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Reader's LETTERS

Theft from Burton Memorial Hall

Between Wednesday 6th November and Wednesday 13th November, 2 sets of Bowls belonging to members of the Indoor Bowling Club went missing from the storage room just inside the south entrance to the hall on the right hand side. If anyone can shed any light on this mysterious disappearance please contact Joyce Bye on 781784. Also let this be a warning to other hall users to keep equipment locked up at all times. Has anyone got a set of bowls they wish to sell? If so please contact the above number.

Household Questionnaire

There has been an excellent response by Burton residents in the completion and return of the questionnaire. As we wish to start analysing all the opinions and suggestions received, the closing date for returning questionnaires to the box in the village shop will be 11 December. An issues report will be produced and circulated in the early months of next year.

P. Rogers, Parish Plan Working Party

Please would readers note that letters for these pages must include a valid name & address. This can be with-held from publication on request. We will not publish any anonymous letters.

Christmas Joy



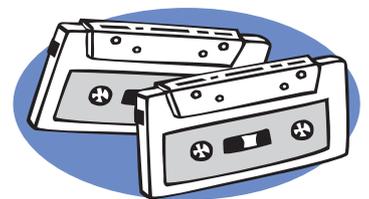
Two ladies asked me for 150 teddies to go in the shoe boxes they were making. 1720 have been used for this shoe box appeal this year, another good outlet. The Teds love it as we all do to bring joy to needy children. 887 teds have gone to other projects this year, so its been a great production year.

Thank you again for all those involved and thank you to those who gave me fabric for the Teds. Each Ted goes in a Bag, the children say they are giving their Ted a home by having a bag to put him in, for many around the world this is the only possession they have.

There will sadly always be a need for Teddies - why not knit a Ted this Winter and bring joy to one child, you can obtain the pattern from me.

From the Teds and me Peace and Joy be to you this Christmas and for 2003.

Esther
01524 781 862



BN on Tape!

A reminder that Burton News can be obtained on audio tape for those with a visual impairment.

Please contact Judith Ellis on 781057 for further details.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The Editorial Committee wishes all readers of BN a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Editorial Change

After almost three years in the role, Kathryn Ghazali has stepped down as Editor. She has been succeeded by Anne Nichols and Barry Morgan who will jointly carry out the preparation of BN.

The Editorial Committee would like to express their thanks to Kathryn for all of her hard work over the last few years, and wish her well in the future.

Anne and Barry produced the magazine for three months in the summer whilst Kathryn was overseas, so they have already had a taster of what's to come!

VACANCY

Burton Memorial Hall has a vacancy for a Hall secretary/manager. You lock up, send bills out and take bookings.

All enquiries to Mrs G Smith, 782319, give me a ring and come for a chat if you are interested.

Community Transport South Lakeland

If you need transport to hospital, doctor, dentist, optician, etc., please contact Mrs. Lynn Herd 01524 781905. If you could spare some time as a volunteer driver you would be most welcome. Enquiries to above or 01539 735598.

Thank You

Jill and Geoffrey Halliday and family would like to thank everyone for their warmth and kindness after the sad loss of Jill's mother, Kath Macdonald. Kath died on 11th September unexpectedly at Hillcroft Nursing Home, Carnforth.

She'd been the oldest recorded resident of Burton at the Millennium and had enjoyed her 98th birthday in September.

At her request her funeral was private, and we thank Paul for making it a personal and a very moving occasion. Kath will be sorely missed.

CHILDLINE

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Anne Craig,

Have a wonderfully Happy Birthday! with best wishes from us all at BN

Mattocks

Congratulations **Gina** on your 21st, 1st December.

Good luck, health & happiness always, Mum and Dad

Happy 40th Birthday

Mark, for the 12th December, love Jan, Courtney, Harrison & Sheldon

Happy 13th Birthday

Harrison, for the 24th December, love Mam, Dad, Courtney & Sheldon

Happy 18th Birthday for the

28th Dec to **Michelle Smith,** lots of love from Mum, Dad & Gran

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



An Opinion...

