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**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO ALL OUR READERS**

# BURTON NEWS

THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

December 2006 Issue 155

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# Readers' LETTERS

Dear BN

Henry - a ginger/white cat who frequents Station Lane and Tanpits Lane

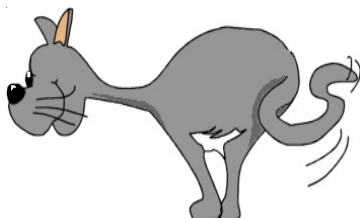
Please would all residents of Station Lane and Tanpits Lane not let Henry into your houses or feed him. This request follows a resident on Tanpits Lane letting our cat in so often (to the extent that he was spotted on the inside front bedroom window ledge) that we saw him only twice a day: once for breakfast and once at tea time, again for a feed.

To be honest, we are at our wits' end as to why, when we have spoken directly to three residents asking them specifically not to let Henry in, they ignore our expressed wishes and continue to allow him in. Do we move? Do we go to the police (cat stealing) or take legal action?

All quite ridiculous don't you think? It's simply not fair to us or to Henry - it confuses him, changes his character, and means that we have one cat whom we hardly ever see. It's got to stop!

Perhaps we should name and shame those people?

Yours faithfully,  
Karen & Rob Wright,  
Burton Park, Burton



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Dear Editors,

Collision - Tanpits Lane/Main Street

For the third time in just over a month I witnessed on Friday 29 September, the aftermath of a collision between cars at the junction of Tanpits Lane and the Main Street. The attending police officer expressed a private view to me that this junction was one of the most dangerous in the district.

Irony isn't it that the number of accidents at this junction has increased since the mirror, which was supposed to reduce the incidence of collisions, was installed.

Do we have to wait for a really serious accident before the very simple solution to the problem of this junction is put in hand? Make Tanpits Lane one way westward between the Main Street and Hollowrayne, which I believe was a condition/proposal when planning permission for Hollowrayne was granted.

Malcolm Brownsord

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## Congratulations

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Well done!

Mum, Dad, and Nanna Coward

# Thanks!

The *Burton News* committee wish to thank the organisers of the Onion Show for their donation of £186 from the proceeds of this year's show. This is greatly appreciated by us all.

BURTON family friends and neighbours

We would like to say a big thank you for all your prayers, kind words, cards and help throughout Robert's illness. He is now improving slowly. Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. God Bless.

Robert, Margaret and James Burton

Jonathan, Wendy and Darcey Barker would like to announce the births of Zara and Florence on 20 October. A special thank you to all our friends and members of our family who have helped and been so supportive along the way (and for spoiling Darcey too!) Also thank you to all of you in Burton who have wished us all the very best of luck in the past few weeks.



## Children in Need

On behalf of Children in Need I should like to thank the customers, and in particular the children, for their generous contributions to the collecting box at the Post Office. The total collected throughout this year amounted to £76.88, thank you.

The generous support of those who attended the Quiz in the Kings Arms on 15 November, along with a donation from Bobbins Day Nursery at Staveley, brought the total raised this year to £709.83. Well done everybody.

D.H.



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# 1<sup>st</sup> **Burton Company Boys' Brigade**

## **Company News**

Congratulations to Michael Gregory (below far right) who has just gone to Newcastle University and who represented the Boys' Brigade in England at a ceremony at Holyrood House, Edinburgh, to celebrate the fifty years of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. He was one of three young men (one each from Scotland, England and Ireland) who were all Gold Award holders. Michael was chosen to present the Baton to HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, in which there were Loyal Greetings after it set off from The Boys' Brigade Council Meeting in September, and the Baton made its journey through the UK to Edinburgh, arriving there on 6 November.

Michael and his older brother Stuart, who is still an Officer in our Company but working in London, were at St. James's Palace on Tuesday 14 November for their Gold Award Presentation in the presence of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. We hope that this will encourage other members of the Company as they move on from Bronze to Silver and to Gold.

### **BB National Competitions**

Chess - Our team (Matthew Holden, Frederick Anson and Ryan Williamson) are away to a team from 4<sup>th</sup> Carlisle Company, and we wish them well. Our thanks to Trevor Wood for coaching the team.

