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BURTON NEWS

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Saturday 26th February



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Reader's
LETTERS

Dear BN,

Remember, Remember...

I was thrilled that a reader of *Burton News* knew the rest of the rhyme about Guy Fawkes. Grateful thanks.

Name & address withheld

Thanks!

**Burton Allstars Concert
Saturday 22nd Jan**

On behalf of the band I would like to thank everybody who came to our concert and gave so generously and helped us to raise an incredible £1005 for the *Tsunami Disaster Fund*.

A special thanks to all the people who helped in putting the show on, and to all the band themselves who came together very quickly to put on a great evening's entertainment.

Ray Guy

[See also page 20/21 for report]

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**Don't forget... Pancake Day
Tuesday 8th February**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

Joseph Hunter

Congratulations on your 4th
birthday 22.2.05

Best wishes, Grandma &
Grandad, Kate & Brett



Congratulations!

Hunter/Williamson

Congratulations on the birth of Samuel Jack, born
21.12.04, welcome brother for Joseph.

Best wishes, Mum, Dad, Kate & Brett



**Valentine's Day
Messages**

From a very lucky Tigger to his wonderful Wabbit
Happy Valentine's Day darling.

Roses are red, Violets are blue,
But the most beautiful thing,
Is my life now with you.

To my darling Tigger, with all my love from Wabbit xxxx

"Bump" in the Night

December 21st, 1.48 am. I have this ringing in my ears, what's going on, am I dreaming? No it's the phone. Susan's out of bed, on her way to the phone. Its never good news when the phone rings at this time in the morning, is it? "Mum, my waters have gone" the voice on the phone cries. Sarah is in labour. At this point the well-oiled machine goes into action, yeah right!

"David, get up, get dressed, we are going to Carnforth, Sarah's having the baby". Yes love, OK, right, ready in a tick. Wrong foot, in the wrong shoe slows things down briefly, but I get there in the end. 2.00 am. We are in the car, Carnforth bound. 2.14 am arrive Carnforth. Kate has already arrived. I hear this moaning sound from upstairs, so that's one place I don't want to be! Susan shoots upstairs; I go to the lounge, keep a low profile. More moaning from upstairs. At this point I make a decision, "I'm outa here". Shout upstairs, "is everything organised, phoned for the ambulance, midwife, whatever", "yes all that's been done" came the reply, but with louder moaning, I said my goodbyes, well, I don't want to be in the way do I!

Leave the house to return to Burton, back to bed, peace and quiet. I don't know what these women make all the fuss about, moaning and groaning she's only having a baby! 2.30 am return home, as I enter the house, the phone's ringing, (meanwhile, back at the ranch, sorry, Carnforth) Iain (Sarah's husband)

and Kate are trying to get Sarah down stairs, ready for the Ambulance, Susan is looking after Joseph, nearly four, who is understandably is a little upset as to all the going's on. "Kate I want to push". What do you mean you want to push, your not having it yet. Iain is on the phone talking to the midwife, "Don't worry Mr Hunter, she won't have it yet".

Wrong, big time, because at that moment, on the small landing at the bottom of the stairs, Kate delivered Samuel Jack Hunter, 6lbs 4ozs. Quiet at first, then he realised he had to do the expected screaming, which he duly did, wrapped in a towel, on his mother's tummy, as Kate was on the phone to me as I arrived home. All over in 40 minutes, mother and baby all fine after being checked out by the ambulance crew and midwife on their arrival, and no need for hospitalisation.

Dave Williamson



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Dalton Wine Club



I never asked last month, if you had all had a nice Christmas and received everything that you wished for. Including a few surprise presents. I like those best, especially if the surprise is pleasant. You may have been surprised by a gift of a 'Wine Making Kit' That should keep you quiet over February!!! But do not forget as you rush to start the home brew, that there are many rules to the art of wine making. O.K. I hear you say, rules are made to be broken. To this art they are not. The quality of the finished wine depends on the kit you use and how well you follow the instructions. Does the 'Kit' have the basic rule of all newcomers to this art? All equipment (of which there is lorry loads) needs to be cleaned and sterilized throughout the many stages of wine making, along with a great deal of patience, and even then the finished product may not taste good, nor do you any good either.

Throughout the years, I have been presented with many and varied bottles of 'home brew'. Most of which the 'nose' has prompted me to hastily pour the substance down the drain. This resulted in me having a sparkling kitchen sink. I dread to think what it would have done to my innards!!! Not only is February the shortest month, but it is also recognised as the month in which to make Banana wine. I personally feel that one needs a longer month in which to prepare this wine. It takes a long time, and then one has to wait at least TEN months before it is ready for drinking. Much easier and quicker is to 'nip' down to the local store, where one can be confident of the outcome. An enjoyable drink. If you want to feel authentic about February and banana wine. Get a bottle of medium white and to go with it, buy a banana.

Happy days.

M.N.

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CLOSEUP

Here is the full size image for the previous 'Closeup'



The recently re-roofed old gas works at the bottom of Neddy Hill

Now, where is this month's 'Closeup' from ?

Not much to go on here, but again this location is highly visible to anyone walking along Main Street



Answer and a new 'Closeup' in a future BN, hopefully next month but this all depends on there being space for the feature.

