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# BURTON NEWS

THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

July 2006 Issue 150

## Burton Memorial Hall *Golden Jubilee* 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July

Yes, a week of events  
*(Dancing, Art Workshops  
Leather & Lace etc...)*  
and 'taster sessions'  
*(Motor Club, Keep Fit  
Indoor Bowling etc...)*

**See page 11 for a full list  
of the week's events**

Come along and help make  
the BMH's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday  
go with a swing !!

**We'd love to see you!**  
*The BMH Committee*



# Readers' LETTERS

Dear Editors,

## No Policing Worries?

Constable Tony Suart of our rural Policing Team with responsibility for Burton area, organised a Police Surgery on Thursday 22 June in the Memorial Hall, in order that the locals could air their concerns etc. He asked me to accompany him and give general advice about personal and home security, ID Theft and whatever people may be interested in or have concerns about. At approx 5.50 pm we were visited in the Hall by the Chair of the Parish Council and spent twenty mins or so in discussion. That was it! Not one single resident turned up.

I have in the past put on an exhibition with various security companies in the Hall, and I have also brought out a Crime Prevention vehicle/roadshow during the period when the JACKAL burglar was performing in the area. I was disappointed in the turnout then, and am even more so now. Do I presume that the residents in the area are more than happy with the way things are?

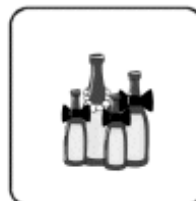
Terry Belshaw, Crime Prevention Officer,  
Cumbria Constabulary

*Editors' note: Are Burton residents happy with local crime & policing levels? Do residents want interaction with local police officers? Use Letters to let us know.*

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# Thanks!

The *Burton Allstars* would like to thank everyone who attended their last concert in April. We all had a fantastic time and enjoyed both nights equally. The money raised on the ticket sales was split between paying for rehearsals and hiring the Hall over the two nights, which took the lion's share, a donation to *Burton News*, and the purchasing of a vital piece of equipment for the band, which we have been in need of for some time - it's called a Kylie machine, and interested parties can go to Bill Whewell for an explanation! When purchasing this particular item over the internet, some rather dubious websites came up, over 18's only!

We would also like to thank everyone who helped set up the room, and clear up afterwards, and also Tony Jolley, George Isherwood, and of course sound man Ian Rock. We are thinking of changing the format for the next concert, so that we can play more music

for dancing, and cut a lot of the chat. There is always room for more members. Unfortunately we are in a constant battle with the awful acoustics in the Hall, and hope that something will be done about this problem in the near future.

Would everyone who ordered our CD, please arrange to collect them from Bill, as they have already been paid for by the band, and are just sitting there. Once again, many, many thanks to all those who supported us.

The *BURTON ALLSTARS*

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## Change of local news correspondent

The village correspondent for news items to be published in both the *Westmorland Gazette* and *Lancaster Guardian* is, for the summer months only, Kathryn Smith, contactable on 782198 or smith@pipersbarn.fsnet.co.uk.

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## Burton Amateur Dramatic Society

### Play Reading Evening

Wednesday 5 July 7.30 - 10.00 pm  
Club Room, Burton Memorial Hall

We are getting together to plan and read our next play. If you enjoy good company and would like to help in whatever way you can come along and "audition" us first.

Alison Murphy, 781007

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## Burton Bowling 100 Club

### June Winner

Patrick (Todd) Brook



There are still some numbers available - if interested, please contact:

Frank Walton on 01524 782991

Malcolm Brownsord on 01524 781405

## Lunesdale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

### The History of the Long Case Clock

The June illustrated talk, given by Dr. Colin Lattimore OBE, made time stand still, so entertaining and colourful was the lecture.

The Long Case Clock, never referred to as a 'grandfather clock' in its day, was termed thus from a music hall song in the mid nineteenth century, so passé had it become! Dr. Lattimore traced its history from the sundial, mentioned in Isaiah, and used by the ancient Egyptians, through the water clock (1700 years old) and the oil clock used in households in Britain until quite late, to the first mechanical steel and iron clock – an enormous great instrument – dating from 1384, now restored in Salisbury cathedral. These large devices were the province of the blacksmith and only great institutions could afford them. A rudimentary lantern clock developed from these massive instruments, but was only for the rich and really didn't keep very good time!

Galileo invented the first pendulum clock in 1641 and this reached England in 1672. By that time the clock makers had established a guild in London: amongst the founding members were Thomas Tompian (apprenticed to his father who was a blacksmith) and George Graham, amongst the greatest clock makers England has ever known. So great was their fame that the Dutch made cheap fakes and sold them off as Tompian clocks and watches. Lantern clocks could now be made to keep very good time but had

one serious drawback. The pendulum was very enticing to children and dogs, who would stop it or pull it down (still a hazard for some of us)!

Once the whole mechanism was ensconced in a wooden case, the pendulum was safe and the real long case clock was born. The casing was subject to the fashions of the period and when first evolved had a walnut veneer. When William and Mary came to the throne they brought with them Dutch influences and the clocks tended to have marquetry patterning which eventually gave way to flame mahogany veneering. Originally the clock went for 30 hours but eventually Tompian made one that went non stop for a whole year! Originally the face had a simple silvered dial with gilded spandrels in the corners, but eventually days of the month and even lunar dials were also added. The latter were important, especially for travellers who wished to remain safe from footpads and the like, and who wanted to choose bright moonlit nights on which to make their journey.

Altogether a very entertaining and instructive talk!

There will be no more illustrated talks now until Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. This lecture is entitled "On the Tiles – the Art and Technique of Decorative Tile-Making Through the Ages", and it will be given at Borwick Village Hall by Ms Anna Hallett BA MA. Lectures start promptly at 2.30 pm.

