

It's Summer!

Enjoy the Summer Holidays (despite the weather!) but don't forget to send us your events for the September issue (before 20 August please.) If you run a group why not pop a copy of your programme into the Village Store marked for Burton News and we'll include your dates in future issues for you!

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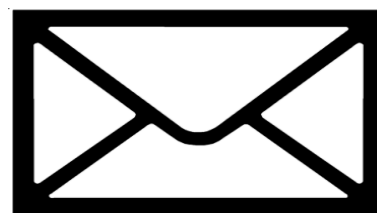
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We are a team of over 30 village residents who volunteer our time and expertise to bring Burton News to your doorstep 11 times a year.

Most of us are the ones who physically push BN through your letterbox, but also on our team we are fortunate to have professional authors who freely write our regular columns (*Outdoors, An Opinion, Historical Footnote, Going Green*) for us.

We also welcome contributions from anyone else who has something to say about Burton and what goes on here. Either a regular column or a single article is fine - we welcome all writers!

So, that's us in a nutshell - please keep reading and once a year if you could drop us a little donation into our box in the Village Store to help keep Burton News going, we'll do the rest. Thank you.



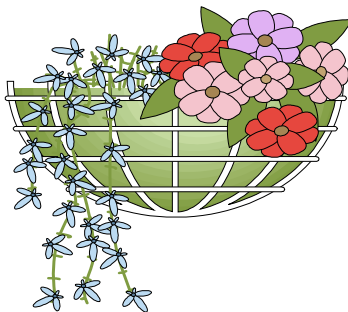
Readers' LETTERS

Dear BN,

Blooming Burton?

Has any interest in the village ever been shown regarding "Britain in Bloom"? There are some lovely areas in the village which I am sure would look even more lovely with flowers and hanging baskets. I understand it is a competition but I know nothing else about it. Perhaps it could have a mention in the newsletter.

Kind regards,
Mrs Scholefield, Ormskirk (by email)



Dear BN,

Blooming Good!

Many thanks for giving front page publicity to our NGS garden opening last Sunday. We have raised over £1000 for charity from that day alone (approx. £2500 in total including our evening opening and 8 private groups).

Linda Greening, Pear Tree Cottage, Dalton

Please would readers note that letters for these pages must include a valid name & address. This can be with-held from publication on request. We will not publish any anonymous letters, or material which, in the opinion of the Editorial Committee, is of an offensive or defamatory nature. BN reserves the right to edit letters & articles in the interests of magazine space.

BN AUDITOR NEEDED

Burton News is still in need of someone to act as our auditor when our annual accounts are finalised at each financial year end (December). Experience of book-keeping or accounting would be beneficial. If anyone is able to help us with this important task please contact Frank *BN EDITOR WILL PROVIDE CONTACT DETAILS*



SCOUTS COFFEE MORNING

1st Holme Scout Group are holding a fundraising coffee morning in Burton Memorial Hall on Saturday 3 October.

Any local group wishing to have a stall (for a small donation) should contact either Linda or Val or speak to one of the other leaders.

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Events like this are what give the village its sense of community, so if you are new to the village, particularly if you have young children, or if you've lived here for many a year, please offer whatever support you can. This can be done making an entry in the show, joining in the bidding, raffles and competitions, or supplying goods/services that could be promised for auction. No matter how big or small: an hour's ironing, dog walking or even a family holiday with flights was included one year, every little thing will be greatly appreciated.

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Rates of pay and expenses are based on Local Government Pay Scales currently (2008/09) £ 8.23 to £11.78 per hour dependent on experience and qualifications. Training will be provided.

The post is home-based and good organisational and IT skills, basic accountancy combined with access to a broadband internet connection are considered essential. If you are willing to learn and have the drive and enthusiasm to support a pro-active council with a "can do" attitude we would welcome your application.

