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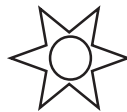
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Burton Children's Sports Committee Annual Children's Sports Day

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Monday 30th May



Reader's
LETTERS

Dear BN

Thank you

We would like to express our appreciation and thanks for the very kind actions of the gentleman cyclist and the two lads who were with him who came to our rescue when our little dog fell in the canal at Cinderbarrow on Sunday 17th April. We had tried unsuccessfully to reach her as she hung on to the side of the concrete wall (she cannot swim and is going blind). One of the lads, wearing a red jacket, laid down on the edge of the bank whilst the gentleman held on to his legs and managed to get hold of Bonnie's collar and haul her to safety. Thankfully after a bath when we got home she was none the worse for her dip. We cannot thank them enough.

Will & Joy Docwra,
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Dear BN

A Right Royal Rumour

During the last few weeks I have heard a number of tales regarding the fate of The Royal Hotel. As the landlady I would like to set the record straight.

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We hoped against hope that some sort of rescue package would be offered by the brewery in the form of a subsidised rent for a period of 12-18 months allowing us to build up trade. After such a period it would have been acceptable to negotiate rent on the trading figures. Unfortunately no such offer is on the table and we have been left with no option other than putting in our notice to quit. We leave officially on 21st June and would like to thank all our customers for their warm welcome and support during our time in The Royal Hotel.

The last word from Avebury Taverns is that they will be going ahead with the refurbishment regardless. This is the story so farunless you know different!

Lyn,
Royal Hotel, Burton

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GUIDES & BROWNIES

The Guides and Brownies would like to thank the Gentlemen of the Kings Arms for everything they did for us to raise so much money at the recent *Daffodil Show*. Particular thanks go to John and Molly Long, David and Susan Williamson, and Mike and Barbara Earl for their hard work on the day, and to Mike and Zoë for hosting the event for us. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by us all.

Our thanks also go to everyone who came along and supported the event.

Thanks!

Louise Barker and Jo Wylder would like to thank everyone who supported our Cheese and Wine Evening on 31st March. We raised a total of £379 for Macmillan Cancer Relief which will go towards Andy and Seb's London Marathon effort on 17th April. Thanks also to Bryn (butchers) and Grange Bakery for their kind donations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy 1st Birthday

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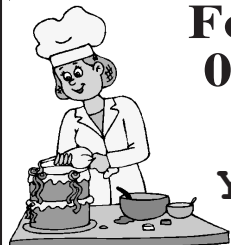
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With three plays under our belt we set about planning the next one. However, as so often happens in Drama, backstage can be just as dramatic as on stage. It was all planned, the play chosen, roles allocated and rehearsals fixed. Scripts were delivered one Sunday morning and by 4.00 pm that afternoon it had all fallen apart owing to a series of cast crises.

Once again *BADS* was plunged to the depths as we faced "resting" until the autumn. All around me were the moans and groans from an enthusiastic company who refused to accept the loss of "playtime". What to do? As always, when your back is to the wall, the answer comes. During our last play I had been introduced to a local playwright and read some of his scripts. One in particular I loved and wanted to produce. However as it was an all women play and I had my men all set, I had put it on my future possibles list. Dramatic lightning struck - this was the time to do that particular play, so Burton, prepare yourselves for the world premiere of *W.I. Blues*, by John Peel, on 29th and 30th July. Eat your heart out Calendar Girls!

PLEASE NOTE: Both sexes are needed backstage... so if you want to keep Burton laughing... come and join us!

Alison Murphy, 781007



**Holme and District
Local History
Society**

Back to School!

Burton members and friends of the society went to Burton Morewood School last term to help with the Class 5 and 6 Local History projects.

This year part of their lessons has been to study the 1930's and 1940's. The children interviewed our members and looked at several items taken in, of this era.

On Thursday 24th March we were all invited back to school, when the two classes gave us a musical entertainment of war time songs and tunes, and recited an *Ode to World War II*.

We were given refreshments which included cakes made by the children and we watched the school website *On the Home Front*. We also looked at the posters made by the children and the History Society was given a copy of them all, for the archives.

The morning was enjoyed by all, and we thanked Mrs M Elliot and Mrs S Thexton the teachers who organised it.

Mrs K Hayhurst

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Boys' Brigade News

1st Burton Company

**Congratulations!!
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Invitation**

Our Table Tennis Team, Alistair Jones, Thomas Hacker, Simon Gregory, and Peter Baxendale (reserve) took on the 1st Denton BB Company team at Burton on Thursday 14th April in the Quarter-Finals of the Boys' Brigade National Table Tennis Competition and after a very tight contest won 5-4. We now await our opponents for the Semi-final. A tremendous achievement.

May we invite you to join us at our 24th Display and Presentation of Awards, Saturday 21st May, 7pm in the Memorial Hall. Our Chief Guest is The Boys' Brigade National President, Mr. John Neil OBE, who will be presenting Awards to the Anchors, Junior and Seniors, including the presentation of two Queen's Badges. Tasty baking on offer!!!

D J Mills

**Want to know what the BB
lads get up to...???**

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Lunesdale Decorative & Fine Arts Society

The Lunesdale Decorative and Fine Arts Society (LDFAS) met, as usual, at Borwick Village Hall to listen to (and view) a lecture on the "Art of Pebble Mosaic". This rather prosaic title really doesn't do justice to an art form that goes back many thousands of years, and incorporates in its highest form, designs to equal the finest Roman mosaics. Maggy Howarth gave an overview of the history of these mosaics, showing examples from the Mediterranean – Greece, Rome and Portugal. By the time of the Roman Empire these techniques went out of fashion, yielding to the tiled mosaics that we are all familiar with. But the techniques re-emerged once again in Italy in the Renaissance in the great gardens and grottos. Ms Howarth then went on to show us some of her own mouth-watering examples which have appeared all over England – some of them, especially her work for Michael Heseltine's garden, and the example which featured in the Chelsea flower show, are really large. Many of her pavements and squares exemplify the highest form of this art. She did a lovely piece for Lytham St. Annes - a fitting tribute to that town, for this is where she first learned the art "Pebble Mosaic". On a smaller scale, there is a delightful local example of her work outside the Village Hall at Melling.

The next lecture for the Society, entitled "Medieval Illuminated Manuscripts", will be given on Tuesday 17th May, at Borwick Village Hall, by Mary Bartlett MA Oxon. Lectures start at 2.30 pm promptly.