Fanny Leech, LADFAS

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## Affordable Homes

Notes from the June meeting of the Kent Estuary Neighbourhood Forum

Julie Sykes, Cumbria Rural Housing Trust, explained that the Trust is a small independent charity which has been in existence for twenty years, and undertakes housing surveys at a local level to identify need. She stressed the necessity of having evidence as proof of need prior to planning.

Julie produced statistics showing that the average rural household income is £28,000 annually whereas the average price of a house in the LA7 postcode area is £229,000 and in the LA8 postcode area, £375,000 – well outside the affordability index for most people.

Councillor Bingham asked what constitutes 'local' in a local occupancy clause? Julie confirmed that in the past this could mean anywhere in Cumbria, but the definition is now being restricted, and priority would be given, in the first instance, to people from that parish: people employed in that area or with a need to look after an elderly relative or having resided in the area for a specified length of time. If no-one matched this criteria, it would be opened up to wider parishes and the clause could, in fact, be removed after six months if the property had not sold.

Julie mentioned a scheme favoured by Witherslack which is setting up a community land trust to sell plots to self-builders already in the parish. Properties would only be sold on to another identified need. She

also mentioned that both South Lakeland District Council and the Lake District National Park Authority are aware of the need for affordable homes, and the LDNPA is now trying to restrict prices so that local people can afford to buy. The whole planning system is being reviewed under the Local Development Framework and the aim will be to have 100% local occupancy on new build and 50% affordable.

In response to a query, Councillors confirmed the County gives half of the revenue raised on council tax from second home owners back to the District Council for affordable housing and the other half is put towards road maintenance.

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## Burton Recreation Trust

### Annual General Meeting

The Burton Rec Trust AGM will take place on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. We are interested in new members to support this group due to a few retirements. Everyone welcome.

### Date for your diary

Advance warning for our Burton Road Race 10K and Fun Run, same format as usual, but on October 8<sup>th</sup> (couldn't have it the first Sunday in October due to the Great North Run grabbing our day!). Anyone interested in taking part in either race please watch for posters around the village or details in the next issues of *Burton News*.



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# OUTDOORS

In the thirteen years since I wrote the first of about 145 'Outdoors' pieces, not much has changed in the haunts and byways around Burton - or you could say that many things have moved or grown or died out, if you look closely enough. The best way out of the village, the 'Post Office' path uphill from the Square, is easier now that water no longer courses down it after heavy rain. In the old orchard at the top, where I once started a woodcock, children no longer build dens and the apple tree no longer bears fruit of any size. The ground is still white with snowdrops each February. The sloe trees at the northern exit have been wantonly cut down - no more harvests of blue-black fruit with a fine bloom on them. On past a hedge full of brambles where a landlord of the Royal, in the better days of the pub, used to gather fruit for home-made ice cream; then into the bottom of the sledging field, more rarely snowy enough to ride down than it used to be. The recumbent stone gate-post at the foot of the ancient hedge balk still rocks a little, as it did when we first came here twenty-nine years ago. At the upper, eastern end of the balk one of the monumental ash trees was burned down by unknown arsonists in the early 90s. Its neighbour at the boundary with the field beyond blew down in the hurricane of January 7 2005. Its fanged and shattered stub will be there for a good few years yet.

Move on north-west and Slape Lane is still itself, with the beautiful panorama at its entrance, a segment of the Cumbrian fells etched in black on grey aluminium, from Harter Fell in the north-north-east to Dow Crag in the north-west. Underfoot the lane is rugged in places, muddy in places, as you'd expect of a country way. If it was 'improved' by resurfacing and general titivation, it would be sadly neutralised - like the Plain Quarry up the Kirkby road, with its ruined sign, demolished donation box, burnt-out litter bin (now 'replaced' by bags of rubbish), half-dismembered picnic table, unnecessary stairways, and officious timber borders.

On the whole the recent changes are not like that. They just happen as the habits of people and animals gradually alter. At one time twenty or more swifts would have arrived by June. This year only a dozen race across the sky, shrilling and curvetting, and swallows are fewer too, I suppose because farms are less likely to have a pond from which they and the martins could dip out beaksful of mud for their nests. And most stone barns have been converted, their open doorway or window spaces filled in, like the north end of Royal Cottage on Main Street where swallows used to dart in and out of an old window from April to September. The rook population has crashed from about twenty to about two and now we rarely see the sight, so encouraging in the never-ending March chilliness, of rooks carrying two-foot twigs to their nests in the tall trees at the foot of Tanpits Lane or behind the Memorial Hall.

Our stretch of the canal has changed, for ill and good.

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The access from the road down to Hilderstone Moss was an earthy footway when we came here in 1977. You could walk up easily or climb more steeply through the copse on the left, which our yellow labrador Shep preferred. Now British Waterways have done it up, with steps and a fence and gravel underfoot. The risers of the new steps were promptly torn out by some wild lad with a digger and as promptly replaced. As another walker said to me last winter, 'What did they do that for? It used to be more country.' Such choices are delicate. In the Seventies you could hardly make your way along the towpath north to Braithwaite's Bridge, it was so wild with tangled growth. Now and 'forever' it allows good walking at all seasons. It would have been nice if they hadn't cut down the bed of rushes at the first bend. In the 1980s I persuaded a Sunday Times photographer to take a picture of a moorhen's nest there with its four light-brown eggs. Just beyond, the long narrow copse between the towpath and the fields used to be a favourite place for children to camp in summer and to swing out over the water on a stick tied to a rope. No sign of that for a long time now, just as youngsters no longer play in the old orchard. What are they doing instead? Playing football on the all-weather pitch, I suppose, and moving on at an early age to mountain bikes and bangers. We all use the woods and crags round Burton in our own ways and I hope it's not daft to forecast that our countryside will be an ideal, and only slowly changing, place to recreate ourselves in for many generations to come.