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We are now using the new pagers and up to date have been called on three occasions. Yet again I can't thank the residents of Burton enough for the generous donations. These have been received from individual residents along with larger bodies such as *Burton Show Social Committee* donating £450 and *Moto Motorway Services* at Burton with an amount of £500. Just this week, one resident collected the loose change in his bedroom and handed this over - when it was counted there was an amount of £290!! Whatever the amount donated - thank you very much. If anyone has noticed that their cheques have not been cleared - we are in the process of changing bank accounts for a more convenient service.

Some lovely news regarding the Team - two of our responders, Janet and Matthew Noble are proud new parents of a baby girl, Josephine Beth - a sister for George. Congratulations.

Under a separate item in *Burton News* you will see the announcement of another "Irish Night" organised by Ian Hunt, thankfully this year it will be the Heartwatch team that benefit from the proceeds. Ian has put a phenomenal amount of effort into organising this event and I do hope residents of Burton will give their support - anyone who has been before will know just what an excellent night this is!

Air Ambulance - to clarify the mention of this at a recent Parish Council meeting - there are two helicopters which fly in our area. *The Great North Air Ambulance Service* is a charity registered in 1994 and is totally independent from any one ambulance service. *Cumbria Ambulance Service* has equal access to this service which has a total of three helicopters in operation - the latest, named *The Pride of Cumbria* came into operation in August 2004. This is manned by A&E doctors who have volunteered their services. Lancashire's *NW Air Ambulance* also covers our area and they do liaise in emergencies. Therefore, either the new green and white or the familiar yellow helicopters will be seen if needed in Burton, whichever is the nearest.

Sincere thanks again to the residents of Burton

Susan Hargreaves 781273
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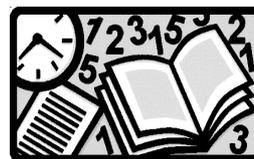


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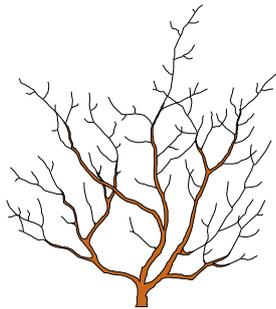
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OUTDOORS

At 4 a.m. on Saturday January 9th the noises from our front yard sounded as though a gang of draymen were rolling empty beer barrels all over the place. The wind was roaring, whistling, screaming, and growling. I went outside to investigate and saw that wheelie-bins and blue recycling boxes were blowing about like toys scattered by children. Even a sheet-metal coal bunker was on the move. I secured what I could, then saw a slate lying next the offside front wheel of the car and retreated hastily to bed rather than have my skull split by whatever blew down next. The barometer, I noticed, had fallen twenty-five points since the evening before, from 1024 to 999.



For the next few hours, as storm stories began to be told, it turned out that slates had been flying like hailstones. One dented the roof of Elaine Burrell's car where it stood at Dalton Home Farm. Another had rammed edge-on into the tarmac behind Eddie and Jackie Freeman's house on Main Street. Both roads over the hill to Kirkby Lonsdale were blocked by fallen trees. The way to Ambleside had been closed for a time. The power then went off and breakfast had to be made on a wee Gaz stove. Luckily it came back on in time for the afternoon's horse-racing. The shop was in twilight for a time, the butcher couldn't weigh anything so most of the meats were

unavailable, and the Post Office computer didn't recover before the counter was due to close anyway.

In comparison with the Asian tsunami - or for that matter the great flood in Carlisle - Burton's damage was not too bad. In the days since the 9th the extent of it has come to light - mainly to trees and stone dykes. The massive ash that fell across the Kirkby road beyond Dalton Hall was soon sawn through and the debris cleared. The road to Carnforth must have been blocked by the twin beech trunk with a Countryside Alliance 'Fight the Ban' notice on it near Heron Syke and the huge length of it is now stretched along the field wall. Walking along Slape Lane is still difficult because one trunk of a monumental double ash has torn off and crashed across it. You can stoop to get under it and also marvel at the elaborate pattern of ridges and wrinkles in the raw yellow wood which shows the hundred and more seasons of its growing.

Trees will presently be replaced - unlike many coastal villages in Sri Lanka and Sumatra. The stone dykes of Westmorland will need a great deal of repairing. Most of the damage is not from falling tree trunks but from the quaking of storm-shaken trees which has upheaved soil and toppled the stonework. A visitor might think that the triple breaches in the walls flanking the road between Heron Syke and the old toll-bar were caused by the hurricane, not realising they were hit by a car in the serious accident late last year. The trees that suffered worst seem mainly to have been old tall ashes and lesser trees too burdened by ivy to

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withstand the wind. A summer gale could have been worse for them, when branches were laden with leafage and resisted the blast till the whole tree snapped off or tore out its roots and keeled over. It's noticeable how many conifers with their full heads of needle-foliage have suffered - the row of Scots pines on the Kirkby road near Nineteen Trees, or the many cypresses and Leylandii on the Ambleside road between Windermere and Brockholes. For a time our walks will feel like a foray through a battlefield, along the canal bank, for example, where three trees have been blown across the tow-path between the old wharf and Braithwaite's Bridge. At the moment the scars of trunks and branches torn off or sawn through show like glaring white or yellow scars against the darkness of winter woodland. By the time the leafage comes again in May, the wounds will have healed or at least weathered to an unremarkable grey.

