

# Burton Pre-School CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
BMH 10 - 12

Children's carols, Santa's Grotto,  
and so much more...



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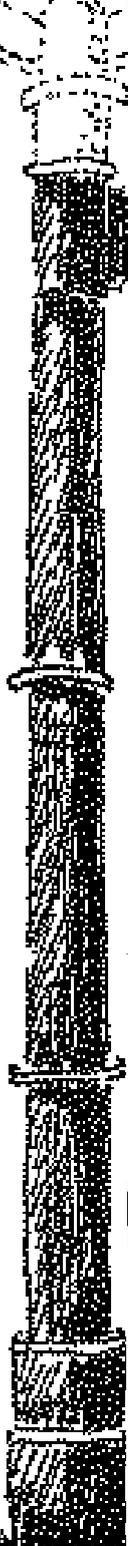
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## BURTON NEWS

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## BURTON CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Free to all Burton children  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
in the  
**Memorial Hall**



**2pm-5pm babies-year 2**

**6pm-9pm year 2- year 6**



The parties include a visit from  
Father Christmas, children's  
entertainer, games, food,  
and a disco for the  
older children

**\*Please note the date\***  
The parties are a week  
later than usual !



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Burton Children's Sports  
Committee



Dear Burton News,

### Overhanging Trees

One Wednesday afternoon two weeks or so ago I was driving home from work, and as I turned up Vicarage Lane, could see obvious signs that a large lorry had been up the road. There were leaves and twigs scattered all over the place!

On my approach to Vicarage Close I saw a larger piece of debris, which I couldn't avoid as the road begins to narrow. It hit my car with a bang, however it wasn't until I got home that I realised how big it actually was. I had a 4ft branch (of what I think is fir) wedged up inside my radiator grill. It took two of us, and a pair of secateurs to remove it. Luckily no visible damage had occurred however I have yet to have my radiator checked out.

There is a great danger of more serious accidents happening, if something is not done to stop the tree overhanging the road!! Please can something be done?

Yours sincerely

Lisa Gibson  
6 Vicarage Close, Burton

**Don't forget to visit the  
Burton News Website  
<http://www.burtonnews.org.uk>**

# Thanks!

Lancaster

Sally would like to say thank you very much to all her friends and family for all the beautiful cards and presents she received on her birthday.

Everyone made it a very special day for me especially Mo and Kelly for the music, and the Royal Hotel for a spectacular buffet.

It was the best birthday ever.



## Burton Morewood School

### Diary Reminders...

17<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Service 6.30pm  
19<sup>th</sup> December finish 2pm for Christmas

## Annual Gift Subscriptions

If you know of anyone who may like to receive BN regularly each month, why not buy them an Annual Gift Subscription?

For £10 within the UK or £20 overseas they will receive a copy of BN each month (11 copies per year). A great way for family, friends and former residents to keep in touch with what's happening here in Burton.

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**NSPCC**  
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**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 10-12**  
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**Burton Pre-School News**

Burton Pre-School is hoping to extend its sessions to include a Thursday morning in the New Year. If any parents would be interested in a place could they please contact Lesley Fairclough on 01524 781155

The Pre-School committee would like to thank everyone who attended our village children's Hallowe'en Party. It was a great turnout and all the children looked suitably scary. Thanks also to those villagers who donated the money to pre-school that they'd otherwise have given to trick or treaters. We now aim to make the party an annual event.



Reminder: In December and January there will not be a Green Waste collection but, instead, there will be a weekly Grey (non recyclable) and Blue Box collections for the extra Christmas waste + paper and bottles. Christmas trees can be stored in the green bins until the Green Waste collections start again in February.

**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?



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## BIRDWATCHERS WANTED



Wanted - Enthusiastic Bird Watchers to help conduct a Bird Survey in the Holme Park Local Nature Reserve.

The Bird Survey is one of several long-term projects to monitor and record wild life in the Reserve. The formal recording period, which will be repeated each year, runs through Spring and Summer. The aim is to record the numbers and species of the nesting birds.

We hope there will be enough volunteers to have a team of people working with an experienced local naturalist. Therefore, you do not have to be an expert to join the team!

If you are interested, please contact Peter Smith on 782198 for more information or to join the team.



## Burton-in-Kendal Educational Foundation

The Governors met in November and have approved 61 applications for grants from students in the parishes of Burton and Beetham who are in the Sixth Form or attending Colleges and Universities. The total amount distributed was £2,100. For those who did not get their application for this academic year to the Clerk in time for the November meeting, there will be another in May 2004 so please apply before the end of April.

Application forms available from the Clerk, Liz Falkingham phone 01524 782302



Burton Amateur Dramatic Society

## Newsflash!

I am pleased to report that B.A.D.S. is not only up and running but is turning out to be rather good. Our new company has settled down and is pulling together. Rehearsals for our "super" play are hilarious, and if they are anything to go by the final performance should have you rolling in the aisles.

In all the Christmas preparations don't forget to put our dates in your new diary:

**"Out of Focus" by Peter Gordon**  
**Friday & Saturday 30 & 31 January 2004**  
**Memorial Hall 7.30 p.m**

Alison Murphy

## Burton Post Office



**01524 781828**



## Teddy Travels

This year 1067 teds have gone to needy children around the world, they have been sent through the Shoe Box appeal which does function all through the year.

Thank you for all those who take part in this project. Let us remember the slogan. *They are made with love, To bring love, To be loved.*

Sadly there will 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, children and me, Peace and Joy be to you this Christmas and for 2004.

Esther, 01524 781 862

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## Mooving Home!

Daisy the cow was won about 3 years ago by Janet Alderson, the Clerk to the Parish Council, and had been residing in Janet and Jack's lounge ever since.

It was decided that Daisy might like a move to pastures new while simultaneously acting as a fund raiser for the *Autumn Fair*. The stall to 'Guess Daisy's Birthday' was manned by various members of the Parish Council including the Chairman, George Isherwood.