DAVID CRAIG



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
KENT ESTUARY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm  
Community Centre, Dallam School  
Milnthorpe**

The County Council is currently reviewing its policies for quarrying and waste developments. These will include modern new facilities for managing waste from both households and business.

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR KENT ESTUARY?**

WHAT do we need to do to manage waste in this area? HOW FAR should we be transporting waste? WHAT should the policies be for quarries in this area?

All this is being considered in the Minerals and Waste Development Framework. The draft discussion paper includes sites in Kent Estuary for consideration. This special meeting is your chance to find out how it affects you, and make your views known.

This is part of an ongoing public engagement that will continue until July 2007 but NOW, while issues and options are being considered, is a good time to get involved. The discussion paper will be available on the website\*, sent to all District and Parish Councils and other organisations, and copies will be available at the meeting. Everyone welcome!

[www.cumbria.gov.uk/planning-environment/policy/minerals\\_waste](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/planning-environment/policy/minerals_waste)



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# *An Opinion...*

Comments on the goings-on at the  
Parish Council

## **Councillors Welcome Back a Familiar Face**

The new Chairman, PCllr Rogers, sat at the head of the table, looking as if he'd always been there. Seven PCllrs in all were there, with the ex-Chairman, PCllr Hopwood sitting modestly among them, looking summery in a frilly floral dress.

### **Police Report**

This was given by a tall, convincing-looking PC, whose head just about scraped the door lintel. PC Suart was off-duty, and you wouldn't want to meet this replacement if you were leaving a jeweller's shop with a bag of swag - though he'd probably be very polite when he nicked you.

1. He delivered a thorough report of minor misdemeanours. It's impressive how observant members of the public report 'suspicious-looking vehicles'. Unfortunately two of those reported got away before the arrival of the police, so we'll never know whether they were miscreants or not.
2. Three youths reported on the roof of the Royal Hotel. (only the flat roof at the back, surely? Not THE roof??) No-one there on the arrival of the Police.
3. Burglary from an outbuilding. Power tools, value £3500 stolen.
4. Report of youngsters playing cricket with a hard ball on the school playing-field ("Didn't know playing cricket with a hard ball was an offence," commented one PCllr). Also damage caused to a plastic storage chest.
5. Cow escaped onto the road through a damaged field gate. Farmer contacted, cow returned, gate now in place.
6. Police Surgery

As previously noted in BN, this will be held in the Memorial Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 6-8pm. All welcome.

### **Chairman's Announcements**

1. The new signposts are now in place. PCllrs took

care with the siting of the one at 19 Trees, hoping that this time it's out of harm's way and won't be flattened. The new signposts are bright and cared-for looking, A.O. comments, but they are a sad comparison to the unkempt, disorderly appearance to the approach to the village from the south. It would be a brave Burtonian who sat on the seat there, and one with a pretty thick skin too. Are we really entitled to aspire to Quality Status for our Parish Council when the village they are there to care for looks so neglected? Nettles and brambles may well breed Red Admirals, but what are we looking for here? A flotilla of Monarch butterflies? There's said to be a place for everything, and nettles and thistles don't sit well in the middle of a village, however many wild insects they may encourage.

2. It was reported that the potholes in Station Lane have now been filled. A prompt and positive action, all agreed.

### **3. Housing Plans for Boon Town**

As reported last month, it was generally felt that the plans submitted by Impact Housing were unsatisfactory. It was now agreed, at the suggestion of the Chairman, that Impact should be asked to withdraw these plans and re-submit revised plans to the Planning Dept at SLDC. It was agreed that Anne-Marie Wilmot, of Impact Housing should be invited to a meeting of PCs to discuss suggestions put forward by them. It was unclear whether members of the public would be invited. In addition, a letter should be sent to the Planning Officer at SLDC outlining the PCs objections and suggesting that the houses could be "better positioned".

### **4. Road Signs**

The Chairman informed the meeting that a group of PCllrs had met the SLDC officer concerned to discuss the up-grading of local road signs. Discussion arose about the "slow" sign proposed for Clawthorpe. Signs will be renewed, altered or introduced in the near future.

### **5. Budgeting**

The Budget for the next year has to be planned. "I hate budgets", sighed one PCllr, who has A.O.'s sympathy. A cry went up, "Come back, Bill," as ex-PCllr Willink has the head for this sort of thing.



## Proposed New Footpaths

Oh dear! Is the Parish Council going to fizzle this? The Chairman now expresses his opposition to one of the most crucial suggestions, which included the safety and convenience of Clawthorpe residents. And the landlord who had been approached to give permission for the use of his land will only do so if the tenants involved are in agreement. The owner of another field hasn't been traced.

The path, we were told, would cost at least £10,000 (gasps of horror), and the stock fencing required would need upkeep over the years.

It was left to one PCllr (her of the frilly dress) to point out that the ownership of the field can almost certainly be traced, and that funding for the project is almost certainly available.

## Co-option of a new councillor

Everyone was pleased to hear that Janet Alderson has been selected by the PC to take her place again as a PCllr. Janet's had a tough time, and it's good to hear she feels able to resume her interest in village affairs.

## Other Matters

A.O. has put some of these in the wrong place in this report. Hopefully this doesn't make much difference. Unless you don't read as far as this, of course.

## Reports

A report from the Recreation Trust rep. surprised A.O. because it was the same as last month, though come to think of it this isn't so unusual as things change so slowly. Briefly, Punch Taverns have agreed to extend the lease on the Rec Field to 30 years; CCTV is now in place; membership of the tennis and bowls club is falling; and there's an Annual General Meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Waste Water

A PCllr reported that Burton and Holme sewage system is definitely going to be upgraded.

## Japanese Knotweed

Despite SLDC's assurances, this was not dealt with last year, and the invasive weed is spreading along Dickin (sic) Lane.