Somebody Tell Me I'm Wrong About All This

A Selective Report on November's Parish Council Meeting

Was it the unforgiving quality of the lighting which made everyone look rather ill, and possibly affected the emotions? Or was it really the nature of the discussion and nothing seeming ever to be achieved? Or was it simply that An Opinion was in a bad mood without realizing it??

The meeting proceeded in such a higgledy-piggledy way. Every one talked at once, little asides went on, reports seemed ill-organized in the reporting, and a new idea was dreamed up, which was that the summary of reports was passed around the table, with very little comment - helpful perhaps to cllrs, but not to us on the public benches. It may be recalled that An Opinion's intention in these commentaries is to record them as a member of the public might perceive them. She has no pretension to expertise or inside knowledge.

The democratic voice. Planning

Burton Parish Council, so An Opinion believed, represents the village as an elected body, the nearest we have as a voice. So it was understandable, and frustrating, as it has been over the time that A.O has been writing these commentaries, that there was pique and resentment that so many of the recommendations made about Planning have been ignored or overridden by unelected bodies or those who know less about the area. What seem to be perfectly reasonable suggestions go unheeded, with usually no reasons given. The rule seems to be: if you want Planning Permission, just persevere and you'll get almost anything passed, unless it's a small windmill on a mountain YHA's rooftop to generate ecological heating. So eyebrows were raised about the virtually unconditional approval given by the Planners to the small

industrial development at Stoneleigh Park (apart from a requirement for tree planting, which still holds).

Main Street

It was reported that Morewood School has queried the increasing number of lorries passing the premises. This is particularly noticeable round 9am. A member of the quarry Liaison Committee said she had been advised that now would be a good time to press for a total ban on lorries. This was not discussed. But unease was expressed about the number of trucks with quarry business who continue to come through the village. No one mentioned what A.O believes to be the bargain - that the quarrying has been extended to include part of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (the Island) but only on condition that lorry restrictions are obeyed. Isn't a bargain a bargain?

Dalton Lane

A meeting is to be held to press for a speed restriction.

Parish Council Land

These small quarries and parcels of land inherited from the Enclosure Act, have now been identified and photographed by three



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PCllrs who went to look for them. Claims for them have to be registered, and this is to be done.

Freedom of Information Act

It was (almost) agreed that the Parish Council documents which can be accessed by the public should be listed in BN. These will be available for a small fee at the beginning of PC meetings.

Neighbourhood Forum

This was reported to be a good meeting. A summary was passed round, but not commented on. Except that the Sports committee, it was claimed, could have put in a request for funding and didn't. The next opportunity will be in March 2003.

The Quarry Liaison Meeting

A summary was passed round.

Guess what! All those lovely suggestions for improving the village with money from the Quarry Fund are gradually being whittled away. The funding is there, but the three bodies administering it are squabbling about how to spend it.

Tinkerbell, Burton's Fairy Godmother, is fading away, and it seems it's not going to make much difference how hard the Parish Council claps, they haven't got much say. Even a lengthsman is no longer an option. We'll probably end up smothered in ash trees, which seem to be a particular favourite. They may well be the natural tree of the area, but who wants a tree that comes into leaf last in Spring, and loses its leaves first in Autumn, without much benefit of autumnal colour? (everyone except An Opinion probably).

The Playing Field

An increase in the precept (what we all have to pay) was suggested to cover the cost of improvements to the Playing Field. It was voted out by 2 votes to 5.

Sewage Leaking, and Flooding

These were seen as related. A sort of malaise hits the PC whenever the flooding on the A6070 is mentioned. If the road is to continue as a relief road for the M6 (the PC's apparent reason for not restricting further speed or traffic on Main Street) then surely the flooding should be addressed? Or is SLDC having it both ways? - nothing done about the traffic, and nothing about the state of the road. It's to be hoped that the PC Chairman's call for an expert opinion on the flooding, and the sewerage will come to something. There was no doubt about concern over the sewage problem, though. Photos were shown of sewage flowing into the brook beside Moss Lane, and of the problems other homes and businesses in the area were having to endure. Something may come of this.

