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Name & address withheld.



Dear BN

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I would like to say thank you to everyone in Mowbray Drive, Burton, for their support and kind contributions during my door-to-door collection on behalf of Marie Curie.

The total of £37 has been forwarded to the organisation and a letter of appreciation has been received from the Marie Curie organisation.

Dorothy Procter, Mowbray Drive, Burton

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LANCASTER - WORRALL

Grandma Sally is delighted to announce the birth of her third grandchild, Isaac William, born to Emma and David on 2 July, 2008, weighing 6lb 13oz; a beautiful baby brother for Jacob. Love also from John, Maddie, Simon, Eve, Caroline, Amit, and Great-Grandma.

Burton News Annual Donations Appeal

A huge thank you to all those who once again have supported the BN Annual Appeal. Your generous donations will enable us to keep bringing your village newsletter to your door every month for another year.



Village Store & Post Office New Services!

We now have a PayZone machine so we are able to take payment for Water Bills at the retail counter. At the moment you will need to have a payment card which you should be able to get from United Utilities. We are hoping that PayZone will soon supply a new-style machine which will deal with barcoded bills too.

Also, if you've not tried our range of Greek produce you are missing a treat. We have Baclava pastries, Dolmades, Gigantes, Houmous, Olives and Olive Oil. so have a continental summer despite the rain!



Outdoors

When the swifts come racing and shrilling down Main Street no higher than first-floor windows, at 8 in the morning, it seems impossible that we could be sharing our space with any animal so fierce and free. I always worry, foolishly, about the swifts in early May. Not: will they come? They always do (and probably will for many centuries yet). But: how many will there be this year? Each spring since 1978, when I first greeted Burton's swifts, the number has built up, after the first sighting on May 6, to twenty or so. Last year they stayed at fewer than ten 'til well on in June. This year we probably have about eight. and now in August it is too late for more to join them.

I say 'probably' because it's hard to count birds so fast and so mazy in their flight patterns. On July 23 I had just been saying to Dick Coates and Malcolm Brownsord at the bowling green that numbers seemed to be well-down when the air was thronged with high-speed fly-catchers and the men were saying, 'Only eight?! Look at that! There are dozens!'

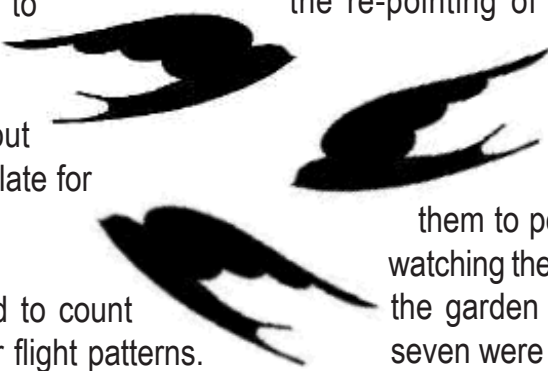
Were they all swifts, though? Martins and swallows were mixing in with the flock, darting about so jazzily that identifying them was almost impossible. Swifts fly slightly higher - but a martin high up has a wing silhouette very like a swift. Swifts can outdo swallows in sheer aerobatics - but on this humid and mellow evening the hordes of insects were rousing the swallows, too, to a frenzy of dart and snatch.

Also, it's well known that the swifts from a whole region congregate to feast on the food available. 22,000 have been counted over London after the sun has set. So many of the swifts on July 23 may not have been 'ours' exclusively. Maybe some had joined the Burton crowd from the contingents at, say, the Yealands, Holme, and Warton.

The fact is that it has been very rare this year for more than half a dozen to be airborne above Burton at any one time. Has some drastic weather event in northern Africa interfered with their migration northward? Has the re-pointing of house walls under rain-gutters blocked nesting sites (as it has for house sparrows nationally)?

I want birds to be with us and I want them to people the air in a swarm. As I sat watching their wonderful, gymnastic flying over the garden on July 28, four, then five, then seven were gyrating high above the tip of our cypress tree. It was as though the silhouetted needles of the tree were breaking loose and flying off to all points of the compass, then circling in again on some vortex of attraction. Their shrilling came from so high up that it seemed an almost imaginary sound.

