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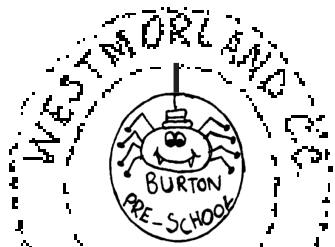
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Readers'
LETTERS

Dear Editors,

Re: Yates family info sought (BN May 2007)

In reply to the enquiry from Mr & Mrs Williams about their Yates ancestor, I have found the following information in the local history archives: 1894 Directory for Burton - William Valentine Yates, boys' preparatory school, Mansion House. (see p106 of *Burton-in-Kendal... Photographic Memories.*)

I also have a newspaper clipping dated 26/2/1971, recording the death of Mr R D Yates of Burton aged 91. This gives the information that Ralph D Yates previously of Morleigh, Burton, died at the Stonebower House in Silverdale, having moved there with his wife some 18 months earlier. Mr Yates was born in Windermere where his father William V Yates was a master at the grammar school there for 22 years. The family then moved to the Mansion House at Burton where William Yates ran a small private school.

Ralph later lived in Sussex, and after army service in the first world war he served as an air raid warden in the second. After the war he returned to Burton and remarried. He was a keen gardener, and was also secretary of the Burton Memorial Hall Committee prior to the building of the Hall itself. Mr Yates took an active part in various village groups and societies including the OAP Association and the Royal British Legion. His funeral service took place at St James' Church, Burton on 16 February 1971 followed by cremation at Lancaster and Morecambe Crematorium.

Kath Hayhurst
Burton Archivist, Holme & District LHS

Dear Editors,

Thank you

Now that I've started to write, I hardly know where to begin. Denise and I owe so much to so many people, friends and neighbours alike, that I find it difficult to express in just a few lines. If I had to make a list of all the villagers who came to our aid following my hospitalisation, it would take up half of these pages. You all know who you are, without your help and encouragement I don't know how I would have got through the past 6 weeks. Apart from the setback I suffered over Easter I'm now on the mend and hope to be playing rugby for England in the next few weeks or so (God knows they need it!)

Apart from all our friends, I have to say a very special thank you to my wife Denise who, although very ill herself, nursed me through the worst of my recovery at no small cost to her own health - thank you Sweetie.

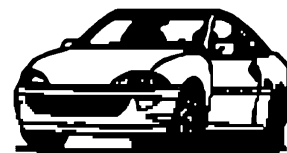
To our self-appointed chauffeur, who gave up his time to ferry Denise and I wherever we needed to go - I noted that he's a better driver of a car than a golf ball! - thanks; and to our paper boy who delivered my Telegraph each morning with a smile and a happy jape (even though he did cut my toe off) thanks!

In fact thank you all so very much.

Ken Ray



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Thanks!

Lynda Wilson

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, gifts and kind words that I received during and following my recent stay in hospital. They are all very much appreciated and are helping me to keep a positive and cheerful attitude on my road to recovery. Thanks again, Lynda x

Bryan Pearson

Hilda, June, Chris and Craig would like to thank relatives and friends for all their support, cards and flowers during their sad loss, and also their generous donations. Thanks also to the Rev Paul Baxendale and the Kings Arms. Special thanks to Malcolm and Claire for their personal touch.

REMINDER...

Feed the birds in Summer,
give them fresh water too



ANNUAL APPEAL

Following my letter in last month's copy of Burton News appealing for donations to help meet the annual costs of producing the paper, I would like to thank the 155 households (out of approximately 600 in the village) who at the time of writing (22 May) have generously donated £882. For those who have included their name and address with their contribution please forgive me if I do not write to you individually but everyone's contribution no matter how great or small is appreciated by all of us at Burton News.

We do know that the newsletter is much appreciated by many villagers and believe it significantly contributes to Burton being a living village with a real village community. The money donated so far will pay for the printing of just over two monthly editions (£360 per month). During the next month I hope that more of the approximately 450 households who receive a copy of the magazine and who have not yet made a donation will do so by putting a contribution in the collection box in the village shop thereby helping us to exceed the 226 who contributed to last year's appeal.

Even with this number it does mean that about half the households in the village have not felt able or willing to contribute to keeping the newsletter going and we would like to hear from you why this is so. Is there anything we can do to make Burton News more appealing and attractive to you? Please do let us know.

Roy Johnson
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OUTDOORS

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Here woodcutters can barely reach between the reefs of rocky pavement and the woodland is more or less what nature has nourished since the ice-sheet retreated: a scattering of trees, each one looking as though specially chosen for just that spot. A sycamore three feet high sprouts through a hole in a reef, as does a little holly. Yews are darkly green at all seasons, some perfectly shaped, some nibbled to skeletons by roe deer. Older sycamores remain squat, bonzai'd by the lack of groundwater. The whole place is an exquisite three-dimensional jigsaw of stone and branch and foliage.

Near the top, where aboriginal woodland meets planted beech, no trees or bushes or brambles even have been



able to find a footing in a glade with a stony floor. You could sit for a day here and not tire of the vistas - north-west over the Kent estuary to the Coniston and Langdale fells, west over the vale to Arnside Knott, south-west to the lowland where the Keer runs into the broad gleam of Morecambe Bay. Reefs of limestone a foot proud of the ground make stone-age settees for all the family. One day last year I spent a happy half-hour with my grandson Owen making a little work of land art. You can do this anywhere, with whatever materials are lying about. Somebody had curled up some dry grasses in a socket of the reef and put in it two pine cones and a twig. It looked like a nest for a bird or a mouse. I never change someone else's work if I come across it but this one had been tattered by wind, so Owen and I rearranged it by adding more grass and a few pebbles and making the twig stand upright. He wanted there to be a story in it, so it became a desert island, the twig was a lone tree, and the grasses were a hut.