Road Works in Main Street

Two people have had falls here, and all agreed that there had been inadequate warning. A letter is to be sent to United Utilities about this.

Childline

The PC rejected a request for a contribution. Tough ched, kiddiwinks.

No more room.

A.S

NB: Planning info. in Jan. Issue





OUTDOORS

Probably I shouldn't have come here, along the canal bank at sunset in the middle of November. We were here on this towpath two or three times a week for many years, even more when we had the dogs, first Shep the yellow Labrador, then Hardy the Doberman cross. Shep had to be killed when he could no longer walk, Hardy went back to Animal Rescue. Now the place is off our beat and coming here feels like being sucked backward into the past. Memories are condensing like freezing dew on every leaf and grass-blade. I feel so out of it, so like a ghost, I'm almost surprised when other walkers see me and don't look right through me.



Each yard of the way is full of reminders. Here is the point where an eel reared out of the water on a sultry evening nineteen years ago and skittered along on its tail for several yards. Here was the reedbed where moorhens nested until British Waterways cut it down. Here is the straight stretch where David Houghton skated one hard winter and I photographed the silvery arabesques his skates made on the ice. Here is the reach beside the big willow where a shoal of blue fish like torpedoes held their place in midstream for a few days when the high summer sun clarified the water; we never saw them again. Next the tree a fence used to run out into the water and a Sunday Times photographer made me perch for a picture, after I'd won a prize for a countryside article. The fence has rotted away - it was fairly rickety at the time.

Here is where a moorhen stayed dead-still a few inches below the surface, pointing at me like an arrow. Here is where Hardy came running full tilt at me, a few days after he came to live with us, and gave my knee a hard bump in passing, just to try out our relationship. Here, a few yards short of Braithwaite's Bridge, is where a nesting coot looked straight into the setting sun and its eyes glowed red like Uncle Joe's Cherry Balls.



So it goes on until the last bridge before Sheerness. All the way a sadness is gathering in me like wintry fog, because time is passing too quickly and too many people, too many things, have gone and can't return. My homeground seems to end at this bridge. Beyond here are fewer familiarities, fewer memories. The bridge has been newly pointed. No more deep crevices between the limestone blocks, so I can't practise climbing here any more. A little while ago you could move up all four faces of four successive bridges, making about 240 feet of nearly vertical work, and at the end of it my fingertips used to be tingling and my arms and shoulders were nicely stretched. The workmen have also rooted out the shrubs at the foot of the southwest face, including a fig-tree, which never fruited.

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On the way back this evening coots are still chugging to and fro, eight in all, pointing their porcelain-white beaks this way and that, sometimes giving out that call so high-pitched it sounds like a china plate chipping under heat. As I near the copse where a swing made of a rope and a thick stick used to dangle, and children used to camp in the narrow stand of trees, a thrashing sounds from behind and I turn to see four swans flying down the water towards Braithwaite's Bridge. They touch down with a swoosh just before the arch. A minute later there are short hoarse breaths in the air and one swan flies overhead, cants rightwards to fly through the one gap between the copse and the trees above the Dutton Arms, and veers again in a broad arc towards Hilderstone. It's a huge, pale apparition in the dusk, still visible a quarter of a mile away.



Clouds are spreading wide feathers in the west now, like grey-goose wings stemming from the point beyond Haverbrack where the sun has set. A crescent moon rose ten minutes ago. Now the layers of cloud are veiling it until it looks like a golden horn with its mouth buried in a shore of clay. No light in the canal house, no Mrs Clarkson walking up the hill with her stick, always ready for some conversation, some reminiscing about the time when they left a parcel of butter under the hedge for the bargemen and they heaved some coal ashore in fair exchange. Everything seems old or gone tonight and I realise once again that ageing is all very well, you have plenty of interesting past to look back on and not enough future.