For further information including a more detailed job description of the important role of the Clerk please contact the Chairman, Francis Mason-Hornby **BN EDITOR WILL PROVIDE CONTACT DETAILS*

**Closing date for applications
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Outdoors

The path that strikes eastward from Main Street beside the Royal is not only a footway where dogs are taken to do their business in the morning. It is also an avenue of luxuriant flowers and leaves, a sort of linear garden of Eden. I've counted twenty four ground species there this year and eight hedgerow trees and shrubs. (No doubt Geoffrey Halliday could double that.) Muddy in winter with a beck running down it after heavy rain, from March onward it brims with colour. The lesser celandines along the lefthand (northern) verge make a continuous zone of yellow as though the Milky Way had stretched along the ground. Then leafage begins to bud - hazel, hawthorn, and (much later) ash - and the gem-like beauty of red against green begins to glow, as chlorophyll forms in the strengthening sunlight. Green runs down the veins of each wine-coloured leaf and (in the hazels) all round the rim like little emerald flames.

By the time may-blossom is whitening the hedges, stinging nettles and broad-leaved dockens are growing rank on the verges, the nettles head-high in places.



Photo by Edward Ellis

Both these plants thrive only too well on the nitrates and phosphates leaching through from the fields. Still there is colour - the sunny yellow of buttercups, the purple glints of climbing vetch; and even the ash has leafed at last, its tipmost twigs sprouting claret-coloured leaves like spurts of fireworks.

How old is the path? A common saying is that each hedgerow species equals a century of age. This would mean that these hedges were started before 1300, and why not? Most English hedgerows were

established by the Anglo-Saxon age and two-thirds of England has had a hedged countryside for more than a thousand years. People needed clear footways to the fields and orchards. There is an orchard at the start of the path and another (including a garden) just beyond its head. We call it 'the Post Office path' - already a historical relic,

since the Post Office was moved out of the Square and re-opened in the shop by Dave and Sue Williamson on July 4 1995. Its older, now restored name is Boon Walks Lane and walkers will know it as one link in the network that starts above Clawthorpe as Srape Lane, becomes Kidnapper Lane between Vicarage Lane and the old orchard above the sports ground, then runs south through fields towards Dalton Hall or west down to the Square.

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The age of Boon Walks Lane is embodied for me in an elder that grows in the right-hand (southern) hedge about half way up. Just now you can hardly see its trunk behind a smother of goosegrass, ivy, red campion, and fern. It's massive for an elder, a foot in diameter, scarred and seamed like the torso of a body-builder who's lost weight drastically. When I first noticed it this year, I thought it was dead and I wrote a poem in which I saw it as a very old man crowded out by the swarm of younger generations. I was wrong - that gnarled trunk sprouts vigorously high up into a fountain of new green wands and leaves and makes the top of the hedge bulge upward like a wave about to break. (It just shows that you need to know your subject thoroughly before you write a poem about it.) The other day, as I peered into the shadowy bower of leaves and stems, a sound vibrated from its depths - a sudden fluster of wings, shortlived, urgent. A bird must have been at bay in there, perhaps a blackbird on its nest, unsure whether to sit tight or flee as one human and one dog came too near its home.

David Craig



HOMEMAKER'S REUNION

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W.I. NEWS

Our Summer Supper and bring and buy auction was held in Burton Memorial Hall on Thursday 9 July.

There is no meeting in August, but we are having an outing to Farfield Mill at Sedbergh on 20 August.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 10 September at 7.30pm in Burton Memorial Hall, and will be a talk by Graham Darlington on the *Conservation of the Local Historic Environment*. The competition is *An object with Historical Connections*.

Visitors are always welcome. For more details contact Helen *BN EDITOR WILL PROVIDE CONTACT DETAILS*

See page 8 for photos of the Big Village Tidy undertaken in June by the WI and the Guides.



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Roger Reports...