She contributed between £30 and £40 towards the £900 plus raised for Burton Memorial Hall funds. Daisy's birthday was 5<sup>th</sup> March and Paula Firth, who guessed closest to that date, is now her lucky owner.

P.J.



*Daisy the cow with Chairman of the Parish Council, George Isherwood, sharing the limelight at the Memorial Hall Autumn Fair.*

## REMINDER . . .

Please don't forget to feed the birds as it starts to get colder at night





# OUTDOORS

Slope Lane the other day was as busy as Main Street - without the traffic. As I reached the long downhill stretch with the earthen bank on its right, a man came into sight, apparently picking brambles. It was late in the year for that and the few I'd just been tasting from the hedge at the top of the field above the all-weather court had lost their flavour and their plumpness. The man turned out to be Ken Casson, who used to keep the Post Office in the Square, and he was cutting back long trailing canes of bramble. *'You couldn't get past,'* he said, *'it was so overgrown.'* This reminded me that I hadn't been this way all year. If we still had a dog, I'd walk here much more often.

We chatted for a while, chiefly about health as ageing people do. He said that his wife Marian had gone walking further along and would I tell her that he was still busy with the pruning. Five minutes later I met Peter Black from Vicarage Lane and we chatted, as we usually do, about betting on the races. I was in a good mood because we'd just made a bit of a killing on two long-priced horses at Newmarket and he was in an equally good mood although his Saturday hadn't been so lucky. As he said, *'It's only a bit of fun.'*



Further on again, near where there is a stile on either side of the path, I met Marian Casson and passed on Ken's message. At the stile a couple asked me if Marian was all right and I assured them that she was. They were just heading back for Clawthorpe by the field path which shows as a twisting line of shorter grass when the hay is high in summer. Every yard of the lane here has memories. Just beyond the stile an unusual lime tree with a low-bending trunk grows out of the drystone dyke. It's a favourite of ours because the grandchildren can climb it, with just the right amount of difficulty getting off the ground and great views from its higher branches out

across Westmorland to the Langdale and Coniston fells. Further on again, where tracks meet and before the woodland thickens on either side, a plot of maize grown for pheasant fodder has an electrified fence round it. Our dog Hardy touched it once, raced round yelping for a minute or two, and never went near it again.

I particularly like the stiles through the dykes that flank the path because they're so rough-hewn - just a simple pair of limestones like old teeth, set up with a space between them that lets humans through but not animals. They show that this bit of Slope Lane was an ancient junction. People walking from Clawthorpe to Old Dalton four hundred years ago would have come this way, on all sorts of

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business - herding, wood-cutting, courting. In those days the paths we use now mainly for sauntering and mild exercise would have been vital footways for the working life of the country. Along such routes horses dragged sledges laden with building stone. Pigs were driven to the woods and glades to forage. People went into the woods for loads of firing (as you can still see in countries like Malawi where people cycle to the forest for firewood and bring back loads so big that their bicycles are invisible beneath the bristling mass). And the hedgers obviously came this way when they went to work on the living fences which bounded the fields before barbed wire was invented.

Such paths are the arteries and veins of the land - the used land which has grown up out of nature with its scrub and forest, marsh and rock. Our neighbourhood is wonderfully rich in this kind of footway and the canal towpath is perhaps the grandest of them all: mile after mile of fine dry walking, with the gleam and slow motion of water always beside you, with many an intimate glimpse of coots and moorhens, mallards and swans, and with the chance that on a good day the company and the conversation will be as lively as it was that afternoon along Slape Lane.

DAVID CRAIG



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1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month

10.00 -11.00 am

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### **Burton Pre-School**

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	12.30 - 3.00 pm	Pre-School & Rising 5's
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Wed	9.10 - 11.40 am	Rising 5's only
	9.30 - 11.30 am	Family Session
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# COUNCIL NEWS

**From South Lakeland District &  
Cumbria County Councillor  
R.K Bingham  
The Smithy, Ackenthwaite,  
Milnthorpe, Cumbria, LA7 7DH  
Tel: 015395 63694**

Bad news at Christmas is one of the inevitable bugbears of local government. It is always in December that Whitehall reveals the amount of Revenue Support Grant (RSG) for each authority. The RSG covers about two thirds of Local Government services and is raised from general taxation like income tax. The remaining third comes from the Council Tax. For the last few years the RSG has been set at just above inflation around 3%. Unfortunately, demands made by Central Government legislation on local councils often exceed any increase in RSG. Hence the Council Tax had to go up last year by 11% in Cumbria. It was little consolation that 28 out of 34 other Shire Counties had a higher increase. Next year might be almost as bad. Already, Nick Rainsford the Local Government Minister in the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister has hinted that the Council Tax will have to go up by 7.5% to cover inflation and extra services. Similarly Sir Jeremy Beecham the Labour Leader of the Local Government Association has voiced the LGA's protests at 'unfair' demands being put on Council Tax payers and on Councillors



## COUNCIL SWITCHBOARDS

Cumbria CC 01228 606060  
SLDC 01539 733333

who inevitably get blamed. A topical example of probably unavoidable extra costs concerns Childrens' Services. Cumbria has about twice the national average of 'looked after children' ('children in care'). Almost half of these children cannot be looked after by County carers and, I understand, the extra costs of using private agencies amounting to nearly £1m has to be met from the Council Tax.

There are also rumours that the government's grant for highways might be cut so to keep the service at the present barely adequate level would add to the Council Tax. Worst of all I hear that the Police Authority (which is no longer a County Council service) might put up its share of the Council Tax by 30% as it did last year. On the other hand I'm told that Cumbria Police has recruited 37 additional officers though this is still short of the target of 48. For the next Council I have already tabled a demand that the extra costs of the Police Service resulting from increased government requirements should be met by Whitehall. By far the most pressing County matter resulted from the bad report on Social Services which condemned 'inadequate management structures' in child safety. I've been told that the full report to be published in February is less damning and criticises



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neither the members nor the current administration. Moreover, many of the weaknesses go back many years and involve all Parties and both Conservative and Labour governments.