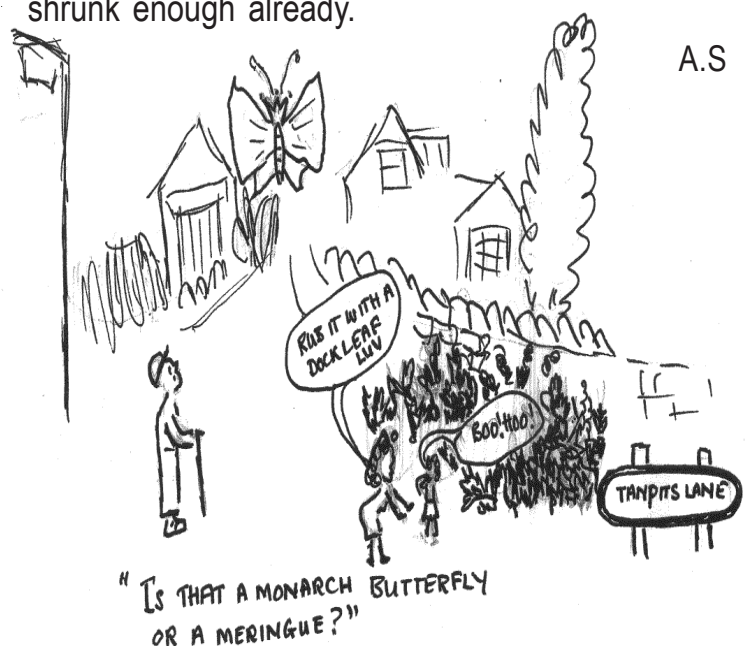
## The Information Centre

(i.e the bus stop at the Clawthorpe junction!) A PCllr asked if he could paint this at the PC's expense as it is, he said, in need of re-doing. Both of us on the "Press" table were surprised at the length of doubtful discussion this gave rise to. Shouldn't the offer have been accepted gladly? Here was a PCllr actually offering to DO something, apart from attending other meetings and making decisions about NOT doing things. What's more, he wasn't asking to be paid.

## Walks Around Burton

Originally initiated by local expert Kath Hayhurst, this has been a popular idea, and well-supported. Now, a PCllr reported to the meeting, leaflets have been produced, to be posted to every household in Burton (four to each household), outlining four of these walks. Money for this project is coming from the Quarry Sustainability Fund, and, A.O. hears, it's costing a lot. In fact, if this info is correct, *BN* could live happily on the cost for several years, to look on it rather personally.

Looking out of her window, the first time for nearly two hours, A.O. sees it's raining. Got to go. The kitchen curtains are hanging on the line, and they've shrunk enough already.



# Burton eartwatch

## Burton Community First Responders

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### Responders' Update

Following a very busy start to the year with 12 callouts up to April things have been quiet (which is good with residents not needing an ambulance).

I do apologise if any recent calls have been missed, but at going to press all the team are overdue for assessments which were due in June. These are planned for the end of June. As a note - we should not attend incidents if we are overdue our 6 month assessments and as we are now in the holiday season I doubt that all members will be available.

At the end of May the majority of the team were trained to the new European resuscitation guidelines (along with over 1,000 other first responders and ambulance personnel in Cumbria) thus causing havoc with team assessments. We also have added trouble with the fact we have lost our regular paramedic instructor.

As a note for interested residents who may be involved in first aid, have trained in basic life support, and not been instructed in the new guidelines, then there are now 30 compressions to 2 breaths - our defibrillator has been re-programmed to fall in line with this.

I would just like to mention some team news. Sadly our chairman Arthur Metcalfe will shortly be moving to Levens and probably be joining the Milnthorpe/Levens team. Many thanks for his valued help and to Bob Kirkman who has offered to take over the e-mailing. Belated congratulations to Lynda and Graham Wilson on the birth of Laura. Lynda is now back in action with the team if Laura allows! And, last but not least, a very warm welcome to Alan Wren who at last has been trained with the new Endmoor team. He will be joining us as soon as his CRB clearance is through, which unfortunately can take a while.

Finally, a reminder again to residents not to suffer chest pain, discomfort or breathing problems for more than 15 mins before dialing 999 as this is the only means of activating the first responders.

Susan Hargreaves  
781273

\* Any groups in the village who would like instruction in basic life support at one of their meetings - please get in touch as this can be arranged with a British Heart Foundation 'heartstart' trainer and myself.

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# BURTON MEMORIAL HALL GOLDEN JUBILEE 1956 - 2006

## Timetable for Memorial Hall 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Week

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July

The opening ceremony starts at 2pm. Mr Alfred Cummings will open the week of events. There will be strawberry tea refreshments available. The History Society will put together a display that will remain on the stage all week for people to see.

Mr Gornall will host an evening of dance from 7.30 – 10.00pm. This will be a social dance including a bit of line dancing, ballroom dancing, barn dances and disco if required. Entrance will cost £2.00.

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July

The Model Motor Club will be in the main hall from 10.00am to 2.00pm racing their cars. Villagers are welcome to pop in and watch them racing the cars. A spectator's area will be available.

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July

The Art Society will be holding a drawing workshop from 2.00 – 4.00pm.

The Brownies will run a taster session for girls between 5.30 – 7.00pm.

John Ludlam will welcome anyone to his Keep Fit session from 8.30 – 9.30pm.

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

The Editors of *Burton News* will set up a computer in the Club Room between 10.00am and 3.00pm so that people can have a go at setting out a page for the village magazine.

Ladies Badminton are holding a taster session in the main hall for people to come along for a game and coffee from 2.00 – 4.00pm.

The Tuesday Club will have an open session from 2.00 – 4.00pm in the Reception Room.

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

The Indoor Bowling Club will get out the bowling mats for people to have a game from 2.00 – 4.00pm.

The Guides will welcome anyone who wishes to join them between 5.30 – 7.00pm.