Photo: Edward Ellis

That particular reef looks like a baby dragon, or perhaps a foetal crocodile lying on its side. Somehow it asks to be decorated. So one day last winter

I placed little stones along one edge of it, winding round its inlets, climbing in and out of its scoops, until seventy-four stones made a twisting spinal chain along the twelve feet of its length.

This was a style I'd developed with two more of the grandchildren, Sandy and Leon, on the limestone pavement among the trees on the downslope west of



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Storth. We made a longer spinal chain, out of bigger stones, and when it reached a gap between one section of reef and another, we balanced a long stone finger like a diving-board out across the gap to nearly meet a similar finger on the other side.

If you revisit one of these little stoneworks, they have always changed (or even disappeared). Roe deers' hooves have dislodged them, or grey squirrels or foxes, or the wind. And I fear that people sometimes trash them. They aren't meant to last - just to occupy an hour or so of simple craft, working with nature's materials, slightly rearranging or enhancing them, not imposing something alien on them. You can do anything - balance as many stones as possible in a tower, or surround the edge of a big boulder with smaller stones, which makes you concentrate on the shape and texture of the boulder and perhaps think about how every little piece disintegrated out of a greater mass over many years.

It all depends on what is there on the ground. Once on the coast of Kent near Pevensey I noticed a big slanting granite boulder among a number piled as a groyne to stabilise the beach. It had eight grooves in it, cross-sections no doubt of the holes drilled in it when it was quarried. I took dozens of rounded pebbles and stacked them up the grooves, as many as they would take, five or six in one, eight or nine in another, according to whether they would lodge or not. The thing looked like a stone-age abacus, or possibly an ancient way of notating music. I had to stop when the tide came so far in that it was splashing onto the boulder. So my work will have vanished long since. Only its materials will still be there, for someone else to use, or not.

DAVID CRAIG

BE PART OF A 'WHEELY GOOD COMMUNITY'

Do you feel confident using your bicycle for local journeys? No? Perhaps you're out of the habit, don't want to go out alone, don't know any good routes, aren't sure if your bike is roadworthy, or don't fancy yourself in lycra? A new community project based in Burton can help with this (although we can't promise to make you look good in lycra!) If you want to give your car a rest and your legs a gentle spin, let the "Wheely Good Communities" project help you get to where you want to go by bike. Thanks to funding from Lancaster City Council and Cycling England, between June 2007 and March 2008 there'll be FREE in-village support for cycling in the South Lakeland villages of Burton, Holme, Hutton Roof, Priest Hutton, Borwick, Yealand Redmayne and Yealand Conyers. Planned events include Dr Bike checkups: local surgeries where you can bring your bike for a health check, guided rides to get you started, and family cycling equipment loans. We're also looking for local people to help us give Dr Bike checkups, lead local rides, offer advice, be Bike Buddies or support the project in other ways. If you've some cycling skills and experience you'd be willing to share with others in the community, then please get in touch. We'll be running a series of guided rides in National Bike Week. Rides are over shortish distances, mostly on quiet backroads and will run at an easy pace. Whether you're a complete novice, a lapsed racer or a budding Olympian, you're welcome to join in and we hope you will. You can get the latest information about the project by calling Stuart & Kirstie on (01524) 782351, or by reading more on our website at www.wheelygoodcommunities.org, or email us at wheelygood@familyonabike.org.



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Roger Reports On....

Transport, Nuclear Issues & Schools

Firstly may I add my note of sympathy to the family whose home was burnt down on 1 May. For the record, the Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service informed me that the fire was reported at 1.16pm. Milnthorpe Retained Brigade arrived at 1.30pm closely followed by the Arnside team. Revealing good coordination with the Lancashire Fire Service the Carnforth and Morecambe Brigades (which supplied a turntable ladder) also attended. So intense was the fire that, unusually for a domestic incident, 'three monitor-full force-jets' were used. The main operations were completed by 3.27pm.

Secondly, congratulations to Morewood School on its excellent OFSTED report which sheds great credit on the pupils, teachers, support staff, governors, parents and all who champion 'our school'. Schools necessarily take up a lot of council time, especially the controversial reorganisation plans in Carlisle where some schools are being closed as a result of reduced numbers on the rolls. Fewer pupils mean staff cuts. Consequently, Cumbria's redundancy payments are £2m above the national average. So, to be fair to the council tax payer we have to try and reduce redundancy costs while at the same time being equitable to people having to leave the service.

South Lakeland Area Committee has again supported Kendal's Sandgate Hydrotherapy Pool (for people of all ages) with a £15,000 grant towards the pool's £25,000 annual budget. Cumbria has its share of 'challenging' youngsters - not all of whom (as we sometimes see!) live in deprived urban areas. The county is now spending nearly £2m pa on youth justice. Young people are more likely to get into trouble on the roads. In 2006 the Cumbria 16-20 age group formed upwards of 20% of all people killed or seriously injured, yet this age group is only 6% of the county's population. I was, therefore, happy to support a new CCRASH programme. The acronym stands for "Cumbria, Casualty, Reduction And Safer Highways". The CRASH team has already been to both QES and Dallam School, to advise sixth formers on safe driving. They have also visited six primary schools to promote "Cyclewise" which has replaced the old Cycling Proficiency programme. This is part of the *Safer Ways To School* project.

Burton will soon be included in a Community Travel Area, which will try (yet again) to coordinate different forms of transport - including walking! On 'walking' Cumbria has clarified its Rights of Way policy which, for instance, will compel landholders to remove obstructions like barbed wire, 'unlawful ploughing' and, where liable, to repair inadequate stiles. The policy also defines on which paths, bridleways etc it is unlawful to ride a horse or a bike. As there are 600 miles of public rights of way in Cumbria it might take some time for the officials to get round. I, and the Parish Council, do check our paths but if there are problems please let us know.

Meanwhile on SLDC I continue to press for travel tokens

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and not just bus passes. I have also asked that the mileage recorder be brought back to check on speeds on the A6070 from Clawthorpe to Deerslet, as no one believes the 'median speed' of only 31mph recorded when we last had the device.