The report is especially galling as an additional £30m - or 21% - had been added to the Social Services budget in 2003-2004. Shortages of suitable staff might be an underlining cause. Currently 16 Social Services officers are acting above their professional grade because of vacancies at a higher level. It is asserted that Cumbria cannot get people because we pay below the going rate. This includes the head of Social Services whose £80,000 post has been vacant for six months. No wonder there is talk of Council Tax strikes and/or of reductions for Senior Citizens and other groups. But how does one decide who should pay less - an older person on a fixed income who does not have a mortgage or a family with an 'average mortgage' of £100,000 with children at the University fee-paying stage. As always please let me know what you think.

In contrast to the County, 2003 has ended on a better note for South Lakeland. The Comprehensive Performance Strategy which criticised the lack of clear priorities and muddled management in September has praised SLDC's service delivery especially in housing, environmental health and waste disposal. Moreover, the auditors have given 'substantial or full assurance' for all SLDC's finance and income collection systems. One of the few criticisms was that a rent collector had failed to record his float - of £10! Also, the level of 0-6 month debts owed to the Council has fallen from £771, 976 in 2002 to £617,630 in 2003. The Waste Recycling Scheme continues to be successful. Recyclable waste now averages 14 tons per week from our area alone.

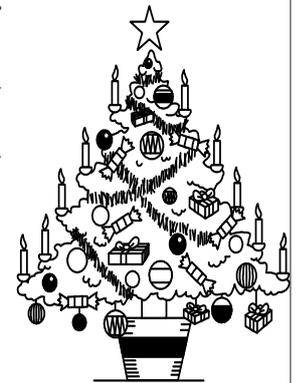
AN EASIER BIN - If you find the green or

grey bins difficult to manoeuvre you can have a smaller kitchen-bin sized container which is a box with a handle. To get one please ring 0845 050 4434.

SEASONAL REMINDER: Instead of the green bin collection in December and January there will weekly grey bin collections for the extra waste. Please put 'used Christmas Cards' in the blue box. Christmas Trees can be put in the green bin for collection in February.

If you can remember all this and forget, for the time being, my other moans you deserve to have a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

*Roger Bingham*



## BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

The **Parish Council** meets every month on the third Thursday in the month at 7.30 pm in the 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 Memorial Hall.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT  
THE CLERK - Janet Alderson  
01524 781149

## Burton Bowling Club

On behalf of Burton Bowling Club may I say a big thank you to all our helpers and all those who gave us their support at our Coffee Morning on the 15<sup>th</sup> November, and made it a huge success. £178.92 was raised for Bowling Club Funds. Thank you all.

Arthur and Margaret, 10 Boon Town, Burton

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Tue	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Dec	6am - 6pm
Wed	24 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	6am - 4pm
Thu	25 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	CLOSED #
Fri	26 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	8am - 12noon #
Sat	27 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	6am - 6pm
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	6am - 12noon
Mon	29 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	6am - 6pm
Tue	30 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	6am - 6pm
Wed	31 <sup>st</sup>	Dec	6am - 4pm
Thu	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jan	CLOSED #
Fri	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jan	6am - 6pm
Sat	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jan	6am - 6.30pm

## Post Office

Mon	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dec	As Normal
Tue	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Dec	As Normal
Wed	24 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	9am - 12.30pm
Thu	25 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	CLOSED
Fri	26 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	CLOSED
Sat	27 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	CLOSED
Mon	29 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	As Normal
Tue	30 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	As Normal
Wed	31 <sup>st</sup>	Dec	9am - 4pm
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## Burton-in-Kendal, Clawthorpe and Dalton Photographic Memories by Kath Hayhurst

Published by Holme and District Local History Society 2003 at £8.00 (135 pages)

The latest offering from the Holme and District LDS is their most exciting title yet. Packed with photographs the book lets us look back over the history of Burton, Clawthorpe and Dalton, giving us glimpses of the way things were.

From Bronze Age axe head to modern day craftwork, this book encompasses all aspects of village life: people at work or at play, celebrating weddings and jubilees, preparing for war or rejoicing in the peace - captions put names to faces, some long gone, others still active.

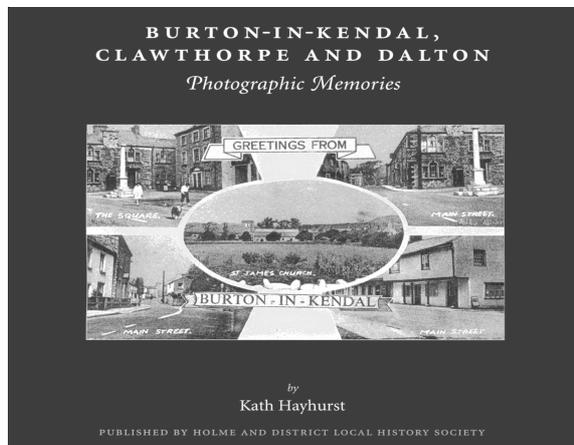
Formal portraits of stern-looking Victorians contrast with relaxed intimate shots of family picnics or ladies playing croquet on the lawn, rows of solemn school children, and farmworkers ploughing with a horse or bringing in the hay.

House and street scenes show how the village has changed, the narrow winding lanes with pedestrians, animals, carts and bicycles rather than heavy wagons and milk tankers. All evocative of life as it was before the advent of the internal combustion engine.

Ivy-covered cottages where neighbours chatted between their daily chores, gardens ablaze with flowers, and the church with its gravestones, bellringers and choir all feature

strongly, as does the Memorial Hall and the many groups which have enjoyed its' facilities over the years. Images of Drama productions, the Women's Institute, Cubs and Scouts, Whit Walks and the Rose Queen are testimony to the leisure activities of villagers, whilst sports teams have always been popular: tennis, badminton, bowls and football teams abound.