Fanny Leech

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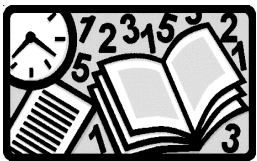
OUTDOORS

A whole new island to explore - now there's an ideal outdoor experience. To see one opening out in front of you is like going through the looking-glass into a different life, or like seeing an exotic carpet unrolled in front of you on the saleroom floor (which happened to us in Tetuan in Morocco and again in central Turkey). We couldn't actually see Cyprus last month as it was night-time and we were on a plane. A boat is the ideal transport; it just takes too long.

For a week we explored the south coast, its towns and beaches from Lemesos (Limassol) east to Amathou and west to Paphos. Once we drove north, into the Troodos mountains, and walked for an afternoon through a forest of Aleppo pines, past outcrops of fissured rock green with traces of asbestos. This used to be mined a few miles away and a colossal spoil-heap has built up at the foot of the seam. The guidebook called it an eyesore. Would we really want the land to lack all signs of human craft and labour? A few birds cheeped among the tall, brown-flaked tree-trunks. We never saw them. And no animals, because the stony forest floor, mulched with needles and littered with cones, offered food only to squirrels. The absence of deer allows at least some of the myriad seeds to strike root and we saw several trees standing in a dense circle of their own seedlings.

The birds that thrilled me most were swallows, house martens, and of course swifts. The martens had built dozens of their mud-baskets under the eaves of the fairly new airport building at Larnaka. The swifts dashed and shrilled between the four-storey 'cliffs' of the hotels. I love to see them at points south of England, whether criss-crossing in front of Gibraltar's north face or from high on a 400-metre cliff in north Transvaal, where I once heard them thrumming the air not long after sunrise. It reminds me that these essentially tropical creatures have a second home on our own island and ten or a dozen of Britain's 100,000 pairs of swifts will come racing across Burton's rooftops around the 6th of May.

So we roved across the ancient city sites, now reduced to little more than their foundations. Market places, shops, palaces, temples - they are now just a few courses of creamy granular stone, a few drainpipes, a few terra-cotta pillars from the underground heating in a rich man's house, a few black-marble pillars wonderfully carved in a continuous spiral like a screw-thread fifteen feet high. Two amphitheatres have more or less survived, and many mosaic floors with handsome pictures of birds and gods and lions and gladiators. The island was shattered by earthquakes in the 1st and 4th centuries. Arab raids wrecked cities and villages in the 7th and 8th. Richard the so-called 'Lionheart' sacked Amathou in the 12th. Most of the good stone was carted away to be re-used. Now only tourists and lizards come and ago amongst the labyrinths, arousing poignant thoughts of what Burton may look like in the year 4000.



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The most beautiful thing I saw was the outcrop they call Aphrodite's Rock or the Rock of the Greek, on the shore between Kourion and Paphos. One story says that Aphrodite, the goddess of Love, came out of the sea-foam here. Another says that it was thrown by the legendary hero Digenis Akritas, who had this habit when he was trying to clobber an enemy. What is certain is that the rock is wonderful in shape and colour. You first see a lumpy mass of limestone, dotted with hardy plants. Walk round to the western side and it rears up into an ice-white face, leaning into an overhang thirty feet high. Surf curls against the undercut base and drips from a black spur. Pale orange streaks accentuate the sheerness of the rockface like strakes on the hull of a boat. Blinding blue sky, white cliffs, blue sea, white foam: you could stare at it for hours, enchanted by this perfect embodiment of the very stuff of Greece.

Art & Craft Show



Burton-in-Kendal Art & Craft Exhibition will be held on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June in Burton Memorial Hall, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm on both days.

The Art and Craft Exhibition is open to anyone who would like to exhibit and/or sell their work. Whether you are a beginner, amateur, long-time artist, young or young at heart.

Entry forms are available from:

Mrs Gill Chaldecott, The Old School House, Main St
 Mrs Judith Ellis, Manor House, Main St
 Mrs Paula Firth, Morleigh, Boon Walks
 Mrs Kath Hayhurst, 2 Station Lane
 Mrs Mary Newell, 1 Bell House Barn, Dalton

Entry forms to be returned by June 1st

DAVID CRAIG



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Burton Ladies Rounders 2005 Season

Hello to all 'old' hands and new recruits - all welcome. We are a very informal group and enthusiasm is more important than ability. Home matches are on the school field (thank you Mrs Woodburn) and after the game both teams go to the pub for sandwiches, chips and drinks. Look out for practice sessions (hitting and catching basically!) which we will advertise in the Post Office window (thank you Tim) if sufficiently organised, or by word of mouth.

- Mon 9th May Ingleton Away
- Wed 18th May K. Lonsdale Home
- Wed 25th May Wray Home

Your enthusiasm is more important than ability! Please contact Jane 781425, Lesley 782218, Louise 782311 for more details and check the P.O. window for practice sessions.

Dalton Wine Club

Here we are in the 'merry month of May', and you may well be saying 'I bet it will be another flower wine this month'. Well, you are quite right. Dandelion in April and Clover in May. Another extremely versatile 'wild' crop and although we often refer to it as a flower, it is a herb and widely available throughout Britain. I remember walks with my grandfather in the Kentmere Valley when he would remark on the abundance of clover in a field as a sign of 'nature's generosity in providing mankind with wonderful provisions'. We would pick the clover and pull the 'petals' gently away from the head. The tips would be creamy and nibbling these tips was like liking the cream from rich milk, I taught my Grandchildren to do this, and I am pleased to say they enjoyed the taste also.

The American Indians were happy too, when clover appeared. They cooked it in many ways. Boiling it with dandelions and pigweed. And one tribe held feasts to welcome the arrival of this magical food plant. In Europe it is not considered a food for humans but as fodder for cattle and an enrichment for the soil. Corn sown in a field that was full of clover, is supposed to be the best yield. Hence the sayings...*To live in clover... Clover is the mother of corn...* I think my Grandad was right. The clover has magical qualities also. A four leaf clover gives the owner the ability to see fairies. Dreaming of clover foretells a happy marriage and a two leaf clover, if you put it in your right shoe, the first young man you meet will become your husband. If not then someone who bears the same name.