DAVID CRAIG

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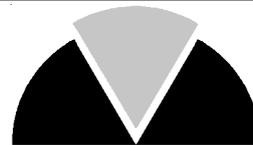
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On Saturday 26th February, a concert will be held at the Memorial Hall in aid of the *Burton First Responders*. The evening will consist of music from our visitors from Killarney, Kerry, in southern Ireland, who are flying over on the Friday night to do this for our village, with the added enjoyment of Mo Witham and Steve Green, and one or two other surprises.

Doors will open at 8.00pm and there will be a bar. Tickets will go on sale on Friday 4th February at the village post office, the butchers, and the Kings Arms. A buffet supper will be included in the £10 ticket price.

A raffle will be held with envelopes at the ticket sales venues above. Please put £2 in the envelope, write your name and telephone number on it, and hand it back in. Please do this even if you are not interested in the concert as all the money raised will go direct to the *First Responders*. A cash prize of £100 has been donated and will go to the winning envelope pulled out on the night.

Various sponsors have come forward to support this event and I will name them in a future issue. I am not connected with the *First Responders* but feel the same way as the sponsors, that the *First Responders* need our support to continue a service vital to the community.

Ian Hunt

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Barbara Rush (volunteer helper)

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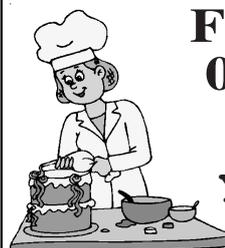
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Parish Clerk Charles Dale receiving his certificate, for attending the "Effective Local Councils" training course, from Chairman of the Burton-in-Kendal Parish Council Jane Hopwood.



The course forms part of the Quality Parish Council status training programme. Some of Charles' suggestions for improving the Parish Council meetings include rearranged seating to allow members of the public to follow the meetings more easily, and better facilities for the press.

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The Vicar Writes...

Natural disasters, suffering and hope

2004 ended with a disaster of such huge proportions that it has shocked the whole world. We're horrified at the huge loss of life and moved by the heart-rending pictures of thousands of suffering people. Back in November's edition we saw that much suffering in the world is down to humanity's selfishness and deliberate flouting of God's commands. But our freedom to choose doesn't explain everything. The 150,000 tsunami deaths and resulting destitution weren't caused by anyone's choice. Is there an answer to this "natural" kind of suffering?

Part of the answer is again found in the very first chapters of the Bible where we see that when human beings turned their backs on God, it wasn't just men and women who were affected but the whole physical world. And so God says to Adam: "*Cursed is the ground because of you.*" (Genesis 3:17). Everything - the land, the flora and fauna, the sea and the atmosphere - was affected by humanity's rejection of God. The New Testament puts it like this: "*the creation was subjected to frustration.....it is in bondage to decay.*" (Romans 8:20-21).

From the tiny DNA inside our bodies to the gigantic tectonic plates below the earth's surface the physical world contains a degree of chaos and decay. And so earthquakes and waves destroy. Such suffering is due to the world being out of sync with its Creator

and this is a terrible sign of the broken relationship between our Creator God and us.

Thankfully, the Bible also tells us that everything will be put right. Although creation has been damaged by humanity's rejection of God, it will one day be set free by God's liberation of us. On the day that God rights the moral wrongs of history - the Judgment Day - he will right the environmental chaos as well. I love the Bible's description of the new world God will create when Jesus returns:

"Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." (Revelation 21:3,4)

Suffering has been a big part of human history and many of our lives. But one day things will change. Everything that causes us pain now will be gone then. There'll be no barriers between God and his people, and the sorrow of this current world will be forgotten. That's a future to be excited about - a real physical, pain-free existence which will last forever. It's a future guaranteed to all who trust in Jesus Christ.

An understanding of what God will do in the future brings hope and comfort to us in our suffering. The certainty of being in the new world with God, has kept Christians going even in the midst of the most terrible suffering. The apostle Paul, who knew his fair share of pain writes: "*I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing to the glory that will be revealed in us.*" (Romans 8:18).

Paul

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Sunday 6th February

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06:30 pm Evening Prayer at Burton

Sunday 13th February

08:00 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Burton
09:30 am Family Service at Burton
11:00 am Family Service at Holme
06:30 pm Lent Focus at Holme -
No evening Service at Burton

Notice:

If you would like to request prayer for yourself or for anyone else, please contact Paul on 781391

Sunday 20th February

09:30 am Holy Communion (ASB) at Burton
11:00 am Holy Communion (ASB) at Holme
06:30 pm Lent Focus at Holme -
No evening Service at Burton

Sunday 27th February

09:30 am Memorial Hall Service at Burton
09:30 am Morning Prayer (BCP) at Burton
11:00 am Morning Prayer at Holme
06:30 pm Lent Focus at Holme -
No evening Service at Burton

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An Opinion...

Comments on the goings on of the Parish Council
(Dec and Jan meetings)

NOT TWINKLY ENOUGH

No, not our Parish Council, though it's true they don't twinkle very often, but to be fair there is the occasional spark. No, this was a comment on the Christmas lights on the Memorial Hall. The defence was that the lights were "low energy" therefore a saving to the environment. A light-hearted reply, hopefully, but it's possible we would all have coughed up a few pence to cheer the old BMH up a bit. Burtonians had to visit Holme to see the impressive light show that residents put on there, and though it's true that most of this was left to private houses, the Christmas tree was remarkable.