The closest I've been to a dead swift was when I found a headless body, then the head, on the cobbles near the phone box outside the Royal. I took the parts home and fitted them together on a sheet of white paper so that we could appreciate the breadth of the sickle wing-span. The closest I've been to a dying swift was when Anne called out from the garden one breakfast time - she had heard a bird drop clattering through the cherry



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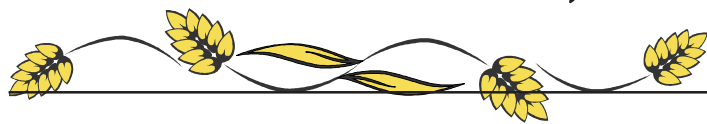
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tree. A swift lay on the grass, looking unharmed. As I reached it, it gasped and died - presumably struck by a sparrowhawk. (We buried him, or her, under the cypress tree.) The nearest I've been to a living swift was when a young one crash-landed amongst our blackcurrant bushes. Having virtually no legs they can only be taken off from a height, so my son Peter launched the bird from a wall in the garden, half-threw her upwards, and she winged off safely. The nearest I've been to a flock of swifts was three hundred feet up on a cliff in the Transvaal, at 8 o'clock one July morning. Suddenly the air throbbed as though with rubbed drums and hundreds of swifts (the Alpine sub-species) were flickering and wheeling only yards away from us. They had left one slim feather lying on a ledge, not more than a quarter-inch across because what they need is speed, not buoyancy. I saved it in my shirt-pocket and we climbed on for another thousand feet. By the time I got back to England, it had disappeared.

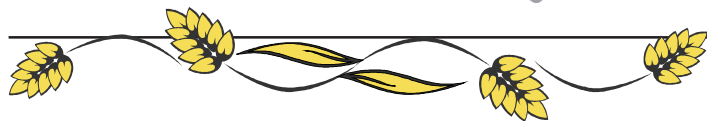
STOP PRESS:- No swifts seen since August 8. Maybe they've left earlier than their 'usual' August 20.

David Craig



REMINDER...

Please make sure the birds have fresh water through the hot summer days



BURTON W.I.

Have you ever thought about joining Burton W.I.? We meet on the second Thursday each month, at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall.



On September 11 we are holding an Open Meeting, to which you would be very welcome to just come along and have a free "taster" evening. The talk, with slides, will be all about Hedgehogs and we think it should appeal to everyone.

Joining the W.I. gives you the opportunity to hear a diverse selection of speakers over the year in the Memorial Hall, to meet and make new friends, and also to join in varied events taking place all over South Lakeland.

Currently there are creative Needlework classes, Painting for Pleasure days, a visit to York Minster, a Musical Evening, a Dancing Day (various styles), Federation Walks, and many more.

After this wet, wet summer, dark nights are on their way, so why not join us in the Memorial Hall. A poster will be placed in the Post Office window every month to inform you of what is on, or enquiries are welcome on 782991 or 781048.

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Roger Reports On...

Rural Proofing & Other Buzz Words!

On the District Council I have been very busy as Chairman of a Scrutiny group concerned with 'rural proofing' -a dreadful term- meaning how well do councils and other 'service providers' cater for the needs of those of us who live in the countryside. With one hectare for 0.7% for each of our 104,800 population (a 10% growth in 20 years) South Lakeland has 'one of the sparsest population densities of any local authority in England'. In July I attended a Parliamentary Select Committee at Westminster on Rural Affairs which was chaired by Michael Jack MP for the Fylde. Both our local and national committees found gaps in the government's commitment to 'ensure that all domestic policy takes account of rural circumstances and need'. It came as no surprise to rural councillors regularly charged with the complaint that 'we pay the same level of council tax as townsfolk but all we get is waste collection' that a 'key finding' of Defra's Rural Delivery Pathfinder Programme (again from where do they get these terms?) was that many rural communities in the North West fail to meet this aspiration. One report quotes me, 'RB highlighted the issues of fuel poverty. He raised a concern that at government level a household with two cars is perceived as being wealthy, however, in rural areas a

