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"Milkie Mike" Gone but not forgotten

In the words of the song, you never know what you've got till it's gone, and the shock of Mike's sudden passing has stunned many, prompting the tributes on pages 16-17



BURTON NEWS

THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

February 2010 Issue 189

BURTON BERTIE

Two of Burton's recent visitors - sitting on the steps of the Market Cross - waiting for a bus perhaps?
Photo by George Isherwood



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Happy
Valentine's
Day!



Dear BN,

Thanks!

On Monday 28 December I was taken ill at home. Janice decided, after I'd passed out twice and following 'phone calls to Baycall, that I'd be better off in hospital, so an ambulance was called.

You may remember that it was a bitterly cold night with frozen snow and ice on the roads and pavements.

Nevertheless Burton and Holme First Responders were at our house in under 4 minutes followed not long after by an ambulance.

Following first-aid I was taken to Royal Lancaster Infirmary Accident and Emergency, the ambulance having great difficulty getting off St James's Drive due to the conditions.

On duty at A&E were 2 angels from the village: Sarah Hunter and Anne Taylor, who gave me a bit extra attention, many thanks for that, ladies.

Despite adverse publicity about the NHS, and on a busy night at A&E, I was dealt with promptly and efficiently. When it was decided that I was well enough to go home I was discharged after midnight. Many thanks to our brave neighbours, Val and Ray Atkinson for turning out in adverse conditions to take Janice and me home.

Janice and I would like to thank Gill and Akis for their concern and understanding when Janice didn't turn in for work next day, also our daughter Lucy, her fiancée David and Colin Brown for their support and all of our neighbours for their concern and well wishes. The upshot of it all is, I wasn't seriously ill, it was just a violent tummy virus, very worrying at the time but I bounced back to full health within a few days.

Charlie Ashbrook,
34 St James's Drive, Burton

Dear BN,

Thank you - Charlie & Jackie Nicholson

A huge thank you to all our friends, neighbours and villagers for their support and kind words on the sudden death of my dear Dad and Mum. All of the cards, flowers and donations we received were overwhelming.

To all our close family friends, thank you for making us your "second family", it's very special to know we have you there for support at this very difficult time and for the future.

And a very big and special thank you to Carl, Nicola, Charlotte, Luke and Daniel for being there throughout everything. It means the world to us to know we have you and can turn to you all for anything.

We would do anything to have Dad and Mum back with us, but we are trying to be strong. Once again a big thank you.

Rebecca, Justin and Ryan Ludlam (nee Nicholson)



Dear BN,

Thank you

Having received 30+ Get Well cards, numerous phone calls and visits Kath and I would like to thank you all for your good wishes.

We would also like to thank Burton First Responders who, were called out on 2 occasions, because of my "dickie ticker".

Having had triple bypass surgery at Blackpool Vic Hospital, I am well on my way to recovery.

Once again thank you all for your support and wish you all a happy new year.

Kath & Bob Kirkman, Burton

60!

Birthday - Williamson



Very many happy returns Susan on your special big SIX OH! Have a good one. All our love,

Barb and Jack xx

Thanks!

Dobson

I would like to thank friends and neighbours for all cards and flowers received during and after my operation.
Peggy Dobson

Children's Society

Many thanks to all who have Children's Society boxes. The total collected last year was £331.09.
Thelma

Burton Pre-School

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Outdoors

Outdoors it was so white from December 20 to December 27 that perhaps I should be leaving this page blank to celebrate the beauty of it all. As though to nail me after my nasty remarks last year about the unreality of Christmas cards, this year we woke on the 20th to that steady pouring of feathers out of a low leaden sky. By early afternoon, when it stopped, at least four inches had iced every ledge and twig, every fencepost, sill, and flowerpot. A blind person would have known what had happened by the muffled sound of the traffic.

A week's frost, down to minus 5 on Christmas Day night according to our thermometer, kept the snow crisp - perfect for sledging, building, and following animal tracks: deer-slots on the forest track to Greyrocks next to the splay-toed prints of pheasants. I have never seen so many snowmen in Burton - or should I say snowpersons? - also snowballs four feet across and neat chains of footprints showing exactly where a dog or a cat had been, or the postie, or the milkman, Milkie Mike, mourned and remembered by us all.

Now (on the second-last day of 2009) some relics are still standing about, like remnants of a people who have been and gone. A tapering snowman in a field beside the A6 opposite Dallam. A massive snowball or two at the foot of the sledging field above Morewood. Green double lines on slopes where sledge runners had already bitten through to the grass, How long have people been going in for these kinds of wintry play? We'll never know.

You might think that Neanderthals would have been too occupied in surviving. And presumably their children were as playful as our own. By the time of my boyhood the style was well set: a dumpy, shapeless body; two stubby arms, one of them holding a stick; a carrot nose; two coals or cinders for eyes; some sort of shabby old hat or bonnet. A nice variation this year was a cycling helmet on one of the two snow-beings which were leaning at a tipsy angle on the steps of the market cross.

If you think about it, snowmen are a kind of land art (the sort of art I most care about) - that is, interesting and/or beautiful things made from materials found on the spot. Famously, Andy Goldsworthy makes them from icicles, or field boulders, or sycamore leaves pinned with thorns. We can make them ourselves from broken stones on limestone reefs, or ice discs out of frozen birdbaths. The sturdy figures of snowmen this year have been reminding me of the effigies which Inuit people used to build with stones, and perhaps still do. They are squat, two-legged, with broad torsoes and rudimentary heads. They place them at the mouths of gullies to frighten the caribou into neighbouring gullies where the hunters can spear and butcher them. The only one I ever saw had been built in front of the craft shop in Churchill on Hudson's Bay. Now we make such things purely for pleasure and the snow effigies stand like totems still celebrating winter even when they are the last white things left on grass that has come through green again.

P.S. On January 4 we went to bed on a coldish cloudy night and woke to see that four to five inches of snow had silently whitened the world again. Since then it has frozen night after night and the snow has been a fixture.

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No totem-figures have been built this time, perhaps because school has gone back and adults are less creative than children.

P.P.S. January 12 and a typically nasty thaw drizzle has set in. The streets are clear and the snow has shrunk to a white lining along the field dykes.

David Craig



The Royal Hotel

As most of you will be aware, the Royal Hotel has now been sold. This is just a brief statement outlining a few aspects of the sale to clear up some of the rumours that we are aware are now circulating.

Several months ago a group of local residents including myself got together to discuss the possibility of purchasing the Royal Hotel, the surrounding land & buildings including the MUGA area, bowling green and field currently leased by the Recreation Trust from Punch Taverns. In November agreement was reached and the purchase was concluded in mid-January. All four partners live in the village and have all done so for a number of years.

