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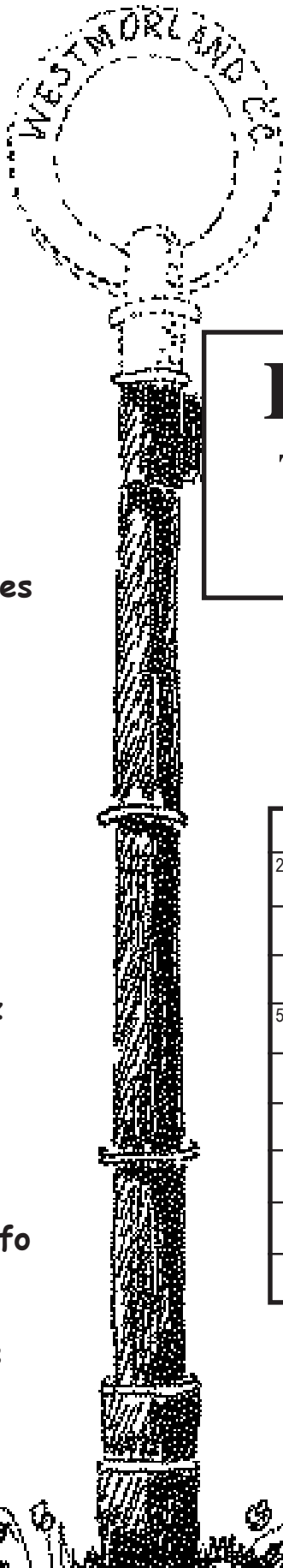
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BURTON NEWS

THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

January 2005 Issue 133

Burton Amateur
Dramatic Society
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Friday 28th or Saturday 29th January

Burton Memorial Hall

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Reader's
LETTERS

Dear Editor,

First Responders

On the 13th November my husband had a heart attack. I phone 999 and within 5 minutes of the call we had three *First Responders* at the house. They gave my husband oxygen and an aspirin and made him comfortable. The ambulance arrived about 10 minutes later, but the *First Responders* had alleviated some of the pain which I could not have done.

Happily, he is now at home after 10 days in the Coronary Care Unit in the Westmorland Hospital in Kendal.

As time is of the essence in these sorts of cases, we mustn't let the lack of funds make it impossible for the *First Responders* to continue.

Once again, our grateful thanks to all concerned (the best Christmas present of all!)

Regards,
Pamela Brown,
Folleycroft, Burton

Dear BN,

5th November

I think the whole rhyme goes along the lines of this:

*Remember, remember the fifth of November
The gunpowder treason and plot.
I see no reason why gunpowder treason
Should ever be forgot.*

*Guy Fawkes, 'twas his intent
To blow up king and parliament.
Three score barrels were laid below
To prove old England's overthrow.*

*By God's mercy he was caught
With a dark lantern and lighted match.
Holler boys, holler boys, let the bells ring
Holler boys, holler boys, God save the King.*

Regards
Mike Ashton,
CLA, Dalton Hall Stable Yard, Burton

[Ed: Thanks Mike, I'm sure our reader will be thrilled to have this]

Coming in next month's issue...



It is February, which means St Valentine's Day, why not send us your Valentine message for our Valentine's Day column? A maximum of three lines worth of message (no more than 20 words please) and don't forget to put your name/address on the back (not for publication).

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Thanks!

It was a Cracker of a Cracker!

A big THANK YOU to all who supported the 'Christmas Cracker' held in November. It was great to see so many people enjoying all that was on offer - various games and stalls, an auction, and also tasty refreshments being served! We raised over £1,500. This will be used towards the running costs of our church, and also other Christian activities. Again, many thanks to everyone for making this a success.

NSPCC ●

Our Coffee Morning held on Saturday 20th November raised £812. The money raised will be used to support the N.S.P.C.C.'s work with children and their families in Cumbria. These children will never be able to thank you personally so, on their behalf, please accept the grateful thanks of everyone at the N.S.P.C.C.

Jack and Barbara Winrow

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Mrs Mabel Prickett hopes all had a Happy Christmas and wishes all friends, former neighbours and carers a happy, healthy New Year.