There are no major road plans for Burton this year - although if there is slippage we might get windfall funds - as happened last year when, after years of agitating, we got Station Lane resurfaced. But our road signs are going to be cleaned and repaired. We'll see!

The major debating topic for most county councillors is one that superficially affects us least - nuclear power. Nearly all Cumbria's west coast councillors wish to retain the Sellafield-based nuclear industry either by supporting a new build scheme or the expansion of a low level nuclear waste disposal site, which serves the whole country. As about 15,000 people are employed directly in the industry it would be economically catastrophic if Cumbria went non-nuclear. Yet I and a minority of members are anxious about wider safety matters. Hence for the first time since I joined the county's administration I abstained on a cabinet recommendation to support a plan to examine the industry. As elsewhere I would prefer more plans to boost the west coast economy through tourism, IT and the new University of Cumbria. But what are the energy and economic alternatives? As in most other council matters the nuclear industry is not a black and white issue. Please, what do you think?

Meanwhile let us use the summer weather to check our footpaths. Best wishes

Roger

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A.Y.

An evening of wine & roses?

Do you fancy spending an evening strolling around a lovely garden, glass of wine in hand and the scent of roses in the air? If so, you're in for a treat. The garden at Pear Tree Cottage, Dalton will be open for charity under the National Gardens Scheme on the evening of Wednesday 27 June from 6-9pm. Admission of £4 (adults) includes a glass of wine. With luck, the weather will be kind to us and the roses will be in full bloom!

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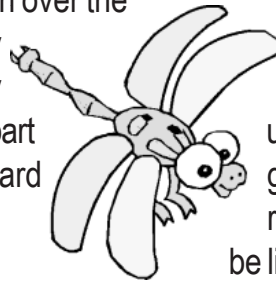
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Some Inconvenient Truths

I've heard on the greenvine that Al Gore has been in the UK recently, training businessmen and eco-enthusiasts to deliver his environmental lecture and slideshow *An Inconvenient Truth*. As the official Eco-Worrier of Burton I am wounded that Al hasn't selected me to be one of his disciples to spread the message about global warming. "Can you believe he asked Richard Branson and not me?" I grumble to Carbonlite as we swat fruit flies in the kitchen on an unseasonably hot day. "Richard Branson. What's he ever done for the environment except pollute it with his stupid planes?" "Well," says Carbonlite, ever the voice of reason, "he's promised to invest £1.6 billion over the next 10 years into lowering our dependency on fossil fuels." I glare at him momentarily before replying, "OK, fair enough. But what - apart from chucking £1.6 billion at it - has Richard Branson ever done for the environment?"



Carbonlite charges at the flies with a sweeping brush, pushing crowds of them out of the velux window. "He's joined the steering board of the Energy Future Coalition and has set up a good few of bio-fuel refineries in US." Unworried by Carbonlite's broom, the flies zoom straight out of one window and back in through the other. "OK, apart from promising £1.6 billion, being on an energy coalition, and building a heap of oil refineries, what has Richard Branson ever done for..." "Well he's related to the guy who founded the World Wildlife Fund," Carbonlite interrupts, "...and apparently he's planning to turn the British Virgin Islands into the first entirely renewable

energy powered Caribbean island." "All right, all right, Richard Branson is an international environmental hero, and I'm just a nobody," I say irritably. He grins at me and pushes gently on my arm with the brush. "Look, put it this way, if Richard Branson just gives that lecture once to his senior managers, that's thousands of people educated about global warming in one stroke. How many people are likely to turn up to your *Inconvenient Truth* lecture in the Memorial Hall on a wet Tuesday night?" "Every green convert counts," I sniff, before quickly formulating a new plan. "You know what? I'm going to write to Al Gore to see if I can get on the next round of his training courses."

I reach for my laptop as Carbonlite puts down his broom, defeated by the fruit flies. Clouds of them are now storming the living room. "Cheer up, even Al Gore would say it's not easy being green... unless you're Kermit the Frog," I reassure him, already wondering if Mr Gore will be listed in the Yellow Pages under Environmental Winners or Presidential Losers. Before very long I have a raft of addresses for Al, but where to send my request? To his publishers, his campaign officers, his film company, his home, his UK or US office? The White House? All activity has now stopped in the kitchen but there's a cacophony of banging outside. On the patio Carbonlite seems to be building a big wooden box with a lid. "This is where all the flies are coming from. The compost bin. I'm going to box 'em in," he tells me. Typical. While I'm faffing around trying to contact Al Gore, Carbonlite does something environmentally practical. I'm never going to get the hang of being green.

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Two days later, the sun is still shining and the fruit flies are in heaven. They've now got a beautiful wooden villa, with free buffet 24/7, plus if they get too hot, they can have a dip in the water butt, then retire into our house for a quick joust with Carbonlite and his broom. There are now thousands of them swarming into the kitchen, probably looking for directions to the compost holiday resort. Carbonlite is permanently installed on the kitchen worktop with a broom in one hand, a pan lid in the other, and a tea towel wrapped around his face: our very own domestic gladiator. "What have I done?" he cries. "They're so happy with their new home they've invited all their friends and relatives from the city to join them."

"Come on Russell Crowe, we need to empty the peelings into the compost bin," I tell him, grabbing the green mini bin from under his feet. What was once a quick chore of dropping potato peel into the bin is now a two-man job requiring nerves of steel as the flies wage war against the humans trying to invade their new sauna. I make a mental note to ask Al about compost heaps and fruit flies, and add his reply to my future lecture on *Inconvenient Truths*.

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Goodbye.... Hello....

It's Goodbye from us....

Thank you to all our customers from Burton and beyond, for the last five years. We have had a great time living and working in Burton but the time has come to move on careerwise. The biggest thank you must go to Jan, Barb, Veronica, Tracie, Milky Mike, and Trevor, without whom we would really have struggled.