We plan to explore every avenue for the site with a view that any development will be sympathetic to our village. We all felt from the outset that if a party from outside the village got hold of the site they probably would not care at all how the site was managed and developed and we did not want to let that happen. We cannot at this stage give you any indication as to the nature or scale of any proposed development of the site as no plans have been drawn up, agreed or finalised by the partnership to put forward into a planning application. What I can say is that we have no plans or desire to obtain planning permission to build houses on the field above the MUGA now or in the future (as has been rumoured.)

We do, however, plan to sit down and talk to the Recreation Trust with a view to securing the land and buildings that they currently lease, on a more permanent

and secure basis for the village, but as no talks have as yet taken place I can not comment further.

Another question last month related to the car park and I can say that any development will obviously need use of the car park but if possible we will try to accommodate some residential parking within the plans.

You now know as much as I do at this stage and any future developments we will keep you informed in due course.

Ian Hunt,

For and on behalf of The Burton Royal Partnership.

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Roger Reports...

A belated HAPPY NEW YEAR. The last months of the old year and the first of the new year have been dominated by the weather. Firstly re 'the snow' which having arrived on the 20 December gave us by the 7 January the longest continuous spell of lying snow in south Westmorland and nationally the most severe weather since 1979. By then Cumbria's grit supplies which, at 23,000 tonnes were more than enough for an average use of 15,000 tonnes, had nearly run out. Regrettably, the Salt Union Company had been ordered to supply only, the many, authorities which had run out. But it seemed hard that because we'd been provident that we should be penalised, especially as we are the most sparsely populated and have more road miles per head of population than any other county.

From day one, when I got my first complaint when the snow was still falling, I was in at least daily contact with County Highways about Burton. The A6070 was gritted immediately and, I am informed, on every subsequent day as it is a Priority 2 route as is the Dalton Lane to Kirkby Lonsdale road. These like the Priority 1 routes, which include the A65 and the A6, should be treated within five hours of snowfall. Our Priority 3 routes are Vicarage Lane through to Dalton, Tarn Lane to the A6, and Tan Pits Lane through to the A6 - are done as 'soon

as possible'. But, when some Priority 3 routes were done the grit was applied to hard packed snow or was soon covered by new snow. I particularly mentioned our salt boxes which were quickly emptied and as the county has '9,500 salt heaps and grit bins' they were only slowly replenished, although I rang in about e.g. the Morewood box from day two. When people realised that our parishes were less badly affected than most other places, complaints (as distinct from information) died down and I only received one nasty letter. Along with every other councillor I am seeking a complete review of the snow operation and will press for quicker replenishing of grit bins and responses to Priority 3 routes, especially Vicarage Lane. After the ice problems in December 2008 a further £1.5m was allocated for winter maintenance. Please let me know if this figure should be raised?

On roads it is generally agreed that the resurfacing of the A6070 at Clawthorpe was a 'good job'. But I was astonished, when a vociferous complainer said that the work hadn't been needed! On roads don't forget the Highways Hotline 0845 609 6609. If you suspect someone is Drink Driving or is planning to do so, then call police on 0845 00 247. For non-emergencies ring 0845 33 00 247.

Cumbria's floods occurred on the day of the Burton News deadline in November so this is my first mention of them. As Chairman of the County Council I was privileged to be taken to see the rescue operations and later to meet at least a score of ministers and shadow ministers and the chief VIP -the Prince of Wales. Like his grandmother, Prince Charles stayed twice as long as expected and talked to everyone. He was in tears

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after meeting the very dignified family of P.C. Barker who was drowned at Workington. Almost every charity, which collectively we all support, was heavily involved, including Churches Together (who provided soup), Mountain Rescue, Lifeboats, Reserves Forces and Cadets. Inevitably the brunt was borne by the Police and Fire and Rescue Services. Less obvious services like the County Archives - which dried out doctor's records - and the Library Service whose vans were instantly used as Post Offices and banks also played a full part. So too did Alf. He is the Drug Dog who had to sniff out all the drugs swept everywhere when Cockermouth's two rivers rushed through the chemists, vets, dentists and doctors. Mutual aid came from other authorities including a 30 strong team from Merseyside whose leader told me they'd brought their helicopter on a lorry because someone had nicked the petrol in Toxteth! The Community Foundation Flood Appeal has reached £1.6.m with £230,000 distributed. Next month there's the Council's budgets but we may also have the snowdrops and not the snow! Best wishes,

Roger

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W.I. NEWS

We had 12 members and 4 visitors at our January meeting. Our speakers were Kirsty and Stuart Wickes who gave a very interesting illustrated talk on their family pilgrimage in Spain, by bicycle.

Our February meeting is on Thursday 11 February at Burton Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Our speaker will be Jenny Johns who is demonstrating the making of Rag Rugs. She has promised some hands on experience. As always, visitors are most welcome. The competition is "A Paper Weight", hostesses are Susan Williamson and Betty Scott.

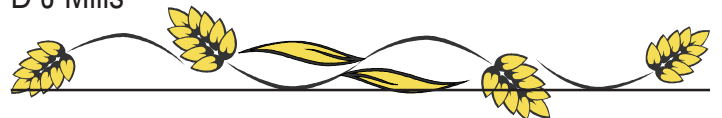


1st Burton Company Boys' Brigade

Due to snow, our fixtures for the second round of the BB National Table Tennis Competition were delayed, but congratulations to Frederick Anson, George Pickering and Matthew Holden who on Saturday 16 January, went to play 12th Liverpool and won their match 9-0. They are now through to the third round which will be at Burton, when we welcome a Company from south east Essex on a date to be fixed. Thanks to Graeme Wheelhouse for taking the boys and managing the team.

Our 'A' Team (Peter and Stephen Baxendale and Matthew Holden) will be playing away at 2nd Consett in the north east on Saturday 30 January. Thanks to Barbara Holden for offering to take the boys for this second round match.

D J Mills



REMINDER...

**Please make sure the
birds have food & water
through the winter months**



Going Green - Feb '10

Born in a barn

The Carbon Mother-in-law comes to stay. For ten days. The pavement is covered in ice and she arrives wearing a pair of stiletto shoes, tottering around like a celebrity skater. She walks in, greets the children and firmly shuts the door. The house is warm as we know she likes it that way. In fact it's tropical, with the radiators blasting away all day and half of the night. It gives the new boiler a chance to show us what it's made of. It's bliss. No more shivering in the morning, reaching over the double duvet for polo neck sweaters. The carbon copies wander around in their pyjamas, having shed their usual layers of pyjamas, sweaters, double dressing gowns, socks and slippers. All that's missing now is underfloor heating in the kitchen for maximum comfort when making breakfast. Hurrah for the Carbon Mother-in-law.