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**Luke Atkinson - 23rd
January**

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Happy 1st Birthday on 23rd January
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love from Jan and Charlie

Tigger

Happy Birthday for the 4th darling, all my love,
Wabbit xxxx



Happy Birthday to us!

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B.A.D.S. Thriller

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***Dead Man's Hand* by Seymour Matthews**
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at 7.30 p.m.

Admission: £5 - refreshments included

The Friday night audience is requested not to reveal the details to anyone until after the Saturday night audience has also sat gripping the edges of their seats!

Do come and see us and hopefully be enthused to join us. We are fun to watch and it's even better being "in it" in whatever capacity.

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Affordable Homes

In a *DEFRA* announcement on 8th December Keith Hill, ODPM Minister for Housing and Planning, and the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Margaret Beckett, confirmed that the Government will keep the rural exceptions policy, which allows councils to give planning permission to much needed affordable homes in rural areas.

CLA Regional Surveyor North, Helen Lancaster, welcomed the announcement. The *CLA* has been lobbying for the maintenance of the rural exceptions policy, an issue that it sees as crucial to the future of rural communities.

Mrs Lancaster said:

"We applaud the decision to keep the rural exceptions policy, allowing councils to grant planning permission for affordable home in rural areas for local people."

"Whilst this decision brings with it the comfort that essential key rural workers and business now have a chance of survival, there is still much work to be done by all concerned. We now look forward to working with the local authorities to bring to fruition these much needed local affordable housing projects in order to avert what could be a further escalation of the rural housing crisis."

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Bowls

Burton Bowling Club

The Burton Bowling Club annual dinner was held at the Kings Arms on December 4th.

The winning number in the "100 Club" draw for December was 21 and the lucky winner was Natalie Jackson of Dalton Lane, Burton.

The Tom Burton Memorial Trophy was presented to David Craig, and Hedley Stephenson was awarded the Silver Tankard for outstanding services to the club for the year 2004.

A good time was had by all.



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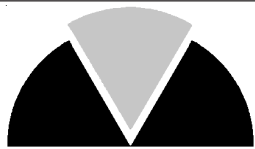
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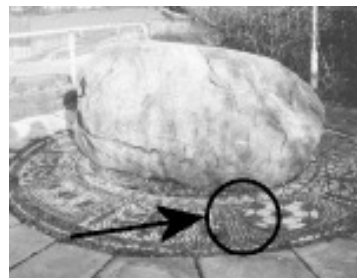
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CLOSEUP

It's been a while since the previous one but here at last is the full size image for the previous 'Closeup'.



This football is made of stone and is from the sculpture near the MUGA.



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

If you need a clue: Don't lose your head like this building recently has!

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



OUTDOORS

Early in October we started filling the seed-feeders once again, after the summer's wealth of natural food had died down. Some experts say you should feed birds all the year round now that herbicides, insecticides, and the frequent cutting of hay for silage have depleted the supply of seeds and insects in the fields. From May to October we supplied only water, in the bird-bath, for drinking and for splashing when the long weeks of brooding and then feeding their young have made the birds frowsty and flea-ridden. Blackbirds, and the occasional song thrush, can half-empty the bath with their vigorous flustering which leaves water-drops on their plumage like glistening pearls.



The behaviour of the birds is always to a pattern and always subtly varying. The coal-tits seem more active than ever this season. They perch for a couple of pecks, then dart off onto the wall, into the climbing hydrangea, or across the lawn to the smoke-bush, then back to the feeders again. Can they really be taking in enough food to fuel all that flitting about? Perhaps the habit of feeding their young with incessant trips back to the nest - as many as six hundred times a day - programmes them even when there are no longer any nestlings to feed. The blue-

tit's are still drab and dishevelled after months of rearing two or even three broods. When two or three of them are together on the wall, clambering and pecking amongst the bunches of spleenwort, wall pennywort, and herb-Robert, they make it look like a Jacobean fabric come to life.

Nearly all the birds, from ten to thirteen species in an average week, behave like a flock. Even the arrival of a jackdaw, looking monstrous and swarthy in the enclosed space, tends to herald the incoming of many other kinds, from the plump collared dove to the self-effacing dunnock, who always feeds on the ground, never more than three yards from cover. Soon after the first bird has flown in, the whole host is usually there, three sorts of

tit, chaffinches, house sparrows, occasionally a greenfinch (but not the single goldfinch who was always there last winter). Robins are solitary, and feed till it's almost dark. Wrens too arrive in their own time and creep under our limestone flower-trough like elegant little mice, so elusive it's hard to believe they are one of our commonest birds, with 10 million pairs nationally. Blackbirds ignore all this fuss and competition. They fly in on a scything arc, stab avidly for worms amongst the leaf-mould, then fly off again to a neighbouring garden.