Table Tennis - We are at home to the 1<sup>st</sup> Church Company on 7 December, and the team (Simon Gregory, Peter Baxendale, Stephen Baxendale and Matthew Holden) hope to follow our last team who got to the National Final in Scotland. Thanks to Chris Jones for his continued help.

Under-14s Five-a-Side Football - We are drawn away to play five North West District Teams at the JJB Centre, Trafford Park, on 20 January 2007, and we hope for a good result there.

We are very grateful to the Milnthorpe Fire Station Team for an excellent visit by the Company to understand Fire Prevention, and look forward to the visit of the Fire Officer to BB for Fire Safety in the Home.

D J Mills for the BB Team

**Want to know what the BB lads get up to...???**  
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# OUTDOORS

The day after Bonfire Night we enjoyed what was surely our final rock-climb of the season, as autumn chills and damp close in. Mind you, each time I climb these days I wonder, will this be my last ever? Because you can't go on indefinitely, can you? Nevertheless this day found me and my climbing partner Chris seeking out an unknown limestone crag, in spite of spondylolysis and arthritis and other wearisome things ending in -is. He had spotted the cliff on a recent walk through the back dales between Clapham/Settle and Wharfedale. You turn off the A65 for Feizor, park in that neat and compact hamlet, and walk up the hill track into a dry dale - an oval basin of meadow flanked by limestone edges fifty feet high.



Our crag was unmentioned in our climbing guidebooks. I wasn't yet in the mood for slippery steepness and the air was still cold after the northerlies of the week before. Hunched against the westerly channelled through from the open country towards High Bentham, you could almost see the wind carving the rock into these dark grooves and jammed blades and narrow piers, these bone-grey verticals. We found ways up them, though, while I blew on my fingers, then warmed at last to the familiar movements, reaching and stretching and striding. It

was all exploratory - had anybody been here before? We got up one steep line, hauling on chunky edges; then ate sandwiches in the bare shelter of a semi-cave; then a second route, more subtle and balancey, the steepness forcing us precariously outwards; then called it a day as the cloud parted over towards Lunesdale. In the hanging wood across the meadow one mature beech glowed tobacco-brown among the unwithered green of its sycamore neighbours. Ingleborough, oddly flattened from this angle, loomed to the north and both there and eastward into Wensleydale and Malham the rusting pastures were gently lit by the last of the sun.

The place was peaceful and permanent-feeling. Not much happens here. The mail van drove by slowly below us on the rough track to Bark House farm and Helwith Bridge in Ribblesdale. A couple walked along with their black spaniel. A huge flock settled and took off again in the leafless ash trees on the far side of the dale. I mistook them for jackdaws until I sussed their scale and realised they were fieldfares. They were migrating south, feeding on holly and hawthorn berries - just a hundred out of the million that fly through, once the rowan crop in Scandinavia is exhausted, and cross England and the North and Mediterranean Seas to winter somewhere warm.

DAVID CRAIG



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## ***Roger Reports On....***

### **More local government reorganisation planned**

'Here we go again' was my response to the latest central government proposal to 'reorganise' local government. This latest attempt is contained in a White Paper called *Strong and Prosperous Communities*. It follows the failure, two years ago, of the attempts to bring in Regional Government based, in our case, on the North West Regional Assembly. This was abandoned after the North East, which was regarded as the area most in favour of the scheme, rejected the proposals by something like four to one. At that stage many people believed that, rather than give more power to local communities, the result might take power from the councils and return it to Whitehall.

Also, the Regional Assembly bid would have involved the replacement of the Cumbria's six District Councils and the County Council by Unitary Authorities, which would look after both District functions like Housing and County functions like Children's Services - which includes education. Having been a Parish, District and County councillor for a long time I well know the confusion between what each council does. Also there are some strange anomalies like the District being responsible for waste collection with the County doing the waste disposal.

So if your bin hasn't been emptied you ring up SLDC but if you want to complain about the waste disposal centre (the tip) you ring up Cumbria. One authority would unify these services; so far Unitary Authorities make sense.