Firstly another THANK YOU for the support I have received from Burton over the last 25 years as your representative on SLDC since 1984 and for the CCC since 1997, which has now led to my being elected Chairman of Cumbria County Council. I am, thus, the first person to have been both Chairman of South Lakeland (from 2001-2003) and also of Cumbria and I am one of the few natives of Westmorland to have held the position.

The job is a mixture of Speaker as I chair the main council meetings and of Civic Head rather like the mayors of smaller authorities. For, I believe the first time ever, I was elected unopposed by members of the other parties, although this is probably because my party with the Independents have most support. Owing to the economic crisis and the narrowness of the overall majority, the two largest groups Conservatives 38, Labour 24 plus 4 out of 5 Independents have formed a 'rainbow coalition'. As yet the 16 Liberal Democrat members have not accepted the invitation to join.

My civic work has been very busy as I have attended 20 functions in as many days, ranging from meeting government ministers like Ed Milliband who opened

the Energus Nuclear Studies Centre at Lillyhall, a Council for Voluntary Services seminar and school pupils 'book challenges', a swimming gala, Cumbria's High Sheriff's reception, a barbecue organised by my 'neighbouring' Chairman of Northumbria in which I failed to obey the dress code of 'wear jeans and a T-shirt', and a Grand Proms in the Park in County Durham where I wore the required black tie. For the Copeland Mayoral procession at Whitehaven the band played the Communist anthem The International - possibly the last place in Europe where it is still on the repertoire.

As one of the first members of the Carlisle Diocese Training Institute for Church of England Ministers I was privileged to attend the Memorial Service in the Cathedral for its founder David Halsey, Bishop of Carlisle from 1972-89. So far, unlike my predecessors and neighbouring civic heads I have not used a chauffeur-driven car: last year it cost £17,000!!!

On SLDC I still take the prayers for council meetings. Following objections from one member, who was only on the council for two years, these are now held ten minutes before the official start of the meetings. Meanwhile a row is going on in Kendal Town (parish) Council about prayers being said (again following objections from only one member) although, as at school assemblies or prayers in parliament, no one is compelled to attend a religious observation. Please let me know what you think?

I am opposing SLDC's plans to ban free car parking on New Road, Kendal. If and when alternative spaces are found I would support the creation of a river side garden on the site.

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On the county council I am still pressing for urgent repairs to A6070 and have arranged for some of the £10,000 I receive, for works at my discretion, to be used to provide two sets of dropped kerbs on Main Street, as well as using £1000 to subsidise the Parish Council's Lengthman's Salary.

Having chaired SLDC's Rural Affairs working party I am pleased that rural needs must now be considered on all service level agreements.

SLDC's perennial row over public conveniences continues as economies are needed while, also as always, their scarcity and cleanliness are criticised. Milnthorpe's toilets, the only ones between Kendal and Carnforth and the sixth most used in the District, are not threatened with closure.

Finally an annual plea - as a trustee of the Grundy Charity I would like to know of any people who may need financial help. Needs may include help with paying for a child's musical instrument, or to supplement a senior citizen's low income. I have application forms but you can also get them from Apfel Carter, Solicitors, 28-30 Park Road, St. Annes on Sea, Lancashire, FY8 1PA.

All the best - and enjoy the summer -

Roger

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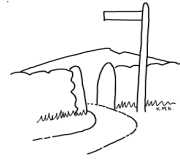