But the Carbon Mother-in-law is cold. She is also very irritated: by the doors. Not just one door, but all of them. Each rooms downstairs is interlinked with another, and each has two doors. The breakfast room even has three. The kids rush in and out every few seconds with their dolls or prams, footballs or games. "Shut the door," their granny rants. "You'd think you were born in a barn," she rails. At first the kids attempt to comply, but after a week they can't be bothered, and they rush out leaving doors ajar. "I told you to shut the door," their granny booms. She turns to me and berates me on my lack of energy efficiency, "Why don't you teach them to shut the door? They're letting all the heat out every time they come into the room." I remind her that there's normally no need to shut the door because there's only a small

window in the year when her son permits central heating. But the Carbon Mother-in-law isn't listening. She's busy blaming the entire heat loss of the planet on our lack of door closing habits.

By the end of the first week, I can't bear to hear her repeat the phrase any more, so I take it on myself to remind the kids. As soon as the door opens a crack, I tell the opener to close it immediately. I'm like a door obsessed parrot. I consider taping off rooms, and think about moving to a bungalow. Half way into the second week, I start to get paranoid about door handles: before touching one I stop to consider whether the effort of turning it is worth the reminder about closure. Meanwhile the house is way too hot, I feel like I'm living in Spain, and I'm tempted to start opening the windows to let fresh air in again.

We take the children and the Carbon Mother-in-law to Morecambe for a walk. The Carbon Copies have laser guns and are keen to play on the beach. But their granny is cold, so we make for the nearest café. The middle Carbon Copy goes to the toilet, and I wink at him as he pushes the door to with a very firm hand and clicks the lock. "See Granny, you've got them trained up," I say. Five minutes later the wailing begins. While I check out the adjacent toilet to see how the lock works, other customers line up with table knives, coins and pens to try and jiggle the lock. The middle Carbon Copy can't be comforted. When we finally get him out, with the help of the café owner and a kitchen implement, he glares at his Granny.

The Carbon Mother-in-law departs for London and I firmly shut the door. The house might have retained

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warmth better while she was here, but it wasn't worth all the stress. I turn the switch down on the boiler. It's back to arctic conditions for us. After all, the most energy efficient boiler is one that isn't using energy. The eldest Carbon Copy walks through the living room, leaving both doors ajar. I can tell he's enjoying the simple pleasure of hassle free door opening. We exchange smiles. "Do you live in a barn?" I ask. "I was born in one," he replies.

incident every 6 days. On average, we arrived on scene in just 6 minutes, 55% of the responses being well within this time. This was up to 20 minutes before the arrival of the paramedics. The age range of the patients varied from 13 to 86.

25% of the callouts were to patients experiencing breathing difficulties with a further 25% to chest pains, a possible indicator of a heart attack. The team also attended unconscious patients and those suffering other life threatening conditions such as strokes and seizures. We are on duty 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, as calls can occur at all times of the day and night - last year, we had 4 callouts during Christmas week alone. To operate, both teams need about £1500 per year for pager rental and equipment replacement, for which we thank the good people of Burton, as although we work and train with Holme both our finances are kept separate. Here's to a quieter 2010.

Alan Wren



ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2009

Burton and Holme Community First Responders provide vital emergency life support on behalf of the North West Ambulance Service between a 999 call being made and the arrival of the paramedics. As well as the two villages, we cover an area of approximately 36 km² north to the Crooklands roundabout, east to Newbiggin, west to the A6 and south to Capernwray, covering a population of around 3500.

All 17 members of the two teams are volunteers who carry pagers and can be called out rapidly by Ambulance Control at the same time as the paramedics are dispatched. The team are trained by the Ambulance Service in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation, Defibrillation and Oxygen Therapy, though are never asked to attend road accidents, trauma or the under 12s.

Having collected the life-saving equipment, two team members attend the patient, whilst others look after any relatives, record vital medical information for the paramedics and help guide the ambulance to the address. All team members wear high-visibility jackets, carry Ambulance Service I.D. badges and are bound by a strict confidentiality agreement.

During 2009, Burton CFR were called out to 35 incidents, Burton CFR also assisted Holme CFR with their 25 call outs, (and vice-versa) making an average of 1

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

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What About Burton's Pavements?

This was the question A.O. was in the process of asking. Not, "What was SLDC doing?" No. "What was our excellent lengthsman occupied with over the lengthy period when the pavements were dangerously icy?" Obviously the task was monumental, but surely Main Street pavements, with access to public buildings, i.e. the shops and pub merited some attention? A.O. hardly got a look-in. First, a long and somewhat irrelevant defence by Dist Cllr about the logistics of providing salt, clearing the roads, how unsparingly all had worked and so on. All no doubt true. But not exactly to the point, as one of our PCllrs finally pointed out. When the dust settled, A.O. gathered these points:

(a) A store of grit and salt will be available in Burton at an agreed site.

(b) Gritters will be requested to treat entry roads, all of them hilly, at least for some feet, where they debouch onto Main Street, thus helping to prevent inevitable skidding into the major road.

(c) The destructive fear of being sued if you clear the snow/ice and someone slips was more or less laid to rest. If you have house insurance you're covered by Third Party. But in any case there's no record of anyone ever taken to court for this.

(d) You should jolly-well clear the stuff yourself PCllrs agreed, like, we were told, the good people of Hollowrayne.

(e) After all the fuss, Dist Cllr Bingham assured us, nobody in Cumbria had died as a direct result of the ice.

PCllrs put him right on this point, as a fatal fall in Kendal had sadly touched residents in Burton. And A.O. would like to suggest Milky Mike's name here too. He heroically braved impossible conditions in his efforts to bring us our pintas, and paid the price. And, as one PCllr reminded us, there were so many fractures to deal with at RLI that the clinic ran out of plaster.

(f) Extra salt bins are available to PC's at a cost of £116. A.O. is uncertain whether or not the PC intends to acquire any, or indeed whether there is the intention to top up or fill those we already have.

Moral Footnote: "Why are we niggling about this when such terrible things are happening in Haiti?" pondered our usually practical and sensible Chairman. It happens that the sister of one of A.O.'s oldest friends worked for years in a Haitian orphanage, and A.O. despairs with her and did so long before the earthquake. But should that stop A.O. writing this column for Burton News? (If your answer is rude, please keep it to yourself!)

Sale of the Royal Hotel (as was)

Readers may remember that the PC was questioned last month as to whether they knew anything about the future of this beautiful building. This month PCllr Hunt gave a full account of the present state of affairs (published elsewhere in this issue of BN.) It has been bought by a consortium of four, all of whom have lived in Burton for some years. PCllr Hunt stressed the good intentions of the new owners. The PC congratulated his group on the purchase and wished them well, as does A.O.