The birds that visit us almost exactly mirror the *British Trust for Ornithology's* list of which kinds are flourishing and which are declining. Year after year we have seen no change or else an increase in



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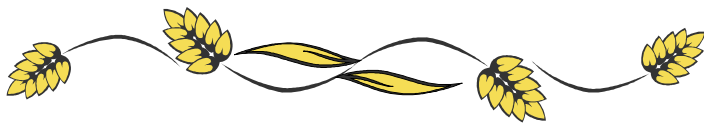
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collared doves and chaffinches, no change in the tits, fewer starlings, and most regrettably a shortage of song thrushes. We welcome them both for their speckled beauty and for their zeal in eating snails and leaving their shattered shells on the flagstone paths under the cypress and laburnum trees.

At least we have now had our early-winter visit from that most beautiful small thrush, the redwing, with its yellow eye-streak and pale 'bloodstain' under each wing. Two queued up at the bird-bath while a blackbird was dabbling. When a redwing flew up to the water, the blackbird faced round angrily and held his ground. When he had finished at last, the redwings hovered aggressively at each other until one prevailed and perched for his (or her) drink.

DAVID CRAIG



VE+60 1945-2005

2005 sees the 60th anniversary of the end of World War 2 and to mark the event the *Westmorland Gazette* is producing a supplement containing anecdotes from people who were part of the original celebrations all those years ago. Below are photographs of some Burton residents being interviewed by a *Gazette* reporter - they were also photographed for inclusion in the publication.



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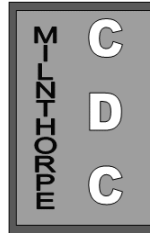
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STAY SAFE IN THE NEW YEAR

January brings NEW YEAR celebrations and after-Christmas SALES, and as many of you will be out and about celebrating or shopping for those bargains, here are some safety tips from Cumbria Police:

THE CAR

Park in a well lit public area, always close windows, engage steering lock, and lock all doors, set alarm, NEVER LEAVE KEYS IN IGNITION, EVEN FOR A SHORT TIME, keep purchases out of sight, if they can be seen they can be stolen, don't leave chequebooks and cards in the vehicle, don't start up your car on cold mornings and leave it running.

THE HOUSE

Ensure ALL doors and windows are locked. Do not leave keys and handbags downstairs overnight, make your home look occupied at all times, be aware about opening your door to strangers, do not buy or sell or deal on the doorstep or on the phone, remember you never win the Spanish or Canadian lottery and you could be using a premium rate line for redial or to obtain more details, do not leave or keep large amounts of cash at home. Don't leave the house insecure while you pop into the neighbours or down to those Sales!



YOUR PROPERTY

Cycles should be secure. ALL property should be identifiable and marked. Do not leave high value items in garden sheds. Do not carry large amounts of cash. Be aware of fraud at cash machines, keep your pin confidential, cover the code with your hand when entering, be aware of persons hanging around the area or 'shoulder surfing' your numbers, and look for any device on the machine. If anything is out of place, do not use the machine and inform the Police and Bank immediately. Look out for your purse and handbag in crowded shops.

COMMON SENSE

Be aware of persons selling stolen goods at cheap prices, watch your drinks at parties, don't accept drinks from strangers. Do not leave your phones, handbags, jackets etc unattended, use reputable taxi firms, try and pre-book - getting full details of vehicle and driver - don't order a taxi by mobile in other persons hearing/don't flag unregistered vehicles down. Don't walk home alone and keep to well lit public areas. Don't text, use your mobile or search in your handbag in unpopulated areas.

DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE

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NEW YEAR - NEW YOU

Now that the festivities are over, and having consumed in excess (nothing wrong with that), some of us will find that "surprise, surprise" we have put on extra weight! The occasional feast is good, as is the occasional fast, but the problem is that we prefer the feasting and neglect the fasting. January comes around and so do the diets: some old favourites and some new fads.