The book features animals too, from prize-winning bulls to a charming shot of an elderly couple posing with their small dog. Adverts for long-gone businesses intersperse the photos as do Kath's line drawings, many are details from buildings.



Names, occupations and biographical notes abound on those who lived here before us - invaluable to family historians and fascinating to the casual reader. This book would make the ideal Xmas gift for anyone who lives or lived in, or whose ancestors came

from, Burton, Clawthorpe or Dalton. It makes history come alive and gives us eyes to look into the past.

A.N.

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## Burton News Reader Survey 2003

Well the surveys are all in and what a great response we had, no less than 108 in total and that represents almost 17% of village households. 37 had comments, which have been discussed by the Editorial Committee and as a result you will be seeing some changes in your *BN* from the January 2004 issue - our 11<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Below are the full results in tabular form so you can see exactly what was entered for each section. Some boxes were left blank on a few surveys, but as you can see it was a very small number (a mere 1%). What was encouraging was that the majority of you had sat down and really thought about your answer and for that we are truly appreciative.

Item	Always	Mostly	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	No Answer
Letters	95	9	4	-	-	-
Editorial	87	14	5	2	-	-
Outdoors	44	19	23	17	3	2
The Vicar Writes	35	15	29	16	12	1
Church Services	32	10	23	21	21	1
County Council Report	68	21	14	4	-	1
An Opinion..	83	15	7	1	-	2
Historical Footnote	58	26	17	5	1	1
Diary & Events	81	22	3	2	-	-
Sports Club News	35	28	25	14	5	1
Info	42	27	29	7	1	2
Adverts	40	30	29	5	2	2

Having tabulated the results the next job was to put the information into an easily digested form. A scoring method was applied and a total score obtained for each section. Always=5 points, Mostly=4 points, Sometimes=3, Rarely=2 and Never=1.

The totals are shown opposite and the 'popularity ranking' below, with the black bar representing the percentage of the maximum score possible ( 108 ticks on 'Always' ).

Total Score	
Letters	523
Editorial	510
Outdoors	402
The Vicar Writes	366
Church Services	332
County Council Report	474
An Opinion..	498
Historical Footnote	456
Diary & Events	506
Sports Club News	395
Info	420
Adverts	419

Popularity Ranking		
Letters	<b>1</b> ( 96.42% )	
Editorial	<b>2</b> ( 93.68% )	
Diary & Events	<b>3</b> ( 92.84% )	
An Opinion.....	<b>4</b> ( 91.16% )	
County Council Report	<b>5</b> ( 86.11% )	
Historical Footnote	<b>6</b> ( 82.32% )	
Info	<b>7</b> ( 74.74% )	
Adverts	<b>8</b> ( 74.53% )	
Outdoors	<b>9</b> ( 70.95% )	
Sports Club News	<b>10</b> ( 69.47% )	
The Vicar Writes	<b>11</b> ( 63.37% )	
Church Services	<b>12</b> ( 56.21% )	

Comments varied from a simple 'well done and keep up the good work' through suggestions to improve the content, to some 'gripes and niggles', all of which were noted

and will be addressed. The overwhelming response though was very positive and several good ideas were put forward. What was clear was that you would like more variety each month, and we agree! However we can't do it without YOU providing the letters, articles, information and stories..... you send us it and we will give you a more interesting magazine!

## Editorial...



Well another year is drawing to a close and as it does we end one more year of producing your *Burton News*. The editorial team takes this opportunity to express their warm thanks to all those who make all this possible: contributors, advertisers, distributors and last but not least the villagers of Burton for their continuing support. Not only financial but also in the many kind comments from folk we meet on the street and at events.

### The Survey

Full results and report are opposite, but we have to say thanks for making this column your second favourite at 93.7%, even though it has only been recently resurrected (*Letters* scored 96.4%). As a result of your feedback you will be seeing changes to your *BN* over the next issues but rest assured the old favourites will remain. What we do need from our readers is more information about what is happening in Burton - we can't print it if you don't tell us!

### Photos

One thing you may have already noticed is the extra photographs to accompany articles. More of the same is planned but again we would welcome more from our readership. We can't promise to print every one (as we do have to watch the printing budget!) but extras can always go on the *BN* website where space isn't such an issue.

## B.A.D.S.

You may already have read the letter from Alison Murphy regarding the resurrection of the group, and the influx of new blood into it. Your *BN* editors are part of that and we are having a whale of a time in there. So don't forget to make a date with us all at the end of January 2004 - if the rehearsals are anything to go by you won't stop chuckling for the rest of the year!

### New Book

On page 11 you can read a review of the Burton and Holme Local History Society's new publication which is due out at the end of November, so it should be available when you receive your *BN*. Writing the review was all the more enjoyable as this is a delightful read and we can heartily recommend you buy a copy or two (an excellent Xmas present).

### Copy Date Reminder

Will all contributors please note the copy date for our January issue is again early as the printers are closed over Christmas and New Year. To be in time for January we need your copy by the **10<sup>th</sup> December** please.

Finally may we wish everyone a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

AN & BJM



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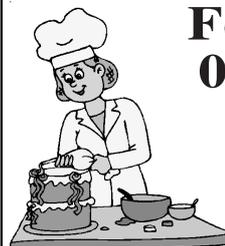
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## HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE by Roger Bingham

### Well - What is history? A Clawthorpe Secret Passage?

History is the story of the recorded past. This is the official definition. But often past times are related as 'his' - or 'her' - 'story' regardless of verifiable facts or, indeed, common sense. Hence, local folk tales say that Kendal's ginnels were designed as defence against the Scots, Henry VIII courted Katherine Parr in Kendal and Bonnie Prince Charlie slept overnight in Burton. In 'fact' Kendal's ginnels were built 300 years after the medieval Scottish wars; Henry VIII never came further north than Warwick while the 1745 media recorded that Bonnie Prince Charlie came through Burton twice but did not sleep here - though we know that he slept in Kendal and Lancaster and with whom!