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July

The Women's Institute will welcome anyone to their meeting between 7.30 – 10.00pm

The Boys Brigade will be holding a taster session between 6.30 – 9.00pm

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

The Arts Society will welcome anyone to a Water Colour Workshop from 9.30 – 12.00 noon.

Table Tennis will have a taster session and competition from 7.30pm in the main hall.

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Our week of celebration will be rounded off with an evening of entertainment by Leather & Lace and friends from 7.30 pm – 11.30 pm. Tickets will be on sale from Susan Williamson on 01524 781126. Doors will open at 7.00pm. Please bring your own refreshments.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE 1956 - 2006**

# BURTON MEMORIAL HALL GOLDEN JUBILEE 1956 - 2006

This month Burton celebrates the Golden Jubilee, i.e. 50 years, since the Memorial Hall foundation stone was laid. The laying of the foundation stone took place on Saturday 21 July 1956. The ceremony was performed by the President of the Burton Memorial Hall Committee, James Caunt, esq., J.P.

Mr Caunt lived at Underfell - now Thornleigh Drive - Burton. He was the editor and owner of the Morecambe Visitor. Other officials present were Mr J.R. Brown (architect), Mr H. Leeming (vice-chairman) farmer at Dalton Old Hall, the Rev J.B. Phillips (vicar of Burton), Mr P. Cummings (chairman) butcher at Square House, and Mr D. Houghton (contractor) of Holme.

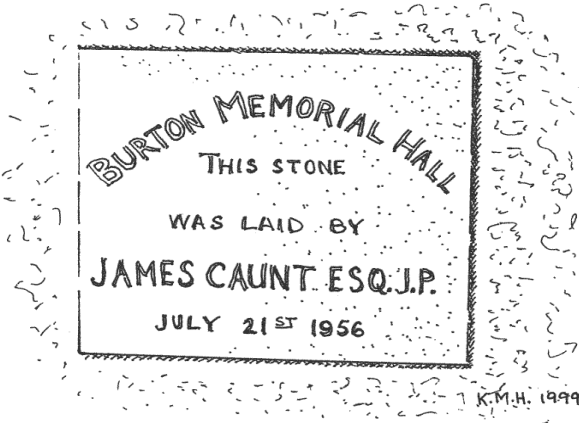
The Westmorland Gazette report said "BURTON PIONEERS ARE REWARDED - An Important Step in Memorial Hall Project". The newspaper said the event was long-awaited by many people... and a large crowd gathered to see the laying of the foundation stone, which was the culmination of long years of planning and hard work for the many supporters of the project.

In a short service of dedication the Rev J.B. Phillips, Vicar, expressed pleasure at being present on such a happy occasion; he said a hall like that - a

communal centre for recreation - represented the English way of life. The opening hymn was "All people that on earth do dwell".

Mr P. Cummings said no-one doubted the need for such a centre, the site of which was second to none in the county, with full parking facilities. The project, he said, started more than 16 years ago as a memorial to those killed during the war, and when

people with limited war-time transport facilities had to find their amusements in the village. He welcomed the pioneers who were present that day. It had taken 16 years to raise £2,500 and after less than 2 months building a bill for £1,000 had already been received.



A great deal of support was still needed and Mr Cummings thanked local farmers and their men for clearing and preparing the building site which had saved the Committee about £500. He also expressed thanks to the local Education Committee for their grant without which the scheme could not have proceeded, and the hard-working Memorial Hall Committee.

The Foundation Stone was then laid by Mr J Caunt, who acknowledged the honour and congratulated

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the officials on making a start although all the money had not yet been raised. That he thought was a good policy for there was something to see. Such a hall would be a great advantage to social life and in fostering the communal spirit of such a grand old village. Although people were grateful for the facilities given in the past by the old National School (now 2 houses) a new hall was now necessary. Mr Caunt regretted the absence of the Squire, Mr C.W.L. Penrhyn-Hornby who for over half a century had been associated with village activities. In declaring the stone "well and truly laid" Mr Caunt hoped the hall would bring happiness to all who entered its portals.

in the history of the old village and he was sure all would help in completing and maintaining the hall.

The ceremony concluded with the singing of "O God our help in ages past", Mrs Ainsworth was the accordianist. The sports and fancy dress then followed in Mr Graves field.

The Holme & District Local History Society are mounting an exhibition which will be on show during the week's events in Burton Memorial Hall. We hope to include photos of the ceremony and pictures taken in the 1950's. There will also be portraits of the men who served in both wars.

The vice-chairman of the committee, Mr H. Leeming in a vote of thanks to Mr Caunt said it was a milestone

K.M.H.

*Laying the foundation stone. Front (L-R) Mr W Winstanley, Mrs Jean Casson, Mr R Yates, Mr Lesley James, Rear (L-R) Mr Joe Brown, Mr Herbert Leeming, Mr James Caunt, Mr Peter Cummings, Mrs EH Wolton, Mr William Newsham (Photo courtesy of Kath Hayhurst "Burton-in-Kendal, Clawthorpe & Dalton: Photographic Memories" published by the Holme & District Local History Society)*



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# BURTON MEMORIAL HALL GOLDEN JUBILEE 1956 - 2006



The photos above and right show how the Memorial Hall has changed in appearance over the years. Above in 1957 - the year the Hall was completed. Below we see the Hall in 1987 - note the

extensions to each end, the altered doorway and windows. Extra rooms have been added, storage space created, and new users accommodated. All age groups from babies to pensioners use the Hall: for activities ranging from playgroup to doctor's surgery, sports to drama, bridge to music... a wide range of interests and activities take place in the Hall every week.

The Hall has evolved over the last half century as the demands made of it have changed and the uses to which it is put have altered. It is this willingness to adapt and expand that has helped to make the Hall the well-used building that it is today - one of the busiest and most successful in the county.