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From South Lakeland District & Cumbria
County Councillor

R.K Bingham 015395 63694

COUNCIL SWITCHBOARDS

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I am still very busy as Chairman of South Lakeland in attending public events all over the North of England - but thankfully in view of the state of the railways and the M6 I did not have to go to London in November. Appropriately, for the Remembrance season, I have been much involved with the armed services. As SLDC's representative on the North West Reserve Forces Cadets Association (formerly the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve) I attended their AGM in Blackpool and have also been to functions at Catterick Garrison and, in the District, to presentations by the RAF and Royal Navy. We were told that there are now 42,000 RN personnel including the Royal Marines and the Fleet Air Arm. This is only twice the number of Cumbria County Council employees and (I'm told) half the capacity crowd for the Reebok Stadium at Bolton. There are also fewer sailors than full time Fire Fighters. Fortunately, Burton is served by a 'retained' part-time Fire Brigade so we will not be affected by any strikes unless a serious 'incident' involves bringing in the professionals. We would then call for the lone Green Goddess allocated for South Lakeland, based in Kendal.



My most poignant representative duty was attending the funeral at Kirkby Lonsdale, on 4th November, of Frank Deane who was aged 103. For about 40 years Mr Deane taught Maths at Queen Elizabeth School and so he will be remembered by the older generation of QES pupils living in Burton.

More significantly Mr Deane was, we believe, the very last Cumbrian veteran of the First World War. In August it was reported that there were 54 1914-18 warriors still alive, all over the age of 101. There is still one FWW soldier living in Lancashire. Last year there were four. I wonder when we will bid farewell to the last of the "Boys of the Old Brigade".



Although I have attended meetings on a daily basis there have been three important issues affecting us generally:

1) South Lakeland has reviewed the Travel Voucher Scheme. It will be recalled that SLDC used to give out vouchers to Senior Citizens, Disabled People etc. which could be used for Public Transport - train, bus, Windermere Ferry etc - and for taxis and parking. This year the Government brought in an apparently more generous scheme enabling eligible people to have half-priced bus fares. From April 2003 the scheme will be extended to men (as well as women) over 60. But, a government funded Voucher Scheme for alternative transport use was abolished. This has been condemned in rural areas including our own where we still have a few buses. But about 60% of South Lakeland villages have no bus at all. Moreover, as I have often said, when older people in Burton are no longer able to drive they will probably be unable to walk to a bus stop or clamber up the steep steps on to the bus. Also, in an area where car ownership is virtually a necessity many people would appreciate some help with motoring costs especially as we rural people generally get less for our taxes than do townfolk. A survey about Travel Tokens etc, arranged by our Member of Parliament, brought in 1,127 replies, perhaps the biggest response to a questionnaire South Lakeland has ever received. Almost all respondents wanted a return to the

Voucher system. As a result SLDC and the Local Government Association are going to lobby Central Government to provide 'additional finance to support the existing half-priced bus pass and any discretionary, alternative voucher scheme'.

I am agitating, also, for a change in the rules concerning out of County journeys which discriminate against those of us living close to the County Boundary who have to use essential services in Lancashire. At present you would get a half-fare for a journey from Burton to Lancaster Bus Station. But if you then had to change buses to go up to The Royal Infirmary or to Castle Station you would have to pay the full fare for the Lancaster stage. This seems unfair.



2) Even more controversial has been the Kendal Traffic Scheme. We had a long County Council Area Meeting on the subject during which councillors were shouted at from the public gallery which, surprisingly perhaps, is a rare occurrence. A delegation of traders contended that they had been harmed by the scheme since it was introduced last April. But the overall picture is not clear, perhaps because businesses do not like divulging publicly their trading figures. It was contended that last year, because of Foot and Mouth, Kendal traders did better as visitors were diverted from the Fells. F&M also contributed to increased trade for the Lake Steamers and the Stately Homes. Thus to compare the 2002 figures with last year was not a fair comparison. Also this year the summer weather was even worse than usual.

Personally I think that the traffic moves quicker when coming into Kendal from the south - so the new scheme is probably

better for us. But, as always let me know what you think - please. We did decide to amend the traffic lights at the bottom of Windermere Road which have caused tail backs to Plumgarths roundabout, and to get more car park signs. Arrangements in Blackhall and Library Roads will also be improved.

