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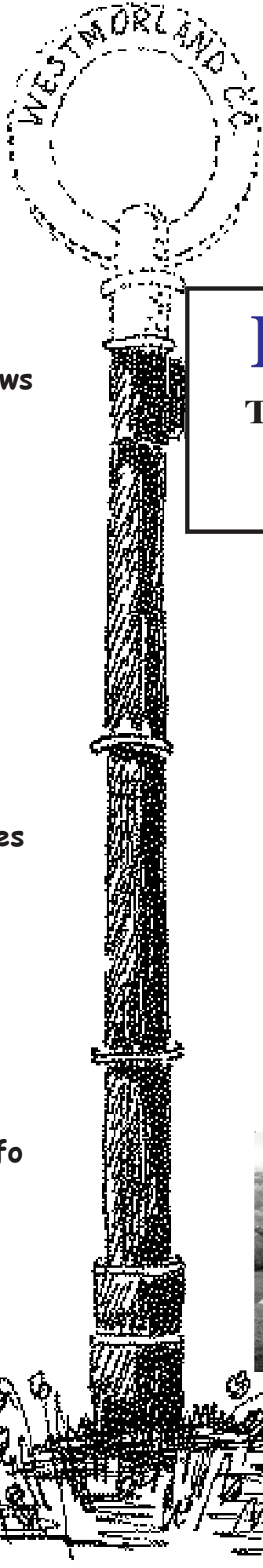
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This has to be the quietest *BN* for quite some time, nobody appears to be doing anything in Burton this August.

We look forward to your articles about the great holiday you had (Hint !)

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Where has everyone gone ?

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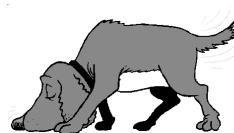
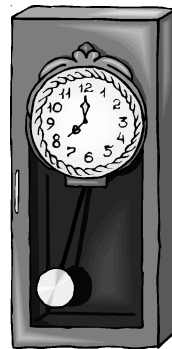
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Dear BN

### Open Garden Record Takings

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our recent open garden events. Despite dreadful weather immediately before and afterwards, we did get some sunshine for our 'Evening of Wine and Roses' on 27 June. Almost 100 people came and enjoyed the wine and the garden, and we raised around £430 for charities including Macmillan Cancer Support and Marie Curie Cancer Care. Against the odds and contrary to the weather forecast, we were again lucky on Sunday 15 July. The day dawned bright and sunny and the rain held off till the very end of the afternoon. We had a record 251 visitors and sold a huge number of plants. Altogether, we raised £1080 for charity, with about £450 more from teas at Russell Farm. An especially big thank you goes to Christina and Tony Connor for all their help in getting the garden ready and to everyone else who worked so hard on the day to make it such a success. Thanks, too, to Mike Taylor for providing parking and to Anne Taylor and her little band of helpers for once again providing delicious teas and refreshments. We suspect that people come as much for her lunches and teas as for the garden.

For anyone who missed these events, or would like to see the garden at a different season, we have our final Open Garden Day of the season on Sunday 9 September from 11-4. For those of you who get Border TV, the garden is due to appear in an afternoon programme towards the end of August (date not yet available). Once again, thanks to all those involved.

Linda and Alec Greening  
Pear Tree Cottage, Dalton

Dear BN,

### How Far Does Your Go?

My boyfriend is currently in Mongolia and I sent him the last two copies of the BN because he misses idyllic Cumbria village life! Did you realise the BN had made it to Ulanbaatar?! Keep up the hard work!

Kate Whitehouse, Burton

Dear Editors,

### Thank You

A very big thank you to the residents of Mowbray Drive, Dalton Lane & Thornleigh Drive who, between them, donated a very generous £85 to the recent collection on behalf of the British Heart Foundation. Well done.

John Box, Burton

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# Thanks!

After another successful clay pigeon shoot and bbq hosted by Mike and Anne Taylor at Russell Farm, Dalton, £700 was donated by Curwen Woods Shoot to Burton Pre-School. Thanks to Phil for organising the clay shoot, Malmo & Faucetts of Lancaster for donating the prizes, and to everyone else for their help and support.

Jeff & Sandra Nicholls

## Rowbottom

Pauline, Michael, Alan, Rachel and families would like to say a heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent cards, flowers and messages of support following the sudden loss of Barry, a much-loved husband, father, father-in-law, and grandad.

A very special thank you to Cressy and Christopher Mason-Hornby and the Mason-Hornby family for their help, love and support during this sad and difficult time.

## Alderson, Whewell

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## KEN DRINKWATER

Marilyn, John & Mandy and family would like to thank everyone in the village who sent cards, letters and donations to Macmillan Nurses, during their recent sad bereavement. They were all greatly appreciated, especially as it was only 5 months since the death of Iris. They were a devoted couple and are now reunited again.

Thank you.

## Birth - Lancaster-Worral

Proud grandma Sally wishes to thank Emma and David for the safe arrival of her first grandchild, Jacob Alan, on 21 June 2007, weighing 5lbs.

Love also from John, Maddie & Simon, Caroline & Amit, and Great-Grandma.