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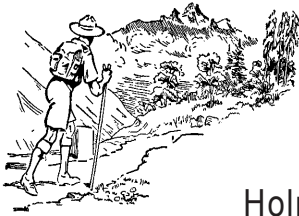
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# SUMMER WALKS IN THE PARISH



Holme Park Quarry Liaison committee have produced a series of four walks round the parish entitled 'Jubilee Walks' These were originally commissioned by the Parish Council in 2002 to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II. The series was funded by the *Aggregate Levy Sustainability Fund (ALSF)* administered by *The Countryside Agency*, by the *RMC Fund*, administered by *English Nature* and by *Aggregate Industries (UK) Ltd* – the owners of Holme Park Quarry.

Kath Hayhurst devised the walks, which take in nearly every footpath in the parish and she was assisted in the artwork by Burton-in-Kendal Art & Craft Society and by Burton Fellwalkers who checked all the walks. To launch the walks, we invite you to join us on the following dates when a member of one of the above groups will lead you on the chosen walk. The walks are on public footpaths, rights of way, permissive paths and, occasionally, roads. All walks start and finish in the Memorial Hall car park. Please wear suitable footwear and clothing and bring a drink, particularly if the weather is hot. Dogs on leads please.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2.00pm**  
**'FOUR NATURE RESERVES'**  
Approx. 5 miles. Duration 2½ – 3 hours. North of the village around Clawthorpe area and into the parish of Holme

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm**  
**'FROM STONE CIRCLE TO PEAT BOG'**  
Approx. 4 miles. Duration 2 – 2½ hours. East of the village taking in Dalton and Clawthorpe

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2.00pm**  
**'LOST VILLAGE AND PARKLAND'**  
Approx. 5 miles Duration 2½ – 3 hours. South of the village and into the parish of Priest Hutton

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 6.30pm**  
**'HANGING HILL TO MOSSLAND'**  
Approx. 4 miles. Duration 2 – 2½ hours. West of the village into the parishes of Yealand Redmayne and Beetham

We hope you will join us. If you need further info please contact: Kath Hayhurst 781613 or Jane Hopwood 781248

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## *The Vicar Writes...*

### **More than a Game**

With the World Cup in full swing, I thought it might be helpful to continue our comparison between the game of football and the game of life.

In the game of football there are prizes. It is every player's dream to win something – the Premiership, the F.A. Cup, the Champions' League. The World Cup, however, is the greatest prize of all. Imagine how good it must be to win it. This is what the likes of Beckham, Ronaldinho, Henry, Ballak and Totti are dreaming of as I write. They are devoting all their time, skills and energy to achieving this goal.

The Bible says that in the game of life there is a prize. But the prize the Bible speaks of is something we can neither earn nor buy. It's a prize which no amount of hard work or discipline will win us. The prize is a free gift! Here's how the Bible puts it:

"The penalty for sin is death," (that is being banned from God's presence forever) "but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

Eternal life with God in His perfect Kingdom is incomparably better than winning the World Cup. It comes to us free of charge and free of effort. It comes through trusting Jesus who, as our substitute, lived, died and rose again to bring us to God.

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In every game of football there is also a final whistle. The game must come to an end. So it is with the game of life. One day the final whistle will be blown on us. Our earthly life will end. It could happen very suddenly. A couple of years ago, the football world was shocked when Mark Vivien Foe of Manchester City fell down dead in the middle of the pitch as he was playing for his native Cameroon.

No-one gets out of this life alive. One out one dies. So we need more than football or anything else in this life has to offer. We need eternal life. Jesus is the one who gives this life. He said "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25,26). His resurrection from death guarantees this great promise. In order to be ready for the final whistle we need to trust Jesus.

Perhaps as you read this England are preparing for a World Cup semi-final and football fever has gripped the nation. I really hope so. But at the end of the day, it is just a game. Life, however, is much more than a game. It is literally a matter of life and death and how we respond to Jesus is even more important than this, for it determines where we spend eternity – with God in heaven or without him in hell.

*Paul*

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# July Services

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## July 2

09.30am	Holy Communion	Burton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Holme
06.30pm	Evening Church	Burton

## July 9

08.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Holme
09.30am	Family Service	Burton
11.00am	Family Service	Holme

No evening service (church barbecue)

## July 16

09.30am	Holy Communion	Burton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Holme
06.30pm	Evening Church	Burton

## July 19 (Wednesday)

10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Holme
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## July 23

09.30am	Morning Prayer	Burton
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Holme

## July 30

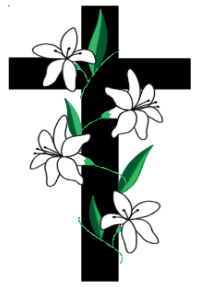
10.00am	Joint Family Service	Holme
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Please note that there will be no evening services throughout the school holidays and all morning services will be joint at alternate venues.

## From the registers:

Freda Margaret Armstrong  
June 1<sup>st</sup>

Irene Collinson  
June 9<sup>th</sup>



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## Budgets & Funding

The beginning of the Councils' year which always starts with the AGM's in mid May invariably spurs on policy development before members and officers get bogged down in the interminable budget process - which though it never sleeps - does not get going in earnest until the autumn. Hence on the County Council, as the responsible Cabinet Member, I am currently promoting a new Cultural Strategy for Cumbria. The Library Review is nearly complete and, happily, unlike most other authorities this will not lead to widespread closures or the reduction in our Mobile Library vans. Also we are trying to make arts grants 'project based' rather than just handing over money as 'core funding'. With the controversial banning of 'Carousel' by the Brewery Arts in mind I am considering whether some of the grant - which, after all, comes from taxes - should be pinpointed to the encouragement of amateur groups. Already the Theatre by the Lake in Keswick where I am a director helps Prism Arts (another of 'my' organisations), for projects for people with learning difficulties.