Now I'm sure that after all this, you will be ready for a drink. So 'Clover Wine' quite simple to make, just add a lemon, an orange, 1kg sugar, 1 pkt yeast to a 2 quarts of clover blossoms and 1 gallon of water. It is a refreshing drink that can be drunk almost immediately. So the long wait should not put you off. But I was disappointed that the wine is not red or rose. How many of you can remember back in the 1950's when the height of sophistication was to be seen sipping a rosé wine. Oh the joy of a Mateus Rosé. And then having the bottle made into a lamp stand. Oh the embarrassment of owning up to that. Those were the days when a trip to

the cinema in Kendal was considered sophisticated. Yes. True. No need to take a trip to Kendal for wine now. I am sure the local shop will have a good rosé to celebrate the merry month of May. And not necessarily of a Portugese vintage!!!!!!

P.S. In the secrecy of your kitchen, put the white wine in a carafe and add a few drops of cochineal to give the wine that 'fifties' look. Go on. I dare you!!!!!!

M.N.



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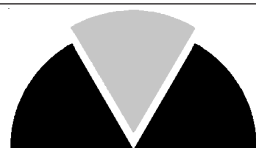
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Bowls

Burton Bowling Club

ARE YOU FREE ON THURSDAY AFTERNOONS?

Each Thursday from May 19 onwards the Bowls Club invites everyone from Burton and district to a social afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock. Tea, cakes, and biscuits will be served (50p). Everybody will be free to take the air and walk round the green, to sit and watch the swallows darting about or to play a few ends of bowls - whatever they feel inclined to do. It's a spacious and grassy atmosphere and friendly members will be glad to meet you.



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Malcolm Brownsord on 01524 781405

YOUTH CLUB NEWS

Burton Youth Club AGM

Burton Youth Club have had to bring forward their AGM. It will now be held on Wednesday May 11th at Burton Memorial Hall, starting 7.30 pm.

The current situation is that we do not have enough people on the Youth Club committee to run the club every week. If you are a parent (or a person who gets on well with teenagers!) and would like to see the Youth Club continue, please try and come along to the meeting, or if you would like more information, please contact Paulyne Hartley 781177 or Sarah Jones 781113.



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The Vicar Writes...

What our country really needs

In 1998 pastor Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate in prayer. Instead of the bland blessing that everyone expected, they got a passionate plea for the nation to be brought back to God's ways. Some of the legislators were so incensed they walked out as the pastor prayed. Here's his prayer:

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and seek your direction and guidance. We know your word says "Woe to those who call evil good", but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values.

We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of your word and called it pluralism. We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism. We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it a choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it political savvy. We have coveted our neighbour's possessions and called it ambition. We

have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honoured values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent here by the people of Kansas, and who have been ordained by you to govern this great state. Grant them the wisdom to rule and may their decisions direct us to the centre of your will. I ask this in the name of your Son, the living Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

This is a prayer that we ought to be praying for our own country at this time of General Election. What was true of American society in 1998 is true of Britain today. During the election campaign, we've been repeatedly told by the politicians that the key issues are a strong economy, lower taxation, better healthcare, improved education and reduced immigration. Well perhaps that's what the British people do want - but it's not what we need. What this country needs above all else is not material prosperity or a higher standard of living, but a repentance of sin, a renewal of Christian faith, a recovery of biblical values and a return to godly living. May God have mercy on the United Kingdom.

Paul

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6:30 pm Evening Prayer at Burton

Sunday 8th May

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9:30 am Family Service at Burton
11:00 am Family Service at Holme
6:30 pm Evening Prayer at Burton

Sunday 15th May

- 9:30 am Holy Communion at Burton
11:00 am Holy Communion at Holme
6:30 pm Barn service at Hilderstone Farm

Sunday 22nd May

- 9:30 am Boys' Brigade Family Parade Service
at Burton
11:00 am Morning Prayer at Holme
6:30 pm Holy Communion at Burton

Sunday 29th May

- 10:00 am Joint Family Service at Holme
6:30 pm Evening Prayer at Burton

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Comments on the goings on of the Parish Council

A JOLLEY GOOD ROASTING

Claims made by a Prospective County Council candidate on an electioneering pamphlet that he had saved the phone-box at Clawthorpe and, apparently single-handed, had won action to clear a blocked drain, came in for heavy criticism at the recent Parish Council Meeting. The claims were systematically pulled apart. If he ever gets past the first hurdle, the discomfited PCllr should have learnt one of the first lessons of politics: if you're going to boast, don't get found out. The phone-box at Clawthorpe is NOT going to be saved. A.O. felt a twinge of hurt. Doesn't he read her column, for goodness' sake? That's been reported twice in *BN* and in the *Westmorland Gazette*. But he's not the only one who has rather unfairly claimed credit for the clearing of a blocked drain, as readers of this column (if there still are any) may remember. It's not that you have to be subtle about boasting of your achievements - the offending PCllr could learn lessons from another local politician who never hesitates to blow his own trumpet. You've just got to ensure your inflated claims are a bit woolly so it's harder to discredit them. The offending PCllr will now be reported to the Standards Committee, and it's A.O.'s prediction he'll have a pretty hard time.

Police Report

Always interesting, but at the same time intriguing, as not much detail is given by the discreet WPC Casson. The police were called to the pub on report of a drunk.

But he left in a taxi before they got there. Not that drunk, then. They were also called to two assaults, one involving children. One person has been charged. They have issued warnings for four speeding offences through the village. They have been called to investigate complaints of mopeds being driven round the tennis-courts. They have spoken to parents parking thoughtlessly at the school (and have had to put up with some abusive language as a result). A stolen car being driven on the M6 ran out of petrol near the Tanpits Lane bridge, and a man, a woman and a dog escaped and tried to break into two cars in the village unsuccessfully. They then spent the night in a local caravan, but were caught and charged. Not the dog, presumably. More mayhem at Plain Quarry. An attempt was made to drag away one of the picnic benches. Other vandalism has also been reported there.

Appeal

If the above report excites your fancy, the Police are appealing for Community officers, and are hoping to recruit for these posts. There is an age limit which is 55.

Planning application turned down by PCLLrs

An application by the owner of Coppers' End to further extend his house came in for criticism, as it was considered 'un-neighbourly'. It was generally (but not unanimously) felt that further extension to the property would be overbearing on the houses to the rear.

Affordable Housing at Boon Town Play Area

Elsewhere in *BN* a report on the public meeting

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appears, but since PCllr Rogers gave his report to the PC, A.O. feels a few comments are in order here. A.O. attended the meeting, but no-one from SLDC the key movers in this project, bothered to turn up, so many questions had to go unanswered. The delegate who should have attended was apparently ill. It seems to A.O. that to fail to send a replacement indicates a certain contempt for the people of Burton, who took the trouble to spend what may well have been a wasted evening at the meeting.