Our best wishes go to Gill and Akis, to whom we wish the best for the future, thanks again.

Tim & Elaine

And it's Hello from us

We are Gill & Akis. A few years ago, Akis left behind the sunshine of Greece and came to live with me in Garstang. In order to pursue our dream of living in a village community and together running a Post Office & village store, last summer I retired from my career as a Physics teacher and we embarked on a search to find "the right" location. We travelled from the Northumberland coast, to the Peak District of Derbyshire, via Manchester to Chester and back up the Lake District. Thankfully, in December, we came across Burton-in-Kendal and your local village store. Our search was finally at an end.

We are indebted to Tim & Elaine for their time spent showing us the early morning routines, especially the newspapers. During this 'training' time we met some members of the community, and were heartened by the friendly greetings that we received. We are looking forward to working with Jan, Tracie, Veronica and Barbara and to getting to know many more of you.

Hopefully, you will call in and introduce yourselves; we will welcome your input as we develop your local store.

Once our bodies have learned to cope with the shock of the early start to the day, we are looking forward to being involved in the life of the village.



An Opinion...

Comments on the goings-on at the
Parish Council

"NO SURPRISES AT THE AGM"

Councillors were on their best behaviour at the Annual Parish Council Meeting, as could only be expected in the presence of the Standards Officer, Peter Smith. And in fact An Opinion had better get this commentary as accurate as possible, as our Standards Officer is a stern critic of her column.

Time slips by and here we are at yet another year's beginning for the council - and for A.O. herself. Hardly surprising the Chairman welcomed "the veteran members of the press", though of course her Westmorland Gazette colleague is a spring chicken in comparison to A.O. herself.

As usual we kicked off with the election of officers. Here they are: Chairman: PCllr Paul Rogers, Vice-Chairman: PCllr Francis Mason-Hornby.

The Reps who attend various meetings on behalf of the PC are:

School Governors - PCllr George Isherwood

Burton Memorial Hall - PCllr Alan Wren

Quarry Liaison Cttee - PCllrs Jane Hopwood & Alan Wren

Recreation Trust - PCllr Janet Alderson. PCllr Boddy has resigned from this Cttee, due to pressure of work.

Three PCllrs didn't turn up for the voting. PCllr Hopwood arrived later. PCllrs Brown and Lawson sent their apologies.

Police Report

A new PCSO (SO = Support Officer) introduced herself and was made welcome. She arrived having been dropped off by a colleague, as there's no car available for her at present. As it was 7pm and she wasn't being picked up till 9pm, she seemed to A.O. a bit like a leaf floating at the top of a waterfall. Taking a second's pity on her, A.O. leant over and whispered, "Call in at the pub." Everyone stopped talking at that moment and some PCllrs interpreted this suggestion as a slur on our excellent hostelry. Why does it always go wrong when you try to help! It had simply seemed to A.O. that this would be a warm friendly place to take refuge, as two hours seemed a very long time to eke out a tour of Burton's streets. PCSO Margaret Cahill (for that is her name) delivered her report. a) The police had assisted in clearing access for the fire engines that attended the fire on Morewood Drive, b) PC Suart had cautioned some drivers who had parked on the pavement, and spoken to some motorists about unsafe parking, including some parents collecting and delivering their children at Morewood School.

Other Matters

1. Map of the Area

The Chairman read out a letter from a Burton resident thanking the PC for the prompt and effective manner in which they had replaced the old map on the wall at the entrance to Hill House, in Main Street.

2. The Lengthsman

It was generally agreed that the lengthsman was doing a good job, and that the village was looking more spruce. And so is Plain Quarry, where he has repaired some vandalized picnic furniture.

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3. The Dead Oaks

On the same sort of subject, it was reported that some of the commemorative oaks planted on Tarn Lane to celebrate 40 years of the Queen's reign had died. Should they be replaced? It was agreed they have been planted too close to each other. The suggestion that the dead ones should simply be left, to encourage hedgehogs and the occasional rhinoceros, was, hopefully, nipped in the bud. Though they could possibly be left as a reminder of the less-happy years of our sovereign's reign, A.O. supposes.

4. Boon Town Low-Cost Housing

Latest development reported is that Impact Housing have begun to drill "boreholes and trial pits" in the playing-field, though the lease from SLDC doesn't expire till Sept. This has been queried by those who are striving to keep the field at least till the expiry of the lease. However, a letter from SLDC legal dept. claims the builders are within their rights. A PCllr has padlocked the larger gate into the field. As readers of *Roger Reports* in BN last month may recall, there isn't any longer much pretence that the building is intended for local needs - which was the pretext given for building on the field in the first instance. At what point does a Housing Trust become a speculative builder A.O. wonders. Is the difference merely in the capital letters of Housing Trust? It must be hard work maintaining non-profit status when you're operating more than 3000 houses, with the number ever-increasing.

5. Further Development

The Chairman reported he'd attended a SLDC meeting to discuss the Housing and Employment Study. A group of consultants have been authorised to visit villages in the area to consider future sites for low-cost building. This

despite the apparent fact that SLDC has already reached its full building quota for the time being. Burton Parish Clerk was instructed to write to SLDC querying a visit from an outside group who would have no inside local knowledge of the area, unless accompanied by reps from the parish council.

6. Bus Shelter at Green Cross?

Possible designs thought suitable for such a shelter were passed round. A.O. saw them. They were pretty awful, and they got the thumbs-down from PCllrs. Burtonians might have their own ideas about where to erect a village bus shelter ? (Not the Square, that's Listed.)

7. Parish Lighting

SLDC has informed the PC that 13 lights "belong" to Burton, and have to be paid for by the PC. They have requested "back payment" for last year's electricity too, because they didn't send in a bill last year. In total the bill amounts to £1036.

Reports

1. Flytipping

The worst perpetrator is known and may be prosecuted. More later.

