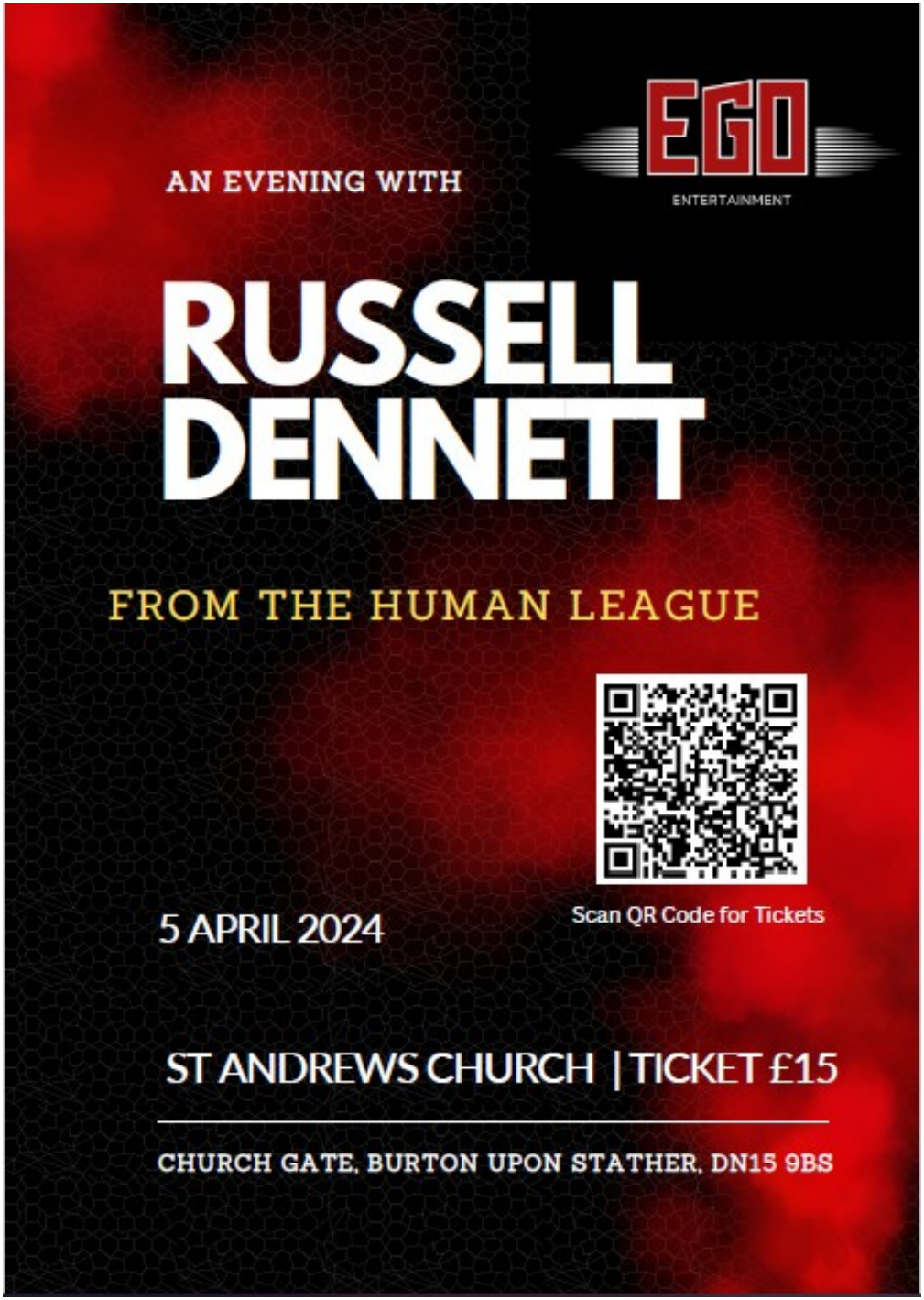
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07342 989606

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Little Angels Pet Services offers a one to one dog walking service around the local area and I also provide a cat/pet sitting service in the comfort of their own home.





DOORS OPEN 7.30 PM FOR 8.30 PM START