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Reader's
LETTERS

Hello BN,

Skyring Family History

In *Burton 300 and 200 Years Ago* [BN July 2003] is a mention of "Agness Wife of Henry Skyring of Millhouse".

I am a Skyring descendant and would love to get any additional information you may have, in particular their place of burial and/or parents and siblings names and dates. (Sometimes the name was spelt without the "g" on the end.)

It may be that a Henry Skyring who went to Virginia U.S.A. as a minister of religion was related. Rev Henry went to Virginia about 1760. I have quite a lot of info on him during his life in Virginia. Information on any Skyring would be very much appreciated.

The towns of Cartmell, Preston Patrick, Lupton, Cocksbank were mentioned in connection with Skyings in the period of 1640 to about 1740.

Kind regards,
John Leslie, Canada
e-mail: jwnleslie@shaw.ca

[Editorial Comment: If anyone can help John further his research BN would be pleased to forward replies to him from readers without e-mail facilities of their own.]

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Thanks!

Thank you to my friends in Burton and Holme for all your prayers and good wishes during my recent illness.

I am now well on the way to recovery. Your kindness is much appreciated.

Jack Alderson



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Boys Brigade News

1st Burton Company

Table Tennis Congratulations !!!

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We are now drawn against 7th Southport, at home again, in the third round, and the match will be played on either 5th or 12th February, subject to the availability of 7th Southport.

Our particular thanks to Mrs Sarah Jones who refereed the match and provided supper!

D. J. Mills for the BB Team

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BURTON FELLWALKING SOCIETY

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Burton Sport's Committee : Children's Party 2003



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Then it was time to meet the one person all children love to see
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And wonder where he parked the sleigh?



After all that excitement there was only one thing
that children want to do ... run it all off again!!

Hopefully they got rid of most of it before home time.



The older children (sorry - young persons) had their
evening disco to burn off all that excess energy.

Makes us 'Oldies' tired just to watch!!



Of course all that dancing has a side-effect ...
....you get ever so thirsty and hungry.

So the kitchen area once more thronged with happy
young souls on the hunt for food and drinks.





OUTDOORS

Walking into Clark's Storth above Clawthorpe on a day of gusting wintry westerlies was like entering a chorus, or a symphony. The boles of trees were creaking against each other, squawking like ducks, fluting like sandpipers, chirruping like finches. An ash I stopped beside for a moment rattled against its neighbour like oars in rowlocks. Continuously above it all, the wind souged like waves surfing on some broad beach, mounting occasionally to a contralto wail.

Beyond the information board with its pretty pictures of pearl-bordered fritillaries and angular Solomon's-seal, we step up between lanky oaks and ashes and stools of hazel onto a limestone outcrop. I'm fond of this craggy stretch because when I had an episode of ischaemia some years ago and wondered if my balance and coordination were impaired, I came up here to test myself, clambering over the slick, mossy clints, and was utterly relieved to find I was still okay.

The footway twists on between coverts of hawthorn, whin, and bracken. The scrub here has been cut back too much, so that the place feels semi-civilised, instead of being (as it has for years) a mere thread of human trace amongst wild nature. It's a tricky balance, managing these precious heaths and fells. We can so easily do too much. Some of the most delightful routes in the Lakes - below Raven Crag in Great Langdale, up to Hollowstones on Sca Fell, from Buttermere shore up to Red Pike, on the Band leading up to Bow Fell - have had to be equipped with stepped stone 'stairways' because they were being walked to bits. The gullies ground out by thousands of boots per year were turning into raw water-courses - unwalkable, and pouring tons of scree down onto the sheep farmers' fields. We enjoy the land so intensively - 130,000 people walk up Ingleborough each year, so they have had to helicopter in huge loads of compatible soil and stone and build up the paths. Now the mountain is partly artificial. It's a shame, and it's necessary.