2. Quarry Liaison

There have been two very large blasts. Complaints from nearby householders list damage to property including double-glazing and roofing. It wasn't clear to A.O. that PC reps have much say about this matter. The area blasted is closest to the housing and contains the best stone. When quarrying is completed in this part of the quarry the problem will go away, explained our rep. Not much comfort there, then.

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With the money from the Quarry Fund, audio-visual equipment is being purchased so that school-children and other groups can be shown how the quarry operates. But not, presumably, its effects on neighbouring property.

3. School Governors

This Pcllr made what looks like a really good suggestion. He wondered if money from the Quarry Fund could be put towards terracing the school playing-field so that there would be a greater extent of it for sport use. He pointed out that at present the drainage is unsatisfactory, with the lower part often boggy as water seeps down from the slope above.

A good positive note on which to finish. Except that I forgot to tell you that the year's accounts were unanimously agreed, with some intervention from the press which didn't make much difference anyway.

A.S.



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An Appreciation

Bryan Pearson - PEO to those who knew him well - was a gentle man, a tolerant man, and most of all a family man, a really nice chap who will be missed by all who knew him. He was born in Sheerness Cottages in Holme. He had three sisters and a brother; Ivy and Sheila survive him. He was educated in Holme and he travelled from there every day to his work at Middlebarrow Quarry in Silverdale. He was a quarry man through and through. He started as a trainee and worked his way up through operating heavy machinery, etc, until he became assistant to the manager, a position he held until he retired in 1995.

After National Service - which took him abroad for the first time, to Germany - he met and fell in love with Hilda, a Burton lass. After their marriage in 1958 they settled into their first and only home, Ovington House on Main Street. Their only child, June, had two sons, Chris and Craig, on whom PEO doted. As a young man he had developed a passion for football and in the 1940s and 1950s he played for Burton Thistle. He was a member of Holme Club and enjoyed snooker and pool, and for some years he played darts for the Royal in Burton. Crown green bowling became a serious interest when Burton Bowling Club re-formed in 1999. He did good work in helping maintain the green and its surrounds and he was a competent and respected player.

His great love was football and Manchester United was his team. One of my most cherished recollections is his endearing stutter, which was most pronounced when he

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was excited, and there certainly was excitement when he started arguing with his buddy and brother-in-law, Arthur Metcalfe, in the Royal about whether Man. United was better or worse than Arthur's Liverpool.

PEO had many friends, the closest of whom were Arthur, George Crowther, Roy Slack, and George Clark. The much-missed Peter Sandham was another. They shared an interest in country music and used to follow PEO's brother-in-law David Whitfield, a well-known country music player, around the area. Until he became ill two years ago, he loved to watch and support his two football-playing grandsons, Chris and Craig. When parents and families were sheltering in their cars on wild wet windy days, PEO could be seen on the touchline, shouting or more probably stuttering the lads on.

When he fell ill with leukaemia, it was a shock to us all. He fought this for over two years, lovingly supported by his wife and his daughter, and by friends who popped in for discussion and argument. He was a good egg in every way and he will be sorely missed.

M.B.

Burton Children's Sports Committee

NEW BLOOD WANTED!

Could you spare some time to help organise village events for children including Sports Day, Fireworks Display and Christmas Parties? Following this year's Sports Day, some of the members of Burton Children's Sports Committee will be standing down and we need some fresh faces and new ideas. Do you believe you could

contribute some of your time and join the committee? Do you have any ideas or views on how events can be improved?

Burton Children's Sports Committee is entirely run by volunteers who organise the above events and also the necessary fundraising to make the events a reality, including the Onion Show and annual bingo. Each year, the committee broadly breaks even, raising sufficient funds to keep the events going. Membership is both good fun and hard work and it is an opportunity to do something for the children of the village and for the village itself.

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1st Burton Company Boys' Brigade

26th ANNUAL DISPLAY & PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

A large gathering of parents, friends, and guests including the Boys' Brigade President of the North West District, and the chief guest Mr A Falconer from the Church of Scotland, (formerly Warden of the Compass Christian Centre, Glenshee where the boys, families and friends have enjoyed ski-ing weekends over the past 15 years) met in the BMH on Saturday 28 April. They enjoyed the display of activities, including sampling the results of the boys' baking competition. Over 26 members of the company in the junior and senior sections, aged 8-19 years were presented with their awards for the past year's work by Mr. Falconer.

This last year has been a hectic one, boys taking part in both national and local BB competitions including chess, indoor 5-a-side football. In the national 5-a-side indoor football, both our teams did well, with the under-14's reaching the quarter-finals in Manchester.

In table tennis the team has played in the national table tennis semi-final in Bedford on 28 April, winning 6-3, and went through to the final held in Dublin on Saturday 19 May where we had a great competition. The finalists representing England were 1st Burton-in-Kendal & 4th Sutton, those from Northern Ireland were 1st Ahorney & 1st Ballyclare, and from Scotland were 7th Falkirk & 1st Grangemouth. The 1st Burton team of Simon Gregory, Stephen Baxendale, Peter Baxendale, and Matthew Holden were the youngest team in the contest and they

finished 4th overall. The winners were 4th Sutton (London). Congratulations to the team and particular thanks to Mr C Jones for the coaching.

We entered a team and a trainer team for the national Boys' Brigade Cleveland Hike for the 4th time - a very challenging event over 34 miles of rough country involving two nights camping, carrying all food and equipment. The first team did extremely well as did the trainer team, and all boys finished, although somewhat tired. Particular thanks to our instructors Iain Fletcher and Derek Stevenson. We hope to enter in June this year with a challenge team and a trainer team.

Specialist classes have equipped the senior boys with additional skills and experience under the community section of the award scheme. Very recently, the boys completed fire prevention and home safety training provided by the firefighters from Milnthorpe Fire Station under the leadership of Kevin James. We are most grateful to them for the time we visited Milnthorpe Fire Station, and when he brought his team to us at the Memorial Hall.