Briefly, the gist was that all present recognised the need for affordable housing, but not at the expense of the one remaining publicly-held green field site. PCllr Rogers chaired the meeting, In his report back to the PC, he claimed, unfairly, that the majority of those present had been elderly. (He also claimed that the play equipment on the playing-field was 'rather tired'. This was heatedly and, to A.O.'s mind, rightly contested.) So Anne-Marie Willmott of Impact Housing, who have already built 3000 houses in Cumbria (and whose HQ turns out to be in Workington, not, as previously reported, in Norfolk, or NE England) dealt with all queries on her own. A.O. felt she didn't seem to be on top of her subject, or have enough authority to deal with questions. Her key reply was, "It depends." Well, at least she won't come up against the Standards Cttee for misinforming us. There seems to be utter confusion about how many houses are being planned, and where exactly they will be sited on the field.

The Parish Council were mildly moved by the strength of the opposition to the use of the site. They were

advised by Chairman Hopwood (now exonerated of any possible 'interest' in the project) that other sites should be investigated. Is this merely a formality?

Village signposts

Funding is available for restoring these, but too late for this year (It's complicated. Please don't ask). However the PC intends to go ahead with finding alternative funding, hopefully next year.

Post Office darkness

There appears to be a dark area on Main Street at this point. The PC decided to leave this matter till Autumn to determine how dark, exactly.

Village Design Statement

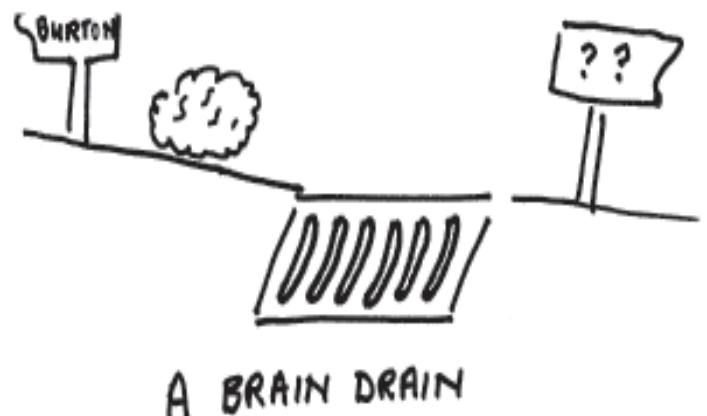
You produce a glossy, impressive village plan for the next five years. No doubt to impress glossy people. Anyway, your plan can be altered at any time, so, as a few PCllrs pointed out, what's the purpose? Objections were over-ridden.

Twinning

Not much enthusiasm, so the project's being dropped for the time being. Too small a village, said someone. Not so. There's a village quite nearby which has an excellent and successful twinning arrangement with a French village. It arose quite spontaneously, almost of its own accord.

As usual, this commentary has cherry-picked the PC meeting. Hope you didn't want to know about insurance, or the various courses being attended by your PCllrs, and so on. Goodnight,

A.S.



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The District Council has been particularly busy in the last weeks. Following SLDC's budget round we have found an extra £60,000 to expand South Lakeland's Kerb Side Collection Service - so with continued public support we should again exceed Whitehall's targets for recycling. Unfortunately, despite many requests, there are no immediate prospects of providing recycling for plastic, as (we are told) there is no market for the reclaimed materials. Also despite, in my case, years of argument no one seems to be able to persuade manufacturers to provide reusable containers (as with milk bottles) or less packaging. Easter Egg boxes were invariably twice the size of the actual egg.

At the end of March I attended, as SLDC's representative, the annual meeting of the *Cadet Forces Reserve Association* (formerly the *Territorial Army Reserve*). I was pleased to hear that the Cumbria contingent is almost up to strength although the TA involvement in Iraq is causing problems for employers. Sadly despite much local support our petition to keep *The King's Own Border Regiment* was not successful. An amalgamated regiment with an amalgamated title of (I think) *The King's Lancashire Border Regiment* will take its place.

New rules concerning declarations of interest are in my view impeding the democratic process. Despite, in my case over 20 years of close and continuing involvement in flooding problems around Burton and elsewhere I was unable to speak in the debate on Stock Beck flood alleviation scheme in Kendal because I belong to the authority which owns a school on the banks of the beck. Obviously following the reports of 'banana republic' tactics in Blackburn and Birmingham in last year's compulsory Postal Voting Elections we want our own Local Government to remain free of allegations of unfair behaviour. At one time you only had to declare interests if you or a family member or friend had an interest, e.g. I always declared an interest on planning matters affecting Tan Pits Lane because, until recently, I had relatives living there. Now it seems I have to declare an interest in housing generally because I am a member of South Lakeland which owns Council Houses and also because I am an unpaid director of South Lakes Housing Company which took over the management of SLDC's Council Houses last year. On this topic I am happy to report that as a result of the Company's obtaining a coveted Two Star Status that we can now go ahead with a planned £22m improvement scheme.

Following Government legislation SLDC's Licensing Committee has recently expanded to cover the former work of the Licensing Magistrates. At one time SLDC only granted entertainment licenses. So in the case of the Memorial Hall the committee had to get a Drinks License from the 'bench' and a dance and music extension from 'the council'. The new scheme means many more Licensing Meetings and lengthy training

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for members but should be more efficient - but time will tell.

Incidentally it occurs to me that next year will be the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the Memorial Hall. I can remember as a 13 year old 'Rock'n' Rolling' at one of the hall's first dances where we were joined by workers in dungarees and wellingtons who had come straight from the late shift at the Quarry. I wonder whether we will be having a 50's Evening to celebrate 1956-2006. As always on this and more serious matters PLEASE let me know.

Bob Singham

Burton Children's Sports Committee

**Annual Children's Sports Day
Monday 30th May**

Hollywood Revival – A Street Float Named Desire

This year's Children's Sports Day is to be held on Bank Holiday Monday, 30th May, and the theme for this year is Hollywood. The day begins with the float competition, procession and fancy dress competition.

The sports event will follow on the school field during the afternoon, with presentations and disco in the evening, this year an Oscar ceremony.

We have had a great response for floats but it is not too late to enter one for your street or organisation. Please contact Val on 781161. Remember, the winning float brings great prizes: a trophy to be held for the year and a table of honour at the Oscar ceremony where everybody involved in the float, young and old, will be treated like Hollywood stars, with free wine, beer and pop, and waiter service.