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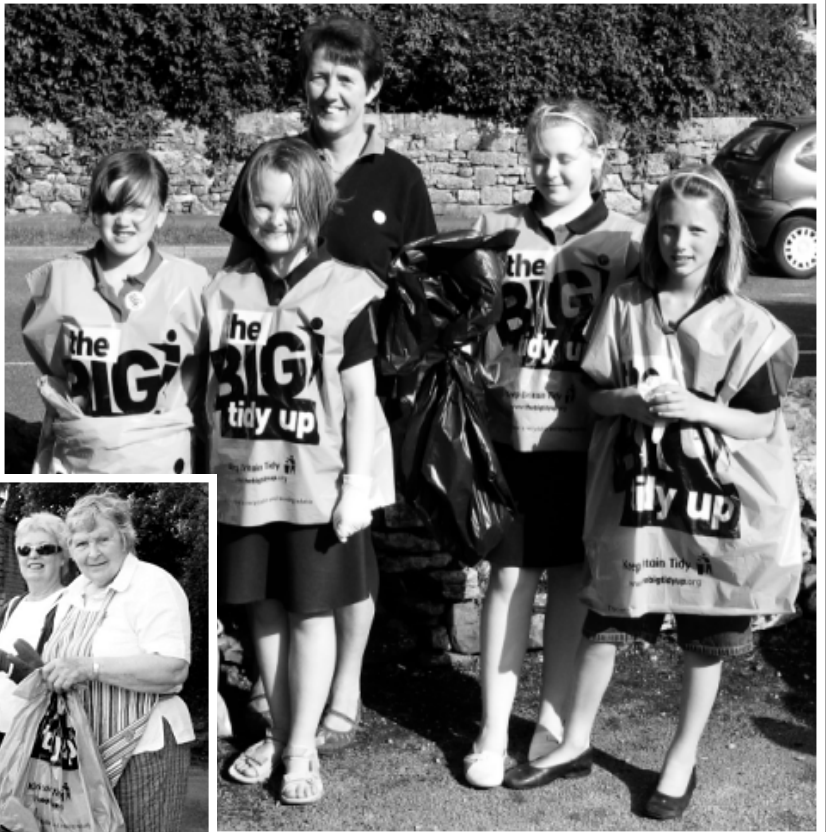
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The Big Village Tidy

Bill Willink kindly sent us some pictures of the WI/Guides Village Tidy on 24 June.

Helen Dawson (right) and Eileen Kirby (bottom) pose with the the Guides and their snazzy bag coveralls, whilst the ladies of the WI (and Bill!) do a spot of binning (below) L-R: Susan Williamson, Helen Nixon, Bill Willink, Jill Chennells, Hester Willink.



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These four young ladies filled bags nearly as big as them on the BIG tidy up!

Meanwhile, WI member Pauline Walton (below) gets stuck into a spot of gardening, whilst fellow member, Helen Nixon, looking the part in her day-glow yellow waistcoat, tackles the big bin outside the Memorial Hall.



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An Opinion...

Comments on the goings-on at the Parish Council...

RESIGNATION OF A KEY PLAYER

There were no Chairman's Announcements this month ("was this going to be a mercifully brief meeting?" pondered A.O.) But under this category the Chairman read out a letter of resignation from Charles Dale, Parish Clerk for the last five years. The PC owes him a debt of gratitude if only because Charles studied for a Parish Clerk's Diploma (Univ. of Gloucester), thus enabling the PC to gain Quality Status. All present praised his dedication and effectiveness. And A.O. would like to add her penn'orth to this. Charles has helped her over many details when she's been stuck for information, and almost always been patient with her queries. He will be missed, not least by A.O.

POLICE REPORT

None. No police presence.

OPEN FORUM

Kath Hayhurst read out a carefully-prepared list...

1. She praised the neat grass-cutting round Burton's public seats which now made it possible to sit on them, thanks to lengthsman Mr Holmes.
2. She pointed out that the Dalton milestone needs a bit more titivating to be historically accurate.
3. Stiles. She reported that some stiles (e.g. the one giving onto the footpath near Rose Cottage at Dalton) are now too difficult to negotiate if you're "getting on in years". Very diffidently she suggested some stiles might benefit from the addition of a pole to help pull

up. This was greeted with an element of derision from our late-middle-aged PCllrs. "YOU just wait," thought A.O. with some bitterness. Her days of rock-climbing Esk Buttress, having walked miles in bare feet to reach the crag, and so on, are now over, and her sympathies lie with those who need something to grab hold of to heave themselves over a simple stile. The difficulty of erecting a safe post was emphasised by one PCllr, and clearly that can be a problem.