Perhaps the most persistent myths concern 'secret passages'. Invariably, ancient sewers running down to the rivers in Lancaster and Kendal are believed to be secret passage when they are turned up by developer's excavators. Recently I 'turned up' a myth about a Clawthorpe to Burton secret passage in an account in the Westmorland Gazette of 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1975. The tale surfaced after a well was discovered when Clawthorpe Hall was being transformed into 'a Luxury 25 bedroom Hotel'.

Philip Flemming reported 'old legends of secret passages and buried treasure are sweeping the small hamlet of Clawthorpe following the discovery by a workman of an old well. Experts have looked at the old stonework and 40 foot water hole and date it around 1600. The well although only three feet wide at the top is bottle shaped and much wider lower down. Manageress of the development Mrs Josie Makin said: 'We have another well in the old farmyard but this was a complete surprise. There are lots of tales about secret passages from the old hall. It was once the vicarage and the legend is that there is a tunnel from here to Burton Parish Church, with some buried treasure.' Mrs Makin went on to say 'it would be nice in 1975 which is European Heritage Year to preserve it'.

It is unlikely that the vicar ever lived at Clawthorpe. But in 'fact' Clawthorpe did belong to the church as one of the earliest Burton records states that it formed part of Ivo de Taillebois' endowment of St. Mary's Abbey at York in 1091. 600 years later Clawthorpe formed part of the estate of Thomas Middleton of Leighton Hall. Thomas also owned the 'right of patronage of the vicarage of the church of



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Burton' which meant that he had the right to chose the vicar. Realistically, if a secret passage had been dug it would have been the largest work of civil engineering constructed in these parts before the coming of the railways. The terrain between Clawthorpe and Burton is notoriously prone to flooding. Until the eighteenth century there was a sizable tarn between the present A6070 and the railway line. To drain, light, ventilate and maintain a half mile long tunnel under a swamp would virtually have been impossible before modern times. Moreover, it would have served no useful purpose. Above all, as scores of workers would have been needed to build the tunnel over a long period it would not have been 'secret'. Regrettably, therefore, the secret passage tale should be discounted. Nevertheless, I am grateful for the story as it has alerted me to the existence of the well which I might mention while discussing future developments at Clawthorpe Hall. Therefore, the twin morals of the story might be that we should always question folk tales but never dismiss them as nonsense. They might 'well' convey a trickle of history and help us preserve our heritage.

*Roger Bingham*

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

#### Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Dec 21<sup>st</sup>

9-30am Memorial Hall Service at Burton  
9-30am Holy Communion (ASB) at Burton  
11-00am Carol Service at Holme  
6-30pm Carol Service at Burton

#### Dec 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve

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

#### Dec 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day

10-00am Joint Service at Burton

#### Dec 28<sup>th</sup>

10-00am Joint Service at Holme  
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14<sup>th</sup> Dec Cath Johnson & Liz Dew  
21<sup>st</sup> Dec Sheila Brownsord & Hugh Miles  
28<sup>th</sup> Dec Bob Thornton & Trevor Woods  
4<sup>th</sup> Jan Edward Ellis & John Long

#### Church Cleaning rota:

7<sup>th</sup> Dec Barbara Ludlam & Anne Guy 2  
14<sup>th</sup> Dec Tom & Cath Johnson 3  
21<sup>st</sup> Dec Judith Ellis & Norah Hayhurst 4  
28<sup>th</sup> Dec Jean Hardwick & Julie Gregory 5  
4<sup>th</sup> Jan Sheila Brownsord & Margaret Prady 6

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

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*The Vicar writes...*

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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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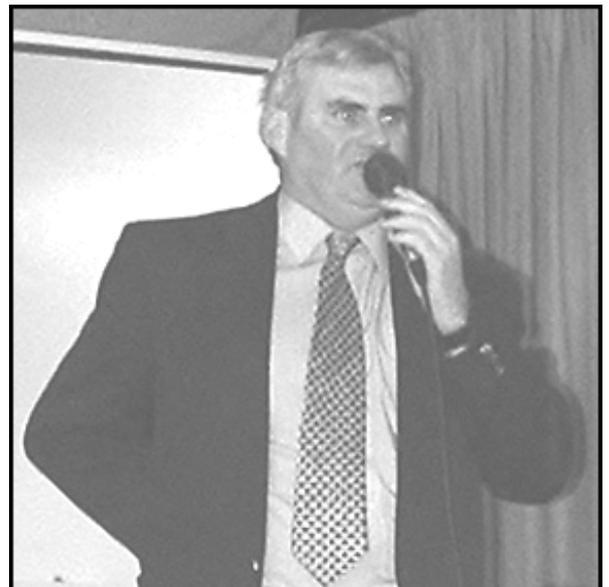
Your intrepid BN reporters were at this event, but on the way up Neddy Hill managed to get an update from the postman on the England/Australia rugby match, it had just been equalised in the last minute of normal time. The fact that the proceedings were brought to a halt whilst the news of the final score was broadcast over the PA would suggest that this match had been widely supported in Burton, certainly one lady gave us a breathless 60-second report on her way to the Christmas Cracker after the match had finished... exciting stuff indeed!



However, for those of you who left the TV set (and video'd the match?) **Margaret Prady** and **Liz Dew** (left) were there to greet you, and remind you to not forget your 'Cracker' on the way out.

When we went for ours only the 'childrens' ones were left so their cheerful reminder certainly worked.

**John Long** (right) was kept busy auctioning items from the stage, and announcing



the results of the various game prizes. One of which was this rather charming bunny, who was a little shy and so hid behind the microphone stand!



We hope his/her new owner is very happy with their cuddlesome pet.