The next, more wooded bits of the Storth path always make me think of Sherwood Forest, as I imagine it. There is a low light between the stems of hazel and hawthorn - a brownish-greyish twilight even at noon - a secret atmosphere, as though an unexpected animal might step through at any moment, half-show itself, then ghost off again into its own wild world. At the high point of the walk, beyond and above the memorial seat, the dead leaves mulching the ground are little brown heart shapes, birch, instead of the bigger scalloped shapes of oak lower down. Whitish smears have appeared on the steely front of the cloud-wrack, like a Turner painting, as hail showers come dangling across the Kent estuary.

It has been the perfect walk - if you can say such a thing. It's the perfect short heath-and-woodland walk. All it needed today was a glimpse of an animal - a crow or a pheasant, a roedeer or a hare. In midwinter they are all lying low, keeping warm and saving their energy.

Stop Press:- On January 4th a red-legged partridge appeared in our front yard. After we'd finished rubbing our eyes in disbelief and putting out some seed for it, it flustered off and wasn't seen again. According to *Cumbrian Birds* there is a small colony of them in Kentdale and they tend to stray further afield. I hope this one managed to escape from our traffic and dense buildings and get back to its own pastures.

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MacMillan Nurses benefit by £1332

MacMillan Nurse Penny Towler recently accepted a cheque for £1332 at a presentation in the Kings Arms. The money was half of that raised last October by the village's 27th Annual Onion Show, and the MacMillan Appeal was chosen to benefit in memory of the late Peter Sandham who sadly died last Summer.



From left to right... Pete Nicholson, Helen Steele, Val Still, Kirstie Pelling, Mike Nelson (landlord of the Kings Arms), Penny Towler (Macmillan Nurse), Paul Rogers, John Long, Graham Wilson, Mike Earl.

Received recently in the BN mail box...

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Good News and Bad

There is good news on The Budget - or at least it's not as bad as our fears. Cumbria's share of the Council Tax will increase for 2004-05 by 4.3% which although not quite in line with 3% inflation is a step in the right direction. A draft Budget went to the County Cabinet on 23rd Dec. This was earlier than normal as, (following many complaints), the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister informed Local Authorities in November (rather than December) of next year's government Revenue Support Grant. The RSA will be £340m for the County Budget of about £500m. The £160m balance comes from the Council Tax. Because of the low RSA last year Cumbria's Council Tax went up by 11.9%. But the national average was 13.9% and some authorities touched 20%! This year the RSA grant has gone up by 6% as has the County's increase in expenditure.

If the grant increase equals the extra costs: Why does the Council Tax have to go up at all? The answer seems to be that most of the Government's Grant has been 'pass-ported' to extra education needs and the extra money cannot be spent elsewhere. To help raise the extra funds the government has cut grants for other services such as Highways. So, to retain

even the present inadequate road maintenance we will have to 'put up the rates' and, also, make 'efficiency savings'. Someone commented that it was OK having better schools except that the roads might be so bad that pupils might not be able to get to them. I am sceptical about 'efficiency savings'. No sooner do we cut bureaucracy in one sector than more staff etc. seem to be required elsewhere.

Despite a bad - or 'weak'- Social Services report the Auditors gave Cumbria a clean financial bill of health. But they noted two continuing weaknesses. Income collection and 'billing' for Social Service care is slow and 'Cheque Book Schools' require more office staff. Since Local Management of Schools began in the 1980's more responsibility for accounts has devolved on teachers and governors. Now, many schools have opted for greater financial control but require extra office staff to do the work. So, as I pointed out at the Overview and Scrutiny Panel, a worthy aim to release schools from the shackles of the Education Office has led to a Bureaucratic Vicious Circle: more office staff in schools and extra work for HQ which audits the schools' accounts!