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# OUTDOORS

My best moment out of doors last month was sitting at a weather-beaten table near the end of Ardvassar pier in Sleat, on the Isle of Skye, and waiting for the first ferry of the morning. Behind me 'the Garden of Skye' spread out its broad-leaved trees - the leafiest tract in either the Inner or the Outer Hebrides. Half a mile up the shore, a brand-new sea-wall made of massive white and grey boulders showed where the hurricane of 7 January 2005 washed the road away. It also killed a fleeing couple and their children on the west coast of South Uist (and blew down our greenhouse). Now it is calm and every shade of blue. The sea is the blue of a baby's eyes, and shirred by the merest breeze. A gannet cruises across. Two black shags fly more hurriedly (but no faster). Manx shearwaters scoot along just above the wavelets on whirring wings. The sky between shoals of white cloud is the blue of an old mussel shell bleached and worn by years in the sea. The mountains - ah, the mountains - there they are, on the far side of the sound, with names like Ladhar Bheinn and Luine Bheinn, Beinn na Caillich and Sgurr Coire Choinneachan, none of them lower than 800 metres. Their lower slopes are the blue of blaeberrries with a bloom on them. Their summits are swathed in fleeces of cloud after yesterday's rain.

I've spent my life looking for the next mountain, and the next. When they heave into sight above the lower farmlands, my head turns upward and I'm looking, looking for the summits, or ways up them, or a pass between them. If they weren't there I'd feel bereft, without companions. The earth would seem sunken, uneventful, boring. They mark the next stage of the journey, the next place to get to. They're saying to me, This isn't all there is, there are places beyond.

Of course they're saying no such thing. They're saying nothing. They are the great obdurate remains of the most ancient phases of the world. The desert states of North America once rose to an upland 17,000 metres above sea level, called by geologists the

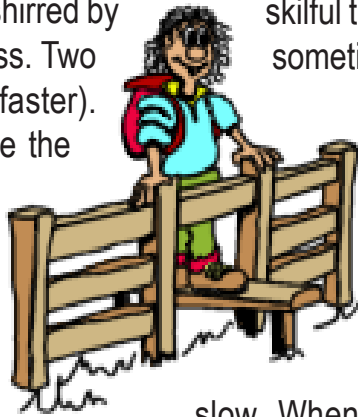
Uncompahgre Uplift. Unimaginable ages of electric storms and floods eventually wore it down to the rolling sandstone mountains of New Mexico and Arizona. The fells of Cumbria were once a great dome of sandstone layered onto limestone with a foundation of mudstone that had been spewed from volcanoes. The elements scoured away the upper layers to leave the craggy stubs that today we call Sca Fell and Saddleback, Helvellyn and the Langdale Pikes. No wonder mountains have that air of everlasting calm.

For more than forty years I've frequented these fells, which I like to call the Highlands of England. I watched my children grow up on their slopes and rock-faces, until two of my sons were far braver and more skilful than I am at spidering up cliffs at angles sometimes even beyond the vertical. Now I

find myself looking north-north-west, from the garden or the canal towpath, to the Coniston and Langdale ranges and thinking, I may not be up there again. What with a heart condition, beta-blockers, and other problems, going steeply uphill is just too painfully

slow. When I shinned up a short, steep face in Trowbarrow Quarry one day in late May, on a route called Boomerang, I found myself running out of breath, or adrenalin or glycogen, or possibly all three, and I only just managed to escape sideways to easier ground. So I'm running out of steam at last. I have a habit now of tormenting myself by looking far off to the skyline of Harrison Stickle, its acute western shoulder and little squared-off top, and thinking, "that's where I can no longer go." I've been there, most recently with a rope and gear on 20 June, 2001, to do a route called Porphyry Slab - not hard - and when we stepped out onto a high arete, the westerly was blowing so keenly it almost seemed to be carving the edge of the rock. This memory will have to be enough.

*David Craig*





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## Burton Pre-School



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Burton Ball organised by Burton Pre-School, took place on Saturday 7 July in the Memorial Hall, hosted by Paul Rossi and Wendy Barker. Tables were dressed to a theme of peoples' own choice, with the best-dressed table being "Music". A Mr & Mrs competition was held along with a whisky roll, auction, spot prizes and dancing. Donations were received from Windermere Lake Cruises, Whoop Hall, Eden Ostrich World, Sizergh Barn, Hayes Garden Centre, Mitchell's Brewery, Withets Clay Shooting Ground and Clear Channel. Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable evening, and £550 was raised for Burton Pre-School.

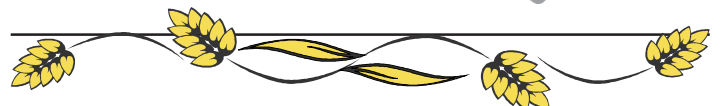
On behalf of the Staff and Committee of Burton Pre-School, we would like to sincerely thank the very kind person who sent a donation to the Accounts Manager. We were thoroughly delighted to be recognised and the money will be used to purchase new equipment for the children. Many thanks again for your generosity.

Curwen Woods Shoot held its annual clay pigeon shoot and BBQ on Sunday 8 July at Russell Farm, Burton. A break in the recent inclement weather meant that it was a glorious afternoon and was well attended. Many thanks to Mr & Mrs Nicholls from Curwen Woods Shoot for their very generous donation to Burton Pre-School from proceeds raised on the evening and also Mike and Anne Taylor for allowing the use of their garden and facilities. The catering undertaken mainly by Mrs Anne Taylor was first class as usual.