Everyone wants an "easy fix". We want to achieve something with little effort, including trying to lose weight. Some people have tried every diet under the sun, but for most people, dare I say it, this lazy attitude is why they gained weight in the first place.

Right away I must concede that there are certain medicines and medical conditions (usually endocrine system problems) that would cause weight gain and weight loss. We are, by and large, eating less than we did 50 years ago, so why the "obesity epidemic"? Well, it's obviously down to activity levels or lack of exercise. I use the analogy of "income over expenditure", i.e. calories in and calories out. It's that simple. Consume too many calories and the excess is stored as fat.

The National Audit Office says that "obesity" reduces life expectancy by nine years on average, and is responsible for 9,000 premature deaths per annum. It also increases the risk of a wide range of diseases including type of diabetes and cancer. Obesity is linked to such diseases as heart disease,

hypertension, angina, and osteo-arthritis. Obesity can cause breathing problems, low back pain and psycho-social problems. It is estimated to cost the N.H.S. over £500 million a year!

Depressing isn't it? Well, not if you live in Burton! We can do something to reverse the trend. This village has the activities and facilities to redress the balance, e.g. Tennis (Lynn Riley, 781587), Table Tennis (Chris Jones, 781119), Basket Ball (John McCanney, 782218), Walking (G Chennells, 782204), Fitness Classes (John Ludlam, 781707), so why not make a New Year's Resolution to join one of these classes?!

John Ludlam,
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The Vicar Writes...

Christmas is for life, not just Christmas

It's new year. Christmas is over for another year. The cleanup is about to begin. Decorations will come down. Trees will be thrown out. Size 12 will be exchanged for size 16. Christmas cards will be on sale for half price. Soon life will be back to normal again. The magic will begin to fade and it's back to reality. Another year to face and it can all be very daunting, if not depressing, can't it?

Last month we saw two big differences between the two big Christmas characters. Santa gives presents to those who have been good, but God wants to give his gifts to those who have been bad. The presents Santa brings tend not to last very long, whereas God's gift of life is forever. As I pack my Christmas decorations away each year, I'm reminded of another big difference between Santa and God.

Santa only comes along once a year. Where is he when December joy turns into January gloom? Where is he when December dreams become next year's debt? Where is he when May or June bring those final exams? What if we're ill in July, made redundant in September, bereaved in October? We can't go to his chair for comfort. It's empty! He only comes once a year.

How different it is with Jesus. At his birth he is given the name Immanuel, which means "*God with us.*" And when he ascends into heaven after his resurrection he says these words to his followers: "*I am with you always.*" (Matt.28:20)

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Millions of Christians worldwide, myself included, witness to the truth of these words. Jesus is with us every second of every minute of every hour of every day of every year. He is with us daily to forgive, strengthen and guide. He is with us in sadness and with us in joy. He is with us in sickness and with us in health. He is with us in life and with us in death. He is with us in time and with us in eternity.

Christmas really is for life, not just Christmas. Because of Christmas we can know that God is with us and face up to another year - whatever it may bring.

Happy New Year everyone,

Paul

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09:30 am Family Service at Burton
11:00 am Family Service at Holme
06:30 pm Evening Prayer at Burton

Sunday 16th January

09:30 am Holy Communion at Burton
11:00 am Holy Communion at Holme
06:30 pm Evening Praise at Burton

Sunday 23rd January

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 Holy Communion at Burton

Sunday 30th January

10:00 am Joint Family Service at Holme
06:30 pm Evening Prayer at Burton

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The (just for fun) BN Birthday Quiz

This issue sees *BN's* 12th birthday so we had a look at other January birthdays, and after all the bustle of the festive season we thought a little quiz (just for fun) to settle down with would be just the ticket.