3) Finally, the Junction 36 (Crooklands) development proposals are being examined by The Gateway to Lakeland group, which includes District and County Councillors. Plans centering on the County Show Field incorporate a new site for the Auction Mart, a Cumbrian Produce centre and a Hotel - although this would only be a field away from Crooklands Inn. But, whether they are realistic or far fetched, the proposals will depend on changing current planning policies. At present the J36 area is designated 'County Landscape' which restricts development. Structure plans may be changed if development can be shown to enhance the economic and social well-being of the area. But all this will take time and, probably, a public enquiry - so watch this space.

In the meantime have A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

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HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE by Roger Bingham

WHAT'S IN A NAME? And AN M.P. FROM BURTON

"Burton" like Kendal, Lancaster and Carlisle but unlike Milnthorpe, Heversham or London - is also a popular surname. There are 69 "Burtons" in our local Telephone Directory while the Dictionary of National Biography lists 18 "Burtons". These include Catherine Burton 'a Carmelite Nun' who died in 1714, Charles d.1866 a 'theologian', Cassibelon - yes! this was his name - d.1682 'a translator', Charles d.1882 'an astronomer', Decimus (his real name too!) d.1881 'architect'. Henry d.1648 'Puritan martyr', Hezikiah d.1681, 'a Cambridge Divine', James d.1817 'a leading Wesleyan', John d.1777 'a doctor', Robert d.1640 'author of the *"Anatomy of Melancholy"*, Simon d.1744 'a Physician' and five William Burtons who were, respectively, 'a Puritan' d.1616, 'author' d.1645, 'antiquarian' d.1657 and 'an actor' d.1645, 'a painter' d. 1803. I'm afraid I'd only heard of two of them 1) Puritan Henry who had his ears cut off while standing in the Pillory by order of Charles I and who was then imprisoned in Lancaster Castle, and, 2) Decimus who built the now demolished triumphal arch at Euston Station. But some older folk may ask 'What about Richard Burton 1924-84?' - who along with an incalculable number of

other husbands was twice 'Mr. Elizabeth Taylor' - but he was born a Jenkins; Burton was his foster father's name.

It would be nice to think that the ancestors of these personages all came from our 'Burton-in-Kendal'. But as there are 39 other 'Burtons' listed in my road atlas this seems unlikely. No doubt each place has a different interpretation about how the name was derived. In 1777 Nicolson and Burn's *"History of Westmorland and Cumberland"* tackled the question. 'Burton is sometimes called Burton in Kendal to distinguish it from another Burton which is in Lonsdale in the county of Lancaster. It is pronounced by the natives and neighbouring inhabitants as Borton, as in Domesday Book (1085) it is written Bortun, which seem to point out the true derivation; not a burgh or fortified place; but from the ancient boro, which is the district of the frankpledge or tithing.' The frankpledge was a tax. Bishop Nicolson also mentions an important 'Burton' who really did come from our Burton. *"In 26 Ed.I. Roger de Burton represented the county of Westmorland in parliament"*. The 26th year of Edward I was 1297-8. It was a bad year. The King

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was fighting wars in France and Flanders, was engaged in mopping up operations having just conquered Wales and was embarking on his final campaign as 'the hammer of the Scots'. Indeed Edward spent much of his last years in Cumbria. He held a Parliament at Carlisle shortly before he died at Burgh on the Sands on the Solway in 1307. He also ordered his English Channel fleet of "57 ships manned by 1,254 men" to sail to the Solway. Almost certainly this Royal Navy put in at Lancaster and possibly Milnthorpe Sands as well. As our M.P. Roger de Burton voted for an increase in taxes by enabling the King to levy a 'subsidy'. In 1290 the subsidy had brought in £117,000 but the 1297 subsidy raised only £34,000. This was because our Roger and his ilk decreed that the tax assessors for each district should be local men and not Royal Collectors sent by the exchequer at Westminster. (If only local people could estimate what income tax we should pay nowadays we would probably be much better off!) But in the end this was a false economy. English forces were not strong enough to beat the Scots. Within 20 years Robert the Bruce got his own back and his Scots so ravaged Kentdale that the value of land in Burton and neighbouring places fell by three quarters. But by then there was no Burton born M.P. to help King Edward II out of trouble.