4. Access to the Public Footpath at Moss House Farm. K.H. pointed out that access had been barred by building across the route of the traditional path. The owners were agreeable to walkers passing in front of their farmhouse as an alternative, but this wasn't signed, and was confusing to walkers. It would cost the owners a considerable sum to have the footpath officially re-routed. PCllrs pointed out that this matter had been raised at meetings at regular intervals and never resolved. It was agreed to pass the problem to the Ramblers' Assoc.

K.H. was thanked for her useful report. That is an understatement for all the work Kath puts into her historical and geographical investigation of the locality.

TRAFFIC REPORT

The PC Chairman and another PCllr had met with Mr Bell of SLDC to discuss Burton's traffic problems. This is a 10-yearly review.

1. The A6070 between Church Stile and Clawthorpe. Clearly a hazardous stretch. Mr B suggested removing the 30mph sign at the north (Kendal) end of the stretch and replacing it with a 40mph which would continue till a 30mph sign nearer the village. The exact position of this was unclear to A.O. But possibly at Church Stile? Or Clawthorpe Hall? The suggestion caused a rumpus

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among PCllrs. Even after the suggestion was put to the vote and agreed 7:1 the rumbling went on for ages. But it was agreed that the PC should go along with the suggestion, which came from an expert and had apparently been tried and tested elsewhere and shown to be effective. We shall see. It's A.O.'s opinion that it won't make any difference either way.

2. The same stretch of the A6070 should have double white chevron hatching marking on key areas, with signs and red strips.

3. The provision of an off-road footpath was recommended as the verge is too narrow to accommodate one. However this depends on the goodwill of the landowner concerned, which isn't forthcoming.

4. Tanpits Lane. No action to be taken (i.e. no change to a one-way system).

OTHER MATTERS

1. Bus Shelter at the South end of Main Street. Its position is still under discussion and depends on the recommendations of Police and other experts.

2. Website for the Parish Council. An up-to-date web site is to be put in place and the PC will meet the cost.

PARISH PLAN

1. The post box at the south end is still under discussion. But the idea of a red phone box in the Square has been abandoned.

2. Allotments. There is a possibility of provision of some land, but this is still under discussion. It now appears planning permission is necessary (for sheds, etc.)

3. Slape Lane. Funds may be available to upgrade it.

THE PLAYGROUND

IMPACT are to provide a sign for the entrance.

A6070

£167,000 is to be spent on improvement from Holme Park Quarry to the north roundabout.

REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

The PCllr rep. from Burton reported that outline plans for the reduced-scale Gateway Project had been discussed. This is for an auction mart etc to be sited roughly opposite the location of the Westmorland Showground. Access will be over the bridge across the canal at Crooklands (!) They can't afford an alternative, The aims of the company are extolled on the front of the brochure: all good things: innovative, environmentally friendly, energy efficient, ecologically sound. Oh, and A.O. thought those words all meant the same. The Chairman of the project has the intriguing name of Drinkall. Spring water, I hope.

A.S.

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St James' Cup 2009

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All photos by Colin Dugdale.



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Historical Footnote by Roger Bingham

Burton's celebration summer

The long drab reign of Queen Victoria had been enlivened towards its end by the celebrations of her Golden and Diamond Jubilees, respectively in 1887 and 1897. So for her successor in 1902 everybody in Burton, as elsewhere throughout the British Empire, joyfully prepared to put out more flags to celebrate the Coronation of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra on 26 June. But in fact the bunting went up a fortnight earlier, after the arrival of news that the Boer War had ended victoriously. When news of the surrender of the Boers was received the village was soon astir, flags were waving from many a window and the Union Jack from the church tower borne aloft on a new flagstaff, the gift of Major Hornby of Dalton Hall. The bells pealed forth joyously taking the glad tidings to the outlying districts, the school children and a boy band marched to the Market Cross to sing the National Anthem. In the evening young people paraded the streets singing patriotic songs, after which there was a display of fireworks in the Market Place.