The timetable is as follows

11:30	Meet at Green Dragon Farm
11:45	Judging of floats
12:00	Procession through the village
12:30	Fancy Dress Judging on the school field
13:00	Children's races.

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In true Hollywood style, we will be organising a video of the day to record the memorable event. We will ensure a copy of the video is placed in safe keeping as a record of life in Burton-in-Kendal in 2005. Wouldn't it be great to think it is a tape of Burton that is played in 100 years as a record of life in the early 21st Century?

.....and finally the evening Oscar Ceremony in the Memorial Hall will begin at 7 pm. There will be presentations and family entertainment, as well as a bar. Tickets will go on sale from the end of April.

Please hand all trophies into the Post Office by 15th May. Thank you

Val Still



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

TOOT YOUR HORN - WE ARE VISITING IN INDIA

Towards the end of our visit, we were taken to open a fresh water bore well in a village about 45 minutes drive away. As we arrived on the outskirts, we noticed the occasional very old corroded well head. I assumed that these no longer worked but was told that they were salt water pumps. We were in a delta area, the villagers had water to wash in but not to drink. The major daily job for the women of the village was to walk miles with water holders and bring fresh water back home. On arrival we were offered drinks at a household which had recently converted from Hinduism to Christianity. This had happened because God had healed the daughter of her fits. Her parents and relatives were so grateful to God because the daughter's illness had made their lives very difficult. We then had to walk from their house to the bore well. On the way, we were asked to go into a house where a wife asked if we would pray for her husband. We saw the man lying on a wicker bed. His breathing sounded dreadfully laboured, he had a metal tube in his trachea. I was told that it was believed he also had cancer. He looked very pale and grey, I thought he probably had only a few days of life left. However, God can and does perform miracles, particularly as I have found, in India.. Therefore I prayed for the Holy Spirit to come upon him and heal him, said goodbye to his wife and we continued to the bore well. The bore well was about 5 minutes walk from house. The area was very poor. The beautifully-dressed women and children of the village came out of their open wooden framed houses with banana leaf rooves to greet us. The well was smartly

painted in grass green with a red bow attached. We ceremoniously cut the ribbon under the 'Welcome' banner and pumped the first sweet fresh water that hadn't been manually carried in. This village was mostly Hindu, many of the women were wearing the red spot on the centre of their forehead signifying they are Hindu devotees. However this was a Christian sponsored bore well so next to it had been built a simple Christian church, wooden framed, banana-leaved roof in keeping with the other housing. As it is totally open apart from the roof, when the villagers come to draw water, they hear the happy worship in the church and some will eventually be drawn in to meet Jesus, the living water.

After the opening ceremony, we went into the church for a celebration. We had just started when there was a slight distraction at the church door. With clean clothes and looking a good colour, in walked the man whom I had prayed for half an hour earlier. Although weak, his breathing seemed much better. He was given a chair and he stayed with us for the rest of the service. When I first saw him I am afraid my jaw dropped open. However, it seems that in India my hosts are quite used to God answering prayer in quite staggering ways. They know that when they pray, God answers and provides for their needs.

On the last night with the children, we gave them toys that we had brought with us, particularly communal games like draughts and chess. Connect 4 was an instant success with the young ones and the older ones, the young made pretty patterns with the yellow and red counters, the older ones devising ever more ways to get 4 of the same colours in a row to win the game. We also

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arranged for them to have sweets and small bananas which they devoured very quickly. We met 11 other children who would like to be sponsored and took a photograph of them. We gave our sponsored children a last hug and reluctantly left them.

The next morning at 4am we began our return journey on the road to Tenali station. It was so foggy that we wondered if we would make it for the 6am train. God was in charge as usual, and we got there with time to spare. We had plenty of time on the 7 hour train journey and the 8 hour flight to reflect on all that had happened. The things that I learned were many, but what I shall remember clearly is the love and generosity of our Christian Indian family, their dedication and commitment to God, the wonderful unspoiled trusting nature of the orphan children and their beautiful smiles, to never underestimate the detail that God goes to in supporting His children, and to take a pair of ear plugs with me on my next trip as an antidote to those tooting horns!

Liz Dew

Burton Recreation Trust

Burton Recreation Trust would like to thank all of you who came and supported the auction and fund raising at the recent *Allstars* concerts in the Memorial Hall. A huge thank you to the *Allstars* for two terrific evenings, and for allowing us to do our fund raising at their gigs. The figure raised was £1,573 - which would not have happened without the generous support from the following: Burton Tennis Club, Burton Bowling Club, Dave Williamson, Mike Earl, Ian Herd, Joyce and Les Bye, Jumpers, Sue Shields Health and Beauty Studio, Mossdale Service Station, Mitchell's Brewery, Victoria Beauty Salon, Dickson's Coal, Burton Butchers, Burton Post Office, Ian Walker, Chris Barrett, Water Garden Restaurant, Graham Pickup Electrics, Graham Curtin, Carus Green Golf Club, Sandpipers Fitness Club, Lancaster House Hotel, Waterhead Hotel.

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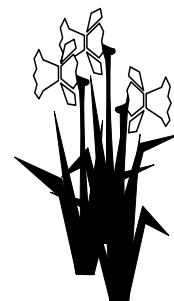
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The Annual Daffodil Show was held at The Kings Arms Hotel, Burton-in-Kendal on Easter Sunday. The Judges were Mr and Mrs Andy Gilfellon. After the Show the sum of £830 was raised from the auction of entries, competitions, and raffle. A further £50 donation from Les Bratby's Folk Music night made a grand total of £880 for Guides and Brownies

Please can we express our sincere thanks to all who entered exhibits, donated auction items, all those who came to the Show, and gave so generously in order to help raise such a magnificent sum of money. Thanks to our judges Andy and Jenny Gilfellon for giving up their time and skilfully judging the entries. Jenny has been a life long supporter of the Guides movement and it was great to have her judge this fund raising event. Our grateful thanks to Mike and Zoë Nelson for their support, generous donations, and the use of the Kings Arms. Thanks also to Paul Rogers, Graham Wilson, and their willing band of helpers for their assistance in portering items to the auction and to Dave Williamson for the printing of our publicity material.

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Burton *Allstars*

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From the opening bars of Tony Christie's recently revived *Amarillo* it was clear that we were in for a great evening of entertainment. It was also clear that all the band had been rehearsing well. Due to the work of the sound engineer Ian Rock we could hear every note and nuance of the performance - maybe the Bacardi helped but I didn't hear a bum note all night, and I didn't have that many - honest!