1. It had a violent birth and we complain about the current incumbants, no matter who is there, but the first one sat on 20th January 1265 ... what is it?
2. A French peasant girl was born on the 6th January 1412 whose visions led her to be a military leader and to meet a gruesome end for her beliefs ... who was she?
3. Britain coloured the globe pink in the days of the British Empire, but which company that was a major factor in this expansion was founded on 1st January 1600?
4. Born 4th January 1643, this man is remembered by most because an apple fell on his head - the gravity of the event however did not escape him ... who was he?
5. For trips to foreign countries the thorny problem of how to acquire local currency took a step forward with the issuing of these on 1st January 1772, and they are still in use today ... what are they?
6. January 1st 1788 saw the first issue of another great British publication that is also still going strong (but not as widely read in Burton perhaps) ... which one?
7. The world is said to be getting smaller all of the time, but on 1st January 1801 even the confines of the British Isles were still largely unknown until this company began publishing accurate and detailed maps ... which company?
8. Traffic congestion is nothing new, and on 10th January 1863 an innovative means of tackling this problem in London opened to the public, and is still in use today, though much expanded ... what is it?
9. It has probably not escaped your notice that Broadband has hit Burton, but on 15th January 1880 the first London telephone directory was published ... approximately how many names were in there?
10. Sending cash to destinations within the UK was made easier with the issuing of these on 1st January 1881, again still in use today ... what are they?
11. JRR Tolkien was born on 3rd January 1892 ... but where?
12. Born 1st January 1895, this man's surname is synonymous with cleaning up our homes - blocking the Colorado river - and headed two major institutions in the New World who was he?
13. Many a boy has spent happy hours with this toy (I know I did!) patented on 8th January 1901, and I would

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suggest not a few mechanical engineers got their interest from building with it. Sadly now in decline but it is still available .. what is it?

14. Who split the Atom (and thus ushered in the 'Atomic Age') on 3rd January 1918?

15. Science Fiction writing owes a great deal to this man who was born on 2nd January 1920 ... who was he?

16. Many of us enjoy a drink or two at this time of year, but on 17th January 1920 in the USA that was no longer a legal pastime (for a while at least) ... what happened?

17. And on a related subject, who had his 21st birthday that same day and would go on to be one of the most notorious and richest gangsters of all time - only to die penniless and forgotten aged 48?

18. Not many are remembered for being 'second' at something, but this person born on 20th January 1930 made that list 250,000 miles away in 1969 ... who is he?

Musical birthdays abound this month too, so here are a few slightly cryptic clues for you:

19. 27th January 1756 - Prodigious child, wait there a 'minuette' (8,7,6)

20. 31st January 1921 - "Learning the princely" ropes perhaps? (5,5)

21. 21st January 1925 - Not strictly musical, but who could forget the picture this man sang about? (5,7)

22. 26th January 1928 - Just an old fashioned girl at heart (6,3)

23. 8th January 1935 - Shake a leg, man!! (5,7)

24. 8th January 1937 - Tiger Bay was never the same afterwards! (7,6)

25. 21st January 1941 - One out of three - your starter for a 'tenor' (7,7)

26. 29th January 1942 - What records would you like to be stranded with? (6,6,5)

27. 10th January 1945 - Old gravel voice himself!! (3,7)

28. 19th January 1946 - Who else could 'front' a Country & Western show better? (5,6)

29. 8th January 1947 - Major Tom found Martian spiders apparently! (5,5)

30. 31st January 1951 - Joan's brother perhaps playing in a biblical group? (4,7)

31. 16th January 1957 - We, like, dug out this hole in Liverpool - Yeah yeah yeah (3,6,4)

Answers next month. Have fun!

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and yours which, because of the earlier pre-Christmas deadline for *Burton News*, is still three weeks away when I am writing this. We have, however, just received both good and bad New Year news about the prospective 2005 Council Tax rate for Cumbria. As the Chancellor's pronouncements came in December and not, as usual, in the first week of November, all the County calculations are approximate and I do not yet have the rates for the other Tax authorities like South Lakeland, the Police Service and the Parish. So far we know that the Chancellor has increased the Government's 'Revenue Support Grant' by £27 million. This would keep the County Tax increase to 5.8% - which is nothing like as bad as the 15% - 20% increase some authorities had to levy last year but is annoyingly more than the Government's expressed wish that Council Tax increases should be in 'low single figures'. Within the increased £27m, £13m will be ring fenced to education (mainly schools) and £8m to Social Services so we would only have an extra £5m to spend on other services especially on repairing the bad state of our roads. Moreover, much of the rate rise will have to go to meet the requirements

of new laws. New regulations concerning waste disposal will cost an extra £2m while bringing our premises (like libraries) up to the standard of the *Disability Discrimination Act* could cost even more. We also intend to spend an extra £650,000 on the Youth Service following a poor inspection report. We are, however, handicapped in Youth as in Social Service by difficulties in recruiting staff at all levels.