Roger Bingham

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3rd John Long

3 Leeks

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2nd John Long
3rd Alan Jackson

3 Onion Sets

1st Tod Brook Millennium Cup
2nd Mike Earl
3rd Mike Earl

2 Cabbages

1st Gary Crayston Mitchell Tankard
2nd David Harbach
3rd Sally Lancaster

2 Cauliflowers

1st Gary Crayston Mitchell Tankard
2nd David Harbach
3rd John Long

3 Beetroot

1st David Harbach Bob Mason Trophy
2nd Bob Mason
3rd Jackie Nicholson

3 Carrots

1st David Harbach Yvonne Caradice Shield
2nd Bob Mason
3rd Bob Mason

3 Salad Veg

1st David Harbach Burton Garage Cup

3 Vegetables

1st David Crayston Sports Committee Cup
2nd Tod Brook
3rd David Harbach

5 Vegetables

1st Andy Bailey Anderson Trophy
2nd Gary Crayston
3rd David Harbach

Heaviest Onion

4lb 12oz Alan Jackson Mitchell Cup

5 Dessert Apples

1st Neil Shaw Mitchell Tankard
2nd Judith Ellis
3rd Jackie Nicholson

5 Cooking Apples

1st David Crayston David Crayston Cup
2nd David Crayston
3rd David Crayston

Pot Plant

1st Mike Earl Lockwood Rose Bowl
2nd John Long
3rd Dave Williamson

Vase of Flowers

1st Len Healey Burton Thistle Cup
2nd Hartley Girls
3rd John Long

Vase of Dahlias

1st Jackie Nicholson Burton School Cup
2nd Jackie Nicholson

The Churches of St James' Burton and Holy Trinity Holme

December Services & Rotas

Church Duty Rotas for December 2002

Churchwarden on duty: Tom Johnson - tel. 781884

Sidesperson's rota:

1st Dec	Cath Johnson and Sheila Brownsord
8th Dec	Bob Thornton and Margaret Boon
15th Dec	Jean Hardwick and Andrew Hardwick
22nd Dec	Arthur Prady and Margaret Prady
29th Dec	Judith Ellis and Alison Flanders
5th Jan	Edward Ellis and John Long

Church Cleaning rota:

1st Dec	Molly Long and Alison Flanders	7
8th Dec	Barbara Ludlam and Anne Guy	1
15th Dec	Julie Gregory and Jean Hardwick	2
22nd Dec	Judith Ellis and Norah Hayhurst	4
29th Dec	Molly Long and Alison Flanders	5
5th Jan	Barbara Ludlam and Anne Guy	6

Please change with each other if necessary, but let the duty warden know about sidesduty and readers.

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Organist:	Kath Mills	732194
Choir Leader:	Kath Mills	732194
Reader:	David Mills	732194
	Margaret Coles	782231
	Martin Dew	781645

REMINDER . . .

Please don't forget to feed the birds now the colder weather is here



December 1st

9-30 am ASB Holy Communion at Burton
11-00 am Holy Communion at Holme
6-30 pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at Burton

December 8th

8-00 am BCP Holy Communion at Holme
9-30 am Family service with Nativity at Burton
11-00 am Christingle Service at Holme
6-30 pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at Burton

December 15th

8-00 am BCP Holy Communion at Burton
9-30 am ASB Holy Communion at Burton
11-00 am ASB Holy Communion at Holme
6-30 pm Come and Praise at Burton

December 22nd

9-30 am Memorial Hall Service at Burton
9-30 am Morning Prayer (BCP) at Burton
11-00 am Carol Service at Holme
6-30 pm Carol Service at Burton

December 24th - Christmas Eve

5-00 pm Family Party at Holme
8-00 pm Family Communion at Holme
11-15 pm Holy Communion at Burton

December 25th - Christmas Day

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This Christmas we’ll be making room for many different things - presents, decorations, food, drink, TV, friends and family, Father Christmas - but will we make room for the Saviour whose birth we celebrate? The Bible says we need to.