Also it is claimed that there should be cost cutting in reducing bureaucracy (how many time have we heard that one?) and by reducing the number of Councillors. Most folk might say impulsively 'quite right too' to the latter suggestion. At present there are 53 South Lakeland District Councillors and about 20 County Councillors - with another 60 for the rest of Cumbria. The current proposal is to reduce this number to 44 for the whole county. This might mean one councillor to represent 'my' present Lower Kentdale Division of Burton, Holme, Heversham, Hutton Roof, Lupton, Mansergh, Preston Richard and Preston Patrick plus Kent Estuary which covers Milnthorpe, Beetham, Storth, Farleton and Arnside. Having been around and got around for a long time I believe I am as well known as it is possible for a councillor to be for a widely scattered area. The new 'division' would be twice as hard to represent especially as the various villages would have one less Cumbria councillor and will have 'lost' five District Councillors.

But the proposed change might save money and keep the Council Tax increases down which we all want. Also there would be increased responsibilities for Parish Councils and 'devolved' powers to local committees so communities would remain in touch with the 'unitary' council. In the short term my main concern is shortage of time. The County has to decide at the end of November Council (after *BN's* deadline) and the Government's decision will be proposed on 25 January. Any change is

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planned for 2009 - which might be too hurried.

### Bring back Westmorland?

Meanwhile South Lakeland and other District Councils have opted for smaller 'unitaries' and even bringing back Westmorland is being floated again. As a 'Westmerian' this sounds attractive though whether a reborn Westmorland could cope with its own Education and Social Services which are so bound up with the rest of Cumbria could be difficult. But, please, what do you think?

### World Heritage Site Status

The other big issue remains the bid for the Lake District World Heritage Site, which the County seems likely to support. Certainly I believe that Lakeland is as much, if not more, qualified for WHS as any other candidate for WHS like Blackpool. But apart from meeting the County's aim of 'Building Pride in Cumbria' any economic advantages in 'Heritage Tourism' and 'creative industries' are, at this stage, speculative.

### Better Car Parking?

A new District scheme is 'Pay on Exit' meters at the Westmorland Shopping Centre, which will mean we only pay for the time we're actually parked there. I hope it works - but once in Manchester my own confusion about how to pay held up a large and angry queue for a good ten minutes. So we'll see how it goes on.

### No Spies in Our Bins!

Finally I can clarify the *South Lakeland Big Brother Sees You* controversy about waste bins. No! - SLDC has not put cameras in wheelie bins - nor to be accurate have any computer chips been installed in bins already in use.

But any new bins purchased are fitted with the chips 'in case' in future the government wants to know more about rubbish. But the chips have not been 'activated' - yet.

So on that cheerful note may I wish Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

*Pop Bingham*



### Teddy Times News

1,121 teddies have been packed this month and are on their way to needy children around the world. Some went with the shoe box appeal and others through International Aid Trust.

Remember our slogan – "They are made with love, to bring love, to be loved."

Thank you for all your labours of love and your involvement in this project. There will sadly always be a need for teddies, why not knit a teddy this winter and bring joy and happiness to a child.

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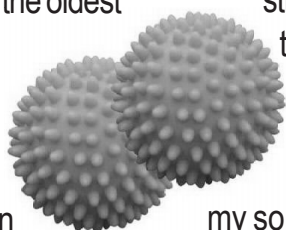
# Going Green

December 2006

"Happy Birthday Mummy," the Carboncopies cried, racing into my bedroom. They clutched presents wrapped in newspaper, and bounced on my bed as I ripped open the first of their gifts. "Careful, we may want to use that wrapping again," said the oldest Carboncopy. "Fair trade chocolate... just what a girl needs. Thank you," I said, hugging them. They thrust the next gift into my hands and the paper came away without much of a struggle. I pulled two luminous green knobbled rubber balls out of the packaging. "Are they from Anne Summers?" I asked Carbonlite. "Amazing Dryer Balls," announced the oldest Carboncopy, reading from the recyclable box.