The County Cabinet is examining the government's 'Regional Spatial Strategy'. We have criticised that a disproportionate amount of funding is going to the

Metropolitan areas like Merseyside. On Transport I objected to the omission of the important bus routes from Kendal to Lancaster and the Lancaster to Carlisle rail service including the upgrading of Carnforth Station. We are very concerned about the report of CoRWM - the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management and about the Prime Minister's support for new Nuclear Power Stations. West Cumbria councillors support the Nuclear Industry as there are 15,000 jobs at Sellafield but I remain worried about possible health risks and the safe storage of waste. What do you think please? Economies are planned in the Fire and Rescue Service, which might mean more part time or 'retained' fire fighters being used at our full time Fire Station in Kendal. Locally it seems that the retained fire stations at Milnthorpe and Kirkby Lonsdale will stay and I want to keep the Arnside fire station as a high tide on the Sandside Road could prevent the Milnthorpe fire engine reaching Arnside.

## Domestic Violence

The County Council is obliged to work with crime reduction agencies and has recently reported on Domestic Violence, which accounts for 20% of all violent crime in the country. Even more alarmingly it is nearer 25% in Cumbria and the report states 'it is very probable that the true figure is higher, as evidence would suggest many incidents go unreported to the authorities'. The telephone contact line is 0845 330 0247 and please ask for the Child and Adult Protection Unit. South Lakeland is starting a new online consultation with the County and the National Park Authorities. It may be found at

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## Controversy

The June District Council's most contentious topics concerned the demolition of two footbridges over the railway line at Grange and the possibility of evening council meetings. We all want to make attendance easier for working people but are worried about councillors driving home at night in winter to outlying parts like Dent and Broughton. Moreover, Councils may clash with other meeting like Parish Councils and School Governors. I pointed out that the proposed evening Council for the 5 September would clash with Kent Estuary Neighbourhood Forum at Preston Patrick, which should be attended by six local District Councillors. At the June Forum we were happy to give grants to Burton Educational Trust and to the Art & Craft Exhibition.

## RE in Schools

Finally I've just returned from a meeting of SACRE - Standing Advisory Conference on Religious Education - where we discussed a report that only 17% of our Secondary Schools have a daily religious assembly. I regret this but what do you think? Also we discussed ways of meeting cultural requirements such as the all day fast at Ramadan for Muslims. 'Ethnic dress codes presented few problems except that I did not agree that Sikh youths should be allowed to wear their ritual 'sword' the kirpan while at school. So, with much else, it was an interesting month's work. Enjoy the summer.



## SLDC Recycling News



At the end of March we introduced extra plastic and cardboard banks and in the first few weeks the level of usage they have attracted has amazed both our contractors and ourselves. We'd like to say a very big thank you to everybody using the banks, and we know that many people in the district appreciate them. Can we remind everybody that the best way to recycle plastic and cardboard is by squashing or flattening it. Every time a bank is full it means a vehicle journey to empty the bank, and we would like to keep the number of journeys to a minimum. Squashing a plastic bottle can reduce the amount of space it takes in a bank by half. That means the bank takes longer to fill and reduces the number of vehicle journeys on the roads of South Lakeland.

We'd also like to say a big thank you to everybody who helped to recycle over 1,000 tonnes of paper, glass, cans and green waste on the kerbside scheme in May, the first time that milestone has been achieved.

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## OPEN GARDEN

The garden at Pear Tree Cottage, Dalton, will be opening under the auspices of the National Gardens Scheme on Sunday 16 July from 11 am to 5 pm. There will be plants for sale and also home-made teas available at Russell Farm, courtesy of Anne Taylor.

Across the country, the National Gardens Scheme has donated more than 15 million pounds to charity over the past 10 years. Last year we managed to raise over £1000 for charity (including Cancer Care and McMillan Nurses) from our own openings, and we hope that Burtonians and their friends will again come and support us this year. We look forward to seeing you.

Linda and Alec Greening



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## BURTON FELLWALKING SOCIETY



### July Walks

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**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 9.30**

A) White Combe/Black Combe, R Hesketh 781474

B Annaside, J & E Rigby 01539736548

**\*Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 18.30**

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## Editorial...



### Half a century later...

Yes our very own Burton Memorial Hall has been around for that long and served the residents of Burton very well over the years. There are celebrations going on this month to mark the BMH Golden Jubilee so take a look at the event list on page 11 and see what takes your fancy - or see them all if you wish! Just in case you haven't noticed, the cover of this month's *BN* is golden as our own tribute to BMH.

### Another milestone this month.

*Burton News* itself is marking something of an event too with the production of the 150<sup>th</sup> edition - that's heading on for 14 years of publication and it's all down to the support of you, the residents of Burton. So it's a very big 'Thank You' from the committee - we couldn't do it without you.

### A correction and apology

In last month's *Historical Footnote* the word 'genius' was used where the correct one was 'genus' - *BN* is sorry if the context of the article was changed by this oversight, and thank you to the eagle-eyed reader who picked up what we the editors missed over many proof reads! We do try hard not to let errors through but if anyone does spot things we have missed please let us know.

### Whatever has happened to the Summer?

Midsummer's Day and we are putting the heating back on plus having to wear coats! Are we getting worse weather now than ever, or do we look back on the past with the proverbial 'rose tinted spectacles'? Would anyone like to comment on what the Summer weather was really like 50 years ago? I seem to remember weeks of warm dry nights and never having to don woolly sweaters or coats in the Summers of my youth - do you?

### Copy Date

Events that are scheduled for the first week of the month should be announced the previous month if possible in case of any delay in *BN* getting to readers. We try to be on your doorstep for the 1<sup>st</sup> but it's not always possible.

AN & BJM



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

## BN on Tape!



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

Please contact Judith Ellis on 781057 for further details.