We could see that the the stall holders had put on an impressive array once more. Crafts, books, bric-a-brac, home-made biscuits and cakes, mulled wine (for those of you not driving of course!) and chocolates.



**Tom Johnson** mans the bric-a-brac stall.

**Judith Ellis and Alison Flanders** at the craft stall, with **Paula Firth** buying.



The toy stall was very full too ... a few of them looked a little familiar so perhaps these ones do the round each year and reside with a different owner till the next Christmas Cracker? Who knows, but they are still doing their 'bit' so that's OK.



Vicar, **Paul Baxendale** (left) was there of course. As well as Boys' Brigade Captain, **David Mills** (below) who opened the proceedings and looked as smart as ever...

...but having been challenged to wear a Red Nose for the entire event, seemed only too happy to "clown-about" for the Christmas Cracker.



The auctioneer's microphone was relinquished temporarily whilst four little helpers & **Jane Baxendale** (left) announce the result of the treasure hunt.

**Ann Thorp** (below) chats with **John Mathews**



Something seems to have caught the eye of **Kath Mills** (below) on this stall



Meanwhile the stalls were still doing a roaring trade with the total takings being around £1,500. Well done everyone!

# FIT FOR LIFE

You may have read recently a report that young girls are becoming anorexic and bulimic from pressure to eat a balanced diet consisting of 5 portions of fruit and vegetable per day. If that is the case it is unfortunate. I believe we should focus on weight management because obesity is a serious health problem in developed countries. The number of people who are obese is increasing throughout the world, to such an extent that the World Health Organisation (W.H.O.) recently described the problem as a "Worldwide Epidemic". [Assn. for the study of obesity, 1977]

The Body Mass Index (B.M.I.) is used to assess health risks in relation to weight and height.

## Calculation

$$\text{BMI} = \frac{\text{Weight (Kg)}}{\text{Height (m}^2\text{)}} \quad \text{e.g. } \frac{60}{1.7 \times 1.7} = 21$$

## B.M.I. Classification Table

B.M.I.	Status	Risk Level
< 20	Underweight	increasing health risk
20-24.9	Normal	lowest health risk
25-29.9	Overweight	increasing health risk
30-40	Moderately obese	increasing in health risk
40+	Severely obese	increasing in health risk

## Health risks associated with increased B.M.I.

1. Coronary Heart Disease
2. Hypertension
3. Stroke

B.M.I. is not an exact science but an excellent guideline to weight management.

An athlete with a large muscle mass may have a high B.M.I. value, even though he has a low level of body fat. This can be misleading. Not telling children what is, and what is not, right to eat in case they become anorexic, is like not telling them right from wrong in case they get a guilt complex.

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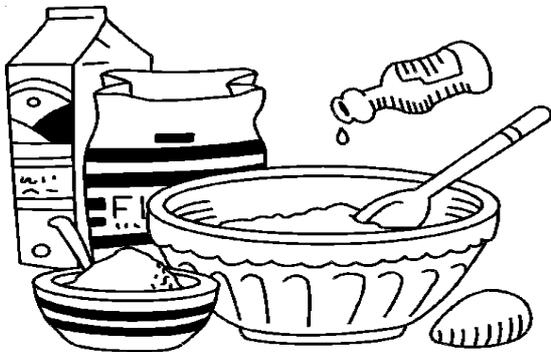
My Gran's handed-down family recipe for a nut-free Christmas Cake

¾ lb Self Raising Flour  
½ lb Margarine  
½ lb Brown Sugar  
1½ lb Mixed Dried Fruit  
4 Eggs  
¼ pint Sherry  
1 tsp Mixed Spice  
A pinch of salt

Cream sugar and margarine, then add eggs with the sherry and mix carefully, then add the flour, salt, spices and dried fruit. Mix well until all blended.

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## *Second Opinion....*

**Our (t)rusty reporter keeping you up-to-date with the goings-on at the Parish Council...**

The November meeting of the Parish Council saw a full complement of councillors, along with county/district councillor Roger Bingham (RKB), three members of the Press and three of the public... almost a crowd! Despite the numbers, no-one wanted to raise anything in the Open Forum apart from a suggestion that the Forum may be more useful later in the meeting. It was explained by RKB that anything raised in the Forum - apart from emergency items - could not be discussed at the same PC meeting but would need to be agenda'd for the next one. It was also pointed out that the meeting could be suspended at any time to allow contributions from the public - a most useful thing to know.

### **The No Parking Sign on Main Street**

It was agreed that the sign on the wall opposite the Newsagents should be left where it is and its effectiveness reviewed after 6 months.

### **Litter Bins**

The PC has been quoted £350 for a new bin to be placed outside the school, along with an annual charge of £100 for emptying it. The district council has gone back on its earlier offer of two second-hand bins, and is reported not to be agreeable to the PC providing its own bins - they may be the wrong shape (for the emptying process presumably) and there would be no spare parts available for them - RKB is to investigate further. The new bins were to form an essential part of a planned litter awareness campaign in the village.

### **Pavement and Road Surfaces**

The pavement outside the Royal Hotel has been repaired but other stretches are still giving cause for concern. Mention was made of potholes in Station Lane, the surface was apparently supposed to have been a temporary

repair, but one P/Cllr reported it had been like that for 30 years to her knowledge.

### **Adverts on Vehicles on Roadsides**

The district council planning officer had written that steps had been taken to deal with an articulated trailer which had apparently been parked alongside the M6 with the intention of it being used as a static advert. RKB said the law was vague on such roadside signs, but after the PC expressed concern about the potential effects on motorists who may be distracted by such signs he agreed to seek further clarification on their legality.

### **Dead Tree**

The apparently dead tree outside of the school is to be given until Spring to see if it shows any sign of life. If not, further action will then be taken.