car is a necessity for many people as they cannot access jobs, shops, healthcare etc unless they have at least one car'. In South Lakeland we found that 54% of people travel to work by car or van - only 3% use public transport. At last my old grumble about bus/travel tokens has been acknowledged for the draft report states 'the loss of the old transport token system whereby tokens could be used across different forms of transport is regretted. The existing NoW Card for bus access was regarded as useless for those unable to access buses or where bus transport is not available'. Hence SLDC 'have scheduled an equality impact scheme to address the issue'. Other equality aspects highlighted in the SLDC report included that 0.8% of the population comes from an ethnic minority compared to a NW average of 5.6%. There are an estimated 580 migrant workers - the largest group coming from Poland. 'Government estimates the South Lakeland Gay Bisexual Transgender community to be between 5% and 7% or 5,000-7000'. A possibly more certain demographic statistic states that currently 29% of our population is over 60 and, correspondingly, there is a growing proportion of single-occupancy homes which in the next decade or so will amount to 17.8%. Despite all our distrust of 'lies, damn lies and statistics' it is only by attempting a demographic appraisal that we can hope to provide services for all of us 'equally'. For further information on SLDC's Equality Scheme please contact www.southlakeland.gov.uk or 0845 050 4434. Even so a survey of 'liveability' (ugh for the term!) showed that 88% of Cumbrian residents are satisfied with their local area, but in South Lakeland the figure is 90%, 44% are very satisfied and 75% of us 'trust most people locally'.

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On the County Council the wind farms debate continues. Currently, in our Lower Kentdale Division there is an application for around Audlands Farm on the B6254 while there is another proposal for Gatebeck. Though, unlike the Caton Moor wind turbines, neither can be seen from Burton the whole windmill issue could eventually affect us. So, we may soon have to balance the advertised value of 'green energy' against any impact on the landscape. For further information please contact Jenny Wain, Cumbria's Principal Planning Officer on 01539 713427.

Meanwhile the roads are always with us. Clawthorpe Lane has at last been resurfaced. To support my bids for 2009-10 highways capital works I've counted 63 patches and or erosions on Dalton Lane from Green Dragon to Docker Lane plus several pot holes near 19 Trees, while there is also serious erosion on the road through the woods. Please let me know more or ring the Highways Hotline 0845 609 6609. Also 'Statistically' we're due for an "Indian Summer" so let's enjoy it.

Roger

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Open House

Barbara and Jack Winrow would like you to join them at their home, Woodlands, Clawthorpe, on Sunday 21 September between 10am and 5pm.

Admission will be £2 but this will include either lunch or afternoon tea.

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5. Round of Golf at Mottram Hall for 4 (must have handicap certificates)
6. Bag of Dog Food from Ninezergh Feeds
7. Hand-crafted walking stick from Roger Shaw
8. Craftsman stick from Mike Earl
9. A Day's Ferreting with Neil Shaw
10. Stone Craft from Ed Waller
11. Voucher for Beetham Nurseries
12. Ian Herd Christmas Tree
13. Voucher for Waitrose
14. Donkeys at Deerslet Framed Photo
15. Christmas Cake by Val Still
16. Half Lambs for Freezer
17. Half Rib of Hereford Beef for Christmas
18. Keith Still, ½ Day Harley Davidson Experience & lunch
19. Cally Lawson, Deerslet Nurseries Xmas Table Dec.
20. Bryn Jones, DJ for any occasion
21. Holmescales Activity Centre, 2 x 1 hour sessions
22. Sandy Jackson Cakes
23. Dinner for 4 with the Longs at Crofton Lea
24. Grim Reaper Photo from John Jackson (as printed in Daily Mail)
25. Wildlife Photographs from John Jackson

Holme & District Photographic Society

Do you enjoy taking photographs? Why not come and join the Holme & District Photographic Society? We meet in Holme Village Hall on Friday evenings, 7.45pm to 9.00pm, and new members are most welcome to come and see what we are all about. As well as regular talks and slide shows, the Society runs competitions for members and takes part in inter-club contests with other photographic societies in S. Cumbria and N. Lancashire. We also have members' nights when we look at various aspects of photography, including digital and audio-visual.

Our next meeting will take place on Friday 5 September, when the guest speaker, Gordon Fletcher, will give a presentation on the Wildlife of Morecambe, followed by refreshments.

For further details on the Society's forthcoming events and membership information, contact the Chairman Frank Walton on 01524 782991 or the secretary Boots Weatherill on 01524 784905.