"Save twenty five per cent on dryer running costs and soften fabrics without any toxic chemicals." The youngest Carboncopy was fed up with all the waiting around and ripped open the last present himself. "Ecozone Eco Balls," said his older brother with respect in his voice, lifting out three green spheres in the shape of Jupiter. "Wow. It's going to be a special birthday, Dad said so. We're going to follow all of the 'R's." "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle," the Carboncopies chanted, throwing themselves off the bed like pyjama clad lemmings. "Happy Birthday, Eco Worrier. I'll take you out for lunch," said Carbonlite, helping himself to a slab of Fair Trade Chocolate.

"Where would you like to go?" he asked, as I loaded the washing machine. The Carbonbaby clutched at the glass door, attracted by the brightly coloured Eco Balls. I suggested a couple of fancy restaurants I'd heard about



## Diary of an Eco-Worrier

in the Lakes. "Ah, right. I rather hoped we could cycle," said Carbonlite. "I know a lovely new tea shop which means we can 'Reduce' our petrol consumption for today. "Reduce the bill you mean," I replied.

The children came in from school with little paper bags. "We're having a party," they said. "Don't come into the kitchen." They reappeared some time later with sausages from the butcher cut into small pieces and decorated with organic tomatoes, tiny pizza's made from crumpets with pepperoni toppings, bowls of fruit, raw veg and crisps. They then produced little party bags made out of paper bags they'd begged from the Post Office, decorated with stickers and felt tips, and filled them with some of their favourite miniature toys. And then the room fell silent. "Happy Birthday to you," they all sang, as Carbonlite came to the table holding the remains of a chocolate caterpillar cake from my son's birthday the day before. It was decorated with thirty nine candles. "'Reused' cake and candles," said Carbonlite proudly. "Blow out the caterpillar's bottom and make a wish Mummy," said the youngest of the Carboncopies.

In the evening we watched a 'Recycled' movie from the video shop. We ate chocolates and wine that would never last long enough to be recycled, although I did catch Carbonlite saving his foil wrappers down the side of the sofa. Half way through the movie, I felt cold. "Have you turned the heating off? On my birthday?" I accused my eco-husband. We snuggled under a quilt quickly produced in compensation. "My recycled birthday was

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great. I think we should try to have a sustainable Christmas as well," I suggested. "I've been thinking about that," Carbonlite replied. "This Christmas perhaps we should concentrate on the fourth 'R.' "What's that?" I asked. "Refuse," he answered with a grin. "Refuse all the pointless trappings of Christmas. Say no to presents and definitely no to sprouts."

Before bed I checked my e-mails. In the semi darkness of my study an e-mail pinged in from the States. "Hello, my name is Rachelle." it said. "I'm a casting producer with ABC TV's Wife Swap. I'm contacting families who are living 'lightly' and came across you. We always look for families with very strong family philosophies, and hope you might consider being on our show." I sat back and imagined a week with an American family in their air conditioned home, driving a gas guzzling SUV to the mall to stuff myself with pizza, returning for cocktails and barbeque by the heated swimming pool. Then I thought about my quirky sustainable birthday, compliments of my own little carbon crew. My mouse hovered over the screen as I contemplated the final R: my 'Reply.' It didn't take me long to 'Refuse.'

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## SLDC Recycling News



Those households using the kerbside recycling service will be receiving new calendars during November, please look out for your copy on collection day.

As well as the collection calendar and information about the kerbside recycling service there is also information about the plastic and cardboard banks that have been introduced over the last year. The calendar includes information about the collection service that will be in operation over the Christmas and New Year period.

Green waste collections will again be suspended from mid-December to mid-January and there will be a weekly grey bin collection service; blue box collections will continue on alternate weeks.

Collections will continue on the normal days until Friday 22 December, and will continue as follows:

Week commencing 25 December 2006

Monday collections will be made on Saturday 23 December. Tuesday to Friday collections will be made one day later than usual.

Week commencing 1 January 2007.

Collections will be made one day later than usual.

Week commencing 8 January

Collections will return to the normal day.