Police Report

PCSO Rachel Thomas was present and gave her report: Bad ice had been reported the Tarn Lane Junction.



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Police visited and asked for gritting coverage from SLDC, which wasn't available. A traffic collision occurred soon after. Report of a suspicious pick-up vehicle with metal farm gates in the rear. No farm gates missing in the area.

Guest Speaker at the PC AGM in March

Normally A.O. wouldn't report this till the decision was finalised. But it may be too late for the next BN by then. So hopefully it isn't out of turn to say that a speaker from NW Air Ambulance is to be invited. If the invitation is accepted, it should be a fascinating talk. Round about this juncture, the pager of a PCllr's First Responder was bleeped, and he hurried from the room (the practical PCllrs all seem to A.O. to sit at the right-hand table.)

Local Area Partnership

Burtonians may have noted that the Quarterly PC Newsletter, always clearly written, fell apart somewhat in December when it reported news verbatim from the Local Area Partnership. How, and whether the PC should involve themselves in this tedious, undemocratic, verbose and floundering committee was the subject of discussion. At least two other PCs have counted themselves out. But with serious reservations Burton PCllrs made the decision to continue attending. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should write to the organisers to convey the PC's opinions, the gist of which appears above. A considerate PCllr was good enough to show A.O. the confused wording of some of the report. A.O. would have quoted it here, but the said PCllr snatched it back before she had a chance to copy it.

Other Matters

1. Request for bus-stop signs to be re-sited. The trouble,

it seems, is there's a tendency for the Bus Stop sign to blow off that little post at the end of the shelter. Could be nasty.

2. The timetables in the shelters have been updated by our pretty impressive Parish Clerk.

3. It has been suggested that the lengthman's log should appear e.g. in the shop window, as it does in Holme.

4. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Deerslet Nurseries for the donation of trees for the playground.

5. A PCllr reported that Nineteen Trees are now almost back to 19, except one has died. This has happened on at least one previous occasion, with the missing tree replaced (v. Kath Hayhurst on the matter). The view from the seat where Vicarage Lane and Dalton Lane converge has been cleared.

Footnote: Austin Woolrich, who lived in Burton for some years till his death, once told A.O. there was no evidence whatever of Civil War activity round Burton. He was an acknowledged authority on The English Civil War. (v. *The English Revolution* by A. Woolrich.)

6. A PCllr complained about the damage to footpaths caused by cattle in Dalton Woods. She was of the opinion the PC has some say in raising the matter with Forest Enterprise. Hope she's right.

The Parish Plan

Alas, some of the items are to be dropped. No further action is to be taken about allotments, for one. Then the GPO have replied at last to the request for a post-box on Tanpits Lane: NO. Other matters have stalled because of the weather or replies are awaited.

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Some readers, mindful of the Mrs Robinson scandal in Northern Ireland, and with a nose for gossip, may have wondered whether there is more than a professional connexion between "Miss" and Roper. Not so. Roper still languishes in a faraway barn, a hostage in Abkhazia. But "Miss" has returned to school, after an unfortunate incident in which she thoughtlessly left her lover's euphonium on the stairs. The poor man (or "careless oaf" as she prefers to tell it) fell over it on his return from the pub, and broke his leg, doing untold damage to a G-valve on his instrument at the same time. He and "Miss" agreed to part, to put it tactfully, and "Miss" is now rather brashly, some might feel, back in harness again.

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IT'S "SNOW" JOKE!

The snow between 20 December and mid-January brought problems for many within the village, but also brought aid from neighbours and strangers. Here are some of the stories of village snow experiences...

Snow, Snow, Thick, Thick Snow

During the recent bad weather it looks like the authorities decided to let the general populace fend for themselves and not grit any minor residential roads.

On St James's Drive a number of worthy citizens turned out to shovel clear parts of the road. Thanks to all concerned, you know who you are.

Particular mention should be made of David Healey who obtained a machine and cleared more than half of the road, and of John Jackson who at every fresh fall of snow, turned out with his shovel and cleared the entrance to St James's and up Tanpits Lane, and who, at his own expense purchased grit to spread.

Without all of these the people of St James's Drive would have had great difficulty in going about their lives.

Many thanks to all concerned.

Charlie and Janice Ashbrook
34 St James's Drive, Burton

It's "snow" problem!

On Tuesday 5 January our street was covered in snow and Mr. and Mrs. Corless and Brett Arkwright began the lengthy task of removing the snow from our road.

As this was happening Ian Hunt came out of his house and explained that due to his bad back he was unable to help, however as a thank you he had bought and arranged for a delivery of salt so that all their hard work would not go to waste.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Ian for this kind and thoughtful gesture and to Brett, Richard and Frances for clearing the road so that we were able to get out and about!

Many thanks from the Residents of Hutton Close, Burton

The Snow Patrol!

The snow which engulfed us on Sunday 20 December gave us a severe problem as we were unable to get the car started to try to get through to Kendal to collect Alex from work. Our neighbour Roy Healey not only got the car started for us with his jump leads, but also advised us that we'd not make it through in the car, so he valiantly offered to go and collect Alex himself in his 4-wheel drive vehicle. They both arrived back safely after an apparently rather hairy journey, and we'd all three like to say a huge public thank you to Roy for his kindness in doing this for us.

On Christmas Day late afternoon we had another drama when we went to try and take my parents home to Milnthorpe. The car slid backwards down from the junction of Station Lane and Tan Pits Lane and we realised we were not going to be able to drive anywhere! The only safe option seemed to be to abandon the car and take my parents back into our house until the road conditions improved. The biggest problem was the state of the road, which by then was sheet ice and treacherous to try and walk on. We managed to get them indoors safely and then had to make the car safe.

Meanwhile, a young man with a 4x4 vehicle had arrived and stopped to offer his help, but then as he stood between them his vehicle started to slide down towards ours! The arrival of another two men on foot, who kindly stopped to offer their help, and the realisation that between them and us we might be able to clear the car away from the junction saved the day for us. Our three helpers along with Alex and Barry managed to manoeuvre the car into a safer position, whilst I stood watching with my arms clasped around the black and white signpost at the junction to keep me upright!

So, please might we say another huge thank you to those three men who gallantly came to our aid - I'm sorry we don't know your names but we do know, and very much appreciate, your kindness in helping us out of a very dangerous and difficult situation. You know who you are and we can't thank you enough!

Anne, Barry & Alex, Drovers Way, Burton

Thanks to my three kings!

On Boxing Day afternoon I was stuck on ice in Boon Town. I was nervously going to my friend's house in Kendal for lunch. Normally I would not have risked the weather, but as I start chemo this Wednesday (second time) and was housebound prior to Xmas, I really wanted to be with my friend (time has become so precious.) Pain, chemo, meds, fear and a total lack of confidence make everything so difficult!