Hot rocking tracks mixed in with evocative ballads followed one after the other - from *Gypsy Woman* to *I Hear You Knocking* to *Blueberry Hill* to *Mustang Sally*. Every one doing full justice to the original and then adding in the special *Allstars* mix. Mo "Twinkle fingers" Witham did a *Shadows* spot of course, but not one of their more well known ones. In fact *Sleepwalk* was only ever released on their first album in 1961 plus a 1963 EP called *Shindig*, never as a single. Great stuff all the same!

When the second set started we all thought that George Isherwood had fallen asleep and forgotten to turn on the lights. It was, though, for Paul Rossi - who upstaged Tom Jones (no mean feat!) with a fantastic rendition of *Delilah* that brought the house down!! Think *Phantom of the Opera* mixed with Marcel Marceau and a sprinkling of Freddy Mercury and you won't be far off the mark. Sheer magic!

That wasn't the only high point by a long shot. All the girls proved that they could hold their own as solo singers. Jane Lancaster with *Love Letters* and *You're No Good*. Marion Weymouth with *Hymn de L'amour* and *Girl From Ipanema*. Wendy Barker with *Someday* and *One Way Or Another*. Barbara Rossi with *Jambalaya* and *You Belong To Me*. Kelly Witham of course in fine voice with *Manic Monday* and *Hot Stuff* completed the line-up.

Paul Rossi wasn't the only male to show that he has a great voice. Ray Guy, Dennis Wood, Mo Witham, Bill Whewell and Dave Williamson have all been heard singing before but on the opening bars of *All The Young Dudes* I was really taken by surprise by Gary Lancaster on keyboards. Being out of view from where I was he had me convinced that *Mott The Hoople's* lead singer Ian Hunter (no, not the one that used to be in *Allstars!*) was in fact singing backstage and was going to leap out and do a guest spot!

One curious item that was explained later - why was Dennis Wood seen shaking a banana at one point? Strange as it looked, Dave Williamson assured me that it was indeed a musical instrument. I bet a lot of folks will still be unconvinced and think it really was a banana that Dennis picked up by mistake or as a joke to see if anyone noticed. If so - gotcha Dennis!

There was a serious side to all this, and the two nights brought in a terrific £1573 for the Recreation Trust. Well done to everybody!

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Although he dreamed of being a sports journalist, he left school at sixteen and became an apprentice butcher, then a meat manager, for Safeway, working all over London. One day the boss called the workers into the restaurant and said, *'You're all redundant. We're re-structuring. You can take a severance package or re-apply...'* All meat was now to be boned out centrally and sent to branches ready packaged. The deal was too poor for a family man - by now Bryn had married Helen Norbury from Wharf Cottage, Tewitfield, who was working as a nanny in London, and they had their son Samuel. So Bryn re-trained as a deli worker: *'It wasn't enough of a manual job for me. Once you've cut your cheese and ham, you just hang around - it's boring.'* He re-trained again, as a baker; then when Safeway were planning a branch in Carnforth, he aimed to come up here.

Bryn and Helen wanted to get out of London. Helen's roots were here, and Bryn hankered after open

country. He had always been used to it because as a boy he lived on Wimbledon Common, where his mother was manager of the rangers. *'We had dogs, I loved walking, and you did get fit biking miles to see your nearest friends.'* As Carnforth Safeway hung fire in 1998, waiting for the contaminated site to be cleaned up, David Crayston advertised for a butcher and Bryn went for the job. The whole story is a parable



for our times. The big chains shuffle their work-force to and fro, the work becomes ever less hands-on and more boring. In the meantime a small place offers the chance of work where there is still variety and independence. *'I'd never boned out much. Here, it's now one job, now another. It's good fun, bringing in new lines, rotating the range.'*

When David said one Monday morning he was retiring, *'It was a bit of a bombshell. I'd absolutely never thought I'd have a shop. It was a huge decision. After a few days I thought, well maybe... I do like to be settled, and we didn't want to go anywhere else. It's a really nice place to work.'* Bryn speaks with strong and reasoned admiration about his trade as it is in this district. The furthest south their produce comes from is just north of Preston and the furthest east is near Hawes in Wensleydale. A small slaughterhouse on a farm there asked Bryn over to choose his Christmas beef. It must hang for at least two weeks, and since foot-and-mouth all meat is labelled with the farmer's name and the day of slaughter. How on earth do you choose the best meat,

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I wondered. By shape, Bryn says - the best carcass has 'a big arse and the right fat content.' Well, now we know.

He still finds it 'weird' being a boss, an owner - although the shop, with John Birtles and Gemma Wilson behind the counter and Helen doing the paperwork, doesn't sound as though it has much problem with a 'management structure' or the like. Bryn has time for serious canoeing and raised £1200 for prostate cancer research by paddling thirty miles on the canal from Bilsborough to Carnforth, and will do so again to raise money for breast screening. He has bought a new open-top canoe built to a new shape, which he has tested on Windermere, and you can even fish from it. *'The rack on the van isn't for carrying beef - it's for the canoe.'* In spite of all this energy and activity, Bryn sees himself as easygoing, and for all his fascination with racehorses, he's joking (I think) when he says, *'I might get into owning them one day - when I've made my millions.'*

D.C.

BN is publishing this at the request of Tony Jolley, Liberal Democrat candidate for the Lower Kentdale county council seat

An Apology from Tony Jolley

I hereby apologise for any inaccuracies in my recent *Focus* leaflet. These may or may not have been included by my editor or sub-editor. Anyone wishing to discuss this matter with my agent please call 01539 723403.

Tony Jolley, Burton.

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Affordable Housing Meeting - A Summary

Thursday 7th May saw some 40+ parishioners listening to a presentation by Anne-Marie Willmott of Impact Housing Association in the Memorial Hall. Despite the SLDC speaker not turning up, she tried her best to explain what was planned for the Boon Town playing field site. The recent housing needs survey had identified 12 households in Burton in need of affordable housing, but the initial proposal had been for 5 new dwellings, later revised up to 10, and then back down to 7 again. Of these 7, 5 would be for shared ownership and 2 for rent only. A new children's play area was to be incorporated behind the new houses, but no dimensions were available for this as yet.

The scheme is still in the preliminary stage, with no planning application yet submitted. The purpose of the meeting was to listen to residents' views and take those back for further consideration, before an application to the Housing Corporation for grant aid, and planning consent was sought.