Over 200 Awards, including credits and badges, were presented, and juniors received Target, Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

The Junior Gold Award which is the highest award available to juniors, was presented to Liam Irvine, Adam Robinson and James Burton, together with their promotion certificates to the Company section. The John o'Gaunt Shield awarded to the best new member of the Company section in his first year, for uniform and attendance, went to Stephen Baxendale who was promoted from juniors

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last year. The Casson Trophy for the best non-NCO for uniform and attendance went to Joseph Hacker

In the senior section, the Squad Medal for uniform and attendance in 2006/7 went to Squad 2, and the Captain's Shield for uniform and attendance over the past twelve months also went to Squad 2 with 19.06 marks. The runners up were Squad 1 18.82 and Squad 3 18.71.

Leadership: the following were promoted, Joseph Hacker to L/Cpl, Simon Gregory to Cpl, and Ross Stevenson to Sgt.

Special Awards

Duke of Edinburgh's Award: Joseph Hacker received the Bronze badge, and his DofE Silver award book. Peter Baxendale, Matthew Prior, and George Platt started their DofE award training, and were presented with their DofE Bronze award books. Ross Stevenson, Simon Gregory, are continuing their training for the Gold award.

Gold Award: Michael J Gregory & Stuart D Gregory, following the completion of all the requirements, recently attended an award presentation at St James' Palace, London. Callum Stevenson expects to receive his Gold award at Holyrood in Scotland.

President's Badge: Joseph Hacker completed all the requirements, including leadership training, and received his President's Badge, and will now train for his Queen's Badge over the next 18 months.

Queen's Badge: This is the highest award that a member can obtain, and was presented to Ross Stevenson, who will now receive his certificate from the Lord Lieutenant of

Merseyside on 20 May along with other Queen's Men of the North West District.

Following the death of Peter Gaskins, and shortly afterwards of his wife Carolyn, just under a year ago, a cup in their memory will be presented during the forthcoming camp holiday in Devon. It will be presented to the best tent team which gains the most points for a variety of competitions held during the week. We are particularly grateful for Peter's skill in outdoor pursuits experience over twenty-plus years, as well as training the fourteen DofE Gold award holders. Carolyn's help in the kitchen at camp, and on other BB occasions, was also invaluable, and we shall miss them being with us at Haytor this year. Their sons John and Tim (who were both members of the company, John currently being an officer) presented the cup in their parents' memory.

2006/7 has been a year of considerable achievement by all boys in the company, and we wish to thank their parents for their support. In particular, to the hard-working team of leaders/instructors who give their time and skills each week. Many others have helped us to make this a very significant year including St James PCC, the Burton Memorial Hall Committee for use of the Hall, the Burton News Editors, the Holebird Trust, Community Transport South Lakeland, and the Youth Service.

We look forward to our camp holiday at Haytor in Devon in August 2007. and a further narrowboat trip for boys and their parents down the Five-Rise Locks at Bingley.

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The under 11's age group was won by the Dream Team, while Dallam Tornadoes came out on top in the under 16's and Milnthorpe Allstars triumphed in the adult section. Sadly the Vicar's Veterans failed to live up to all the pre-match hype - there's always next



Above: Prizes for the winning team.

Bottom left: A good day was had by all.

year. All the games were played in a terrific spirit. It was great to see young and old mixing together in what proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Thanks must go to the following organisations and people: Burton School for the use of their facilities; SportsReach for the equipment; Burton Thistle for the paint and line marker; Dave Irvine for marking the pitches; John Ludlam, Trevor Wood and Kevin Gregory for refereeing; Moira Irvine and Jane Baxendale for the refreshments; Malcolm Robinson for recording all the results and, finally, everyone who entered teams, played and turned up to watch.

Thank you for making it such a fun afternoon.

Paul Baxendale (on behalf of St James Church)

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Boys' Brigade Display 2007



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Walk Wonders May 2007

Eight members of the Thursday Burton Independent Art Group forsook their pencils, paints and brushes and walked, on May 10, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Four of us were fitted with pedometers - not all I fear correctly or calibrated. We found we had done between 4 and 100 steps before we left the Memorial Hall car park! The weather that morning was foul, raining blowing hard and chilly: we set off undaunted down Neddy Hill to the canal towpath. The rain stopped but with the cold wind straight in our faces we headed south along the canal as far as the culvert at the motorway and then by lane eventually rejoining the A6070 south of Deerslet. The tearoom sign proved too tempting, and hot coffee, tea and scones revived us. With much hilarity we compared pedometers and the number of steps taken: anywhere between 734 and 8,768! We had all walked the same distance. We walked briskly back up the road to the Hall. £85 raised with plenty of fresh air, fun, rosy cheeks and lively chatter.

Judith Ellis



HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE by Roger Bingham

Where there's a will there's a relation

Apart from being the causes for long-standing family rows, wills and accompanying inventories provide excellent primary sources for social and family historians. My favourite local will (which I've footnoted previously) is the 1707 will of Thomas Camm of 'Cammsgill, Preston Patrick in the Parish of Burton' who, after bequeathing 'his bed deaths' instructed that 'my stock of bees, there or elsewhere be equally divided'. History does not explain how his executors identified, caught, distributed or valued the thousands of busy insects.

In contrast precise sums are recorded in the 1734 inventory of Matthew Bateman also of the Parish of Burton:

Purse and apparel £3:10:0, Beds and Bedding £2:5:0, Chists and Linon £1:7:6, a table, Chairs, fformes and Stools 0:12:6, Pots and Pans £2:4:6, Woods 0:10:0, Brafs and Pewthor 0:10:6, Gridle and Brandreth (cooking implements) and so forth 0:9:6, House Yarn and Linion cloth £2:1:0, Bedsteds and other odd things within ye House 0:12:6, four Cows £10:10:0, four Stears £8:10:0, a calf 0:10:0, a mare and foule £3:0:0, Boards and odd Woods 0:5:6, Plows and Plow Gear 0:5:6, a Harrow 0:3:0, Cart wheels and Cart Gear 0:10:0, a Harrow 0:3:0, Ropes and Sacks 0:5:6, Turfs (peat) 0:5:0, Grain and Straw £6:5:0, Hay £3:0:0, Dung £1:1:0, debts (?) due £6:14:7 Total £62:2:1.