If you have any queries about the waste and recycling collections please contact us either through the Customer Contact Centre on 0845 050 4434 or by emailing us at [recycling@southlakeland.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@southlakeland.gov.uk)

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## REMINDER..

**Birds need fresh water always. Start feeding them again now the colder weather is here.**



# An Opinion...

Comments on the goings-on at the  
Parish Council

## CHEERS, EVERYBODY!!

Sadly no Police Report this month. But it doesn't mean there weren't any "incidents". On enquiry, A.O. was told PC Suart was about to go on annual leave after a 'spell of being off-colour'. Hopefully us good folk of Burton aren't to blame for that.

### PUBLIC FORUM

A goodly crew of Burtonians took their seats to make their views known in the Public Forum. Some were there to hear the Parish Council discuss parking on Main Street, some to protest at the Boon Town housing plans. All patiently endured the Chairman's announcements first, however, which were:

#### 1. Station Lane repairs are now complete.

Historian Kath Hayhurst, we were told, had informed the PC that resurfacing the road had first been requested in 1970!

#### 2. Caterpillar Walk, it was reported, is in a sorry state.

It hasn't been adopted by SLDC, so its upkeep still rests with Persimmon Homes. But an inspection cover has now been re-sited (it was previously in a private garden) and SLDC can now be asked to take responsibility for the Walk.

Two matters concerned the members of the public present at the meeting:

#### 1. Parking on Main Street

Once again this topic was raised, as residents of Barton Row, in Main Street, are no longer parking on an off-road parking area. But parking on Main Street poses a problem, as the road is designated as a relief trunk road if there's an accident or blockage on the M6. It was generally agreed that double yellow lines weren't desirable. "See what happens," was the agreed action to take, and that is how the matter was left, with one PCllr suggesting that dwellers in Barton Row might park further afield and walk back to their homes, as they might have to in London.

#### 2. The Boon Town Affordable Housing Project

It seems three members of the PC (PCllrs Rogers, Hopwood and Alderson) met with delegates from Impact Housing and put forward suggestions for resiting the planned housing to improve the positioning of the remains of the playing area. Some members of the public had apparently been informed of the revised plans that Impact had sent to the PC for their approval. In fact this was quite a crucial moment in negotiations, because, had the PC turned down the new plans, Impact had indicated that they might withdraw altogether. These revised plans were on show for general discussion, with the public able to glance at them.

A heated discussion broke out. Two PCllrs explained they hadn't attended the meeting with Impact because they were against the project in principle (they didn't want any building at all on the field.) There was also disagreement about which sites had been selected for possible development in the first place. All three PCllrs in this group

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had preferred different sites, so none had been presented to the Planning Cttee as the most favoured.

Further disjointed argument raised the suggestion (previously referred to in an earlier An Opinion) that Impact might not, in fact, be given the Boon Town site by SLDC. They might have to pay for it. Yet this had been the overriding reason given for selecting the site in the first place. Hearsay tells A.O. that at least one PCllr was aware of this possibility throughout negotiations. Yet till this night it hasn't been raised at a PC meeting.

A.O. is left wondering how this 'Affordable' housing is going to pay for itself:

1. Impact may have to pay for the site.
2. The Trust originally claimed the project wouldn't be viable unless 11 houses were erected on the site (it's now 7).
3. They claimed it would be too costly to erect the houses on the higher, sloping area of the present playing field. Yet the new plans show that they are prepared to do exactly this, assuming the plans are passed by the Planning Cttee.
4. The Highways Dept had been against building on the site as egress onto Main Street was too dangerous. This objection was overridden.

Could it be that Impact Housing is going ahead in a determined effort to save face? Or is it simply that their costing is entirely hit and miss, and can be adjusted to suit their own aims?



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## Some Other Matters

### 1. Entertainment Allowance (or, as a couple of PCllrs unkindly put it, "Paul's Slush Fund").

It was agreed, after some banter, that a suggestion put by the Chairman, Paul Rogers, to have a fund reserved for entertaining dignitaries was a good one, and a motion was passed that up to £100 p.a. could be called on at the Chairman's discretion. Hopefully this may improve the quality of the talks given by visiting speakers, assuming they are wined beforehand. Though to be fair there wasn't much wrong with them in the first place.