## Burton Pre-School

Burton Memorial Hall

Chairperson: Wendy Barker

Pre-School Manager: Ruth Rhodes



We take children from the age of 2 years including children who are entitled to the Education Grant (over 3 years)

### Opening times

	Under 3's	Over 3's
Mon	9.10-11.40am	9.10-11.40am & 11.40am-3pm
Tue	9.10-11.40am	9.10-11.40am
Wed	9.10-11.40am	9.10-11.40am
Thur	9.10-11.40am	9.10-11.40am
Fri	9.10-11.40am	9.10-11.40am & 11.40am-3pm

For more information please phone  
Ruth Rhodes - 07759 245984

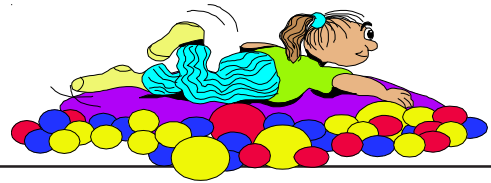
Fully qualified staff. Social Services registered.  
Members of the Pre-School Learning Alliance.  
OFSTED recommended.  
Registered charity 517138

# COMMUNITY INFO

## CHILDLINE

FREEPHONE 0800 1111

KIDSCAPE 020 7730 3300



## NSPCC Child Protection HELPLINE

0808 800 5000

## Community Transport South Lakeland

If you need transport to hospital, doctor, dentist, optician, etc., please contact Mrs. Lynn Herd 01524 781905.

If you could spare some time as a volunteer driver you would be most welcome.

Enquiries to above or 01539 735598.

### **SURGERY TIMES**

Dr JH Gorrigan

**Monday 8.30am - 10.30am @ BMH**

By appointment only. To make appointments please telephone 015395 63553

### **Child Health Clinic**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month  
10.00 -11.00 am

**No appointment necessary**

Health Visitor: Shirley Bennett 015395 64887

### **Useful Phone Numbers**

Burton News Editors	01524 781306
Burton Post Office	01524 781828
Burton Morewood School	01524 781627
Dallam School	015395 63224
QES, Kirkby Lonsdale	015242 71275
CrimeStoppers	0800 555 111
Police non-emergency	0845 33 00 247
Kendal Library	01539 732815
Kendal Hospital	01539 732288
Lancaster Hospital	01524 65944

### **Council Switchboards**

Cumbria County Council	01539 773000
SLDC	01539 733333

## **Civil Registration Services** **Births, Marriages, Deaths**

Registration of Births and Deaths is overseen by the Kendal Registrar's Office, based in County Hall, Kendal. Telephone 01539 773566 or send an e-mail to [kendal.registeroffice@cumbriacc.gov.uk](mailto:kendal.registeroffice@cumbriacc.gov.uk)

Registrations may also be undertaken at Milnthorpe and Kirkby Lonsdale Libraries by appointment only, contact the Kendal Office to arrange an appointment.

To arrange a marriage contact the Kendal Registrar.

## **BURTON-IN-KENDAL** **PARISH COUNCIL**

The **Parish Council** meets every month on the third Thursday in the month at 7.30 pm in the Burton Memorial Hall. Members of the public are always welcome to observe the proceedings. At each meeting there will be an opportunity for members of the public to voice their concerns, under agenda item **OPEN FORUM**. The Parish Council hopes that parishioners will take advantage of this. **Planning applications:** Parishioners are asked to ensure they notify the PC as well as the planning authority of any comments or objections they have about any planning application within the parish. **The Agenda of the next meeting and Minutes of the last meeting** are always available on the Parish Council notice board outside the Burton Memorial Hall or on the Parish Council website at <http://www.burton-in-kendal-pc.gov.uk>. On the website parishioners may also vote on the current **HOT TOPIC**, leave comments or suggestions on the **FEEDBACK** board, find contact details for the Clerk & Councillors, and access the archive of PC agendas, minutes & reports.

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

# What's On?

This month's Events - See pages 20 & 21 for more Meetings and Activities

## **Tuesday Club**

Social Club for over-55's

### **July Meetings**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> - 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Burton Memorial Hall

*New members welcome*



## **Burton Ladies Rounders**

### **July Fixtures**

Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Austwick	away (changed)
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Wray	away
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Wray	home

*All games start at 7.30pm unless stated otherwise*

## **Holme & District Flower Club**

### **"Self Contained"**

Demonstration by Janet Farrington

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - 7.30 p.m.

Preston Patrick Hall

*For further information tel. Cally Lawson 781764*

*New members and visitors always welcome*

## **Holme & District Local History Society**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00 pm

meet in the Square, Flookburgh

### **A Walk around Flookburgh**

**Janet Niepokojczycka**

*Members Only*

Kent Estuary Neighbourhood Forum

### **Special Open Meeting**

**Quarrying and Waste Development**

*(see page 7 for details)*

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

7.00 pm

The Community Centre  
Dallam School, Milnthorpe



**BMH = Burton Memorial Hall**

## **Burton Pre-School**

### **Burton Ball**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Burton Memorial Hall

Last few tables! Book now!

Contact Wendy Barker on 782280



## **HOLME SOCIAL CLUB**

Telephone (01524) 781936

### **Social Evening**

Darts/Dominoes/Pool Competition

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Enrol 8.00 p.m. Start 8.30 p.m.

Members £1.00 Non-members £3.00

*Come along and support your local club*

*Everyone Welcome*



## **Burton W.I.**

Meetings at 7.30pm in the  
Burton Memorial Hall

### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July African Journey**

Competition: An African Animal

Hostesses: Mrs M Hesketh & Mrs S Holt

*Guests and new members welcome*

*For further information tel. 781506*

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**LAST DATE FOR COPY FOR NEXT ISSUE**  
**20<sup>th</sup> July for August issue**

Next Meeting (open to all readers)  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm in BMH