From the next century the 1891 will of Anne Nutter of Croft House, Burton has more personal and detailed bequests. Mrs Nutter had no surviving children. An

inscription on the west window in the Parish Church commemorates her daughter: *Of such is the kingdom of Heaven. To the glory of God and in memory of Anna Jane Nutter died 23 January 1864 aged 24 years and Charles Henry Orme Nutter died 5 March 1868 aged 20 months.* Hence Mrs Nutter left her estate mainly to her nieces and nephews including the Borowskis who helped run an academy at Burton House. Mrs Nutter's will stated: *I give and bequeath to my niece Clara Eliza Borowski and to Ellen the wife of my nephew Leonard Henry Nutter all my wearing apparel to be divided between them in shares as nearly equal as may be.... and unto my God daughter Helen Louise Clothilde Borowski my gold watch*



and chain with seal attached with Anne engraved thereon... unto my nephew William Henry Nutter my two family seals, eight silver table spoons, six silver egg spoons, two fire screens, the painting of my late Grand Father Thomas Worthington.... to my niece Louise Nutter my mourning broach set with pearls.... to Ellen the wife of my nephew... my jet broach and ring set with pearls, twelve silver desert spoons, two silver salt spoons, one silver mustard spoon and all my silver tea spoons... to Jane Thompson, widow, my diamond ring and broach of brilliants also my broach with my brother's likeness and with hair arranged on opal, to Mary Jackson, widow, the photograph of myself and my late Husband and the late Mrs Eliza Nutter, a coloured engraving "a real convaneance" (sic) and unto my Cook Agnes McClellan the photograph of myself and my late husband, I give and bequeath all the residue of my jewels... to my niece



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A footnote on comparative values is that all the jewels, silver and property, bequests to servants and 'certain moneys, stocks and securities' in Mrs Nutter's estate were worth less than £2,000.

Old wills may also remind us to get our own affairs in order. Fortunately, like Mrs Nutter I do have a silver mustard spoon to leave to someone. But, unlike Thomas Camm, I don't have a dung heap to be valued. I wonder whether my compost bin might be included in the inventory of my goods instead. Moreover as I don't employ a cook I needn't leave any 'servant' a photograph to remember me by!

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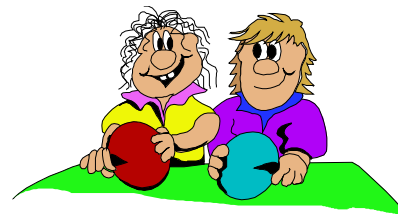
Table Tennis

The table tennis season has finally drawn a close and the Burton club has once again had an excellent season with the promise of more to come. Our first team narrowly missed out on the title, finishing runners up and the Burton Batters in Division 4 with Ryan Crayston and Stephen Baxendale literally ran away with the 4th Division title - a great achievement.

We now have 10 teams competing in the league and all teams did well, Burton C being the only blip as they were relegated from the top division. The juniors, however, continued to impress with Pete Hunt, Marcus Nicholson and Matthew Pickering doing well in the 4th Division and some promising youngsters in Division 5 enjoying their first experiences in the league: Joe Barker, Michael Sharples, James Burton and Matt Holden. Peter Baxendale, having been promoted into Division 2, had an excellent season and this was reflected in his performances in the national Boys' Brigade team. In the final played in Dublin, he went through the day dropping just 1 match!

The club is attracting outside interest and apart from the local talent we have regular players from Penrith and Keswick, and had a first this year with two newcomers from Carlisle. Our facilities at the Hall are excellent and recognised in the league and once again this year we hosted the final of the cup competition and the annual prize giving for the league.

We will start up again in early September but if you have any questions please contact either Chris Jones 781113 or Brian Rhodes, chairman on 781893. Have a great summer!



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The Vicar Writes...

Preparing for the final examination

As I write, young people in schools and universities are preparing to sit their final exams, getting ready for the day when their academic life of the past two or three years will be put to the test.

At this time of year I'm always reminded of another exam – the ultimate exam, when the whole of our lives will be put to the test. The Bible is very clear this day is coming and that Jesus will be the one who judges us. That's what his resurrection from the dead and his ascension into heaven tell us.

Because he loves us, God has delayed this day and warns us about it so that we can be prepared. He tells us the basis on which the judgment will be made. Speaking of the day Jesus returns as judge, the Bible says: "He will punish those who do not know God and who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus." (2 Thessalonians 1:8)

If you're to pass your exams, it's very helpful to have an idea beforehand of what questions will be asked. God has told us exactly what questions will be asked: "Did you know God? Did you obey the gospel of the Lord Jesus?"

We'll be asked if we know God personally as opposed to knowing only about Him and the only way we can do that is by responding in obedience to the fact that Jesus is Lord and that he has died for us. It's another way of saying, "Are you really a friend of mine or are you still a rebel

who's ignored me?"

I know from experience, that no-one passes an exam who misreads the questions or gives an answer not asked for. That's why a good life alone isn't enough. It would be strange if when Jesus said to me, "Paul, did you know God? Did you obey my Gospel?" I answered, "I've lived a good life. I've been a decent neighbour." He would, no doubt, reply, "That's all very interesting Paul, but that's not what I asked you. Let me put the question to you again: Did you know God? Did you obey the gospel?"

Being a Christian has never been just a matter of keeping the rules. Rule keeping alone is so cold. Teachers will tell you of many children who never break the rules, but make it clear that they aren't the teacher's friend and don't want to be. They keep the rules, but their attitude is one of rebellion and hostility.