### **Woodland Burial Ground**

Residents' concerns were raised as to the impact of the scheme on areas of SSSI's and protected landscapes, and on the increase in the amount of traffic and any possible creeping suburbanisation. Questions were asked about the possibility of seepage and contamination of water courses, and whether there was sufficient depth of soil in the planned area. It was reported that before any such development there would need to be a detailed hydrological and ground survey. It was finally agreed that the PC positively support the idea subject to conditions covering drainage, parking and an archaeological survey of the site.

### **Plans Approved**

The extension at 8 Dalton Lane, and the change of use for Plain Quarry have both been approved (the Quarry subject to surface water control conditions) by SLDC planning dept.

### **CCTV at Morewood School**

The PC agreed to make a donation of £50

towards the £110 cost of the CCTV camera covering the entrance. The camera has already captured footage of youngsters smoking in the area.

### Kendal Hydrotherapy Pool & BMH

It was decided that, despite the Pool being a worthwhile cause, no donation would be made by the PC. It was felt donations would be better made by individuals if they wished to do so. The request for a raffle prize for the Memorial Hall Xmas Bingo received the same response.

### Finance & Annual Precept

Expenses of £250 for grasscutting and £30 for the Remembrance Day wreath were reported. After debating the financial forecast prepared by the Parish Clerk it was agreed to keep the village Precept the same as last year so no rise in the PC part of the Council Tax.

### Main St/Vicarage Lane Junction

The signs at the junction which had been damaged by a recent accident are to be replaced - well, not all of them. The PC reviewed the proposals for their replacement and decided to recommend signs for Kendal, Lancaster and Dalton only. These are to be smaller than the damaged ones, so not as intrusive.

### BMH Matters

The soundproofed room would prove very costly and the Memorial Hall committee have other higher priorities to deal with. The halogen lighting in the car park is to be reviewed by the Hall committee, who have asked if the PC could make a change to an existing street light to help illuminate the car park. It was generally felt by the PC that there is no suitably placed streetlight. It was reported that the BMH car park is weeded, swept and cleaned every quarter but that, like other places in the village, does suffer from vandalism.

### Naming of lane to Morewood Drive

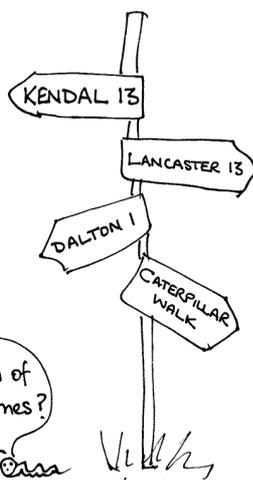
The suggestions received from the school were reviewed and it was agreed to put forward Caterpillar Walk as the new name.

### Canal Plaque & Plinth

The Local History Society has been working with children at Morewood School and local artist Nell Dale to create the artwork for the interpretive panel to be placed on the canal bank near the county boundary.

### Neighbourhood Forum

Concern was expressed that these events were not advertised very well so villagers may be unaware of the Forum. *[Editor's Note: We did receive a notice of the Forum held in Burton but it arrived a week before the event and too late for the forthcoming issue of BN.]*



### Other Matters

A request has been received for a weight restriction on Vicarage Lane to prevent HGV's using the road (to be discussed further in Dec PC meeting.) It was noted that the Royal Hotel has yet another new licensee, and it was agreed that the

Xmas Trees should be placed on the outside of BMH again. The dangerous state of a stile off the A6070 northbound was reported. The Clerk is to write to someone about this.

The planned Millennium Panorama project seems to have stalled and the PC sub-committee will shortly meet to discuss how best to take this forward. The Community Trust idea was discussed further as it was felt to be of benefit to village groups in accessing funding. An article is to be written for the Jan issue of BN giving more information about the planned Trust. *[Editor's Note: Watch this space!]*

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## A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

To help your Christmas celebrations *BN* has found an old Wassail recipe for your enjoyment. It's fairly simple to make, and is warming and pleasant, and should be well-received by your family and visitors alike.

### Wassail Cup



Wassail comes from the Old English 'wes hail' meaning 'be thou whole' or as we'd say today, "You're good health!"

- 2 or 3 cinnamon sticks
- 3 blades of mace
- 4 cloves
- 1 teaspoon of nutmeg
- 1 ginger root
- 4 apples
- 4 oz. of sugar
- 1/2 pint of brown ale
- 1/2 pint of cider

Core the apples and sprinkle with sugar and water. Bake at 375°F/190°C for 30 minutes, or until tender. Mix ale, cider and spices together. Heat but do not boil. Leave for 30 minutes. Strain and pour over roasted apples. Serve in a punch bowl. Of course if you're planning on entertaining more than a few wassailers - and they do tend to travel in company - you'll want to increase the quantity accordingly.

[Source: Nicholas Culpeper's Herbal c.1630]

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## DOGNAPPERS

### A NEW BREED OF CRIMINAL

How much is your dog worth? Some owners have found out the hard way - by having their dog stolen and then held for ransom. A recent episode of BBC1's *Real Story* highlighted this growing crime, featuring a family whose four gun dogs were stolen, along with secret footage of a couple's attempts to retrieve their prize-winning dog.

President of the *Country Land and Business Association (CLA)* Mark Hudson says: "We're getting more reports of dogs going missing and turning up with new owners who had no idea the dog they bought in a pub or car boot sale was actually stolen. Sometimes these dogs are being sold on for as little as £50. A fully trained gun dog is worth up to £1,500.

"Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Tim Bristow who, with his partner Jane Hayes, set up **Doglost** [[www.doglost.co.uk](http://www.doglost.co.uk)], vets, dog wardens and pet shops can now sign up to a fax network that sends out alerts when a dog is reported missing. Very few systems are currently available to cross-reference missing dogs with found ones.

"We are urging members of the public to be more cautious about buying dogs in public

places. If you have recently bought a dog, you may want to visit **Doglost** to check that it has not been stolen."

Tim Bristow set up the website after his French bulldog, Henry, was stolen. Henry was later spotted in another town, but when Tim went to retrieve the dog, he was attacked by the people holding Henry, who said they had bought the dog in a pub.