## REMINDER...

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## *Roger Reports On....*

### **Democracy, Housing, Libraries, Health**

By the time Burton News is published we should know the Minister's decision about whether there should be a Unitary Cumbria or, alternatively, if we should just modify for closer working the existing system of District and County Councils. Whatever happens, I hope something will be done to integrate The Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales National Parks into local government to a greater extent than previously. Although we are not in a National Park our County Division of Lower Kentdale, which I represent, touches the Yorkshire Dales near Sedbergh and the Lake District which is just across the Kent from Heversham Marsh. Consequently the greater planning restrictions in the N.P.'s have had a direct impact on e.g. house prices in adjoining areas. I hope that the government's aim of building more houses will enable some easing of restrictions in the Parks to relieve pressure elsewhere. I wonder also if the departure of Mr Prescott might change his former department's opinion that Burton is an 'unsustainable village'. Another personal hope is that there should be direct elections to the National Park Authorities. Although many elected councillors sit on the NP's they are nominated by their 'parent' councils whilst

other representative's names have never been on a public ballot paper. There is scope for many shades of opinion on all these points - not just on 'Affordable Housing!' - but as always please let me know.

On housing, recently released figures show that, in Cumbria, 80% of homes are owner-occupied, one of the highest national percentages. But in Eden house prices are eleven times average local wages; in South Lakeland it is about eight times. One statistic which I am questioning is that '88.3% of owner-occupiers are currently over 60'. Meanwhile the number of applicants on the housing register has risen from 1552 in 2001 to 3255 in 2007. Yet, despite time spent on 'Reorganisation' both on the County Council and SLDC, collating statistics help us get on with the day job and to plan for the future. As more than 50% of Cumbria's total population of 494,800 live in rural communities (like our own), ensuring access to services is one of my priorities. Although I can make no promises I have asked the officers in 'my' Culture and Communities directorates to look at ways of improving access to Library Services possibly through a Library Link which is a small library with IT connections so that books etc can be ordered and delivered quickly. Ideally such a Link would be in a location like an '8 until 8' shop - but space is always at a premium. Village Halls have problems about all day opening even if they have spare accommodation, schools cannot be used when the children are there, while using licensed premises under 'the pub at the hub' scheme have similar difficulties regarding access by children. If anybody cannot get to our libraries in Milnthorpe or Kendal or to the Mobile Library Van we

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On Health, surprisingly in view of continuing anxieties about Westmorland General, only 27% felt the NHS needed improving. The main complaint I have received concerns lack of car parking at RLI. But, some people have mentioned problems over meals and - although I've only been told of one case - there are worries about MRSA. As a former member of the Community Health Council abolished in 2003 (despite multi-party protests) I understand that the successor Patients' Forums are going to be replaced. If so, I hope that there will be scope for local people to be involved with our immediate health facilities. Although we have an above-average proportion of older people, recent research has shown significant health issues for younger people. Rates of admission of teenagers for alcohol abuse is alarmingly high in some Cumbrian areas. 39% of year 10 boys report drinking more than 14 units a week in contrast to 9% nationally. Recently, it seems that in villages drink has fuelled incidents of anti-social behaviour. But, for South Lakeland as a whole, crime has fallen by 5.1% from 2006. But, significantly, anti-social behaviour rose by 13% to 7370. Through Cumbria Alcohol and Drug Advisory Service, a specialist worker is now employed to work with young people at risk of offending behaviour. A major County aim concerns young people who are classed as NEET - 'not in education, employment or training'. The form of education or training for 'challenging' or 'less able' young people can be more difficult to address in rural areas where they are likely to be isolated and have transport problems to appropriate centres.

Meanwhile now that at least some of our road signs have at long last been replaced or at least cleaned - I've begun long list of pot holes starting with a bad one on Vicarage Lane. Best wishes - despite the weather.

*Roger*

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*Going Green - Aug '07*

The Diary of an Eco-Worrier

**Plastic Fantastic**

I search the kitchen yet another time, opening drawers and slamming them shut again, desperately searching for that brash red and white Tesco's logo, the soft green and gold hues of Booths, or the old familiar 'Asda price' carrier. Nothing. Not one single sniff of a bag. It used to be so different. In the days BG (before Green) we had carrier bags full of carrier bags hanging from the walls. Every crevice or shelf in the utilities room with stuffed with them; carrier bag heaven, in a long sock-shaped holder. Now we have four 'bags for life' that even the Carbonbaby can't destroy. Only trouble is while I have a bag for life, I don't have a bag for the bin. As a household we might be fantastic with our plastic, but doing the routine stuff is proving impossible.

My friend turns up with a Tupperware tub she's bought for me after listening to me moaning on about having nothing to wrap the sandwiches in. "Did you get a bag with it?" I ask her eagerly. She looks at me strangely, "Surely the point of the Tupperware is to avoid using a bag." But I don't reply; I'm rooting through the cupboard again, trying to find any old scraggy bit of plastic to line the bin with. I give up and leave a pile of rubbish by the sink. I will have to go foraging.