As my car skidded further towards the telephone exchange backwards, I was about to leave the car and rush indoors sobbing. Suddenly a gentleman appeared with a shovel, I have no idea where he lives in Boon Town, but at that moment he was my hero, angel and king. As he dug the thick ice, a young man appeared and said, "Mum sent me out to help", with a broad grin on his face. Another young man appeared and stood at the back of my car digging ice. After 5 minutes they told me to drive away slowly so I did not stop to thank them. I only stayed 2 hours at my friend's as it froze and had to be dug out at Kendal - again total strangers, but to me, angels to help me.

I shed many "happy tears" at this great kindness and feel positive about my chemo on Wednesday and a cure for me in 2010 I hope. These kind acts were truly my best Xmas presents and a sign that there is a kind, caring community alive and well in Boon Town. I thank everyone here who makes me feel welcome and cared for as a newcomer.

Ruth Taylor, Boon Town, Burton

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BURTON NEWS IN 1910

This year was dominated by the death of the King, TWO General Elections and the weather.

JANUARY

Mrs Wilkinson of Home Farm died at the 'ripe age' of 84. The death was also announced of Canon Nutter of the Isle of Wight 'at the advanced age of 72'. His mother Mrs Eliza Nutter had been the Principal of the former Ladies School at Burton House. During the General Election campaign Burton boys were told to be aware of German preparations for war. 'Duty and Discipline must be the key note'. At a 'Large and Quiet' election meeting in Burton the Conservative candidate Captain Bagot was cheered when he said that it was wrong that some needy people could not get Poor Relief while others with money in the bank could'. 'The Captain' defeated the sitting Liberal M.P Mr Stewart-Smith by 3,228 to 2,726. At the Dalton Hall Rent Audit the chair was taken by the 'esteemed agent' Mr Whinnerah as the Squire, Major Hornby, was unable to attend.

FEBRUARY

A foot of snow disrupted travelling and 'telephonic communications'. £3:1s was collected at a Drawing Room Meeting at the Vicarage for the Indian Zenaria and Krishnager Missions. John Dobson of Green Dragon was beaten in the County Council elections by James Flemming of West View. For the Westmorland

Festival Mr Willink began rehearsing the Choral Society in "Chosen Spirits" and "the Prisoners Chorus"; 'with "Ophelia" for Ladies Voices'.

MARCH

There was a controversial Parish Council election when the Chairman Mr G.M. Read announced during the count that 'each elector could only vote for six candidates' and then gave his casting vote for Mr J.F. Read! It was decided to spend £20 extra on the Parish Street Lights.

APRIL

Violent thunder storms were followed by a heat wave and drought. The Parish Council ordered 12 bags of "Dustalbo" to settle dust, raised on the un-tarmaced roads, by motor vehicles. It was reported that His Majesty had returned home from the continent. Attendance at the 'usual' and 'extra' morning and children's Easter services was only 'fairly good'. The collections for the Vicar's Fund amounted to £13:17s:3d and the Church was beautifully decorated.

MAY

King Edward VII died unexpectedly on 6 May. There was a special church service when news of the 'King's Demise' arrived and, also, on the day of the State Funeral. The hymns included "Rock of Ages" and the organist played 'Rest in the Lord". The proclamation of the new King, George V, was read from the Market Cross by Major Hornby followed by 'ringing cheers' for King George and Queen Mary. Because of royal mourning the cycle parade and club walk were cancelled at Burton Gala but the sheep dog trials, rifle shooting and children's potato pie and plumb pudding supper went

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ahead. Regrettably, the event was spoilt by 'exceptional' thunder storms and, 'generally the arctic weather pierced people through and through'.

JUNE

There were 17 players at a quoits match at the Green Dragon when Mr Crayston beat Mr R. Dixon. 'Great interest was evinced in the inspection of a motor vehicle owned by Mr. G. Pennel, butcher, fitted with a hood and shelves for the purpose of conveying meat round the neighbourhood. This is the first of its kind introduced in Westmorland.'

JULY

The main railway line was closed by strikes and also after two people were killed on the line at Tebay. The dwellers in Main Street were somewhat startled by the sight of a party of mounted scouts from the camp at Hornby proceeding at a very rapid pace though the village. A verdict of accidental death was recorded on 13 years old Norman Edward Watson, son of a Burton widow, who was drowned while bathing in the canal near Yealand. 'The body was warm when got out from under the bridge where there was six feet of water - artificial respiration was tried in vain. The deceased was well built and there was no sign of struggle on the bank side'. There was a Government enquiry about the management of the Burton Educational Foundation.

AUGUST

At the Art and Handicraft Exhibition at Silverdale a 'good number of exhibitors from Burton were among the winners. The greater number were conveyed thither by motor cars though the kindness of Mr and Mrs Shorland-

Ball.' Along with the rest of the nation Burton 'was agog' over the search for the murderer Dr Crippen. During the August Bank Holiday weekend 'visitors were plentiful and there was very heavy traffic of motor cars, cycles and bicycles; horse drawn traffic was by no means numerous'.

SEPTEMBER

The second General Election of the year was announced. At a revision court held in the National School two home owners and a lodger were added to the electoral roll. Mr Danbury represented the Conservatives but 'the radical did not attend'. Despite 'an unfortunate day' there was a fairly good attendance at Burton Show and the stock entries, at 429, were above average. In some cases the same animals had been shown at Kendal Show in the previous week but the results were not always the same.

OCTOBER

During the long running General Election campaign Mr Shackleton, the M.P. for Clitheroe, dropped down dead while addressing a Temperance Meeting in Kendal. At the beginning of the month 'a fine bunch of wild strawberries were gathered at Dalton and a quantity of fine mushrooms were gathered at Leypitts Farm and wildflowers are plentiful'. Later in the month Mr Pennel broke a rib when after a hard frost his cart overturned on the icy road.

NOVEMBER

In the General Election the Conservative Captain Bagot, of Levens Hall, was returned as M.P. for South Westmorland with 3,041 votes; his Liberal opponent Mr.

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Somervell, of the K Shoe works in Kendal, received 2,783 votes. The Church Army van in charge of Captain New was stationed in the village. There were no outdoor services and meetings were held in the Wesleyan Mission and the Morewood Schoolroom. Some interesting lectures illustrated by limelight were given and were well attended.'

DECEMBER

Burton residents were shocked by two disasters. Ten passengers were burnt to death in a railway accident at Hawes and 300 coal miners were killed in an explosion at Westhoughton, near Bolton. To alleviate 'the exceptionally bitter weather' Whitwell, Marks & Co. of Kendal advertised 'Scotch Whiskies Old Highland 3/3 a bottle, 39/- a dozen, 18/- per gallon; sound port - 24/- per dozen; old crusted ports 38/- per dozen; Louis Roederer Champagne 100/- per dozen'.