### 2. Ken Ray

PCllr Ray has sadly resigned as a PCllr, and there is now an empty space on the PC. They are looking for a co-opted member to replace him, and the vacancy is to be advertised.

### 3. The Lengthsman

This position is to be advertised too. The selected candidate will have to undergo five weeks' training - because he/she will be working on the highways - and should be able to begin work in March.

### 4. The Memorial Hall

A PCllr reported he'd been asked to seek the approval of the PC for the idea of re-siting the Memorial Hall on land adjoining the Royal Hotel. It can't be said that the idea was shot down in flames, but if you'd put a hose on it there'd definitely have been a sizzling sound. "Nothing to do with us," was the consensus.

*An Opinion continues over the page...*

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### 5. Remembrance Day

The Vice Chairman reported that he had laid a wreath on the War Memorial on Armistice Day, and that there had been a good attendance.

**6. The M6 Copse** (Can someone think of a better name? This doesn't look right.) The continuing deterioration of the woodland alongside the M6 was again deplored. The Environment Agency disclaims ownership of this sorry site, which, it was agreed, is becoming a morass of decaying trees and marsh.

### 7. Plain Quarry

PCllr Hopwood is to meet with Martin College to discuss "a memo of understanding" that the PC apparently had with the Forestry about the upkeep of Plain Quarry, which at present has all the appearance of a derelict bombsite, despite the delightful walks it gives access to.

It was a lively meeting, with quite a few laughs, and with plenty of the public there who had views to express, though it's by no means certain that the points they made will sway decisions taken by the jolly old Parish Council.

A.S.

## Burton Children's Sports Committee

### A Bonfire Night Thank You

Burton Children's Sports Committee would like to thank everyone in the village who supported our Bonfire Night Event. As the ticket price covers the cost of the Fireworks only, we'd like to thank Mike and Zoë at the Kings Arms for donating all the food. Thanks also to the Recreation Trust for hosting it on their grounds, and to Crowd Dynamics for safety advice. We hope to make this a permanent venue in the future. Due to high insurance and firework costs this event doesn't break even and is subsidised by other fundraising events across the year.

Our 70's and 80's Disco was cancelled due to low ticket sales. We have rescheduled this event for 17 Feb.

### Appeal for Storage Space Do you own an empty garage or barn in Burton?

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## THE KILLARNEY EXPEDITION

Early on the morning of Saturday 11 November, fortified by Mike Nelson's bacon butties and cups of tea, fifteen intrepid gentlemen of Burton set off from the Kings Arms to visit Killarney in South West Ireland. From Liverpool via the tiny airport of Farranfore we arrived at Murphy's Hotel in the centre of Killarney. We quickly settled in at the excellent accommodation and set out to enjoy a Saturday evening in Killarney for what proved to be a wonderful experience. The town was crowded with good-natured revellers enjoying the fantastic music and "craic" long into the early hours. Occasional glasses of Guinness were consumed, as this seemed to be the local custom!

The next three days started with full Irish breakfasts enjoyed by all. Activities were many and varied - some went for long walks, others spent time on the world-class golf courses. There were excursions around the "Ring of Kerry", a circular trip around the Inveragh peninsula with spectacular views of mountains and sea, thought by many to be the most beautiful part of Ireland, and the Dingle peninsula, another scenic attraction. Some watched the local Gaelic Football Cup finals - a cross between rugby and soccer, very fast and exciting, with confusing rules.

Les Bratby bought a bouzouki - a long-necked type of mandolin, and if you want to hear him play it come to the folk music at the Kings Arms on the last Sunday evening of the month. The days were full and the evenings were spent enjoying the music and legendary hospitality of our hosts, the *Kerry Hooligans*. They gave us a really warm welcome and looked after us brilliantly throughout our stay. Shine, Ger, Jimmy and Frank, among others, showed us friendship and a great insight into Kerry life.

We are all looking forward to their visit to Burton in February. A big thank you to them for making our stay so enjoyable.