The truth is that we have all been guilty of ignoring God, of refusing Him access into our lives and of living our way rather than His way. The Bible calls this rebellious attitude sin. It is very serious for **“The wages of sin is death.” (Romans 6:23)**. That’s the result of sin - eternal separation from God. It’s bad news.

The good news is that God has done something about it. Let’s read what the rest of that Bible verse says: **“The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”**

That’s what we celebrate at Christmas. The glorious truth that God loved us so much that He sent His Son to rescue us from our sin. This great rescue took place on the Cross when Jesus the sinless One took our sin upon Himself and was punished for it. It means that forgiveness of sins, friendship with God and eternal life are freely available to us.

That’s why we need to make room in our hearts for Jesus and allow Him to rule our lives. The gift of eternal life comes to us through trusting Him. We won’t find it under the Christmas tree or in our stockings or anywhere else for that matter. Our only hope of a good future after we die is to accept what Jesus has done for us in His life, death and resurrection and acknowledge Him as Lord.

*"How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him,
still the dear Christ enters in."*

Welcoming Jesus into our lives as Saviour and King is the only true basis for having a happy Christmas. Have a truly happy Christmas everybody.

Paul

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Crayston's shop has always been a great place for conversation and talking to David is like a short course in Burton history. Although he is only 57, and has retired early, his memories of not so long ago plunge you back into another age. Aged 11 he was milking cows on Bob Mason's farm and 'crawling up and down the field thinning turnips.' The two cart-horses were Blossom and Damson, a black and a brown, and he rode them as they trampled the silage pits. Mostly he worked for his uncle Thomas, who had the butcher's shop. Pigs were housed on the ground floor of the buildings behind the King's Arms (which was kept by David's grandmother) and turkeys on the first floor. Then they moved them across to the Coach House and David helped to convert it, using birch trunks from the woods at Hilderstone.



The work before Christmas was killing, literally and metaphorically. 250 turkeys and 100 cock chickens had to be plucked and dressed 'until our fingers bled. You couldn't bend them after twelve hours of it. We'd scrub out the shop at 1 in the morning and

start again at 6.' His wife Su makes a face and says, 'The smell of it! The smell of Christmas...' David echoes this, saying 'You get so used to it - when I go back to the shop now, I can smell meat for the first time in years.' It must have been a character-building apprenticeship. Boys weren't allowed to do any of the killing but they could stir the blood for the black puddings. In thunderstorms some of the turkeys panicked and pecked each other to death.

The present shop had been a grocer's, with a cobbler's workshop at the back. Thirty-two years ago it became a minimarket, self-service, then twenty-seven years ago David put in the big counter and it became the shop we know today. Dave and Su had lived above it, and customers entered by the door now used for scrubbing and rinsing out. The present door at the side was made for safety's sake. 'Before the motorway was built, there were traffic jams all the way to Carnforth. Through the window sometimes all you could see was one big wheel, a huge dumper-truck. People stuck in the jams tapped on the window asking to use the loo. The Parish Council was always going to build a loo but it never happened. We were selling a lot of bacon to the B & B's on the A 6. On a wet Saturday the Irishmen came in off the motorway, a lot of them were drunk, and it was "Any bread? Any cabbage?" They boiled it with bacon. They would buy stuff for any pensioner who was in the shop, and they would take their own stuff back, as drunk as cuckoos, to their cabins at Clawthorpe.' As week-end approached, Su's thought was, 'Have we got enough for the Irishmen?'