I start with the village shop. I don't need anything, but bundle a pile of things onto the counter anyway. But no one asks if I want a bag, and I'm too embarrassed to ask for one. So I pile some more things onto the counter. Eventually the balance is tipped and I'm offered the precious carrier. But just as I'm about to accept, a neighbour walks in. Now I'm torn. I need that bag. But I also feel I should set an example and refuse the bag. "But it's recycled..." I argue with myself, '...it's not new.' The Angel and the Devil sit on my shoulders arguing about global warming. "Take the bag," says the Devil. "Save a polar bear," says the Angel. Eventually the Angel shouts



the loudest, "If we got all the carrier bags we use in Britain together and extracted all the energy that are contain in those carrier bags, we can run a sixty watt light bulb for four hundred thousand years, or power Carlisle for the whole year." She's right, although I'm not sure what Carlisle has to do with anything. "No thanks I don't need a bag," I hear myself say. Aargh. I bundle up twenty five different grocery items, trailing toilet rolls and mushrooms all the way down the street. Back home I avoid the kitchen and dump what's left of the shopping onto the living room table. Luckily it's time to get the kids from school. Perhaps they'll bring their PE kits home in a plastic bag.

"Are mouses grey?" asks the youngest Carboncopy. "Sometimes," I reply, "Why?" Because if mouses are grey then there's a mouse by the sink in the kitchen." I run helter skelter into the kitchen to find the pile of rubbish disturbed and all the bits of food I'm not allowed to compost nibbled around the edges. "That's it, I can't stand it any more. I'm going to Tesco," I shout.

"Don't forget to take your bags," say the Carboncopies, running in with four bright blue Bags For Life. "We know you like to save the planet."

## Ken Drinkwater 1921-2007

### An Appreciation

Ken went to be with Iris on June 23. They had spent over 60 years together and when Iris died in February Ken felt his life was over. Ken, like Iris, did much for this village, especially the Hall. For many years he was vice-chairman or as he liked to call it, Chairman of Vice, and he spent hours there painting, fixing, repairing anything that needed doing.

He was in charge of the lighting for BADS and various shows and pantomimes, and would wait with bated breath for Iris' instructions on how she wanted the stage to be lit for the scenes in the pantomimes. There was only so much he could do with a hand-held spotlight. Things did improve and as more lights were installed he was in his element with colour filters and bigger spots. He even set up an intercom system between back stage and the lighting room. That was progress! He would have loved to have the lighting system that is in the Hall today.

He was always at Iris' side, supporting her whenever she came up with new ideas and if anyone needed help, Ken would be there. They were a special couple. God bless them both.



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# An Opinion...

Comments on the goings-on at the  
Parish Council

## SHORT - AND NEITHER SWEET NOR SOUR

This meeting must surely go on record as the shortest ever held by Burton Parish Council, beginning as usual at 7.30 and finishing at 8.25. Less than an hour. Now that's all very well, but what does that leave your stranded correspondent to write about? Returning home early, she found of course that Golf Open coverage had come to an end, and she was left with nothing better to do than stare glumly into her gin and Slimline tonic.

### Police Report

Once again, neither PC Suart nor our Community Police woman put in an appearance. Once again they sent in a laconic report. It was headed "No. of Crimes Last Month", and was addressed to the Parish Council. The heading was exciting, but fortunately for all of us, the crimes fell into the minor category - unless you happen to be the victim, of course. I'll quote word for word: "A report of theft of copper lighting protection tape from a phone mast. Total value £300. Vehicles causing an obstruction on Main Street have been dealt with and owners advised. Damage caused to bollards on the Main Street caused by a motor vehicle in a failed to stop accident. Theft from a motor vehicle parked at Dalton Crags Car Park."

A.O. has great respect for our police force, but perhaps they could involve us all a bit more than by

simply recording such a cursory list. Dates and times would be a start. The more detail provided, the more residents might be able to come forward to "help with enquiries". The Report concluded: Items of interest - None. Update on matters arising from last meeting - None.

That's it, then. At least we could have been told how our community police officer is progressing with her driving lessons.

### Public Forum

Once again A.O.'s heart (such as it is) went out to those who come to these public meetings to raise some usually strongly felt point.

Three ladies courageously came to ask for the provision of a bus shelter in Main Street. To say they were stone-walled would perhaps be an exaggeration. The Square, as they knew, is a conservation area (though many of us might have confused it with a car park.) So you can't have a bus shelter there. What about moving the bus-stop to the Memorial Hall and siting the bus-stop there? they suggested. Absolutely not, they were told. The BMH cttee won't hear of it, because it would attract our riff-raff youth to hang around there. The only possible site, the Chairman told them, was where Glebe Close debouches onto Main Street.

So the topic was put on the Agenda for next month. Which, as it happens, is rather a good ploy for sending the public off so the PCllrs can talk among themselves. The ladies left, which meant they didn't

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hear a PCllr's quip that they could perhaps shelter in the phone box. Just as well they'd gone as it's A.O.'s guess that those three ladies could pack a pretty mean punch.

