

Freestyle BURBAGE

The Freestyle Burbage newsletter

October 2015

Freestyle Burbage is a community events project. Our aim is to celebrate our community and our creative spirit. We organise events which are free or very low cost and open to anybody, and which take place all over the parish of Burbage.

If you would like to find out more or to get involved in any way, or if you have an idea for a different event, please get in touch: email mike@freestyleburbage.org.uk or phone 07455 123883.

Our September events...

19/09: The **Autumn Plant and Seed Swap** raised £42 to help fund future Freestyle Burbage events.

Thank you to all the generous gardeners who provided plants and seeds, and to all who donated cash on the day.



This is probably the last plant swap at my address because I am digging up my front lawn to make a perennial wild flower meadow.

27/09: We had good weather and a clear sky for the **Harvest Moon Watch** and a small crowd of us gathered at Sketchley Hill Farm recreation ground.



After watching the moon rise and the sun set we enjoyed a couple of moon-related poems. A few of us stayed up late (or got up early) to watch the full lunar eclipse in the early hours of Monday morning.



The harvest moon is the full moon nearest the autumn equinox. The next full moon, on 27 October, is a hunter's moon.



The next new moon, when the sky is darkest and best for stargazing, is on 13 October.



October events...

13/10: The **Wordage** open mic poetry event has been cancelled because of a change of ownership of the venue.



We will keep looking for a suitable place to start this in the new year.

Our **photography competition**, running for the whole of October, is free to enter and the winner will receive a bird feeder made from recycled plant pots by ashortwalk in Cornwall.



Anyone, of any age, can enter this competition. We are not looking for technical perfection so pictures can be taken on phones, tablets or cameras and the winner will be the one which best captures the season. Full details and rules can be found at www.freestyleburbage.org.uk/competitions

ashortwalk is the company who will be collecting all the pots we've been collecting in the **Burbage Flowerpot Amnesty** and you can find out more about them at www.ashortwalk.com. There is still time to donate your old pots, so clear out your shed now and bring them to us!

For further details of any events please email mike@freestyleburbage.org.uk or call Mike on 07455 123883.

Sunflower Challenge winners...

The tallest sunflower, at 264cm, was grown by Finley Bird, and the widest seed head was 10cm, on a sunflower grown by Ebony Dorman.



Both winners are pupils at Burbage Junior School. Their prizes are £10 vouchers to spend at Hubbard's Toy Cupboard in Hinckley.



The prizes were donated by Hubbard's and Workshop Jewellery in Burbage. Earl Shilton Building Society sponsored the challenge so we were able to give the whole £85 raised to the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.

Burbage Yarnbomb Project...

Have you seen our mini-yarnbomb pole in Featherston Drive? Please feel free to add your own items, and if you are part of a knitting or crochet group I can add a laminated card to publicise your group. And if you would like to make some pieces for the 2016 Burbage Yarnbomb Project please let me know.

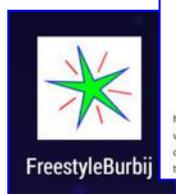
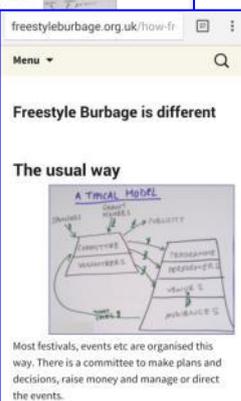


Our Website...

Don't wait for the next newsletter to find out what's happening!

Keep up to date with all our plans and events, and join in discussions about them, on the Freestyle Burbage website.

Visit www.freestyleburbage.org.uk and add it to your bookmarks, or add it to your home screen on your mobile phone or tablet.



Money money money...

We received £1 in private donations in September, no business donations, and £42 from the plant swap and plant sale.

We paid £39 to the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, which was the balance of the money we received from the Burbage Sunflower Challenge.

The summary accounts for September are shown below. Totals may be out by £1 because of rounding errors.

balances at 1 September 2015		£
Paypal		10
Current		12
set aside for Bumblebee Trust		39
Cash		9
total		69

money in		£
business sponsorship		
private donations		1
plant swap and sales		42
total		43

money out		£
stationery & printing		11
donation to Bumblebee Trust		39
Paypal/bank charges		0
total		50

balances at 30 September 2015		£
Paypal		0
bank current account		42
cash		21
total		63

assets		
bat detector		1
litter picker		1