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"Milkie" Mike

A tribute

5.45 a.m. – Gill creeps downstairs and arrives bleary-eyed into the shop; 30 minutes earlier Akis had arrived in similar fashion ... but earlier still, come rain or shine, Mike was already up and about on his milk-round. He was part of our early morning routine, as he called into the shop to deliver our milk, collect the papers, moan about the weather and chat about recent events. His pride in Laura and John shone through in those early morning conversations.

Mike's sudden death was a shock to us all and made everyone realise just how much he was depended upon. His presence in the village, especially during the early hours, added greatly to our peace of mind; he was alert to things that were not as they should be. When we were first made aware of the paramedic activity on Mowbray Drive, we were convinced that Mike would be helping out, it was inconceivable that he should be the casualty.

Mike not only delivered the village milk but also looked after many gardens and offered innumerable kindnesses to local residents, ourselves included. During the weeks that followed Mike's death, so many customers have commented on his helpfulness.

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Christmas 2009

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Deadening all sound as the village awakens
Only to remember - Michael has gone,
Our milkman who was so much more.
To each and everyone a friend.
No more morning doorstep chats;
No more eggs from Happy Hens,
No more papers safely delivered;
No more his concern for lonely neighbours;
His cheery greeting thro' the hedge
As he laboured in gardens each afternoon.
Ready supplies of potatoes and bird seed
Arriving so promptly as requested.
How could we appreciate
All he did until now.
A village in mourning for Milkie Mike.

Barbara Rush

An Appreciation

This long spell of snowy weather has made me appreciate our village shops even more. Both shops work long hours and continually do their best to meet our needs.

In the autumn I started using Mike the Milkman. The comforting childhood feeling of opening my door to find milk (and more) on my doorstep takes some beating. The empty bottles make a nostalgic sound as you pick them up together! Mike's unexpected death is a great loss to many in the village (so often heard but not seen). Nathan Dobson from Crosthwaite is taking over Mike's round. Having milk, fruit juice, eggs, potatoes and bird food all delivered to your doorstep under cover of darkness is almost a Milk Tray moment!

If you choose glass bottles you will help to reduce the frightening legacy of plastic we are creating whilst supporting our brilliant local services. This could be the time to seriously think "use it or lose it".

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E.ON are currently developing plans for a wind farm at Longfield Tarn, between Hutton Roof and Whittington. The proposed site could have up to nine turbines, to a maximum height of 110m to tip, and an installed capacity of up to 27MW.

There are to be two public exhibitions to show the planned developments, these will be held on:

Tuesday 9 February, 1pm-8pm at Hutton Roof Village Hall, Hutton Roof, Carnforth LA6 2PG

Wednesday 10 February, 1pm-8pm at Whittington Village Hall, Main Street, Whittington, Carnforth LA6 2NY

Anyone interested in learning more is invited to go along and see the exhibitions. You can also send any queries about the proposal to longfieldtarn@eon.com, or you may write to them at Longfield Tarn Wind Farm Project Developer, Freepost RRSE-KZCU-AZJL, E.ON, Westwood Business Park, Westwood Way, Coventry. CV4 8LG. Website link: www.eon-uk.com/longfieldtarn

CONSULTATION ON POSSIBLE MINERALS & WASTE SITES

Lancashire County Council are currently consulting on a minerals and waste planning policy document. There will be an exhibition where officers will be available if you would like to discuss any of the proposals, or give your views.

One of the proposed sites is at Leapers' Wood Quarry, between Carnforth and the Kellets. The document and supporting information can be viewed at the consultation portal: <http://lancashire-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>, at main libraries, council offices and at the exhibition.

The council has identified its favoured approach, but nothing is decided yet. That is why it would be useful to get your views on the proposals, before more firm proposals are set out later in the year. The consultation will run until 19 February 2010. Please feel free to drop by if you would like to find out more about the proposals or give your views.

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- ◆ A Children's Account
- ◆ Savings Accounts

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Exhibitions

You may wish to attend a public exhibition to view the information above in person and speak to a member of the Vision Twentyone consultation team.

These will be held at:

Grange-over-Sands: St Paul's Parish Hall
Monday 1 March, 3 - 6.30pm

Ambleside: Ambleside Parish Centre
Tuesday 2 March, 3 - 6.30pm

Ulverston: Supper Room, Coronation Hall
Wednesday 3 March, 3 - 7.30pm

Bowness-on-Windermere: Rayrigg Rooms
Friday 5 March, 3 - 7.30pm

How to take part?

Detailed information on the consultation is available by looking at the consultation exhibition boards available from the Council's website. After reading all of the relevant information, please share your views by filling in the online questionnaire. If you would prefer to complete a paper copy of the questionnaire, please use the printer friendly version or contact the Vision Twentyone team.

Website Link: <http://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=3394>



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Burton Morewood School

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The Violin Concert with Ms Hurley was lovely, we have so many talented musicians encouraged by our various instrumental teachers. We were pleased to play Arnside at football and score 9 goals! Many of our children took part in the County Cross Country Event at Coniston. We were delighted to win the South Lakeland heat of the current round of the Health and Safety Quiz.

Do have a look at our web site for many photographs of past events. www.burtonmorewood.cumbria.sch.uk. A big thank you to Sandy and Claire who cooked Christmas lunch for over 150 of us on the last day of term. The Book Fair was a huge success enabling us to choose £620 of new books Thank you to all of you who supported our Christmas Fair - we raised £460. The Music Service is performing in school later this month, a 'Jungle Jamboree' for the younger children and 'Our Cumbria' for Years 5 and 6. MOTO continue to sponsor us. We are very grateful for their support. Already this term we have received some mini gardening tools and seeds. We look forward to receiving the £1000 of non fiction books due later this term from them.

Our Poppy Appeal in school raised over £35 and the Cookery Club sold biscuits for Children in Need and

raised over £20. We thoroughly enjoyed working with the Potter from Ingleton. We are delighted to have been recognised by the National College as a NPQH Development School. This means we will be taking teachers from other schools on placement here as part as their training for Headship.

We are still short of staff to supervise the children at lunchtimes, both in the dining hall and outside on the playground. If you are able to help, even on an occasional basis please contact Helen in the office. We pay £7.95 a session and lunch is included. School meals for this half term will cost £58. Milk for the half term is £5.22 and fruit for KS2 costs £3.77.