Burton News went to press too early to publish comments on December's meeting of the Parish Council, but to spare you all, it's fairly easy to amalgamate that with January's meeting, as matters move on so gradually that there isn't much difference between the two. So here goes:-

Police Report

December's meeting began with what to *An Opinion* is always a highlight, viz. the report of police activity in the village, which once again was given by WPC Dominique Casson. Unlike the previous quiet month, naughty things had been going on (all, by the way unnoticed by A.O. and household. How can you live in a village and know so little of its misdemeanors?). WPC Casson reported thefts, disorderly youths, and "*a suspicious character on Tarn Lane.*" And that takes no account of 'domestics' and a rather spectacular RTA near Heronsyke, where wall damage had innocently been ascribed to frost and wet weather by your naive correspondent.

There was no police presence at January's meeting, though it's hard to believe that such a dramatic reformation had taken place in a single month.

Milepost

Kath Hayhurst, indefatigable village historian,

displayed the restored milepost, the impressive work of Hedley Stephens and his son, and asked that the PC would reinstate this and two others. (N.B This hasn't been done yet, though it did come up at January's meeting)

Planning Permissions

By and large, A.O. omits these from this column. They seem to her to be an item usually separate in nature from the rest of PC meetings. They're all on the notice-board outside the BMH if you want to see them, and residents are informed, or should be, of proposed changes if the Planning Officer judges they may be affected.

However, concerned residents, some living near the Kings Arms, were at January's meeting to raise the question of the proposed demolition of the barn in the stable-yard behind the pub, judged necessary for safety reasons, and the provision of a carpark there, for customers to the inn. Some private property will overlook the site. PCllrs pointed out that there was a chronic need for parking space in the village, and visitors to the pub took up parking space in areas needed for villagers' cars. It was the duty of the PC to consider the needs of all within the community, including businesses, and this they felt they had done.

First Responders

This month PCllrs got their act together, more or less. I don't think the impassioned case put forward by the Chairman opposing financial help from the Council was more than a formality. In any case it was ignored, and swept aside, and it was agreed to make a donation that would cover the cost of three pagers.

Proposed Building at Boon Town

The number of houses proposed has now increased to twelve. In December, one PCllr gave a rather good speech arguing against the plan on the grounds that this space was the nearest the village has to a park, and a valuable free space. He was backed by a second PCllr, who also opposed the plan. Round the table, I believe all other PCllrs agreed to the proposal, provided the number of houses was reduced. This became an important proviso at the January meeting,

when the chairman informed those present that *Impact Housing*, who are to implement the project if it goes ahead, now claim the scheme will only be viable if at least twelve houses are erected on the site. A.O. wonders where this leaves all those PCllrs who supported the plan provided the number of proposed dwellings was reduced?? Um. Twelve dwellings. It's not going to end up like a Scottish Houses of Parliament situation is it? A public meeting will be called, possibly at the end of March, where Burtonians can express their opinions on the matter. Hopefully some information, provided by the Chairman, will appear on the pages of *BN*. But she turned down an offer by *BN*'s editor to publish a plan of the proposal, though she seemed to agree the plans should appear on the PC website. Which should be operating by early March. Tough luck if you haven't got a computer.

The Parish Council Website

Hard copies of the magnificent PC website had previously been circulated, and very impressive it was. Once again PCllrs expressed their thanks to Anne Nichols and Barry Morgan (who also are editors of *BN*) for setting it up.

The Information Centre at Clawthorpe

Work has begun on this, it was reported. It MAY eventually include an Emergency Phone, when the public one goes. Burton WI wrote to our PC asking that the public one should remain. Alas, too late. And somehow the letter wasn't read out at a previous meeting either. A.O. confesses to being a bit hazy about all this, but a flicker of drama invaded the proceedings when a deliciously indignant PCllr made a plea, which had A.O.'s sympathy, that by playing strictly by the book, matters dragged on month to month, with no decision and so on, all because they came just too late to be included on an agenda. It looks dry and 'picky' as I write this but it was a valid point. Dear PCllr, I hope you're right with this flame of defiance, when you claim you are free agents. "*CALC are very strict on this,*" was one comment. But *CALC (Cumbria Association of Local Councils)* doesn't have the final say, was the stimulating answer. So, for the time being, letters that come too late to be included

on the agenda will be dealt with if they need a speedy reply, was the decision. A certain sort of tyranny seems to be arising, possibly for good and ill. If you don't do things by the book, *CALC* might not grant you Quality Status. On the other hand, they also like a bit of initiative, so you might please this increasingly powerful body.