The expedition to Killarney was the brainchild of Ian Hunt, Thanks to Hunt, the trip was organised like a military operation with meticulous attention to detail. Air travel, car hire, accommodation, entertainment - nothing was left to chance. If he ever gives up his job as a builder he has a great future as a tour operator!



The Killarney Crew



**BURTON BOWLING CLUB**

The bowling season ended when the green was closed on October 12. The A.G.M. of the Club was held in the Memorial Hall on November 8.

The outgoing chairman, Malcolm Brownsord, reported on a 'reasonably good season':- The Club maintained its position in Division 2 of the Kendal & District League, finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Rural League, and came out top of Division 7 in our first year in the Morecambe League. We won the Morecambe & District Millennium competition, were runners-up in the Lune Valley Floodlit League and the David Skidmore Trophy (floodlit doubles). Russ Coates won the individual Merit Competition in Kendal & District Division 2.

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# ***HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE** by Roger Bingham*

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR-1907**

### **JANUARY**

'At the stroke of 12 a feu de joi pealed from the Church Tower' to proclaim the New Year. A year of bad weather began with a 'great fall of snow which led to a general cessation of outdoor occupations'. After two days, and just as the thaw began, a snowplough cleared the footways. Owing to 'the great storm' many children were unable to attend Mrs Shorland-Ball's annual party. The half yearly audit of the Atkinson Estate was held at Mrs Dobson's Green Dragon Inn with Mr. Cornthwaite of Clawthorpe Hall presiding.

### **FEBRUARY**

Continued 'severe weather provided great sport for skaters'. Despite arctic conditions outdoors the song "May Day Morn" received 'a well merited round of applause' at Mr. Shorland-Ball's concert. A car was 'wrecked when it collided with some wires dislodged by the storm near Deerslet.' The Parish Council took the Trustees of the Burton Educational Foundation to court, which decided that the charity's funds must be distributed by the Overseers of the Poor.

### **MARCH**

At the County Council Elections the local winner was Mr Thomas Atkinson Cornthwaite of Clawthorpe Hall with 137 over Mr. T.E. Barrow of Burton House who got 116 votes. On Mothering Sunday much of the District suffered in the 'Great Flood'. This disaster was still being talked about 50 years later. The Kent Estuary sea defences were swept away during the fiercest local storm until that of

January 2005. 'Hedges could not be seen' on the flooded Burton Mosses.

### **APRIL**

There were 41 Easter communicants at the 8am service and 43 at 11.30 at the Parish Church. The anthem 'The Lord Liveth' was sung at Morning Prayer. 'Mr T. A. Thexton presided at the organ'. Many local people backed the Grand National winner 'Ereman' which had been trained by Tom Coulthwaite who was a native of Holme.

### **MAY**

A joint Burton and Holme Conservative Branch was formed. Mr J.F. Read was elected Chairman with Mr. G.M. Read as Secretary. There was 'a large gathering' of the Conservative Primrose League's 'Burton Habitation at Dalton Hall'. Captain Bagot denounced the Liberal Government of Henry Campbell-Bannerman and the local M.P. 'who at the Election (of December 1905) had promised the removal of duties on tea, tobacco, and sugar but after one and half years nothing had been done and the taxpayer was in the same position as before the election with the prospect of having to pay more'. The recently elected County Councillor Cornthwaite died suddenly. He was described as 'a noted breeder of Hunters and Master of the Quarries on Clawthorpe Fell.'

### **JUNE**

Mr J. Brown of Kendal was the examiner for the Burton Educational Foundation. John Greatrix of Holme was awarded a scholarship of £30 for two years teacher

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training. £50 was distributed in smaller sums to 30 other scholars. During 'severe thunder storms' a cow was struck by lightning at Beetham Mill, a barn set on fire at Levens and a horse killed at Underbarrow. During the heat wave there were complaints of 'indecent bathing' in the canal.