If you do have a problem, want some information about an issue or would just like a chat then please contact your child's teacher. If you are still concerned then please come and see me or Mr Thexton our Deputy Head. Mrs Boxford is Head of Key Stage 1 and Mrs Pratt is our Special Educational Needs Co ordinator. We will always try and do what we can to help.

We can all be contacted either by email at admin@burtonmorewood.cumbria.sch.uk, just mark the email for the attention of the person you would like it forwarded to, or you may prefer to telephone or just to pop in at the end of the day.



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The Vicar Writes...

More than a book

How do we know what God is like? Look at the stars and they tell you he's big. Gaze at a sunset and know that he's amazingly creative. But looking at what someone has made can only tell you so much. To find out what someone is really like, how they think, and what they want, you have to hear them speak. And that's what's special about this ancient collection of 66 books we call the Bible. It is God speaking to us.

Even though it was written by people, the Bible contains God's words. *All Scripture is God-breathed* (2 Timothy 3:16). That doesn't mean God dictated the Bible one word at a time but rather that the Holy Spirit guided the authors of the various biblical books so that what we have in our hands are God's thoughts and not just human opinions. That's why Christians call the Bible God's word.

Since *God cannot lie* (Titus 1:1) we can be sure that the Bible is true. What it says about God is right. What it says about human beings is right. *God's word is truth* (John 17:17), the very standard by which we measure the truth or falsehood of everything else we see and hear.

The Bible is not a cold instruction manual but a love letter in which God pours out his heart to us his creatures, clearly outlining what we need to know about him, about ourselves and about his plans for us and the world. It is where we discover the astonishing truth of what God has done for us in sending his Son, Jesus

Christ, into the world to rescue us from our rejection of him and, as such, the Bible is a priceless treasure. Here's how the Psalmist puts it: *The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold... How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.* (Psalm 119:72, 103, 105)

God's words are not just information but, living, powerful words which impact our lives in astonishing ways. That's why Christians spend much time and effort reading, studying, hearing and discussing the Bible. So much more than a book, the Bible is God's loving gift to us. It is God speaking to reveal himself and to save us.

Why not dip into God's word and discover this for yourself? If you're not sure where to begin, try starting with one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) which deal with Jesus' life, death and resurrection. If you'd like a free Bible or a free copy of one of the Gospels then please do contact me on 781391 - I'd love to help out.

Paul

Prayer Requests

If you would like to request prayer for yourself or for anyone else, please contact Paul on 781391.

Little Fishes

Little Fishes is an activity session for pre-school children (age 0-4). Sessions will typically have a bible-based story followed by a craft activity.

It's free! Snacks for the tiddlers & tea and coffee for the parents/carers. 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, term-time only, times: 2.00 - 3.00pm St. James' Church, Burton.

New fishes always welcome, why not come along and see what it's all about.

For more info contact Jo Dugdale: 01524 781928.



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February Services

St James' Burton & Holy Trinity Holme

Sunday 7 February

10.00 Holy Communion Burton
11.00 Holy Communion Holme
06.00 Evening Church Burton

Sunday 14 February

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP) Burton
10.00 Family Service Burton
11.00 Morning Prayer Holme
06.00 Evening Church Burton

Sunday 21 February

10.00 Holy Communion Burton
11.00 Holy Communion Holme
06.00 Evening Church Burton

Sunday 28 February

10.00 HuB All-age service Holme
10.00 Morning Prayer (BCP) Burton
06.00 Evening Church Burton

ST JAMES & HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Vicar:	Paul Baxendale	781391
Wardens:	Michael Carr	781283
	Janis Wood	781241
	Trevor Wood	781241
Treasurer:	Rebecca Jackson	782590
Secretary:	George Flanders	781729
Organist:	Kath Mills	732194
Choir Leader:	Kath Mills	732194
Reader:	David Mills	732194

St. Mary's R.C. Church Yealand Conyers

Mass Times:
Sat 6.00 pm

Contact: Canon J Gibson
01524 732940
for further information

St James' Junior Church

SUNDAY CLUB (ages 3 to 11)

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YO-YO GROUP (ages 11 to 16)

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St James' Church Online



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Warton Methodist Church

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10.30am

Whizz Kids :: Creche
(school-age children) (below school-age)

Church Tel: 01524 732626

Yealand Quakers

Yealand Meeting House

18 Yealand Road, Yealand Conyers

**Our normal Sunday Meetings for Worship
are held from 10.30 - 11.30am**

Visitors are always welcome

For more information call:
01524 781601 or 01524 782052
or 01524 732336

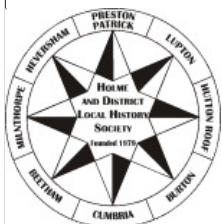


Burton W.I.
meeting at
Burton Memorial Hall

The making of Rag Rugs
Speaker: Jenny Johns
Thursday 11 February at 7.30pm

Competition: A Paper Weight
Hostesses: Susan Williamson and Betty Scott

Contact: Helen Nixon 781048



**Holme & District
Local History Society**

Monday 15 February
7.30pm in BMH

Annual General Meeting
followed by a speaker

Visitors always welcome



**Burton-in-Kendal
Art & Craft Society**

Monday 22 February
7.30pm
Burton Memorial Hall

Demonstration
Picture Framing
Mike Johnson

Holme & District Flower Club

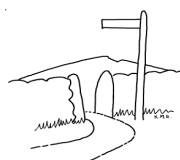


Ancient & Modern
Speaker: Ken Watson

Friday 1 February
7.30pm
Preston Patrick Memorial Hall

Visitors welcome: £4 session

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**BURTON
FELLWALKING
SOCIETY**

February Walks

Sunday 7 February - 12 noon
Loughrigg, 5.5 miles,
Leader: Kath Kirkman, 781245

Saturday 20 February - 9.30am
Angle Tarn, 8 miles.
Leader: Kath Kirkman, 781245

Wednesday 24 February - 1.00pm
Arnside Knott, *
Leader: Oenone Hutchinson, 782410

Other Events

Monday 8 February - 7.30pm, BMH
Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 16 February - 7.30pm
Committee Meeting

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 £6 from Jan 1st yearly
More info from the secretary, Carole, on 782007



**Holme & District
Photographic Society**

FEBRUARY MEETINGS

- Fri 5 Members Evening
- Fri 12 Architecture Competition, entries for the Jim Nicholson AV competition,
- Wed 24 South Lakes KO at Kendal
- Fri 26 Members' Evening, entries for Night/Low Level Light competition

All meetings at Holme Parish Hall, at 7.45pm
unless otherwise stated

Visitors welcome at all meetings
More info from Frank Walton, 01524 782991

Editorial...

"Milkie" Mike

Like everyone else, we were stunned at the sudden loss of "Milkie" Mike, and the tributes in this issue go some way to show the regard in which he was held in the community. Our deepest sympathies go to Mike's family and friends.