Plans for Action

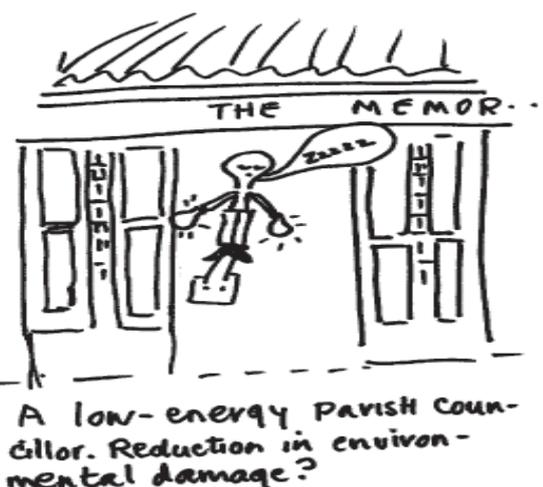
Some of these are ongoing, so I'll miss them out here. The ones 'Not Commenced' sounded pretty distant, apart from 'a light over the PC notice-board!' You know the others too. Youth shelter, lengthsman, and so on. Suggestions, of a polite nature, will be welcomed. One such suggestion was 'Twinning with an Eastern European village'. Pity Sedbergh got there first, or we might have been on TV. Can't we break the mould and twin with somewhere on the French Riviera or something? Show them how the poor live! Did you know the Square is called 'Prince's Square'? An 'action point' suggested was to improve its appearance. A.O. has her own suggestion. Improve the appearance of the South approach to the village. Last year the area round the grand village sign was untended, the road sign was bent and twisted (it's now been mended) grass was growing through the seat on the corner and poor old Burton had all the appearance of an abandoned Gold Rush town.

Burton's Assets

These items, that have to be insured, include the Market Cross, benches, the War Memorial etc., It's quite a sizeable list. A sharp-eyed PCllr, who turned out to be a pretty dab hand at perusing Insurance policies is to look into the coverage, and in particular, the exclusion-

This column seems as long as Nelson's. I hope you will bear with it and get to the end. As I have.

A.S



COUNCIL NEWS

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THE STORM

Our own storm on 7th-8th of January would in most years have made national news. As it was we barely got a mention although most local people cannot remember more damage to trees and disruption of transport. On the Saturday morning I was wakened at 6.30 am by a telephone call about a tree blocking someone's drive but I was unable to get far because the Holme road was flooded at Hang Bridge and the A6070 was blocked with fallen trees at Crooklands. I couldn't have gone round by Carnforth because a huge fallen beech tree blocked Beetham Road at Milnthorpe and the tide was over the Arnside Road so The World was cut off from Ackenthwaite. When I did 'get through' to Burton about 11 am I was relieved to find that most damage was containable and that the floods were not as bad as in some recent winters. Moreover, it seems that the new pipe installed last summer alleviated the worst of the flooding at Clawthorpe. Thankfully our power cuts were much shorter than in many other places.

Cumbria County Council has set up an appeal for the victims of the storm and flood damage and has

contributed £50,000 to the fund. If you know of any one in special need the emergency number is 01539 7731 801 91.

Carlisle was another matter. By one of the worst flukes of nature ever known the surging waters drowned the Carlisle Civic Centre submerging the Council offices where the Mayor's Chain (in the safe in the cellar) was not recovered for a fortnight! Also the large police station, the fire station, a car park containing hundreds of vehicles, the magistrates courts, the DEFRA HQ and the bus station where Stagecoach's 'fleet!' of 65 five buses were swamped. Eight feet of water poured into the police station in ten minutes. Mercifully the County Council's offices were high and dry so we at CCC have had to provide accommodation for the City Council in our Old Courts Building and in the Museums. The fire brigade was accommodated at Carlisle Castle and it was interesting to see enormous fire tenders negotiating the portcullis, the only way in. In all 116 County Schools were closed initially. In Carlisle three big comprehensive schools were seriously damaged and the Cardinal Newman School will be in temporary accommodation for several months. This does not mean a long school holiday as VI Form and Year 11 students only had one day's disruption and other schools mostly reopened within a week. Only three of the County's 63 libraries were closed for more than a week.

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flooded, some up to the bedroom windows. One of our office staff told me *'we've got off lightly, we've lost two cars and most of the downstairs furniture but we are lucky to be able to stay at my mums'*. The father-in-law of one of my secretaries was killed when a barn blew down on him. When the Prince of Wales visited, a week later, the mile long Warwick Road was still lined with debris and furniture. There seemed to be a washing machine outside every house - along with chairs, pianos, beds, Christmas trees and children's toys all of which had been condemned because of sewage contamination. Though tragically three people died it seems amazing that no one was actually drowned. By and large the emergency services were admirable and the public response made neighbours from heaven of almost everybody. But questions will have to be asked a) about whether the warning about four inches of rain was heeded, b) whether we need to prepare for a future similar record nine inch deluge and c) if global warming or d) the concreting over of absorbent landscape played a part. It is far too early to assess the financial cost of the disaster let alone the proportion, which we the 'rate payers' of Cumbria will have to contribute. Already it is hinted the cost might put 1% on the Council Tax. Even so, as we embark on the final stage of the 2005-06 Budget round we are still hoping to keep the County increase to below 5%, one the lowest projected increases in the Kingdom - though too much for most of us. One piece of good news is that we have a surplus on the pension fund, which will mean about £200,000 coming back into the general fund. I'm hoping that I might get some of it for my Cultural department so that we can extent Sunday opening of

libraries, get a new library van for our rural area and extend our already varied programme of child-centred activities. As from January 23rd Kendal Library has been open from 12 noon to 4 pm. All departments - like the local collection and computers are available. Already Sunday opening seems to be a popular venue for children and their fathers. We are also planning to extend the book delivery service to house bound people with the help of the WRVS. If you would like more information on this, please, as always, let me know.