The Overview Panel also asked that the extra £1.1m resulting from Second Homes now paying 90% of the Council Tax, compared to 50% as previously, should be spent in the Districts which raise the money. As South Lakeland has 3500 second homes compared to Carlisle's 88 it would mean that we - down here for once - would get the lion's share. I'm also grouching about the Libraries budget because not enough funds seem to be allocated for the recommendations made

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by the Learning and Recreation Panel which I chair, In particular we wanted Libraries to open during holidays, and not be closed as they were from 23rd December until January 2nd. Crucially we also asked that there should be no 'lone working' following incidents in single-staffed libraries in Barrow and Allerdale. I'm also pressing for a more accessible Library Van with a lower step. If you have any comments about our Mobile Library Service, (or any other issue) please, as always let me know.

The BAD Budget news is that the other authorities have not yet announced their share of the tax. Both the District Council and The Police Authority are likely to require more than the County's 4.3% increase as their Government Grant is proportionately smaller. Last year the Police Authority's increase was 30%! This year the Chief Constable, reportedly, has said that for Cumbria Police to provide the same service in 2004 as in 2003 the Police Rate will have to go up 9.9%. South Lakeland's budget is not known. But, as the Police and SLDC only levy about 20% of the rate it is a relief that the County's larger share is not too bad. So, altogether, the Council Tax rise might be 5+%.

Meanwhile Cumbria's financial time bomb of surplus school places is ticking away. If we don't make cuts we will have 25% more school places than there are pupils to fill them. But figures provided for Cumbria's Admissions Forum show that there are almost no vacant places in our area. In September Morewood School had 20 places of which 19 were filled. Holme had 12 places but admitted 17, Dallam had 143 and admitted 145 while Queen Elizabeth 'officially' had 183 places but admitted 210 to its Year 7. So, it looks as if we should not suffer the trauma of closing a local school.

And Spring **will** soon be here!

Roger Bingham



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An Opinion....

SO IT'S GOODBYE FROM HIM AND HIM AND FROM HER

Comments on the goings-on of the
Parish Council

Three Parish Councillors announced that they would not be standing in next May's Parish Council Elections. The Parish Council will not be the same without them. Each has made valuable contributions in their own way.

Bill Willink has served for sixteen years, for a time as chairman, and has concentrated much of his energy on financial topics.

Ken Thorp has served for twelve years, a conscientious attender of other meetings outside the area, often demanding a whole day's attendance, and at PC meetings sometimes pouring oil on troubled waters with his tactful to-the-point comments.

But surely above all Kath Hayhurst will leave a gap it will be hard to fill. She claims to have served ten years. It hardly seems as long as that, but since she's a historian, she's probably right! With her wide knowledge of the locality and its history, she has initiated many projects for Burton, usually through the Parish Council. And thankyou, Kath for helping

patiently, via numerous phone-calls when A.O. got stuck on some facts.

That's the newsiest item. What else? Here's one from the December meeting, which A.O. was unable to write up, as the PC meeting came too late for the deadline:

Dalton Craggs

(usually known to Burtonians as Dalton Woods)

At a Public meeting reported in *BN* in the Oct. 2002 issue, Martin College of Forest Enterprise assured us the only concern he had in felling the trees was improvement to the environment. Only Scots pines were to go, as, he claimed, they were not native to the area. The concept of profit, he assured us, was risable, as he only received £500 for 1800 tonnes of wood.

Well, it now seems the price of wood has risen, so more trees are being felled. It's a bit difficult to make these two items compatible, but no doubt someone will find a way round it. At least there's now a real prospect of

footpaths and Rights of Way in the woods.



The Quarry Fund

This came up at both the December and January meetings. It was reported that the Fund was to be extended for either two or possibly three more years. Various agencies can administer it, each with its own

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agenda. A.O.'s preference is for a different agency this time. No-one quite admits it, but the input of English Nature hasn't really benefitted Burton and Holme as much as it might have done. (Although it's true we'll be seeing a lot more of those confounded ash trees - arthritic grey limbs supporting dead bats. And that's only the winter version! - in any case, it appears that with global warming ash trees may well be supplanted by oak. Alas, too late for A.O.)