On the 24 June Burton's coronation programme, which included 'feasts' for everyone in the parish, was published. But, alas, the announcement came too early, for just after the Westmorland Gazette's deadline the sensational news broke that the Coronation was being postponed as the King had undergone an emergency appendicitis operation. Though everyone feared that there might be a Royal funeral instead of a coronation, because 'all was ready - the ham boiled

and the marquees erected' the planned feasts went ahead and there were some games for the children. Unlike in other villages the Burton and Holme Coronation bonfire on the Farleton Knott was kept for the new date.

On the actual day 22 August 'there were sports and tea for the children only and prizes for the competitors in the cycle and fancy dress parades and for the best decorated and illuminated houses ... which proved very effective, especially so were those of some of the cottages whose space was very limited'. Nevertheless the prizes went to Mrs Read, Hutton House and Mrs Sutcliffe, Devenant House who were residents of bigger houses. 'Fireworks were freely used and were greatly enjoyed by the young people of the village'. The day had begun early with 'the streets presenting a gay appearance with flags and bunting being freely displayed as, at 10am, a procession of infants headed by the Holme Band and accompanied by the banners of the Band of Hope, Rechabites, Odd Fellows' friendly societies passed through the village and returned by the grounds of Under Fell to the Parish Church where the service conducted by the vicar the Rev Carpenter included "Zadok the Priest" and "Sleepers Awake" effectively rendered by the choir. The procession then reformed and went on to the Market Cross where hearty cheers were given for the King and the Royal Family. A move was then made to Burton House where sports and tea for the children were provided - a heavy shower of rain somewhat marred the pleasure but did not dampen the ardour of the children.' The National School scholars had already been presented by Major Hornby with a book, "King Edward's Reign". The children attending the infants' school were each

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presented with a Coronation Mug'. These, however, bore the original date for the Coronation of 26 June rather than the actual, later, date of 22 August. In this inaccuracy Edward VII's commemorative mug is like the 1937 mug for his grandson Edward VIII's coronation which never took place and the souvenirs for the wedding of Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall which, because Prince Charles had to attend Pope John Paul II's funeral, was delayed by a day to 10 April 2005 though the commemorative wares are dated 9 April.



Alex Driver on attaining a triple distinction in your BTEC. It's onwards and upwards to University in September now! Love from all the family!!! xxx

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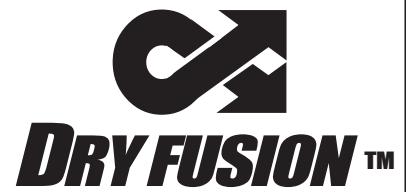
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BURTON AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY



Aha, me hearties! Splice the mainbrace! Aye, Jim lad, and the village crew, you'll be wanting to know about our next play then, I should imagine. Well as you may have guessed, we have a nautical theme this time so plenty of red herrings about!

Set in 1912, just a short time after the sinking of the Titanic, a ship returning from America has a group of crew and passengers all caught up with each other with disastrous consequences – a murder is committed!!! 'Murder?!' you cry. Yes, murder! It's your favourite! Another mystery for you to solve, along with Inspector Peach this time.

We already have props, costumes and scripts, so all we need now is some actors, backstage crew and an audience!

Calling all actors - come and join us on Thursday 3 September, 7.30pm in the Club Room at the Memorial

Hall when we will be having a read through and allocating parts.

Backstage crew volunteers – please come too on Thursday 3 September - see what the play is about and be involved right from the start.

Audience – your presence will be required on Friday 27 or Saturday 28 November 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

P.S. **Don't forget** we will be having a hot pot supper as usual and remember your liquid refreshments!

Notice of how to buy tickets will be given nearer the time.

Look forward to seeing you soon.