One or two people have worries about waste collection. I can confirm that unlike Liverpool, Manchester and Westminster SLDC has NO plans to fine householders who fail to put their boxes out. Also, may I stress - yet again - if you are unable to put your wheelie bin or boxes out we will provide a doorstep service. The helpline number is 0845 050 44 34. If there are special problems ask for Andrew Vickers.

Burton has done well in recycling. Between April and December 10 tons of paper were deposited in the Memorial Hall paper bank while in the Milnthorpe Round (which includes Burton) there was a 30% increase in glass and can collection - though there was only a 3% increase in households. One disappointment is that DEFRA has stopped paying a subsidy for the farm plastic recycling programme which we started in 2001 and which despite the set back of Foot and Mouth was extremely successful. Also on the farming front I was heartened when, as usual, I attended the AGM of the *South Lakeland Young Farmers*. Apart from agricultural and romantic skills the YFC encourages all their members to develop the art of public speaking and to take a wide interest in current affairs - so that we can be sure that the future of the countryside will be in good hands.

Incidentally, I saw a clump of daffodils full out on St James' Drive on 6th of January - so Spring must be here already!

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Liz Dew's story of her visit to an Indian Mission...

TOOT YOUR HORN, YOU ARE IN INDIA!

As our 747 touched down in Chennai (Madras) airport, nothing could prepare my colleague Joyce and myself for the physical and emotional roller coaster which we would experience over the next 12 days. Nor the privilege and humility we would feel about being accepted and adopted into a thriving Christian Indian family that is the *Mission for the Rural People*.

The heat and humidity was more than anticipated as we waited over an hour for all our cases to be recovered, whilst we planned what we would do without clothes or the presents that we had brought for the children at the orphanage. Our hosts waited patiently outside for a glimpse of their European guests. As I walked towards the barrier I saw the diminutive figure of my adopted daughter Suneetha whom I had supported via TEAR Fund for over 20 years but had never met. She was clutching a placard bidding us 'Hearty Welcome' and she was carrying a bouquet of flowers which was nearly the same size as herself. We enveloped each other and clung on as we walked towards the taxi. We had been warned that Indian custom does not allow men and women to embrace unless they are married so we shook the hand of Ratnam her husband and Victor Babu who was to be our translator for the whole trip. We then had a half hour journey by taxi when I realised that if there are any rules about driving in India, they are not very clear to a European. Our taxi driver passed on the left or the right of any vehicle, assumed that

pedestrians and animals would get out of his way and tooted his horn at everything and everyone. I was glad it was the middle of the night, about 2am and not too busy but Chennai is obviously like London in that it never sleeps and there seemed to be much activity.

We got to our hotel which I realised later was very westernised. We were greeted by a uniformed doorman and porters who were immaculate and seemed wide awake. The air conditioning in the room was marvellous if noisy. Joyce and I loved it, our Indian hosts shivered. Suneetha had joined us in our room for the night. Despite not going to bed until 3am, we found her praying at the foot of the bed at 5am. This is normal practice for the staff at the Mission. I am afraid Joyce and I snuggled down in bed.

Later that morning we went down for breakfast and I was introduced to Indian cuisine, most of which was far too spicy for me but I discovered 'Idly' which was a thick pancake made from rice flour and buffalo milk. Plus in a corner, I found cornflakes! They also did great tea. Breakfast over, we went on our first shopping trip around Chennai. This took the form of the men going into the shops and beating down the price and then returning to us for the money. They were buying school bags for all the orphanage children, some 30 of them, and the men knew just what they wanted and how much they were prepared to pay. Some of the traders were too expensive. The men wouldn't let us Europeans go to the shop initially because the price would have doubled immediately, but we did go after the price had been agreed. Finally after several hours we had all the necessary bags,

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they had been a fraction of the cost we would have to pay in the UK. We then went to a specially selected Indian restaurant which had a western toilet. The lunch was enormous and very tasty.

On the list of required purchases (we had said in advance that we would be bringing money to buy things that were needed) was a new set of traditional clothes for each sponsored child, but whilst shopping the men had not found any shops selling garments at the 'right' prices. The taxi then took us to a poorer part of Chennai. Joyce and I sat in the taxi with our translator/minder whilst the other two men and Suneetha did a round of the shops. For a short time Victor allowed us to wander around the market, telling us to stay close to him and hold tight to our bags and cameras. The local people were intrigued by our white faces, the children wanted their photographs taken with my digital camera and were delighted when I could show them their picture on the screen. We soon got back into the taxi as we were attracting too much attention. Over an hour since we had seen the rest of the party and it was getting dark. Our taxi driver started to look for them but came back reporting no sightings. At last they emerged but to our dismay with no bags. We were taken by taxi to where they had struck a deal. The clothes were the fabulous delicate quality traditional in India, top and trousers and stole for the girls and shirt and shorts for the boys, each complete outfit less than the equivalent of £2, a good days shopping! So the next day with all these gifts stuffed into our already bulging suitcases, we started our 7 hour train journey to Tenali and onward at last to see the reason for our trip, our Mission children.

To be continued...