I'm dreaming of a white... everything !!

We might not get it often but when it comes it really lets us know doesn't it? What it also brought was a huge outbreak of 'community spirit' where folks just dealt with it to the best of their ability and with the tools available, and lent a helping hand or more to their neighbours and to total strangers: something we ourselves experienced on two occasions during the snow (see page 12 for reader's stories.) Yes it would have been nice to have loads of salt & grit to spread and had this not been a nationwide phenomena then we'd probably have got it. What it does show is that the years of mild winters and the inevitable cutbacks of services have reduced these to below the level where they can be as effective as we would wish in such severe circumstances. The flip side of that is, would we be willing to see council spending on gritting every year at the level they were faced with this year? We could have a huge fleet of gritting wagons that spend years idle (and needing maintenance) but lots of questions would be raised such as would these funds be better spent elsewhere? It's all about those who set the budgets getting the balance right - so do let them know what you think.

Have Your Say...

Talking of letting them know what you think, this month has brought us a raft of consultation notices about waste tips, wind farms, public loos, and probably the most important to Burton: the Post Office. All these need your feedback to help determine the future level of services, or developments which might impact on our community, so do take a few minutes to visit each of them and add your comments. It is important - if we don't say anything, we can't complain at the outcome, can we?

Finally a very Happy New Year to all our readers, advertisers and our fantastic distribution team who brave the elements to bring you BN every month!

AN & BJM



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.



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Drop them into The Newsagents, Main Street, Burton or post to BN, PO Box 86, Carnforth. LA6 1WY or send by e-mail to editor@burtonnews.org.uk

LAST DATE FOR COPY FOR NEXT ISSUE

20 Feb for the March 2010 issue

Next Meeting (open to all readers)

Tuesday 16 February at 7.30pm in BMH



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

Burton Memorial Hall
For more details tel. 782749

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Thursday 18 February
8.30 pm start

Smithy Inn, Holme
Teams of 4 people

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Please come along and join us for an entertaining night!!

County Library Van Times



The library van will be in the Memorial Hall car park every Monday between 10.00 - 11.00 a.m. Why not pop along and save yourself a trip to Kendal?

Library Coffee Morning



First Monday of Every Month
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Monday 2 pm - 4pm Mary Newell, tel: 782749
Thursday 9.30 am - 12 noon Judith Ellis, tel: 781057
Friday 9.30 am - 12 noon Paula Firth, tel: 781984

LADIES BADMINTON

Ladies Badminton meets in the BMH every Tuesday from 1.30pm - 2.30pm. If anyone would like to join the group please ask for more details from Stephanie Micklethwaite on 781073.

S. Lakes Age Concern BURTON LUNCH CLUB (for over 55s)

The Burton Lunch Club meets every month in the Kings Arms, Burton. The club is open to anyone aged 55 or older. To join the club and book your lunch please contact Mrs Margaret Prady on 01524 781195.

COMMUNITY INFO



SLDC Recycling Information

Andy Vickers
Customer Contact Centre
on 0845 050 4434
email: recycling@southlakeland.gov.uk

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Enquiries to above or 01539 742637

SURGERY TIMES

Dr JH Gorrigan

Monday 8.30am - 10.30am @ BMH

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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

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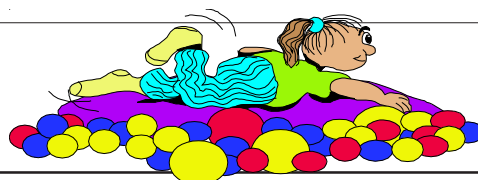
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Burton News Editors	01524 781306
Burton Post Office	01524 781828
Burton Morewood School	01524 781627
Dallam School	015395 63224
QES, Kirkby Lonsdale	015242 71275
CrimeStoppers	0800 555 111
Police non-emergency	0845 33 00 247
Kendal Library	01539 713520
Kendal Hospital	01539 732288
Lancaster Hospital	01524 65944

Council Switchboards

Cumbria County Council	01539 773000
SLDC	01539 733333



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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.

www.burton-in-kendal-pc.gov.uk



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT
THE CLERK - Peter Smith
01524 782198

ADVANCE DIARY DATES

Burton Lunch Club, Wednesday 10 February, Kings Arms

Burton Morewood School Half-Term Ends, 12 February, Break up for half term 3.15pm

Burton Pre-School Quiz, Thurs 18 February, 8.30pm, Smithy Inn, Holme

Burton Morewood School Half-Term Starts, 22 February, School reopens

Wear Red Evening in aid of the British Heart Foundation, Friday 26 February. Kings Arms

Burton Morewood School Governors Meeting, 1 March 7pm, Burton Morewood School

Burton Lunch Club, Wednesday 10 March, Kings Arms

Kent Estuary Neighbourhood Forum, Wed 17 March, 7.30pm, Preston Patrick Memorial Hall

Burton Morewood School Book Fair, Thurs 18 March, Burton Morewood School

Burton Morewood School Term Ends, 26 March, Finish for Easter 2.00pm

Burton Morewood School Term Starts, 12 April, School reopens

Burton Lunch Club, Wednesday 14 April, Kings Arms

BADS Spring Production, Friday 23 & Saturday 24 April, 7.30pm, BMH (tickets on sale from 1 April)



DIDN'T IT SNOW!

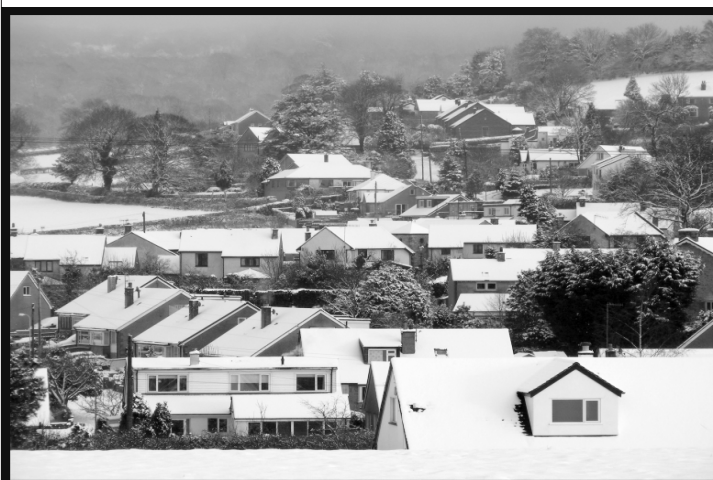
A rare sight of the frozen and snow covered canal at Burton, taken during the recent snowy spell between Christmas and New Year

photograph by Edward Ellis



Below: A very snowy Burton viewed from Station Lane

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