Above left: Ever-cheerful David Crayston

Right: David & Su Crayston (centre) with Bryn Jones (right) and Nigel Williams (left)

Business had its downs and ups, in time with wider changes. More incomers and the building of streets like Morewood and Burton had brought in the customers. Some were frightened away by the BSE plague or lured away by the supermarkets. When the Blakeleys closed their bakery, David and Su discussed the pro's and con's on a holiday in Lanzarote and decided to make scones and cakes and pies for sale. Su had wound down her career as a caterer, during which she had managed, then trained managers from Stockport to Carlisle and been responsible for work at Charlotte Mason College and Lancaster Prison, the canteen at Croppers and the Girls' Grammar at Lancaster. 'Now I had to start rolling pastry again' as they worked fourteen hours a day to establish the bakery.

Through it all their relish for work shines through. As a boy David had collected beer bottles from round the bowling green and taken them back to the Royal, in the days when coaches brought bowlers from miles around and there was scarcely room for them all in the car park.

He also helped to dig the footings for the Memorial Hall and barrowed the spare earth across the road to the school 'because the Head fancied the topsoil.' He had trained as an engineer at David Brown Tractors at Huddersfield, hated the factory and the fog, and 'wanted something more physical.' Su considers that 'David's aim was to be self-sufficient' and this is what they both achieved. They can't speak too warmly about their colleagues in the shop, brother Gary, then Neil Shaw, Shane Jackson, and Bryn Jones who has now taken over. 'Without them we'd never have made that shop. When Bryn came he could talk to Neil about fishing, so I didn't have to bore them to death talking golf... '

For my own part I can't imagine ever getting bored in Craystons - even though I missed the high moment when Neil dressed up in a gorilla costume from a fancy dress party and 'scared the life out of Sue Williamson when he went in there and asked her for a bunch of bananas.'
D.C.



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Thanks!

I just wanted to pass on my thoughts and also to say thank you to all those that are involved in running the village hall. Not only are there numerous jobs of maintenance, cleaning, bookings, but also organising events to enable the hall to continue (the new curtains look lovely!)

Within the short half an hour I spent at the Autumn Fair this year I managed to chat to old friends whom I hadn't seen for months, be introduced to several new people, have a very welcome cup of tea – and win a prize in the raffle! Gatherings such as these make a village a village rather than just a group of dwellings. Numbers this year were lower than in the past – maybe it was because numerous other events were happening that weekend, and with time so precious, you have to be selective.

Perhaps we need to be looking at a year calendar of events in the village, on the back of Burton News each month. This would help all of us in planning our time – and events!
S.J.

[What do readers think of the idea of a yearly calendar of events in BN? Let us know! Ed.]

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or

Salmon Supreme marinated in Lime and Coriander served with Roast Potatoes, Roast Parsnips and a Medley of Vegetables

Vegetarian Option

Nut Wellington Provencale served with New Potatoes, Roast Parsnips and a Medley of Vegetables

or

Spicy Vegetable Roast with Cranberry and Port Sauce served with New Potatoes, Roast Parsnips and a Medley of Vegetables

Dessert

Traditional Christmas Pudding

or

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Desserts

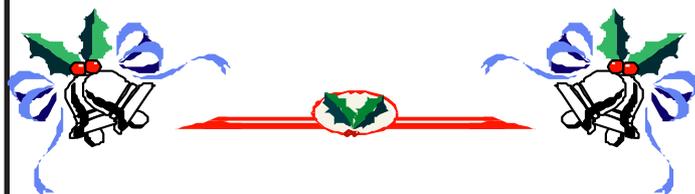
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Tuesday Club

Dates in December

Meeting 2 - 4 pm 10th Dec

17th Dec - Xmas Luncheon

already booked

Meeting 12.30 pm

Next meeting due 24th Dec is cancelled

Meetings in January 2003

Tuesday 10th & 24th

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December Meetings

Tues 3rd - Battle with Lunesdale at Lunesdale

13th - Viewing the L+CPU Colour Prints Folio,
Mini Competition

20th - Slides on the Night, Mince Pies

Visitors welcome to all Meetings

Burton Show

Xmas Bingo

Friday 20th December

Doors Open - 6.30 pm

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Fresh Turkeys - Raffle - Refreshments

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