So it was that once again PCllrs are to prepare a wish list of things on which they'd like to spend the fund. If you ask me (which fortunately no-one does) the list will be much the same as last year, since most of the major wishes never came to anything.

Land Registration

There have been times when A.O. wondered whether the PC had much taste for laying claim to the small parcels of land which it almost certainly is still entitled to. It lost most of this in 1976 when it failed to register a claim, and others stepped in. However, more enthusiasm seemed to spark up at this meeting, and possibly something will come of it. Historically there seem to be good grounds for the claims. But difficulties are being put in the way. Establishing in Law what is pretty obvious common-sense is not an unusual situation. This topic is going to drag on.

I've used up most of my space, so here is the last item, which concerns us all:-

The Flooding at Clawthorpe

How many times have I written that heading! Despite the real efforts of two PCllrs who have vowed they'll get this problem sorted, there hasn't been much progress. It seems one of us will have to drown before SLDC takes any action. Any offers? However, special machinery is to be sent from Carlisle in an effort to diagnose the problem. Let's hope it doesn't sink without trace. How doggedly patient you have to be to pursue these matters. No use for A.O., with her short fuse.

A..S.



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HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE by Roger Bingham

Burton's Myth and Reality - 48 years ago

"Burton has a long and glorious history and rarely have I found in any village such a pride in an honoured past and so many people interested and knowledgeable about happenings of centuries ago", commented Bill Heald in a *Lancaster Guardian* article of 1956. Some of the 'knowledge' was not strictly historical. Hence, it was related that the Church Tower had been used as a look out against the Picts (who disappeared 700 years before it was built), the low road at Heronsyke was built by the Romans, the 19 trees were planted as a memorial to 19 Roman Soldiers - (if so the trees would be 1900 years old), sheep stealers were hanged on the Fell and, more plausibly, felons had once been tethered to the Market Cross.

1950's Burton was "as an agricultural village much sought after by those who seek retirement or an out of town house in beautiful rural surroundings The grey stone of its houses, the quaintness of its village street and its yards characteristic of Westmorland give it an olde worlde appearance making Burton one of the most charming spots in the North of England". Burton at this time had only 450 inhabitants: half the figure of 100 years earlier or 50 years later. Blurred photographs show the street empty of traffic as "the village having been bypassed by the A6 which took away from it much of the north -south traffic while leaving Burton on the bus route". Though "the lovely

old street has changed little...it now knows the public service vehicle, the motor coaches and traders' lorries". Cars were not mentioned! Other newer touches were a "modern telephone kiosk" which did not "seem incongruous near the old Market Cross" and the "Community Institute" (The Memorial Hall) being built for "recreational and educational functions" currently held in the former National School where school dinners were served. Morewood School's headmaster Mr. W. Winstanley, "showed us round his school and we saw what is probably the best kept school garden we have seen". A photo of pupil gardeners shows one of the school's apple trees which still survive.

Many memories of older inhabitants were reported. 76 year old Miss Eleanor Garth remembered when the Green Dragon was still an Inn. Mr. Arthur Bainbridge "who at 81 must be one of the oldest working cobblers in the country" recalled "serving his time" for three shillings a week and of how he made a pair of shoes in nine hours for four shillings and six pence. Mr Frank Haworth and Mr Tom Crayston (who was also landlord of The King's Arms) had clocked up over 80 years on the Dalton estate while Mr Bob Sandham had just retired from 44 years working there. They spoke of the days when the Hall was fully staffed and when there were prolific peach, nectarine and fig trees in the glass houses.



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Mr Robert Wilkinson had farmed Henriding for 50 years and remembered setting off at 3a.m. for Lancaster Market with a cart load of potatoes. Later he bred "Plymouth Rock poultry". "He has won at leading national and district shows and is widely known as a judge". "Unfortunately" (in 1956) "Dalton Hall the spacious Italian style mansion for so long the home of the Hornbys - well loved squires of the village - is now closed and shuttered and the present squire, Mr. C.W.L. Penrhyn Hornby, is not in residence although a frequent visitor to the village". The next year the "old Squire" opened the Memorial Hall.