Felicity Holloway, Chair

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BURTON NEWS WHAT'S ON LISTINGS ARE FREE! TRY SOMETHING NEW! KEEP US IN THE NEWS!

There are activities galore in Burton so check out our What's On listings for this month's events and activities.

Fancy a change? Why not try something new for 2009 - all village groups welcome new members - there must be something you fancy having a go at!

If you are planning an event in Burton why not let us know and we'll add a free entry to our events list which we publish in every issue. This helps give your event more publicity and flags up potential clashes of dates for events. Let BN help you make the most of your event!

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The Vicar Writes...

Scandal, sleaze and someone we can trust

The recent scandal over MP's expenses has made many of us bitterly disappointed and deeply angry that so many public servants have taken us for a ride, living a life of luxury and claiming unnecessary financial help at our expense – cleaning moats, building homes for ducks, avoiding capital gains tax, and making accidental false claims. We feel let down by the people we ought to be able to trust.

The disappointment and outrage we feel towards our politicians, we also feel about some of our top bankers, with senior managers apparently taking huge salaries whilst squeezing small businesses and struggling individuals into bankruptcy. Again we feel let down by people in whom we have placed a high degree of trust.

The media too has had its scandals with TV companies taking money from competition phone-ins after having already decided on a winner, and newspapers fabricating stories to boost their circulation.

Sadly, the church has not been immune from scandal, with some of its workers using their positions of authority and respect to abuse and manipulate people entrusted to their care. Trust in many cases has been destroyed.

However, as I reflected on my disappointment with, and anger at, others, a disturbing truth hit home - the biggest disappointment is me. I do not live as I should. And aren't we all the same?

We are quick to condemn behaviour in others that we excuse in ourselves. Expenses and insurance claims are exaggerated, time is stolen from our employers as we skip work saying we're ill when we're not; little lies are told to get us out of a scrape or to ensure we get what we want; fares are dodged; the surplus change we're given by the cashier is pocketed. The list could go on.

We're all part of the problem that stains society. So,

who can help us? Who can we trust? Only someone who does not share in our problem. Is there anyone who fits the bill? Of Jesus, the Bible says:

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth... He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness." (1 Peter 2:22-25)

Jesus always spoke the truth. He gave himself selflessly to others. As he died, he was punished for the wrong we are guilty of. This means when we trust him he gives us a completely new start and new desires and strength to live God's way.

He is the one person who can help us. He is the one person we can trust. He is the one answer to the scandal and sleaze in our world, in our country and, indeed, in our own lives.

Paul

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Stealing Freedom

Why call a book *Stealing Freedom* and what does true freedom really mean? Does it depend on our circumstances, or is it born out of something deep within us? Why does it frequently appear to be so elusive? I believe that most of us misunderstand freedom and that very often we chase after an impostor who masquerades in many forms, leaving us feeling cheated, disillusioned and trapped. However, true freedom it seems to me implies being rescued. It is the most precious of all gifts offered by the Rescuer and an integral part of our inheritance in Christ. I see this freedom as being linked implicitly with redemption, wholeness and well being. As we learn to embrace it, we have the potential not only to honour God, but to be true to ourselves in all our relationships.

We live in a bleeding broken world and like most people I have known both joy and pain in my life. We know that as Christians, we can't expect to be immune from tragedy and that trusting God does not make us exempt from heartache. In my book I have written about family traumas which include suicide, mental illness and separation from loved ones for over thirty years, but I have also shared with the reader times of great joy and blessings. The seasons of my life have all combined to teach me what it means to live in the reality of God's presence each day and to be increasingly aware of the freedom which that brings. So is it possible for this freedom to be stolen from us? Making sure that we live within our God-given boundaries and are accountable to Him should protect us, but we are a vulnerable, fragile race; prone to self-absorption and

constantly seeking approval. We are like sheep, who wander away from the protection of the shepherd.