There's an anomaly here. I hope those ladies won't mind me writing that they represent the older end of the spectrum (they had rightly pointed out that none of the PCllrs use the bus.) So no satisfactory provision can be made for a convenient bus shelter. And the most obvious site (at the Memorial Hall) can't be considered because it would become a focus for young people. And that's because they have nowhere else to shelter (the little house in the school playground doesn't count. Nor does the inadequate porch of the BMH, both of which are the final resort of our young villagers at the present.) Isn't there something a bit skew-whiff here? Shouldn't we be seriously addressing amenities for ALL members of our village, not just the comfortably fit middle section?

Later in the meeting A.O. noted that when possible improvements to the school playing field were discussed, the very PCllr who had most warmly advocated building on the Boon Town playing field spoke with some asperity about the use of the school playing field by the general public. This, she claimed, was adding to its muddy condition. Where else in the village is there to kick a ball around without being in an organised group? A.O. wonders.

### Blocking of Drains

Now here's something that concerns us all. One might have hoped that with their Quality Status, our PC could bring some clout to bear on such a village-centered topic. Our clerk is to write to SLDC asking how often the drains are cleared, as all agreed it isn't often enough. A.O. hopes the PCllrs noted the seriously-blocked drains outside the village shop and the butcher's as they made their way to the pub after the meeting. This is a long-standing problem. Luckily it was raining after the meeting, so the flooding may



### FLOOD DEFENCES IN MAIN STREET

have come to their attention, though A.O. is kind enough to hope they were spared a drenching by a passing car.

A. S.

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# Burton Memorial Hall AUTUMN FAIR

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Hello, Village people, (well, you know what I mean, no, not 'Y.M.C.A', but 'K.O.H.G.' for those of you not 'with it' = KEEP OUR HALL GOING. There could be a competition to make up a dance (children only, of course.) I am talking about...

## THE MEMORIAL HALL AUTUMN FAIR

I have been asked to 'do a poster' or two for this event and I was thinking, "right then, who uses the Hall?"

We have:- Playgroup (sorry Pre-School), toddlers, Out of School Club; Dancing: Ballet for the younger, Saturday night dancing for the cool (nearly as fit) older (I know, I was there at the Golden Jubilee invite); Youth Club (not done that - too old); Bridge Club (me? I'm too noisy!); W.I. (probably banned); DRAMA (notice the capitals, I wonder why? also why probably banned from W.I. - only kidding!); ART SESSIONS at least 4 of these, all well attended; Health and Fitness evenings; Monday morning Keep Fit; oh yes, talking of these, our First Responders Unit, (thank you, to all involved); Upholstery classes (I'm talking furniture, humph!); Boys Brigade; Church Meetings; LADIES BADMINTON, ummm yes me again with some lovely ladies (I use the word 'ladies' figuratively speaking - you want to see them on court!!!); Soft Tennis (nothing soft about that!); Brownies, Guides; Indoor Bowling; Table Tennis; and not forgetting the Doctor's Surgery for all those who have been involved in some of the above! Private functions, meetings, coffee mornings, library van. Gosh, what a busy life our 'Mem' Hall has! If I have forgotten any club or activity I apologise.

So why, when we have this fund-raising event, to keep our Hall spick and span and safe, do we not have more PEOPLE supporting it?

Have tea or coffee, biscuits or a Guides' Bacon Butty. Buy some home-made cakes, buy a couple of hand-painted cards (think Lowry in future years ££££££'s - well you never know), plants, home-made produce, woodcraft, home-crafts, books, tombola, games, guessing games (I wonder what Barry will think up this year?)



Guess  
what?  
who?  
where?  
when?

I can't remember everything so come along and fill in the gaps. Oh yes! there's the - \*200 CLUB\* DRAW as well.

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Paula

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## *HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE by Roger Bingham*

### **Burton's quiet summer time - 70 years ago**

1937 was a quiet year - comparatively. The traumas of the Great War and succeeding anxieties like the Irish Troubles, the General Strike, the Depression and the Abdication were easing into past memories. So, despite the rise of Hitler and the local reception of Basque refugees from the Spanish Civil War, no one expected that in another two years the country would be at war again. Some changes were hardly noticed by the local media, including a change of government; for just after the Coronation of George VI, the middle of the road Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin made way - after a long wait - for his sterner, less avuncular Chancellor of the Exchequer Neville Chamberlain. Moreover the country seemed to be prospering. In July the Milnthorpe Employment Exchange which served Burton reported that the number of 'workless' people had dropped from 29 in 1936 to 24. Retail prices were falling also and the Summer Sale Advertisement for Musgrove's of Kendal included Men's Shirts at 4/11, Flannel Sports Coats 21s and best tweed caps 2/6 to 7/6. There were 'Big Bargains for Little Folks': Girl's Tweed Coats Superior Quality 10/- Girl's High School Tunics - to clear 7/11 while, for bigger ladies, there were Corsets from 3/11 and Locknit Knickers, assorted colours, Directoire style 1/-. Competitively Burton W.I. listened to Mrs Smith of Morecambe on 'making up to date underwear'. Her lecture was a long way off later Ann Summers demonstrations but it would have been a change from earlier information on 'imaginative ways with lettuce'. The W.I. also enjoyed an evening tour to Ingleton

while 77 people went on the Church Choir trip to Liverpool where they saw the new, barely half-finished Cathedral, went through the Mersey Tunnel and boarded SS Accra 'which was open to inspection'. In September many villagers swelled huge crowds at Levens Hall to greet Queen Mary. Though it was a 'private visit', Her Majesty's entourage consisted of several Daimlers and twelve personal attendants.