Mrs Agness Newsham demonstrated the public spirit of Burtonians. She cared for the doctors' surgery held in her house, helped with her son's dairy business, was volunteer church cleaner, treasurer of the Mothers' Union and was actively identified with the Church Council, British Legion, Women's Institute, Tennis Club and the Conservative Party'. Mr Tom Dobson was a Parish Councillor for 33 years, secretary of the Bowling Club, a Governor of the

Educational Foundation, a school manager, member off the Memorial Hall committee and the only man to be a member of the Women's Institute. 'He became treasurer when it started and has remained a lone male ever since'.

Younger Burtonians spoke of many sporting activities and of the Burton Thistles which a few years earlier had signed on Bert Trautman when he was a Prisoner of War at Bela Camp. He went on to be the Manchester City Cup Final hero who played with a broken neck. "We knew he was good" commented one Thistle player, "but did not know how good".

Roger Bingham



Holme and District Local History Society Silver Jubilee

The Society was founded in January 1979 so this year we are celebrating our 25th Anniversary. On Mon. 19th Jan. in the Burton Memorial Hall, after our Silver Jubilee Annual General Meeting, the members present enjoyed wine and nibbles provided by the Committee.

Every meeting has been recorded - 367 of them - and these files were displayed, along with an exhibition of two of the many projects we have undertaken.

There followed a light-hearted talk by member, Mrs Martha Bates, about the Women's Land Army in Westmorland. Mrs Bates produced a book in 2001 about them, called *Snagging Turnips & Scaling Muck*.

Three founder committee members were present - Mrs Audrey Dent, Mrs Kath Hayhurst and Mrs Anne Hillman. Past chair-persons present were Mrs Judith Ellis, Mr John Wood, and Mr Ken Broadhurst. The present chair-person, Mrs Betty Smith, agreed to serve for another year.

K.M.H.

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Services at St James' Burton and Holy Trinity Holme

Feb 1st

9-30 Holy Communion (ASB) at Burton
11-00 Holy Communion (ASB) at Holme
6-30 Evening Prayer (BCP) at Burton

Feb 8th

8-00 Holy Communion (BCP) at Burton
9-30 Family Service at Burton
11-00 Family Service at Holme
6-30 Evening Prayer (BCP) at Burton

Feb 15th

9-30 Holy Communion (ASB) at Burton
11:00 Holy Communion at Holme
6-30 Evening Praise at Burton

Feb 22nd

9-30 Memorial Hall Service at Burton
9-30 Morning Prayer (BCP) at Burton
11-00 Morning Prayer at Holme
6-30 Holy Communion (BCP) at Burton

Feb 29th

10:00 Joint Service with Holme at Burton
6:30 Lent course begins at Holme
No evening service at Burton

Churchwarden on duty:

George Flanders Tel 781729

Sidesperson's rota:

1st Feb Sheila Brownsord & Hugh Miles
8th Feb Cath Johnson & Liz Dew
15th Feb Bob Thornton & Trevor Wood
22nd Feb Edward Ellis & John Long
29th Feb Judith Ellis & Alison Flanders
7th Mar Arthur Prady & Margaret Prady

Church Cleaning rota:

1 st Feb	Judith Ellis & Norah Hayhurst	3
8 th Feb	Jean Hardwick & Julie Gregory	4
15 th Feb	Sheila Brownsord & Margaret Prady	5
22 nd Feb	Molly Long & Alison Flanders	6
29 th Feb	Barbara Ludlam & Anne Guy	7
7 th Mar	Tom & Cath Johnson	1

Please change with each other if necessary, but let the duty warden know about sidesduty and readers.

St James' Church Fellowship Service

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The Vicar writes...

What Kind of King?