**Doglost** co-founder Jane Hayes says: "We were devastated by our ordeal and were determined to raise the profile of this crime, so we set up the website, which has just celebrated its 174<sup>th</sup> dog re-united with its owner.

"So far we've had 22 reports of dogs being held for ransom, but the owners frequently want to remain anonymous for fear of reprisals. From the data we've gathered, up to 80% of dogs that go missing are stolen. We know this because most dogs traced through our website are returned by people who had bought the dog in all innocence from a stranger.

"People should be careful about buying a dog that does not come with pedigree papers or from a known breeder. We are also advising dog owners to have their dogs microchipped, a process that should cost around £20 through a vet or dog warden."

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# CHRISTMAS POET'S CORNER

Those who didn't enjoy the Christmas celebrations in days gone by could end up in the stocks!

## NOW IS THE TIME OF CHRISTMAS

MAKE WE MERRY BOTH MORE AND LESS,  
FOR NOW IS THE TIME OF CHRISTMAS.

LET NO MAN COME INTO THIS HALL,  
GROOM, PAGE, NOR YET MARSHALL,  
BUT THAT SOME SPORT HE BRING WITH ALL,  
FOR NOW IS THE TIME OF CHRISTMAS.

IF THAT HE SAY HE CANNOT SING  
SOME OTHER SPORT THEN LET HIM BRING  
THAT IT MAY PLEASE AS THIS FESTING,  
FOR NOW IS THE TIME OF CHRISTMAS.

IF HE SAYS HE CAN NOUGHT DO,  
THEN FOR MY LOVE ASK HIM NO MO(RE),  
BUT TO THE STOCKS THEN LET HIM GO,  
FOR NOW IS THE TIME OF CHRISTMAS.

[16<sup>th</sup> century verse]

**Want to know what the BB lads  
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# CLOSE UP

A new item for your *BN*, which will exercise both those grey cells and your legs at the same time.

Shown below is an enlarged section of an object in Burton. What we want you to do is try and identify what it is and where it is in the village. Simple as that!

The objects will be easily visible to anyone walking around the village so you won't have to go rooting into obscure corners. All you have to do is look around as you go about your daily tasks.

A 'just for fun' little diversion, and the full photo will be published in a future *BN* (along with a new one) so you can tell if you were right.



*Ian Donoghue*

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## Diary & Events

### Holme Social Club

#### Xmas Bingo

Fri.12<sup>th</sup> December

Door's Open 7.45 p.m.

Eyes Down 8.15 p.m.

### Holme Social Club

#### New Year's Eve

Entertainment with

**John Alexander**

**Jacob's Join Supper**

New Members only £6.00

Join on the night

## Broadband Update

After being on the receiving end of months of lobbying, BT has finally accepted the argument that the countryside should have access to affordable broadband. For places like Burton it's a case of 'about time too!'

Accordingly, another 2,300 telephone exchanges have been set trigger levels, which will help rural businesses and communities gauge when they can tap into the advantages of broadband. This means that 80% of rural exchanges now have their trigger levels set.

BT has set the trigger level for Burton at 350, and we currently have 123 (35%) registrations. Although this trigger level does seem high when you consider Burton's 640 or so households the telephone exchange covers Holme and other nearby areas too.

Douglas Chalmers, CLA Regional Director North, says: "*The digital divide is still increasing, and rural businesses continue to suffer a competitive disadvantage to their urban counterparts. All infrastructure providers must recognise the importance of broadband to increasing both the competitiveness and productivity of rural areas. Lord Haskins recently stressed the importance of broadband to the countryside's future.*"

In November 2002 £1 billion was allocated by the government towards providing broadband to the public sector (Schools, Doctor's Surgeries etc), so the necessity there is certainly recognized.

Where do we go from here?

The trigger level is being questioned, and Tim Collins MP has been asked to enquire from BT about the logic behind this figure. He is a keen champion of Rural Broadband and will do all he can to further the cause. If this leads to a review of the trigger level it can only help. As ever we will keep you informed of the outcome.

Broadband has taken a step closer to Burton but we still need to keep the pressure up and those registrations rolling in. Remember, a registration doesn't commit you to anything.

If you have an internet connection and you haven't registered yet then please do so now at <http://www.bt.com/broadband>

This service isn't just something that would be 'nice to have, but rapidly becoming a 'need to have' for the village way of life to survive.

BJM

# Diary & Events

## Christmas Carol Service

St James' Church, Burton

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
at 6.30 p.m.**

*All Welcome*

Circuit Training

**Every Monday at 8.30 p.m.  
Burton Memorial Hall**

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Tuesday Club

**December Meetings**

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
2.00 - 4.00 pm**

Burton Memorial Hall

*New members welcomed*

Burton Memorial Hall

**Christmas Bingo**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

*Doors open at 6.30 p.m.  
Eyes down at 7.30 p.m.*

Holme & District  
Photographic Society

**December Meetings**

Holme Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Battle with Lunesdale at Holme : Raffle  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> L&CPU Colour Prints  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Mince pies & slides on the night  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Mo meeting

*Further info: Pauline Walton 01524 782991  
Visitors welcome at all meetings*

**BMH = Burton Memorial Hall**

Holme & District Flower Club  
invite you to join them at  
Preston Patrick Hall 7.30p.m.

**1<sup>st</sup> December  
Demonstration by Elizabeth Lindsay  
"Soon it will be Christmas day"**

*For further information tel. Cally Lawson 781777  
New members and visitors always welcome*

**Burton . W . I .**

Burton Memorial Hall

December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

**Christmas Party**

Competition: A Candle

*Guests & new members welcome  
For further information tel 781506*

**Burton Milnthorpe & Carnforth  
Agricultural Show**

**XMAS BINGO**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2003**

Burton Memorial Hall

**Eyes Down 7.30pm**

*Fresh Turkeys & Chickens*

*Raffle Refreshments*

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