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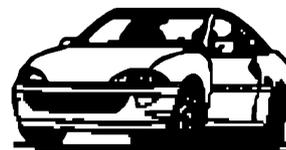


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HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE by Roger Bingham

The King's Arms for Sale - 1845

The Kings Arms has long been one of Burton's most appreciated facilities. Going back to my youth when the Crayston family held sway there the inn has provided not only drink and, increasingly, excellent food but has also been a village social centre renowned for the daffodil and onions shows, Bonfire Night and all manner of activities. Yet great as has been the King's Arms role in recent times its historical heyday was around the turn of the eighteenth century when thanks to the Heron Syke to Eamont Bridge Turnpike (opened in 1753) Burton was situated at the very start of the coach route through Westmorland. Being exactly ten miles from Lancaster and Kendal it was the ideal stage break for changing horses halfway between the two most important local towns. Much of the present building dates from this era but parts of it might be even older and could have existed when Bonnie Prince Charlie and his Jacobites came along the Main Street twice in 1745. If at that time the Inn bore the current Hanoverian Coat of Arms one wonders whether the Landlord covered his sign up to avoid desecration by the rebels.

A big blow was struck at Burton and to the Inn in c.1820 when the main Stage Coach Route was diverted through Milnthorpe. Allegedly the Burton landlord transferred his business to a brand new Inn on the new (now the A6) road at Hale. Hence the Hale pub is also called The King's Arms and is similar architecturally to its Burton namesake.

Even so in 1829, when Richard Atkinson was the 'victualer', the King's Arms was still advertised as a coaching Inn for 'The New Times' coach for Manchester and 'The Telegraph' coach for Kendal. Night Mail coaches, however, used 'The Royal Oak' (now just 'The Royal'). These coaches disappeared over night in 1846 when the London and North Western Railway reached Burton. Thus it was in the nick of time that the King's Arm's was put up for sale in 1845. The advertisement in the '*Lancaster Gazette*' read: -

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- 4) Sir Isaac Newton
- 5) Travellers Cheques
- 6) The Times
- 7) Ordnance Survey
- 8) The Underground Railway
- 9) 250!
- 10) Postal Orders
- 11) South Africa
- 12) J. Edgar Hoover
- 13) Meccano
- 14) Ernest Rutherford
- 15) Isaac Asimov
- 16) Prohibition began
- 17) Al Capone
- 18) Edwin ‘Buzz’ Aldrin
- 19) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- 20) Mario Lanza
- 21) Telly Savalas
- 22) Eartha Kitt
- 23) Elvis Presley
- 24) Shirley Bassey
- 25) Placido Domingo
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Oh What a Night!

Early one morning the phone rang - it was Ray Guy of *Allstars*, asking if Barry and I would be willing to "do the door" at a planned concert to raise money for the *Tsunami Disaster Appeal*. Being still half asleep and not in full control of my wits I had agreed before I realised what I was doing! On the big night we arrived at 6.15pm to meet Tony Jolley, the other member of the door team, and were closely followed by Boots, Jennifer and Ivor Wetherill, who looked after the raffle.

Places at the concert were limited so we expected a big queue - not quite the 61,000 due at the Cardiff concert for the appeal being held the same night, but we were ready and braced for the rush. We didn't have long to wait - faces appeared



at the door, money was exchanged for tickets and the hall gradually started to fill. By 8pm we'd sold just short of 100 tickets and the band were ready to roll, and rock, and swing, and jive!

Mo Witham and his *Blue Suede Shoes* set the pace from the start, and with ample dance floor space people got up and boogied, hit followed hit, with Denis



Wood's version of *Lola* being followed by Barbara Rossi in her white knee boots covering the Nancy Sinatra song, *These boots were made for walking*. Kelly Witham's 60's medley had almost everyone on the dance floor, whilst Marion Weymouth's rendition of *Autumn Leaves* gave time to catch the breath again before Mo and Dave (Allsop) launched into the fantastic *Duelling Banjos*.

After a break we were delighted by Jane Lancaster's *Shoorah Shoorah* and Ray Guy's *Blueberry Hill* and much more, until the second set closed with Bill Whewell giving us *Crystal Chandelier*. Another break where

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the raffle was drawn - one prize was a specially printed t-shirt signed by the *Allstars*, then into the final set where Marion got us going with *Alexander's Ragtime Band* and Dave Williamson belted out *Mustang Sally*, followed by Wendy Barker thrilling us with *Walking on Sunshine*. During one of the songs Ray was



persuaded to raffle his tangerine sequined stage shirt and raised £50 for the appeal and Kelly's *Hot Stuff* brought the evening to an end. Thanks to all the *Allstars* for yet another fabulous concert that raised over a thousand pounds for the *Tsunami Disaster Appeal* - 32 wonderful songs - and everyone said what a wonderful night it had been.

A.N.

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Editorial...



Burton Rocks the Night Away

Once again the *Burton Allstars* put on a terrific show on the 22nd of last month. This time it was to raise money for the *Tsunami Disaster Appeal Fund* and over £1,000 went to this worthy appeal. Well done to everyone involved!

Heartwatch Pagers

Talking about magnificent fund raising by Burton, the all important pagers for the *First Responders* are having their costs met by a number of events and donations. Without fund raising this vital resource cannot continue so please keep up the support, your next chance being the *Kerry Hooligans* concert on the 26th of this month.

Valentines Day?

Is the spirit of romance on the wane, or were you all too shy to say it in print? Whatever the reason there wasn't much response to our appeal last month for Valentine's Day messages. Perhaps a few more may pluck up the courage next year after seeing the ones who 'did the deed' this time - who knows?