As always Burton's charities were well supported. Mrs M.E. Hodgson collected £5:13:4d for the Cancer Campaign and the Annual Waifs and Strays Sale of (paper) Sunflowers (for Church of England orphanages) raised £1:19s:6d. 200 of Burton's own children and their families went on the annual trip to Morecambe. The Chairman of the Trip Committee was Mr W.O. Smart who had been head teacher at Morewood School for the previous 16 years. Sadly later in the year his wife died at the age of 47. There was no National Health Service and so the Burton, Holme and Borwick Home Nursing Association was still supported by voluntary subscriptions. In August, at a ceremony at Underfell, Burton, Nurse Grafton who was leaving after eight years 'on the District' was presented with a travelling clock, a wristlet watch and a cheque. Her successor Miss Roddy, from St. Helens, was introduced on the same occasion. Slum clearance was part of the contemporary health campaign. But, there was controversy in Burton when a barn, joiner's shop and a cottage 'on a very low rental' were condemned as 'unfit' despite one

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councillor protesting that demolition 'would cause a draught for other premises nearby'. Louder opposition greeted the announcement that 'South Westmorland is bound to have Electric Pylons'.

After a wet June, mid-summer was sunny which enabled Burton Tennis Club to entertain Beetham on the courts in front of the Vicarage. Burton won by 9 sets to 7 and 88 games to 84.

An event hosted by the vicar was also reported: 'On Sunday evening the Rev. A. C. Sutcliffe, vicar, invited the Freemasons of Castleberg Lodge, to the annual Masonic service at the Parish Church. Mr. Sutcliffe is chaplain to the Castleberg Lodge, and Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of the Province of West Yorkshire. About 40 members attended and Mrs Kay was the organist. The address was given by Rev. V. H. J. Coles, vicar of Slyne-with-Hest, who is provincial of West Lancashire. After the service the Freemasons were entertained at the vicarage.'

## Wells for India

Following the Burton-in-Kendal Art and Craft Society Exhibition weekend on June 16 & 17 at the BMH, Barbara and Frank Rush have forwarded £133 to Wells for India. Thank you to everyone for their support and interest.

Last August Rajasthan in NW India suffered two natural disasters - firstly sandstorms that lasted 7 days, silting up taankas and catchment areas, followed by torrential rain - 12 out of 32 districts received 80% to 160% above normal rainfall, water rose over night by as much as 15 feet, sweeping away villages and people. For the first time people were praying for the rain to stop. Between 300 & 500 people died with unknown numbers swept away; many homes were destroyed and thousands of cattle drowned. Even where communities have survived, without cattle and a harvest they will not have food. Floodwater brings another danger: disease such as typhoid, malaria and fever.

Wells for India aims to provide both short and long term support by providing seed for winter sowing, repairing homes and the water harvesting structures before this year's monsoon.

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*Paul*

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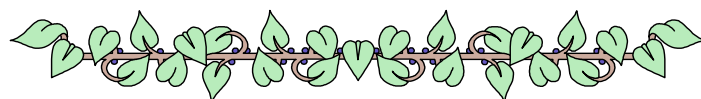
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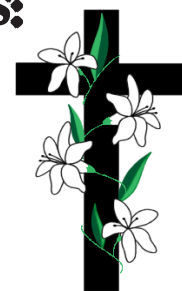
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Peter Baxendale

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# Carnforth High School

I have recently had discussions with Cumbria Education Authority and they have confirmed that free transport would be provided to a child's nearest school including schools in Lancashire. For Burton this is Carnforth High School and QES.

Following encouragement from a Burton resident I would, therefore, like to bring to your attention some of the recent changes at Carnforth High School.

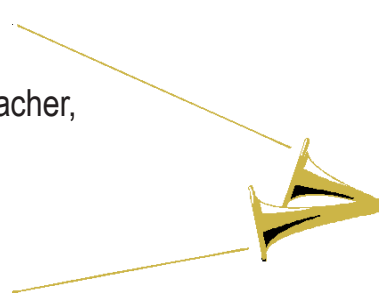
We are a small school of 550 pupils and in the last three years we have earned Specialist Science Status, opened a new £2 million building and were judged to be a 'good school' by Ofsted.

A key issue for many prospective parents is post 16 provision. Carnforth High has been closely involved in the International Baccalaureate at LMC. High School staff, having been to Athens for training, will be delivering parts of the IB from September with enrichment taking place at the High School. In addition, Carnforth High is the lead school in the district in the new Society, Health and Development diploma in partnership with St Martins, Beaumont College and LMC. This new course, which begins in 2009, will see post 16 being delivered at Carnforth.

For me, our greatest strength is our size and that we are not only a school where 'Every Child Matters' but one where every child achieves. Our vision is to transform Carnforth High from a good school to an outstanding one.