During the six weeks leading up to Easter (Lent) our normal Sunday evening programme will undergo a slight change as we travel down the road to Holy Trinity, Holme. There we'll be **looking** at 1 and 2 Samuel in the Bible, making our way through the **cracking** account of events involving God and His people Israel.

Originally, a single book in the Hebrew Bible, 1 and 2 Samuel carries on from the book of Judges. God's people are in Canaan, the glorious land He had promised them. But things are bad for "*in those days ... everyone did as he saw fit.*" (Judges 21:25) Despite a series of judges mercifully raised up by God to save them from His judgment, God's people still refused to obey Him.

Amazingly, in 1 and 2 Samuel we see God still concerned for His rebellious people, keeping His promise and **working** out His purpose. He appoints Samuel as the last of the judges, picks Saul as Israel's first **king** and chooses David to replace him. A big change is **taking** place in Israel - a **king** is now the thing.

1 and 2 Samuel will clarify our **thinking** about God - who He is, what He's like and what He wants. It will also encourage us to look forward into the New Testament to the perfect **King** who would fulfil God's plan and purpose.

So why not come along (29th Feb - 4th April 6.30 pm) and be inspired by this rollicking true story. Be horrified by some **shocking** incidents. Be confronted with some **striking** home truths. Be amazed at how great God is and discover why the **king** Israel wanted was not the kind of **king** she needed.

See you in Lent.

Paul

Notice:

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

St James, Burton and Holy Trinity, Holme

Lent 2004 (29th Feb - 4th April)

1 and 2 Samuel
What Kind of King?

(A Lent Course with a difference led by Paul Baxendale)

Sunday Evenings: Holy Trinity, Holme 6.30 p.m.

CHURCH TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Vicar:	Paul Baxendale	781391
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	George Flanders	781729
	Tom Johnson	781884
	Tony Morton-Jones	782659
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Birds of a Feather



David Craig's 'Outdoors' features never fail to provide enjoyment with their variety of subjects written in Immaculate English. Of particular interest to many households was the January feature in which David described the birds' day in his garden. Our personal and immediate thought was 'What a difference a quarter of a mile makes'. Living on the northerly edge of Burton we have a small garden in which there is the usual type of bird table and feeders. Our constant visitors include a cheeky robin, at least three collared doves who chase each other into, around and out of the garden and the usual sparrows, blue tits and coal tits. Unlike David, in addition to the chaffinches and greenfinches, we regularly have a number of goldfinches. At any one time we can have on our feeders a dozen or more of these beautifully coloured little birds. They provide a magnificent sight.

The starling is also one of our regular visitors. As we scatter bread or other titbits on the lawn the skies can be completely clear, yet within minutes the grass is invaded by two or three dozen of these birds. Is there some kind of bird telegraph which gives notice of available food? Whilst with us some of the starlings and other species will take the opportunity to paddle, drink and preen their feathers in our shallow bird bath, especially when we have added some warm water on a frosty morning. Our garden is only a few hundred yards from David's abode but the difference in the bird population seems quite distinctive. Perhaps we are helped by the fact that we are near to the high trees in the churchyard and have neighbours with

established trees and bushes plus the presence of our own Crab-apple and Rowan trees which provide an ample supply of fruit and berries.

We have estimated that in the past twelve months we have been visited by no less than twenty-one different bird species albeit that they include a forty-eight hour stop-over by a partridge, a vivid and spectacular visit by a yellowhammer and a noisy and most unwelcome incursion by a sparrowhawk.

There will be many gardens like ours which provide such simple but invaluable pleasure to the householders throughout the year. These words are being written on a dull, dank day but even so our birds are with us. We do, however look forward with anticipation to the time when the adult birds will be bringing their young to share in the spoils which our small garden provides. Thank you, David, for inspiring us to look in more depth at the ever-changing world of our small natural and uncaged aviary.

J.M.