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BURTON AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

It's the time of year when all eyes focus on the winter production. Once again we pondered the choice of plays and after much debate we bowed to public pressure and will present for your enjoyment another Murder Mystery Night with Jan's famous supper. Burton really seems to have taken to these evenings and we have been asked over and over again during the last few months to do another for Christmas.

So really getting into the Christmas spirit our play will have a pantomime theme. Will the Ugly Sisters get the boot? Could Prince Charming come a cropper? Or will Baron Hardup get strung up? You'll have to come along to find out. Don't forget to mark the dates down on the calendar now, Friday 20 and Saturday 21 November. As usual all tickets must be booked and will go on sale at the beginning of November, more details in next month's issue.

As a village society we value your opinion and we would like to hear from you. We know you like the murder mysteries but what else would you like to see us perform? Drop a line to BN or tell your nearest BADS member, you know who we are, and all suggestions will be very welcome. If you fancy joining BADS in any capacity we would love to hear from you, call Alyson Yates on 781498.

Performance dates – 21/22 November at BMH.
28 November at Kirkby Lonsdale (TBC)
29 November at Bolton-le-Sands (TBC)

A Chairperson's Thoughts

Are you bored on winter evenings
Wishing you had somewhere to go?
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Our next production's a murder mystery
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So fill in your diary, don't delay,
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An Opinion...

Comments on the goings-on at the
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FIDDLING ON THE ROOF - The Magnificent 7 (or so) Ride into Burton - and the local Constabulary adds a spot of glamour

Public Forum

This was introduced in 2001, soon after A.O. first began to write this column. The idea was received glumly and with little enthusiasm by PCllrs. No-one would turn up, they predicted. And if they did, it would be the same old moaners wittering on about dog-poo.

But it hasn't turned out like that. The public forum seems set to become a fundamental part of PC meetings. At first it wasn't even referred to in the Minutes, though it was always covered by A.O.

PC meetings are nearly always boring. Of course there is the occasional spark, and A.O. has never disputed their importance, however little they may seem to achieve. The PC is the first rung on the democratic ladder, and it won't work if we don't take part.

All the above is spiel for letting you know that nothing much happened in the way of Council business this month that hasn't happened many times before.

"You must be wondering whatever you'll write about in An Opinion," a genial PCllr remarked at the end of this

month's meeting. And the answer is that I'm not going to write about it much at all, except to report that the Burton Playground Cttee asked the PC when the lease would be signed, so that they could go ahead and allow access for children. Fund-raising plans continue, with a pub quiz planned at the Kings Arms on 19 Sept.

Another resident informed the PC that since his concern expressed last month, a speed monitoring device had been in operation.

But the meeting was not without interest. Even drama. Read on...

Not a clue

As we approached the hall on our way to the meeting, a police van drew into the car park. It parked under the trees by the recycling bins. Its lights went off, and there was silence. Its sinister presence was a bit like the juggernaut in *Duel*.

Inside, all waited with anticipation. Was this at last the police presence we had all been agitating for? Nothing happened. Finally a PCllr went out to investigate.

He returned with two fresh-faced young dolly-birds in handsome new police outfits, who were greeted with enthusiasm by all, not least our Chairman, who opined they were more glamorous than PC Stuart, which was a feat of memory on his part, as it's so long since PC Stuart attended.

These Community Support Officers could have been sisters, they were so alike. One, already covering

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Sedbergh and Kirkby Lonsdale, introduced the other. I think the Burton one was Rachel Thomas, and the KL one was Karen Dakin, but it may be the other way round.

Police Report

A "report" had been printed out, presumably by PC Suart:

1. A burglary from "commercial premises" (no mention of the name), from which property was taken (no mention of WHAT).
2. Suspicious vehicles had been seen in the area. Report them if you see anything unusual (no mention of what sort of vehicles to look out for.)
3. Obstruction of roads and pavements is being monitored.

We waited. "Nothing else?" queried a PCllr. Two smiling faces gazed back at the Council. Nothing else.

The questioning became relentless.

1. What about the accident on Main Street which police, ambulance and a helicopter attended?
2. What about the body found hanging in Dalton Woods? (That's Lancs, it was agreed).
3. What about the two squad cars called to a man collapsed on Main Street at 5am?
4. Was there a call to attend a heart attack victim in Vicarage Lane?