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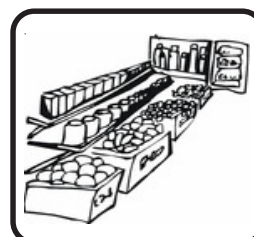
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## Burton Clubs and Societies

### Burton Thistle Football Club (Early Days)

The first record of a football club in this area was in Holme village in 1909 but it is very likely that players were drawn from both Burton and Holme. Even in those days there was a Westmorland League and it is still a condition that all local amateur clubs enter for the Westmorland Junior Cup. By the mid 1920's Burton had its own team and the Captain, Eric Stockdale, kept detailed records of matches, the originals of which are kept in the Kendal Records Office.

Those records cover games against Kendal, Windermere, Sedbergh and Milnthorpe amongst others. For a match at Mealbank, Eric records that the ground was very hard and 'heavy charging' would not be permitted. A match away against Levens in September, 1925 is described as a fiasco with a final score of 25-0, a record for Westmorland soccer. Eric makes no mention of which team was routed. Names occurring frequently as goal scorers were Bleasdale, Bryan, Crayston, and Townson. There was no regular pitch and games were played in any field where the farmer would allow it. One frequently used was opposite Green Dragon Farm at the south end of the village.

After the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, football started up again in earnest and the team was named Burton Thistle Football Club, reputedly because of the number of thistles that had to be removed before games could commence. In those days there were several German players from the Bela Prisoner of War camp and Burton became one of the top teams in the North Lancashire League. One player, Bert Trautman, turned professional, joined Manchester City and in a famous incident in the 1956 cup final against Birmingham City he broke his neck after hitting the cross bar. As no substitutes were allowed in those

days he finished the match in his position as goal keeper using the goal posts to stay on his feet. They won 3-1 and it was three days later when the break was diagnosed. However, he continued to play top level football until 1964 and villager, Chris Kirkham, saw him in his testimonial match at Maine Road, Manchester.

Burtonian, Arthur Metcalfe remembers watching Trautman play for Burton Thistle. As a young lad Arthur used to help in marking out the pitch for home games, having first 'got down' with a shovel and sawdust to clear away cowpats and sheep droppings. The players used the Kings Arms for all their meetings with changing rooms at the back above some garages, accessible only via a rickety old staircase or a trap door. It was one of the few places in the village that had hot water and an old tin bath in a corner was filled up by the Crayston family's grandmother for use after each game. In those days there weren't too many cars and most players walked or biked to wherever the match was being played.

One match against Milnthorpe attracted a crowd of around 300, hitherto unheard of. The reason emerged at half time when a little terrier dog ran onto the pitch balancing the ball on the end of its nose, keeping it in the air for a prodigious period. It then proceeded to race around the field, this time dribbling the ball, again at the tip of its nose, to roars of approval from the spectators. Who won the match is not recorded for the terrier stole the honours that day. The club went into decline for a few years in the 1950's but was re-started in 1961 following a meeting in Egremont House between Bill Eglin, Arthur Metcalfe and Gordon Crayston. More about Burton Thistle in next month's Burton News.

*If you would like to feature your own organisation or group in this series, please contact Pat Johnson, on 01524 781277 or e-mail [royandpat@gotovisual.com](mailto:royandpat@gotovisual.com).*

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Burton Company Cleveland Hike Success

The first team of Callum Stevenson, Simon Gregory, and Thomas Jackson of the 1<sup>st</sup> Burton-in-Kendal Company came first in the BB National Cleveland Hike on 24-26 June, out of 39 teams that entered.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Burton Team were 50 points ahead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team. The Company entered 3 other teams each of 3 boys. The instructors were Derek Stevenson and Iain Fletcher. Our second challenge team was Joseph Hacker, Peter Hacker & George Platt.

The third and fourth teams were expedition (trainer) teams each led by Derek Stevenson and Iain Fletcher who hiked the 30+ miles with them, and camped at the overnight sites on Friday and Saturday on the North Yorkshire Moors.

Team 3 were Frederick Anson, Matthew Prior & Matthew Holden. Team 4 consisted of John Martin, Stephen Baxendale & Ryan Williamson.

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Above: from left to right: Callum Stevenson, Simon Gregory, and Thomas Jackson

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## Library Coffee Morning



Burton Memorial Hall

First Monday of every Month



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**Burton Art Group**  
**Mondays 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Burton Memorial Hall  
For more details tel. 782749

## LMMES

Cinderbarrow



Welcome to the miniature railway at  
Cinderbarrow Picnic Area

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

For more details ring Peter Ellis, 781057

## Editorial...



### Didn't we do well?

To avoid the worst of the modern day deluge that is! There will be a few folks wishing they had an Ark or two right now. The UK south could fill up a few of those 'Wells for India' and still have plenty to float an Ark too. The big question is how much is all this going to put on the insurance bills for all of us, and are we to expect more of the same from now on? Only time will tell on both of these issues, and expect food prices to rise too as a lot of crops / animals have been lost to the floods.

P.S. The one flood that was noticable by its absence during all this heavy rain is the one at the bottom of Neddy Hill. So well done to all who sorted that one out at last! It begs the question, where are the worst flooding bits of Burton now?