What a Blow!

2005 certainly came in with a blast - not just with the now established firework displays either. Walking around Burton it is plain to see the damage cause by the high winds but overall we do seem to have 'got off lightly' compared to many places. The same can be said of the flooding caused by heavy rains - Burton did get its feet wet but little actual damage was caused and we are all grateful for that. Hopefully this isn't going to be a regular trend, though perhaps the sensible thing to do would be to plan as if it is?

Thank You

A very big thank you to all our distributors who bring *BN* to you come rain or shine, and who have had to cope with delivering it on a lot of wet and windy days the last few months. Let's hope the worst is over.

AN & BJM



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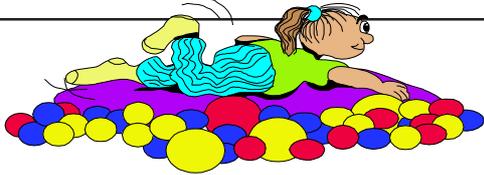
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COMMUNITY INFO

**NSPCC Child Protection
HELPLINE**
0808 800 5000



CHILDLINE
FREEPHONE 0800 1111
KIDSCAPE 0171 730 3300

County Library Van Times



The library van will be in the Memorial Hall car park every Monday between 10.00 - 11.00 a.m. Why not pop along and save yourself a trip to Kendal?

REMINDER . .

**Don't forget to put out
food and fresh water for
the birds now the colder
weather is here**



Useful Phone Numbers

Burton News	01524 781306
Burton Post Office	01524 781828
Burton Morewood School	01524 781627
Dallam School	015395 63224
QES, Kirkby Lonsdale	015242 71275
CrimeStoppers	0800 555 111
Kendal Police Station	01539 722611
Kendal Library	01539 732815
Kendal Hospital	01539 732288
Lancaster Hospital	01524 65944

Council Switchboards

Cumbria County Council	01539 773000
SLDC	01539 733333

BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

The **Parish Council** meets every month on the third Thursday in the month at 7.30 pm in the Burton Memorial Hall. Members of the public are always welcome to observe the proceedings. At each meeting there will be an opportunity for members of the public to voice their concerns, under agenda item 'Open Forum'. The Parish Council hopes that parishioners will take advantage of this. Minutes of the last meeting are always available on the Parish Council noticeboard outside the Burton Memorial Hall.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT
THE CLERK - Charles Dale**
01524 781145

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.

SURGERY TIMES

Dr JH Gorrigan

Monday 8.30am - 10.30am @ BMH

By appointment only. To make appointments please telephone 015395 63553

Child Health Clinic

1st Wednesday of each month
10.00 - 11.00 am

No appointment necessary
Health Visitor: Shirley Bennett 015395 64887

Diary and Events

This month's Events - See page 21 for more Meetings and Activities



Holme & District Photographic Society

February Meetings

Holme Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.

Fri 4th Internal Competition "Inns and Outs"

Fri 11th No meeting

Fri 18th Speaker: Ian Brodie : Southern Ireland Journey
Raffle ~ Entries for Nautical Competition

Fri 25th L&CPU Documentary Prints
Entries for Battle with Garstang

Visitors welcome at all meetings

Further info: Pauline Walton 01524 782991



Annual Daffodil Show

to be held at the
Kings Arms, Burton
Sunday 27th March

Proceeds for
Guides Brownies and Rainbows

Holme & District Flower Club

Preston Patrick Hall

Mon 7th February @ 7.30pm

Demonstration by Patricia Murphy
"Fad or Fashion"

For further information tel. Cally Lawson 781777
New members and visitors always welcome - Fee £3



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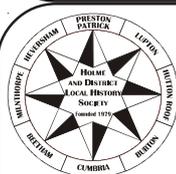
Thursday 10th February
at 7.30pm

Burton Memorial Hall

"The Witches of Pendle"
Susan Wilson

Competition: A witch's hat
Hostesses: Mrs S Williamson Mrs J Bleay

Guests and new members welcome
For further information tel. 781506



Holme & District Local History Society

Monday 21st February 7.30pm
Burton Memorial Hall

"Do you remember this?"
Malcolm Pilling
Visitors welcome



BURTON FELLWALKING SOCIETY

Sunday 6th Feb - 12.00

Brant Fell & School Knott

Leader: J & L Bye, phone 01524 781784

Tuesday 15th Feb - 13.00

Holme

Leader: K Hayhurst, phone 01524 781613
Less than 5 miles and at a gentle pace

Saturday 19th Feb - 09.30

Finsthwaite

Leader: G Crayston, phone 01524 782857

All walks: Meet in the Memorial Hall car park to
arrange lifts & share transport to the starting point

Visitors £1.00 Membership £4 from Jan 1st yearly

Tuesday Club

February Meetings

Tuesday 1st and 15th
2.00pm - 4.00pm

Social Club for over-55's

New members welcome

Please send your letters - articles - events
news - etc for publication to:

BURTON NEWS

drop them into The Newsagents, Main St. Burton
or post to BN, PO Box 86, Carnforth. LA6 1WY
or by e-mail to editor@burtonnews.org.uk

NEXT COPY DEADLINE!
20th February for March issue

Next Meeting (open to all readers)
Mon 14th March at 8.00pm in BMH

BMH = Burton Memorial Hall