A further piece of bad news concerned the results of the 2001 Census. According to figures only released in December Cumbria has fewer people than the government had calculated - so in the last two years Whitehall paid us £2m more in grant than we were entitled to. So we have to pay it back and in future get a head count reduction of £1m p.a.

But the battle to keep the rates down is not lost. Already we've shaved the budget estimate down from £517m to £503m. This could mean a rise of 'only' 4.9% but we'll try and get it down further.

My direct 'portfolio' responsibility for Culture serves as a pleasant - if not always a lighter - relief from budget making. My most enjoyable duty was to officially hand over the care of Birdoswald Roman Fort on Hadrian's Wall to *English Heritage*. I was pleased to do so as it will reduce County Expenditure and also integrate the fort with the rest of the Wall's World Heritage Site. Moreover those of us who are members of *English Heritage* will now get in for free! Sunday opening of Libraries has begun in Penrith, Carlisle, Workington and Whitehaven; Barrow and Kendal will start this

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month (January). As part of our cultural inclusion/diversion strategy I have, on my own initiative (and at no extra expense to the tax payers) arranged for the main holy books of World Faiths to be put in our libraries. As a result of the necessary survey I was disturbed to find that not every library had The Bible let alone The Koran or Talmud. I am also investigating whether we could afford a library book delivery to housebound people perhaps in conjunction with, e.g., Social Services or the Voluntary Sector. The implementation of the *Freedom of Information Act* is also my responsibility. The *FOI act* became law on New Year's Day. It will enable more information to be in the 'public domain' and could include such previous confidential items as retirement settlements and compensation payments. Another 'cultural' opportunity might follow a Ministry Decision that the *National Gallery of Landscape Painting* should be in the Lake District. Hopefully our own branch of the National collection could be at least equivalent to *Tate Modern* in Liverpool or the *Lowry Centre* in Salford. It could bring extra revenue to the County and boost other educational and cultural advances such as my own hobbyhorse of having a University of Cumbria.

At a literally domestic level I spoke at a Rural Housing Conference at Eaton Hall organised by the Prince of Wales (who appeared on Video Link) and the Duke of Westminster. I cited Burton's planning difficulties in getting development land, including the Deputy Prime Minister's Office branding Burton as an 'unsustainable' village which foiled at least one social housing scheme. But I have hopes that another

affordable housing scheme might be possible. If successful that really would be Good News for some Young People.

Finally I have some better news on road maintenance. The Main Street pavements, the road from Hutton Roof to Burton and Station Road are to be repaired/resurfaced in 2005. I am also trying to improve access and parking at Queen Elizabeth School to reduce potential danger to our young people - so things are looking up - a bit!

Best Wishes,



An Opinion...

As we went to press before the December Parish Council meeting there is no *An Opinion* this month, so there'll be a double-helping in February.



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Years ago, when I was at the start of wine making, I was informed that each month would have it's own special recipe, i.e. July, meadow-sweet wine, August, raspberry-wine, etc. etc.

January, being a bleak month for the gathering of fruit and vegetables, was reserved for the more special brews. It was once reported that even old boots could be made into wine and that was the favourite for those home wine-makers who were rather desperate!! No! No! *Dalton Wine Club* does not recommend our readers to stoop to such measures when we are here on hand to share, for January, a... "little known fact"... What is it? Well, first weigh up the... "wellknown facts"... After Christmas comes January. After Christmas comes left over Christmas cake.

Left over turkeys are ragôuted, souped, curried, even fried and served with chips, and are more often than not, given to the dog!

One always makes a Christmas cake and trifle for Christmas tea. But who, after a big festive feast wants tea?? Trifle can be coaxed down, there is no chewing, but Christmas cake, I ask you!?!? When placed before guests it only produces groans of "Oh no", "take it away", "give it to the dog". The dog does not like Christmas Cake. Therefore January abounds with a surfeit of Christmas cake. So, what can one do with it?

On a cold winter evening. The day's work over. Feeling peckish. Feeling "January blues". Feeling, trip to the pub, but too tired and the weather is bad. Well help is at hand with a Gold Star pick up...