### Thank you for your support

There are still donations trickling in and although it's sad that only a third of Burton supports BN financially it's heartening that we do get enough to keep going year after year, and it's also heartwarming that everyone speaks so highly of BN.

### How far does BN reach?

Many Burtonians have family all over the world and quite a few copies of BN find themselves winging their way to exotic places to be read as avidly as the ones that drop through your door every month. Who can claim the furthest posting? We'd love to hear where you send BN to!

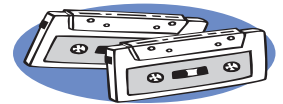
### Isn't it quiet?

In the village that is, there's still the steady drone of traffic on the M6 of course (when the wind is in the right direction) and the occasional low-flying jet but life in Burton seems to have receded to a sleepy lull. Is it just that everyone is away on holiday? Whatever the reason we have nothing to put on the front page of BN this month - no events at all have been notified to us. Now if you are having some event in August you've missed a perfect chance to hit the big time and get front page billing. Oh well, maybe next year? Remember, we don't know unless you tell us!



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## 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.

### ADVERTISE IN BURTON NEWS

**Is your group or society organising an event or activity in Burton?  
If so, tell us about it, and we'll advertise it for you for free!  
See back page for how to contact us.**

### Annual Gift Subscriptions

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

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



Advertising rates for both *Swap Shop* or *For Sale* is £1 per month per 3 lines (must incl. a phone number). Copy of advert & payment should be put into a sealed envelope marked *BN Sales & Swaps* and left at the newsagents or sent to our PO Box address (see back page). Cheques payable to *Burton News* please.

### Burton Out of School Club for all your Out of School Childcare needs

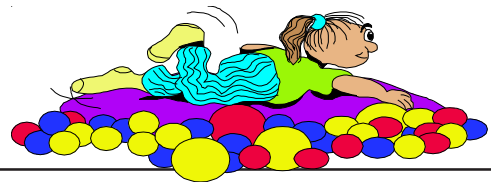
**Monday to Friday  
7.30am - 9am £3.00 per session  
3.15pm - 6pm £6.50 per session**

**Telephone Nicola or Ester on  
07952 949882**

**for information and bookings**

**Affiliated to Burton Pre School  
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# COMMUNITY INFO



## SLDC Recycling Information

Andy Vickers

Customer Contact Centre

on 0845 050 4434

email: [recycling@southlakeland.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@southlakeland.gov.uk)

## 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

## Cumbria County Council Highways Hotline

**0845 609 6609**

to report road or pavement problems

## 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

**NSPCC Child Protection  
HELPLINE 0808 800 5000  
KIDSCAPE 08451 205 204  
CHILDLINE  
FREEPHONE 0800 1111**

## **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. 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.

**[www.burton-in-kendal-pc.gov.uk](http://www.burton-in-kendal-pc.gov.uk)**

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

# What's On?

See page 21 for more Events Meetings and Activities

## ADVANCE DIARY DATES

BMH Under-Stage Clearance Day  
Sat 18 Aug from 9am

Open Garden, Pear Tree Cottage, Dalton  
Sun 9 Sep 11am-4pm

BADS Auditions  
Autumn Play  
Thur 13 Sep 7.30pm BMH

BMH Autumn Fair  
Sat 29 Sep 10am-12noon

BMH Management Committee  
Thur 4 Oct 7.30pm BMH

BADS Autumn Play  
Fri 23 & Sat 24 Nov  
BMH 7,30pm

If you are planning an event why not let us know asap and we'll add it to the running events list which we hope to include every month. This helps give your event more publicity and flags up potential clashes of dates for events.

# CLOSEUP

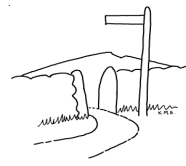


This one will tax the grey cells, and the legs too if that's a clue!

Yes it was the gable end of Manor House which was last featured in Closeup all the way back in June 2004!



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



## BURTON FELLWALKING SOCIETY

### August Walks

**Sunday 5 August 1.00pm**  
High Rigg  
Roy Johnson 781277

**Saturday 18 August A=9.30am B=9.30am**  
A=Coniston & Dow Crag B=Malham Area  
A=Helen Nixon/Carol Hayton 781048/782007  
B=Steph Micklethwalte 781073

**Wednesday 22 August 6.30pm**  
\* Silverdale  
Graham Titchmarsh 735961

All walks: Meet in the Memorial Hall car park to arrange lifts & share transport to the starting point.  
(\* less than 5 miles at a gentle pace)

Visitors £1.00 Membership £4 from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> yearly



## Holme & District Local History Society

**Visit to Conishead Priory  
Ulverston  
Monday 20 August at 2 pm**

Outdoor Meeting  
(Members only)

## BMH = Burton Memorial Hall

### BURTON NEWS

Please send us your letters - articles - events news - stories - recipes etc for publication

Drop them into The Newsagents, Main St., Burton or post to BN, PO Box 86, Carnforth. LA6 1WY or by e-mail to [editor@burtonnews.org.uk](mailto:editor@burtonnews.org.uk)

**LAST DATE FOR COPY FOR NEXT ISSUE  
20 August for September issue**

**Next Meeting (open to all readers)  
Monday 13 August at 6.00 pm in BMH**