Keeping a few rules isn't to be compared to the loving obedience which results from true commitment. This is what God demands. So the real question is not, "Did you live a good life?" but, "Did you know God by obeying the gospel?" There's a world of difference between the two.

The consequences of not knowing God and of not obeying the gospel of the Lord Jesus are very serious and frightening: "They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord." (2 Thessalonians 1:9) As I said earlier, God warns us about this because He loves us. He's provided us with a way to be rescued in Jesus. He calls us to repent of our sin, trust in Jesus and follow Him as Lord. By doing this we will be able to stand before Jesus on Judgment Day

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Paul

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Sunday 3 June

09.30am Holy Communion Burton

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06.30pm Evening Church Burton

Sunday 10 June

08.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Burton

09.30am Family Service Burton

11.00am Family Service Holme

06.30pm Evening Church Burton

Sunday 17 June

09.30am Holy Communion Burton

11.00am Holy Communion Holme

06.30pm Evening Church Burton

Sunday 24 June

09.30am Morning Prayer Burton

11.00am Morning Prayer Holme

06.30pm Evening Church (HC) Burton

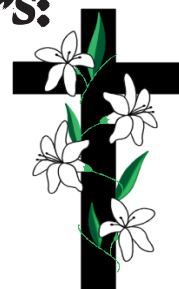
From the registers:

Funeral services

Kathleen Clarkson (69) 20 April

Brian Pearson (74) 30 April

Philip Bowker (82) 4 May



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Focus on...

Burton Clubs and Societies

Women's Institute

The world's first Women's Institute was formed on 19 February, 1897, at Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada, by Adelaide Hoodless, following the tragic loss of her youngest son from contaminated milk. Adelaide blamed herself and became a domestic crusader, devoting the rest of her life to promoting domestic hygiene in and around the home.

In Britain, the first Women's Institute (now generally called WI) was formed in 1915 at LlanfairPG in north Wales and was quickly followed by many others as rural people saw the need for domestic education and the pleasure of meeting together socially. During World War II the Ministry of Food put its scheme for the preservation of fruit and vegetables into the capable hands of the WI, supplying equipment where needed. WIs also helped in other ways, such as supplying eggs to local hospitals and visiting injured people far from home. Until 1942 the Institutes were supported by funds from the Carnegie Trust and the Ministry of Agriculture, but following the discontinuation of these grants, the levied contributions from WIs countrywide have kept the movement on a sound financial footing.

Cooking, gardening, flower arranging, jam, preserves and needlework have remained popular down the years, but interests have widened and members now discuss and take part in a wide variety of topics, though always

retaining its original aim of being non-political and non-sectarian.

The WI has its own adult education centre at Denman College in Oxfordshire, where members can enjoy residential courses catering for all interests in beautiful surroundings, meeting members from all over the country.

Through its Annual General Meetings at a national level, mainly held in the Albert Hall in London, members have discussed resolutions on a very wide range of topical matters, and if passed, these are acted upon by our National Headquarters. Subjects have included child abuse, drugs, equal opportunities, pensions, safety in the home, endometriosis, breast cancer screening, milk and farm gate prices (very relevant to our area), irradiation of food and many more. An early one resulted in the formation of the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign. This year we are discussing the threatened closure of community hospitals.

Burton WI was formed 75 years ago, on 22 February, 1932, at a meeting held in Burton National School, and we have marked this anniversary with a celebratory lunch. Miss Lees was elected first President and held that position for many years. The subscription at that time was 2/- per year! We are members of the Cumbria-Westmorland Federation of WIs and, over the years, we have taken part in so many events – choral and drama competitions, outings, lectures on a variety of subjects, holidays abroad, keep-fit classes, walks in different areas of our county, entering classes in the WI marquee at the Westmorland Show and Holker Garden Festival.



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At our own meetings we have a wide variety of speakers and welcome new members and visitors. We meet once a month at 7.30pm on the 2nd Thursday in the Memorial Hall. A warm welcome awaits you, so please do come and meet us. We can't promise to sing Jerusalem at every meeting and there are no plans for a Burton Ladies WI Calendar, but there is always a cup of tea and a stimulating evening. You can contact Mabel Tunstall, President on 781864, or Ann Williams, Secretary on 781506, or speak to any member.

We look forward to seeing you - and may we remind you that our annual Charity Coffee Morning this year is on 23 June at 10am in the Memorial Hall, when we could tell you more about us! We will be supporting the North West Air Ambulance. Do come!



If you would like to feature your own organisation or group in this series, please contact Pat Johnson, on 01524 781277 or via e-mail at royandpat@gotovisual.com.

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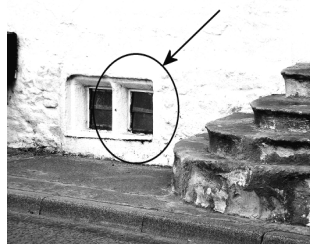
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Did anyone get this ?



You'd need to keep your eyes on the pavement for these windows by the steps of Hutton House

Now have a go at this one !

A bit more difficult, but the clues are there if you look closely.



Answer and a new one in next month's issue.
Drop us a line if you find this, first one gets a mention (and maybe their picture?) in BN.



Burton Pre-School

2nd ANNUAL BURTON BALL

On 7 July we shall be holding our 2nd Ball. As last year, the idea behind this is that we will have tables of 10-12 people, at £5 per head. You bring your own buffet and drink and we will provide the entertainment!

The dress will be smart (black tie optional) with a prize for the best decorated table (can be done earlier.) We will be having a disco, a Mr and Mrs Competition, Stand Up Bingo (with 90 numbers this year) and lots of spot prizes etc.

Anyone with a smaller party wishing to attend can sign up at the Pre-School and we will try our best to accommodate you with other friendly people. This will be open to all, so book early. Tel: Sandra Reid on 01524 781577 to reserve a table and tickets.