And those are only the incidents already known to PCllrs. But not, alas, to poor Rachel, who thought they must have happened before she was appointed. Not so, she was assured. Tears were close by, and all hastened to promise her it wasn't her fault she

apparently knew nothing of these noteworthy events. Burton has been spoiled by the presence of WPC Dominique Casson in the past. We all know what a good Community Officer can achieve. Did WPC Casson receive training, or did she simply have the flair to command respect and cooperation? Who should have informed Rachel Thomas of events germane to Burton? How did WPC Casson find out such events before she gave her excellent reports and comments? What's going wrong here?

No doubt WPC Casson has moved on to higher things. For all A.O. knows she could be an Asst. Police Commissioner by now. Or she may have moved away from the Police Force and formed her own private security company. But what a pity she can't be in charge of training our new Support Officers.

But no doubt confidence will grow as experience is widened. The new Officer will be holding a drop-in at Milnthorpe Public Library every 2nd Monday in the month, between 5.30 - 7.30pm.

Fiddling on the Roof

Our PC held its own drop-in, in a manner of speaking, later in the meeting. Thumping, which A.O. had naively supposed was a keep-fit class elsewhere, turned out to be miscreants running around on the roof above our heads. Stalwart PCllrs, resembling the Magnificent Seven, rose to the occasion, cheered on by your reporter, and disappeared into the night. The meeting fell into a sort of mild euphoria, and as our Chairman went to the open window, a body hurtled past him, then rushed away behind the hall. "He's here!"

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thundered the Chairman (or words to that effect).

Depending on your allegiance, it was a lucky escape for the lads, though at least one of them was recognised. If this was France, they would probably have been brought shame-faced before the PC for a dressing-down. As it is, one of them may well be nursing a sore ankle. It's quite a jump from the roof.

So that's all from A.O. It was a long meeting, but I think most of the items have been reported here many times before. And anyway, they're almost sure to come

up next month. Only the poor state of Slape Lane merits a mention here. It's beyond the machinery available to our grand lengthsman, and apparently ankle deep in slurry leeching from a field above. Sounds pretty awful, and I won't be going there for a while.

A.S.

Footnote: Mystery surrounds a certain shirt worn by a certain PC/r of some distinction. Had he cut off the sleeves or what? I think we should be told.



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The tennis and bowling clubs are both looking for new members and our site manager would like to hear from any clubs or anyone wishing to form a club who would like to book the courts for regular play. The facility is of course open for casual play – you can book a court or just turn up if the weather is fine and the fancy takes you – if the court is not booked, help yourself but please use the honesty box.

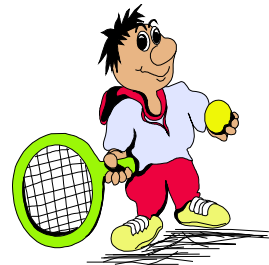
A word to the parents of those children who still use the facility without paying – it's great to see the courts being used and we don't want to put anyone off but the facility does cost money to maintain, we have rent to pay and it's very unfair to the majority who do pay (and embarrassing to your children when they have to be asked if they have paid.) If you cannot afford the full amount, please give at least something.

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Historical Footnote by Roger Bingham

LIVES FROM BURTON'S 'DEAD' STONES

Inscriptions on monuments and graves can tell us much about the lives of those of our forebears whose families could afford "to put up a stone". Recently I've been looking at occupations to be found on St. James' Church memorials. Apart from epitaphs to servants erected by grateful employers, very few manual occupations are recorded. Some craftsmen are commemorated, including John Barker a "Mercer" who died aged 39 in 1739, James Ireland a "Sail Maker" of Lancaster who died in 1830 aged 65 and John Kirkby a "Cordwainer" who died aged 30 in 1837. Sparse references to agriculture include "farmer" William Hall, died 1759, and "John Jackson of this town, Yeoman, who died at Liverpool" in 1879 aged 86. Service personnel include "Langdale Atkinson of H.M.S. Rattlesnake drowned crossing Lagos Bar, West Coast Africa" in 1863 aged 22; Private Albert Baldwin, Machine Gun Corps "fell in action" 1917 aged 32; Walton John Albert Smart Sgt. Navigator RAF VR killed in 1942 aged 20; and Nigel Clarkson Webb 1925-87 Grenadier Guards, High Sheriff in 1986.