In *Stealing Freedom* I have described a journey which spans many years. Whatever your circumstances, I trust that you will relate to my story and that it will prove to be a source of real encouragement for you. It is an honest, straight-forward account involving issues that we all may face at some stage. However, woven into the fabric of the story is the awareness of God's presence and of His sovereign love and faithfulness. He has constantly been working out His purposes in the middle of both heartache and joy, which is such a blessing. For that reason, I should not need to anticipate or worry about what the future might hold. It is enough that my Father knows. I can embrace the present, trusting that my journey here on earth is certainly not yet over ... but as I have written in the last chapter of the book ... neither my fellow traveller is yours.

Vivien Patterson, Dalton Lane, Burton

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Going Green takes a break

Our eco-worrying columnist is taking a break for the summer but never fear, she will be back to share her concerns about saving the planet with us in the autumn!

BN Donations, you still have another month!

Yes, due to starting a month later than usual the collection box will be in the village store during August so you haven't missed your chance to drop in what you can to help keep BN going. Thanks to all those who have already contributed, it's really appreciated and good to know that you value what the Burton News team does for the village too. 184 issues and still going strong means we must be getting it right and the 'business model' is still functioning on the right lines. Another 4 issues and we will be starting our 18th year of publication, cause for celebrating of our 'coming of age'!

Auditing the BN Books...

We are still looking for someone to audit the annual accounts, the current financial year has been done so we have a little breathing space but it would be a relief to find a replacement auditor well before the time comes to finalise the next set of accounts. If you can help, please do contact us.

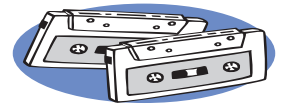
Holidays abroad or at home this year ?

Stories of lean times in holiday destinations abroad are rife so if you did change your annual foreign holiday for one in the UK did you re-discover what was already on your doorstep and will you be thinking to explore more of the same or be back on the 'Plane to Spain' next year ? A wonderful day out at the Windermere Air Show where we marvelled at the fly past of the Vulcan, as well as the other aircraft, showed that you don't have to travel to the ends of the Earth to have a great time, and no injections for nasty foreign diseases needed either !

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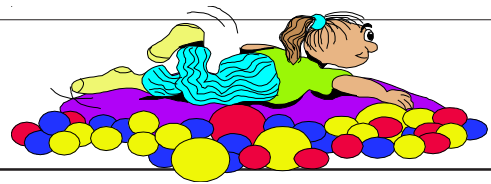
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The Agenda of the next meeting and Minutes of the last meeting are always available on the Parish Council notice board outside the Burton Memorial Hall or on the Parish Council website. On the website parishioners may find **contact details** for the Clerk & Councillors, and access the **archive** of PC agendas, minutes, reports & newsletters.

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Burton Lunch Club, Wednesday 12 August, 12.30pm, Kings Arms

Burton Fellwalkers, Saturday 15 August, meet 9am, BMH Car Park

Bowling Club Comps Finals plus Tom Burton Trophy, Sunday 23 August, 2pm, Bowling Green

Burton Fellwalkers, Wednesday 26 August, meet 1pm, BMH Car Park

Burton Memorial Hall Management Committee, Thursday 27 August, 7.30pm, BMH

BADS Casting Auditions for the Autumn Play, Thursday 3 September, 7.30pm, BMH

Burton Lunch Club, Wednesday 9 September, 12.30pm, Kings Arms

Homemakers Reunion, Wednesday 9 September, 8 pm, Green Pastures, 7 Dalton Lane, Burton

Burton 10k & Fun Run, Sunday 13 September, 11.00am start, Burton Morewood School

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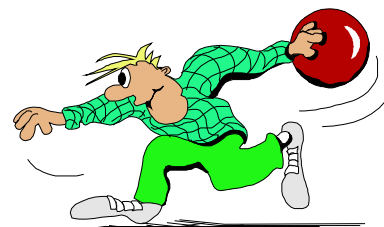
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