The properties, if built, would firstly be offered to people in the parish, and then radiate outwards within Cumbria, although persons living in other areas, e.g. north Lancs, with family ties to Burton would also be considered.

An often-heated question-and-answer session followed the presentation, in which it became clear that there is a sizeable number of people who did not wish to lose, or downsize, the Boon Town play area, but the majority of speakers accepted that there is a need for affordable housing within the parish. The parish council and Impact Housing were urged to seek alternative sites within the parish and leave the Boon Town play area alone.

Concluding the meeting, Parish Cllr Paul Rogers said it was clear that the majority feeling of the meeting was against the proposal as it is. The PC would look at all the comments and that no hasty decisions would be made.

A.N.

HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE by Roger Bingham

BURTON AND VICTORY IN EUROPE-MAY 1945

"Westmorland Gay to Celebrate End of European Fighting" ran the headline in the Westmorland Gazette for VE Day. A lesser headline announced "Whitehall blamed for County Rates increase" - so what's new? Cllr Pattinson ranted about the 'loss of parental control now that schools seemed to be looking after their children for them with school dinners, milk and medical service. We'll be having to provide school tailors next'.

Unlike in 1918 when the First World War ended suddenly and with timely precision on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month the end of Second World War had been anticipated for months. German prisoners of War had long been interned at Bela River and in April captured German Generals were photographed carrying their own luggage on Oxenholme Station while on the way to a prison camp at Grizedale.

Meanwhile, in Burton, Mrs Roe won the Women's Institute Competition for the best 'knitted garment for Liberated Europe'.

Margery Atkinson of Crow Trees was congratulated for gaining five first class certificates in Shorthand and Typing at Lancaster College. Her sister May was also praised for passing her school certificate to enter Keswick College. At a Young Farmer's club dance in the National School, organised by Mr A. Cummings,

Mrs George Dobson 'displayed snaps of Egypt and the Sudan taken by her son 'on active service'. Also with, perhaps, cultivation diversification in mind, Mr H Smith showed slides of 'rubber tapping and rice growing'. At the Milnthorpe Victory Dance the 'Waltz Competition was won by Mr G. Scott and Mrs Bingham' - who kept that secret until her dying day last year! In Burton on VE Day 'the village was bedecked from end to end with bunting and flags, and presented a gay spectacle. There was a crowded dance provided by the Parish Council and an excellent buffet.' The next day 'the official service was performed by the Vicar, and was excellently attended'. 'Despite the inclemency of the Weather (again what's new?) a fine show was made by the procession from the Market Square led by members of the Services. During the festivities the historic market Square with its quaint old cross has been floodlit, showing up the bright display of bunting and flags'. With fighting against Japan still going on the War was not yet over. As a grim reminder of dangerous times six soldiers were drowned in Windermere while 'training' and a US aircraft landed on Crosthwaite Vicarage killing the pilot and destroying the roof. Fortunately, the Gazette added, the Vicar and his wife and the household staff were all out at the time.

Though vicars still lived in mansions and had servants times were hard. Food rationing not only continued

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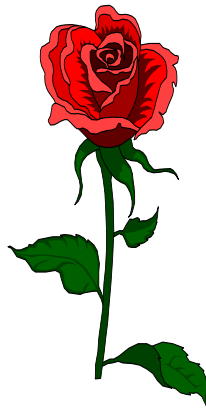
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for nine more years but actually became more stringent. As bread was about to be rationed for the first time, Burton WI was relieved to hear that the Ministry of Supply would 'allocate' extra sugar for the jamming season which began 'with the blackcurrants in June'. So, even if the 'national loaf' had the texture of sawdust they could, at least, have jam on it. Also in May 1945 the Ministry of Food decreed that 'housewives will have to have a seventh of their meat ration in corned beef' which had also gone up in price from 1s 4d per pound to 1s 8d per pound. As the ration was four shillings worth of 'meat or offal per adult per week' there was little scope for feasting though the Victory Celebrations gave 1945 a 'Merry Month of May'.

Rose Slinger

2005 ROSE QUEEN

The 2005 Rose Queen was chosen recently, and is Jennifer Roberts, her Attendants are Ellie Hampson and Molly Smith, and her Rosebuds are Charlotte Slinger and Lucy Burrell.



Burton Memorial Hall

At the Annual General Meeting of the Memorial Hall management committee, the current chairperson, Susan Williamson, expressed a desire to stand down and asked for someone to take on the role. Once again there were no volunteers forthcoming, so Susan has agreed to remain in post for one more year only. She has made it very clear that at the next AGM there will need to be a new chairperson appointed.

Arthur Metcalfe, the treasurer, has also indicated that he will serve for one more year and then retire, so the Hall committee are seeking volunteers who are willing to take over these important roles and help keep the Memorial Hall functioning. Ideally, Arthur would like someone to come aboard before the next AGM so that the hand over can be achieved with the minimum amount of disruption and allow the new treasurer time to get to grips with things under Arthur's guidance, rather than being dropped in at the deep end.

If anyone would like to know more about what is involved in either role, please give Arthur or Susan a call and have a chat. Arthur can be reached on 782355 and Susan on 781126.

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CUMBRIA WILDLIFE TRUST HUTTON ROOF CRAGS NATURE RESERVE 2004

Hopes of establishing cattle grazing on the Reserve were realised this year. Bill Grayson over wintered a small herd of Blue/Grey cattle and they settled in very quickly, working their way around both Lancelot Clark Storth and Burton Fell. However, during a dry spell in the early spring, they did make their mark on the only pond within the Reserve and an alternative source of water was provided for them in the form of a water bowser at the top of Slape Lane, inside the Reserve. Another trough will be provided for them in 2005 and they will both be re-sited away from the wall and public bridleway. The experiment was judged a success; the cattle trod paths, trampled bracken areas and grazed the limestone grassland more effectively than sheep – all to the benefit of the flora and fauna of the area. The cattle return in November for another 6-month stint this winter.

The Reserve hosted a guided walk on the afternoon of 4 June. Some members of the group who met up at the bridleway off Clawthorpe Lane had spent the morning on a Cumbria Wildlife Watch walk for children at the nearby National Trust Holme Park Fell Reserve. After brief introductions at the information point on Burton Fell near the top of Slape Lane the group set off to view the old dew pond and were delighted to see a good patch of adders tongue fern nearby.