From Jonathan Nodder who died so suddenly in 2000, inscriptions to clergy include "to The Rev Bryan Waller A.M. for 36 years vicar of this parish" who died 1842;

The Rev Robert Morewood who died aged 58 in 1869 "23 years vicar of this parish"; The Rev W.G. Chastel de Boinville, vicar of Burton for 44 years until 1900, and his wife Amelia Susannah Phillis (sic) "daughter of Colonel Robert Terry 25 Regiment KOB" who died in 1884; The Rev Thomas Wright Grenall, vicar of Overton, who died in 1912; and The Rev. Charles Foster Gunston 1860-1929. Church officials include

Churchwarden Edmund Morris died 1883; Miles Wilson of Clawthorpe "for many years clerk to the church" died 1867; and James Richardson, died age 69 in 1858, "who laboured in the service of Edmund Hornby for 44 years and who assisted in the choir for 50 years".

According to the inscription on his memorial window Squire Hornby also died in 1858. His tombstone more fulsomely pronounces "By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God".

Curiously the ancient designation for a country landowner is to be found only on a twentieth-century memorial to C.W.L. Penrhyn Hornby "Squire of Dalton Hall 1877-1966".

Reference to good works as distinct from "grace" is made in John Lucas' 1794 epitaph for he had been "a



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great benefactor to the school of the poor of this Parish". Commemorated teachers include Richard Newton "14 years Master of Burton School" who died in 1877 aged 39, and William Winstanley, Head Master of Burton School, 1941-1965. The inscription to Burton's most famous scholar William Cockin, who died in 1801, is appropriately more fulsome, "he was a Man of strong Powers of Mind, of singular Modesty and general benevolence of Heart...a self taught Philosopher and a Christian from Conviction."

Physician and antiquarian Alexander Campbell who died in 1809, aged 82, is extolled in Latin "annos medicinam exercuif." Other Burton doctors include "John Armstrong Esq., Surgeon of Burton in Kendal, and formerly a native of Castleton Roxburghshire" who died in 1847 aged 69; Thomas Harrison, "formerly of this place, surgeon and son of the late Thomas Harrison of Kendal Surgeon" who died in 1863, aged 58; William John McDade M.B. who died in 1909; and Dr William Howell Robertson, 1869-1952. The most lavish medical epitaph is to "John Parkinson, Surgeon

and Apothecary of this Town" who died in 1797, aged 71 years. "By his great Professional Skill and Success an extensive Neighbourhood was highly benefitted for 40 years - and his practical Attentions and Care were rewarded with due Reputation, and the final Acquirement of an ample Fortune; of which he bequeathed 800 pounds to assist 20 poor Boys and 14 Girls in obtaining a Christian, orderly and useful Education". As the Grammar School's endowment funds the Burton Educational Foundation Dr. Parkinson's Bequest might now be remembered not just on a dead stone but in practical help for today's young lives.

Burton Memorial Hall Management Committee

Would all Hall user groups please note that the next meeting of the Management Committee will be Thursday 4 September, at 7.30pm, and all user groups are encouraged to have their representatives attend.

The Hall's annual fund-raising event, the Autumn Fair/ Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 11 October, from 10am - 12 noon. All user groups are asked to have a stall or run a game or activity to raise funds. Donations for stalls and raffle prizes are also very welcome.

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God's grace and gold medals

Many of us will have enjoyed the Olympic Games, not least because of the success of the British team. The Olympians who have won medals, are the toast and talk of the nation. Their photos are splashed across the front of our newspapers and their names are on the lips of our newsreaders. But we don't hear much, if anything, about those who haven't managed to win a medal.

We love the winners. We're not that bothered about the losers. Our reaction to winners and losers says a lot about the culture we live in – it's one of conditional love. From our very first day at school the message communicated to us is: "If you perform, we'll love you. If you don't perform, we'll withdraw that love." Love comes with a price tag. This can be crushing to human beings.

One of the reasons our society is so driven and competitive is because we're very aware of the constant ranking that goes on around us. We'll feel loved if only we could look younger, thinner, more beautiful, be more successful, harder working etc. People are often conditioned by the belief that unless I win, I won't be loved – so I have to make sure I win.