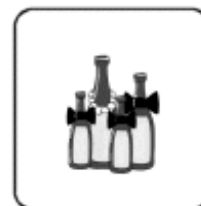
Get out that Christmas cake and get out the wine, but hold it right there... "well known fact"... dessert wine with cake... "little known fact"... NOT with Christmas cake!!

A good full bodied Merlot is recommended and loved by every member of the *Dalton Wine Club*. We look forward to January. The month of the Three Wise Men and the taking down of decorations. So, pack up the tinsel and baubles. Put them away for another year and gladly celebrate Epiphany, not with Gold, Incense and Myrrh; but with Christmas cake and Merlot. We are sure Burton will be full of joy on the 6th January. Dalton will!!!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 1905 - BURTON 100 YEARS AGO

JANUARY

The New Year was rung in with a 'Duke of York treble bob' followed by 'London Surprise'. A 'biting south west gale' severely damaged slate roofs.

'A bevy of willing helpers were in constant demand until the healthy appetites of the youngsters were appeased' at the Children's Party held in the National School.

At the Band of Hope Temperance party the Vicar's wife Mrs Carpenter gave a *'pleasing selection on the phonograph'*.

FEBRUARY

Mr J.R. Sharp started an evening class in Shorthand in Burton. It was reported that because of falling prices *'Cockle fishers in Morecambe Bay were under a dark cloud - "God knows how they live"'*.

£2:11s:9d were collected at a meeting of the Continental and Church Mission where the Vicar and the Bishop of Moonsonee were the principle speakers.

MARCH

Local people who had gone to Kirkby Lonsdale to see the unveiling of the new Market Cross witnessed the excitement aroused by the discovery *'of a body*

in a wardrobe' at the Royal Hotel. The victim was the landlord's sister - who it was later decided had died naturally.

A lecture in the National School on *'the Position of Women in England'* organised by the Women's Social and Political Union - *'Votes For Women'* - attracted little support. *'Dangerous March winds'* caused property damage.

APRIL

Mr. Murphy of the Westmorland County Council lectured Burton gardeners on pruning techniques and the cultivation of fruit. *'Particular attention was given to disease affecting black currants which is very general in the neighbourhood'* and on the *'proper manuring of strawberries and rasps'*.

The AGM of Burton, Milnthorpe and Carnforth Show debated whether the show should always be held at Burton as it invariably lost money in the other places.

MAY

A concert was given in the Morewood Schoolroom by members of Burton Choral Society *'assisted by several vocalists from Kendal'*. *'The Snow'* and *'O Lovely May'* being *'well interpreted received well-merited applause. Miss Nicholas possessing a rich*



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contralto voice, full of power fittingly rendered her songs effectively' while the duet 'Excelsior' by Mr Earl and Miss Robinson was 'quite the piece of the evening'. Local part time soldiers went to the Yeomanry Camp at Lowther Castle.

JUNE

An official from the Cumberland and Westmorland Lunatic Asylum at Garlands, Carlisle lectured the Band of Hope on '*Alcohol and Insanity*'.

Burton Gala was revived after a lapse of two years. To the tune of '*Onward Christian Soldiers*' the Temperance band and the Carnforth band led a procession from the Church to the Old Toll Bar. '*The banners of the various parties and the flags borne by the children added to the appearance of the procession. The Gala and Dog Show were held in the field behind the Royal Hotel and all the winning dogs were photographed.*'

JULY

A motorist was fined £1 for exceeding the 20 m.p.h. speed limit on Hale Moss. He had covered a measured quarter of a mile in 35 seconds, calculated as representing 25m.p.h.

The Burton Policeman P.C. Bucklow led a hue and cry after two men were caught breaking into a shop at Holme. Despite a chase through Burton and Farleton the villains got away but were later arrested in the Coach and Horses at Milnthorpe. The criminals Carradice and Medcalf, old lags from Kendal, were sentenced to 9 months hard labour.

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AUGUST

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'During the summer Burton has been much resorted to by visitors for the holidays.' On August Monday a large party of Choristers from Atherton, having driven from Carnforth station, arrived at the Globe Hotel for breakfast and then gave a selection of their music in the Market Square. The Choir of over 50 Voices then sang the *Te Deum* in the Church. Following a drive (in the rain) to Dallam Park the party had dinner at the Globe before departing for Carnforth about seven o'clock.