Moving on to Lancelot Clark Storth, past a relic of ancient woodland known as Pickles Wood, some of the benefits of a coppicing cycle begun nearby by the Cumbria Wildlife Trust on the Storth ten years ago were soon realised - as the sun made an appearance a rare Northern Brown Argus butterfly was spotted. Walking upwards past the (now smelly) pond and onto the limestone pavement the group was able to photograph another rare butterfly – the Pearl Bordered Fritillary.

Walking back down Burton Fell the benefits of the hard work that Jeff Nichols has put in over the years, creating a mosaic of habitat by dragging thorn bushes through the dense bracken, became apparent. This process weakens its growth and encourages the speciality

limestone grasses and other flora and fauna to flourish. The bracken used to be gathered here by the Burton residents under their commoners' rights and carted down to the village via Slape Lane for use as house insulation or burnt in pits to produce potash. It is interesting to note that heather is also regenerating where Jeff has been bracken-bashing – there are pockets of acid soil on top of the limestone pavement to quite a depth.

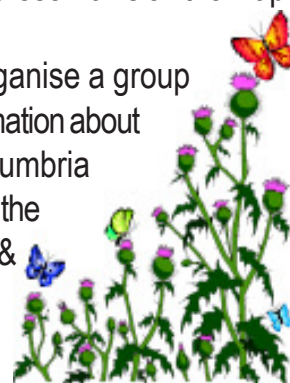
A brilliant afternoon was the verdict of the group who were impressed by the diversity of habitat they had experienced in the three hours on the reserve. The twitchers amongst them proudly announced that the number of different ferns they had noted went into double figures!

Two work parties were conducted during July, mainly to open up another area of limestone pavement on the Storth and to remove some large sycamore trees. This constant maintenance on the pavement is necessary to preserve the unique habitat created in the limestone grykes, the home of nationally rare ferns and orchids as well as the Biting Midge. At the same time the opportunity was taken to fence off the pond and skim off the cattle slurry to give the newts a breath of fresh air.

A good variety of butterflies were identified on the butterfly transect when the weather was suitable, but sightings of Green Hairstreaks and Common Blues were down. Fritillaries were active, but definite identification of the nationally rare High Brown Fritillary proved very difficult due to the fact they tend to fly high and fast over this Reserve.

For those who would like to visit the Reserve a short walk (white route – about 1 hour) and a longer walk (red route – about 2 hours) has been marked with posts. Access from Burton on foot is best via Slape Lane to the Information Board which shows these walks on the map.

For those who would like to organise a group guided tour (or for any other information about the Reserve) please contact Cumbria Wildlife Trust on 01539 816300 or the Honorary Managers Ann & Charles Dale on 01524 781145.



Diary and Events

See page 26 & back page for more events

Burton Children's Sports Committee

Diary Dates for 2005

Make a note of the following
"cannot miss" events for 2005!
We will update the diary as the year goes on

Annual Sports Day – 30 May
Onion Show – October (date TBA)
Christmas Parties – 11 December

Holme & District Flower Club

Preston Patrick Hall



Monday 9th May - 7.30 p.m.

"Secret pleasures of Amsterdam"

Talk & slides by Tony Cleaver

For further information tel. Cally Lawson 781764

New members and visitors always welcome

L M M E S

Cinderbarrow



Welcome to the miniature railway at
Cinderbarrow Picnic Area

Trains will be running on most Sundays
& Bank Holidays (weather permitting)
throughout the Summer
10.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

For more details ring Peter Ellis, 781057

Cancer Care Cafe

Last Friday of every month
at Slynedales, Slyne Rd, Lancaster
(just over Beaumont Bridge)

Open for Tea and Coffee
10.00 am - 12 noon

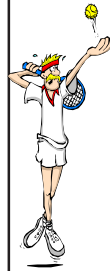
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Library Coffee Morning

Burton Memorial Hall



First Monday of every Month



Come and Join Us!

BURTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Friday evenings during term time

Burton Memorial Hall

6-7pm for beginners and most primary
7-8pm for secondary and improvers
7.30 – 9pm for adults
(competition and coaching available)

Come along and have a go!



Burton Art Group

Mondays 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Burton Memorial Hall

For more details tel. 782749

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Affordable Housing

What a meeting it was! Heated debate for and against from a large group of Burtonians, and this is just the first step of the process. No decisions have been made - this was merely a chance to discuss what had been proposed so far. One thing for sure, this will run for some time and your *BN* will be there every step of the way to keep you informed.

Summer is nearly here

As evidenced by the start of the Summer events programme with the Children's Sports Day. This year's theme of *Hollywood Revival* promises to give a good parade, let's hope the weather will be kind again.

Bowling Club's 100 Club

There are still plenty of places to be had in this, so if you fancy helping fund a local group and also be in with a chance of a little windfall give Frank Walton or Malcolm Brownsord a call today.

Allstars

There is a full report elsewhere in the magazine but it has to be said here that these folks just get better and better every year. Well done on the performances and well done in the fund raising too! Of course all the hard work of rehearsing and performing would be in vain if the audience couldn't hear properly so a big thanks has to go to Rock P.A. for the excellent job done with the poor Memorial Hall acoustics. We could hear every note, right down to the cow bell played by Dennis!

AN & BJM

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Diary and Events

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BURTON FELLWALKING SOCIETY

Sun 1st May 13:00 - Masongill
Leader: G Crayston, 782857

Wed 11th May 13:00 - Eaves Wood,
Silverdale * Optional tea after
Leader: G Caley, 782299

Sat 21st May 9:30 - Blencathra,
Bannerdale & Bowscale
Leader: C Horsford, 782493

Wed 25th May 18:30 - Farleton
Leader: M Earl, 781723

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

Visitors £1.00 Membership £4 from Jan 1st yearly

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REMINER . . .

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Diary and Events

This month's Events - See page 25/26 for more Meetings and Activities

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Charity No. 1074116

Coffee Morning

Saturday 7th May 10.30 am - 12.30 pm

at the Old Vicarage, Burton-in-Kendal
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Wednesday 18th May 7.30pm
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**BURTON AMATEUR
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Annual General Meeting

Wed 18th May at 7.30pm

Burton Memorial Hall



Burton W.I.

Thursday 12th May

at 7.30pm

Burton Memorial Hall

"Resolutions"

Followed by social time

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May Meetings

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Burton Memorial Hall

New members welcome

BURTON YOUTH CLUB

Annual General Meeting

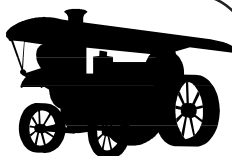


Wed 11th May at 7.30pm

Burton Memorial Hall



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