The Christian message is the exact opposite to that of our culture. The Bible tells us that we are loved unconditionally and it's the cross, in particular, that makes this so clear. God knows exactly what I'm like

and yet he still sent his Son to die for me. This is how the Bible puts it: "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)



God didn't love me because I was good and lived a life pleasing to him. No, he loved me when I was bad and living a life against him. He didn't love me when I was a winner – he loved me when I was a loser. That's grace – God's huge kindness to people who don't deserve it.

Victor Hugo wrote: "Life's greatest happiness is to be convinced we are loved." Because of the cross, Christians are convinced that they are loved. This makes a massive difference to our lives. It's so liberating. I've got nothing to prove to God. There is nothing I can do to make him love me more and nothing I can do to make him love me less.

A school in Cambridge displays only two boards on which they honour ex-pupils. On one is a list of Olympic gold medallists. On the other is a list of Nobel Prize winners. That's the standard they set for recognition! I'm not going to make it onto that kind of list.

So there is amazing joy, security and freedom when I realise that God loves me anyway, gold medal or not!

Paul

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Wednesday 17 September

11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Holme

Sunday 21 September

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

Sunday 28 September

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It is thought that nearly 2 million tonnes of new clothing is bought every year, but that only around a fifth of that is recycled. Please take only clothes and shoes that are suitable for re-sale to charity banks or shops, it is a good idea to tie shoes together so that they don't get separated and use bags to keep items clean.

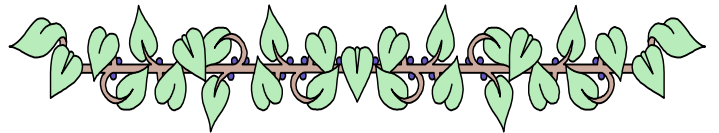
Charity banks and shops are among the best ways to recycle, as well as keeping the amount of waste down; they also provide an excellent service to bargain hunters, so why not take a look next time you are in town. You could save a pound or two as well as saving the planet.

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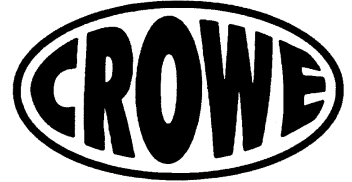
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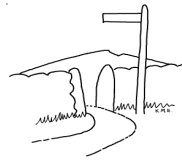
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Editorial...



A bit on the thin side...

You may be thinking your BN this month isn't as 'beefy' as usual and you'd be right, down to a mere 24 pages due to a lack of things to put in it! One of those times when a few pages of articles and interesting stories from Burtonians would have been useful. We know we've asked before but it's times like this when having items in hand wouldn't go amiss so if you've a mind to write us something then please don't be afraid to send it. You don't have to have your name or address in print so a pseudonym would be fine, but as with any other news publication we do need to know who is writing it or it cannot be printed.

A bit on the sparse side...

The police report at the Parish Council meeting that is, with no mention of events that we do know about. Do we conclude that by not reporting these the idea persists that Burton and its environs are sleepy hollows where nothing of note is allowed to disturb the rural tranquility? Rose coloured specs and cotton wool we don't need!

A bit on the Keystone Kops side...

Or so it appeared to be when the Parish Council meeting was disturbed by youths running on the roof of the Memorial Hall and the ensuing chase. On a serious note, not only is climbing on the roof dangerous it damages the surface and only adds to the repair bills over time, something the hall doesn't need with its increased running costs.

A bit on the thoughtless side...

Yes it's a difficult thing to find parking spaces in a village where car ownership was never envisioned. However there have been several instances of parking where it has caused severe restrictions and even dangerous conditions on blind corners. In an ideal world we'd all have a safe place to put our vehicles but that's not going to happen so all we can do is have a little thought about where we've parked up before taking out the key. Maybe it means walking a bit further but we don't own the road outside our homes so cannot lay claim to any 'right of parking' even if it's more convenient and we usually can park there.