SEPTEMBER

The marriage of Miss Edith Moorhouse (daughter of the head gardener at Dalton Hall) and of Mr Oswald Eaton of Cape Town was solemnised in the Parish Church. The Choir sang the '*Voice that breathed o'er Eden*' and '*O Rest in the Lord.*' After the ceremony Mr and Mrs Moorhouse held a reception at the Globe Hotel, whence the happy pair received a hearty send off en route for Ambleside.

A local woman, Charlotte Woodend, was charged with stealing a watch from the '*coopage at Holme*'. Eventually Milnthorpe Magistrates accepted her claim that she had found the watch under some wood and had not taken it from the owner's jacket pocket. Instead

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of being sent to prison she was fined 10s with 27s costs 'as it was a first offence and it would be a warning to her'.

OCTOBER

The Royal Train conveying King Edward VII on a visit to Lord Vaux at Brougham Hall, Penrith, went through Burton but His Majesty was not seen.

John Brocklehurst was gored to death by a maddened bull at Brackenthwaite Farm, Yealand.

The centenary of the Battle of Trafalgar and of Nelson's death was commemorated in Burton 'as in all parts of the British Empire'. 'Browning's poem expressing the obligation of Englishmen to serve their country' was sung by the school children and included the theme: 'Nobly, Nobly, Cape St. Vincent, To the North West died away; sunset ran, one glorious blood red, reeking into Cadiz Bay; Bluish mid the burning water full in face Trafalgar Lay.....'

NOVEMBER

Captain Bagot M.P. received 'quite an ovation' when he addressed a meeting of the Burton and Dalton Habitation of the Primrose League.

At the Martinmass Hirings for farm labourers "Headmen were hired for £16 to £18 for six months with Board and Washing while Young Women and Girls were hired from £6 to £10."

DECEMBER

Captain Bagot, Unionist Candidate for South

Westmorland in the General Election held a crowded meeting in Burton.

As a 'seasonal benefaction' Mrs Shorland Ball of Underfell donated scarlet cloaks and hoods to girls attending the National School. She also invited the village children to a ball at Underfell where 'mementoes of the festive season were presented'.

'Notwithstanding the unpropitious state of the weather there were large congregations at all the Christmas Day services. The evening service was concluded by a beautiful vespers hymn composed by Mr. A.E. Taylor, a former organist of Burton Church'.



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Some readers may recall the photo in the *Westmorland Gazette* of the previous PC Chairman, George Isherwood, sitting in the culvert surrounded by bits of cars, hub caps and discarded number plates. No wonder the water couldn’t get through!

George thought *BN* readers might be interested in seeing photos of the work that was done to clear the blockage - it was not a small job as the digger and the depth of the culvert shows.

A.N.

Right: The JCB scooping out the debris from way down in the culvert - there’s a man down there too - which shows how deep the culvert is!



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Editorial

Where were you 60 years ago ?

Although many of us would not have even been born, there are Burton residents who had been through the trials and troubles of World War 2 and were happy to celebrate its ending in 1945. This year is the 60th anniversary of that event and some of our villagers have been interviewed for a special *Westmorland Gazette* supplement planned for publication in May.

How it was done !

The successful work on the culvert at Clawthorpe has been welcomed by all, but in this issue we have the proof of exactly how much of a task this was - and now the reason for the time it took to finally get to the bottom of this is clear. It wasn't just a case of an hour's work with some drain rods!

Another year gone by...

And your *BN* is a year older - 12 years and still going strong. There's a fun quiz for you to do after all that celebrating over Christmas and New Year so put your feet up and relax for a while, courtesy of *BN's Birthday Quiz* on pages 12 & 13.

Close Up

After a break due to lack of space, this month sees the return of our tour of Burton through a different perspective. Remember that every photograph has been taken by just walking around, no 'out of the way' or obscure locations are used. It would be interesting to hear if you recognize these snippets of Burton, or if you do not!

Valentine Messages

Following on from the Christmas Messages last month we thought it would be a good idea to let the romantic side of Burton have its say too - so don't be shy, if there's a special somebody you would like to send a *BN* Valentine to then let us know before the 20th January deadline for the February issue.

Happy New Year!

AN & BJM

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

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