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I am pleased to report that 2003 was a quiet year for the **First Responder Team** - in all we only had a total of six call outs. **Cumbria Ambulance Service** assure me that we did receive all calls appropriate to us.

However already 2004 has been busy with three calls in the first eleven days. Training will be taking place in the Royal Hotel dining room 7.30pm onwards on Wednesday 4th February. Assessments will be taking place and for those who were not assessed in November then ALL other team members are now due. It is important that these assessment sessions are attended.

Since the formation of the Kent and Lune Group - which includes Burton, Holme, Arnsdale, Kirkby Lonsdale and Milnthorpe - assessments should be less of a problem, as our members will be able to be assessed with one of the other groups if they miss our own session and I must stress that the period between assessments is now strictly six months.

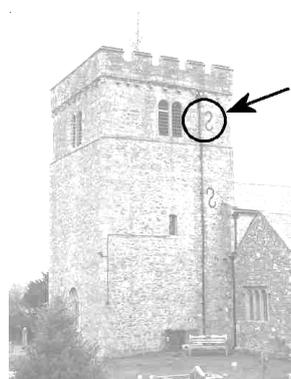
Milnthorpe have joined with Heversham, having two defibrillators and went "live" on the 17th January. We thought the formation of new groups was the reason for 2003 being quiet but apparently all groups have been the same.

Could I please remind members who have not yet done so, to contact the **Criminal Records Bureau Clearance** and obtain the forms needed - with over 300 First Responders now in Cumbria our group are still behind with this.

Also if you do have an e-mail address, please make sure that Arthur has this (782355).

Susan Hargreaves (781273)

CLOSEUP



The full size image for the previous 'Closeup'

St. James' Church tower is the place where the detail was taken from.



This month's is a little bit harder, but again fairly easy to see from the main road through Burton.

Answer and a new 'Closeup' in a future BN.

How many of you have been getting these 'Closeups' - drop BN a line to tell us !

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Editorial...



January is normally cold and crisp, but the one just ended must be one of the warmest and wettest on record. The rain has caused the usual flooding at Clawthorpe, so it's good to see in *An Opinion* that the PC are still pursuing a solution for this. The "geyser" at the foot of Neddy Hill has received some attention it seems - at least there were two men and a small excavator making holes there recently. Let's hope that whatever they did resolves the problem!

Speaking of problems, some villagers may have experienced a blackout in mid-January when a power cable came down at the bottom of Tan Pits Lane. Your Editors returned on that Sunday evening from a BADS rehearsal to find the road blocked by a police car, several United Utilities vans, and a host of workmen stood contemplating the broken (but still live!) cable snaked along the lane. Apparently it was a quite spectacular light show with a mass of green sparks and flashes, so if you thought it was fireworks again, you now know better! Well done to UU for fixing the problem in around 3 hours in, what can only be called, pretty awful weather conditions.

This month we seem to be a bit light on copy again... reports and articles about village groups/activities are always welcome. We know you're out there - just tell us what you're doing... please!

This year the *Holme & District Local History Society* celebrates its Silver Jubilee and this set us wondering about what other anniversaries there may be coming up. If your group (or you personally) has cause to celebrate then drop us a line and tell us about it. *BN* reaches a wide audience - we now have subscribers both in the UK and overseas who read the magazine each month (either in paper form or the online version), and many enjoy keeping up with news of families, friends or former neighbours this way. Some even write to us (as did John Leslie from Canada in this month's *Letters*) in search of their ancestors. So come on, share your good news with us and the rest of the world!

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AN & BJM



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Local History Society

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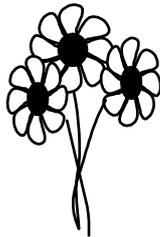
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February Meetings

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- Fri 6th "Discovering Lakeland Churches"
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- Fri 13th No meeting
- Fri 20th PAGB Slides (Lancaster visitors) :
Raffle : Entries for Street Market Competition
- Fri 27th L&CPU Documentary Prints
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