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on 0845 050 4434
email: 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 742637

SURGERY TIMES

Dr JH Gorrigan

Monday 8.30am - 10.30am @ BMH

By appointment only. To make appointments please telephone 015395 63553

Child Health Clinic

1st 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

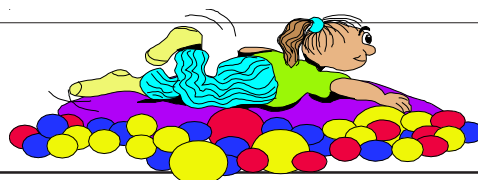
to report road or pavement problems

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 773520
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

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 find **contact details** for the Clerk & Councillors, and access the **archive** of PC agendas, minutes, reports & newsletters.

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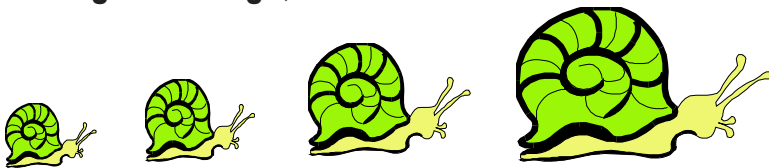
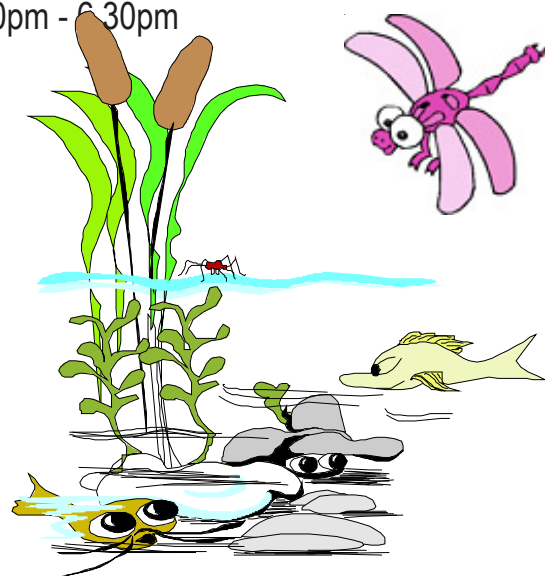
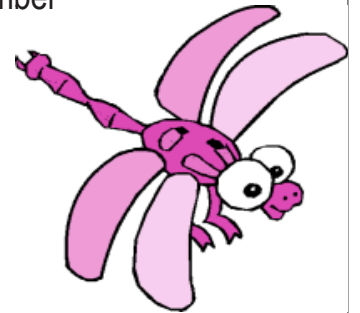
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT
THE CLERK - Charles Dale
01524 781145

What's On?

See pages 24/25 for more Events Meetings and Activities

ADVANCE DIARY DATES

- BMH Management Committee Meeting**, BMH - Thursday 4 September, 7.30pm
Burton 10K & Fun Run - Sunday 14 September 11am start
Kent Estuary Neighbourhood Forum, Brigsteer Village Hall - Tuesday 16 September, 7.30pm
Burton Pre-School New Parents Evening, BMH - Tuesday 16 September, 7.30 - 9.30pm
BADS Casting for Autumn Play, BMH - Thursday 18 September at 7.30pm
Pub Quiz in aid of Burton Playground Appeal, Kings Arms - Friday 19 September
Burton Pre-School Committee AGM, BMH - Thursday 25 September 7.30pm
MacMillan Big Coffee Morning, BMH Friday 26 September 10am - 12noon
Burton Recreation Trust AGM, BMH - Thursday 2 October 7.30pm
Onion Show, Kings Arms - Sunday October 5 (see page 8)
Stamp Fair, BMH - Sunday 5 October, 10am - 4pm
Burton Memorial Hall Coffee Morning, BMH - Saturday 11 October 10am - 12 noon
Pre-School Hallowe'en Party, BMH - Sunday 26 October 5.00pm - 6.30pm
BADS Autumn Play, BMH - Fri 21 & Sat 22 November
Sports Committee Bingo, BMH - Thurs 27 November
Memorial Hall Bingo, BMH - Thurs 4 December
Church Christmas Coffee Morning, BMH - Sat 6 December
Pre-School Bingo, BMH - Fri 12 December
Pre-School Coffee Morning, BMH - Sat 13 December
Bowling Club Bingo, BMH - Fri 19 December



BMH = Burton Memorial Hall

KEEP US IN THE NEWS!

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. Let Burton News help you!

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Next Meeting (open to all readers)

Monday 8 September 6pm in BMH