### JULY

A public meeting 'decided by a majority of one and to the disappointment of many' not to take the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Trip to Morecambe but to have a picnic in Dallam Park instead. The decision was reversed at an extraordinary meeting the next week and 200 local children went to the seaside resort. At the National School's end of term concert 'the action song "The Market" was a source of great amusement. The bandage drill in connection with a song "Ambulance Maids" was neatly and expeditiously performed, the girls appearing to be quite at home with the work while "the Living Pictures" were very effective, especially "The Death of Nelson".

### AUGUST

It was agreed to erect in the Parish Church an oak reredos designed by Austin and Paley in memory of Miss Wilson late of The Cottage 'providing that it did not hide the inscription on the Hornby memorial East Window.' William Wilson a carrier from Burton was summoned on a charge of being asleep while driving a horse and cart at Skerton. He pleaded that he was merely leaning against some parcels. As it was his first summons in 40 years the magistrate 'gave him the benefit of the doubt' and dismissed the case. The local G.P. Dr. Cosgrave was called to two accidents in 24 hours. Mr W. Nelson of Green Cross dislocated his shoulder when he was knocked off his bicycle by a motorcycle driven by Mr Gibson junior of

Jolley's Farm. Fred Bainbridge was 'knocked unconscious and sustained a cut head' when he fell off the top of the gate at Burton House stables.

### SEPTEMBER

Jane Taylor, a servant girl from Yealand, drowned herself in the Canal, near Burton. Her hat was found at the aqueduct near the station. Her 'sweetheart', James Gibson a farmer's son from Holme, could not suggest a reason for her 'crime'. He swore that 'he had never wronged her' and that she 'seemed quite satisfied with just a friendship'. Mr. T. Dixon of Cinderbarrow was buried at Burton. He was 64 and in his younger days he was 'the first station master at Poulton-Le-Sands before the fishing village became Morecambe'.

### OCTOBER

'Severe frost put all outdoor operations out of joint and played havoc in gardens, dahlias were killed and beds of vegetable marrows were unrecognisable.' For the first time Burton Show was held in Mr. T. Dobson's field on the Dalton estate which belonged to the Show President, Major Hornby. A fire destroyed the Vicarage Coach House and Stables. 'On seeing smoke about 6am Mr. T. Atkinson promptly roused the servants and gave the alarm in the village. But the town's hose proved too short to reach from the hydrant to the scene of conflagration and all that could be done was to play upon the falling burning timbers with a garden hose and buckets of water'.

### NOVEMBER

Major Hornby's coach was damaged in a collision with a

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steamroller at Longlands. The Parish Council spent £7:15s on two new gas lamps for outside the Reading Room and The National School. Burton's oldest inhabitant Mrs Betsy Morland died aged 89. 35 couples enjoyed the Burton Bachelor's Ball. At the Martinmas Hirings rates were £17 with board for six months farm service for strong lads; young lads rates were between £5 and £10.

### **DECEMBER**

Mr. W. Cornthwaite took over his late father's farm at Clawthorpe Hall and relinquished his tenancy of Deerslet to Mr. W. Dobson of The Green Dragon. During the 'severe weather Mrs Shorland-Ball with her accustomed generosity distributed warm cloaks for the children' and Major Hornby provided free coal for the needy. A Bronchitis epidemic reduced attendance at the main Christmas service at which the 'choir rendered Maunders' "Christians Awake".

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### **Xmas Bingo Dates for your Diary**

For Bingo enthusiasts, here are this year's dates for your diary. All will be held in the Memorial Hall. See individual notices for full details.

- Friday 8 December (Pre-School/OOS Club)
- Friday 15 December (Bowling Club)

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### **Tuesday Club Closure**

It is with regret that we announce the formal closure of the Burton Tuesday Club. Over the years numbers have slowly but surely dwindled until, for the last three years, only 10 members remained. Rarely did we have full attendance at meetings and no new members joined us.

At the Annual General Meeting it was unanimously agreed that to continue in this way would be futile. Although present members have faithfully supported the club and enjoyed various outings and festive occasions it was felt that the "over fifty-fives" living in Burton have no real interest in supporting the club having a variety of other pursuits and interests available. Sadly, therefore, the decision has been taken to formally close the Tuesday Club.

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If you are interested but not sure what is involved please contact the Clerk or any parish councillor for an informal chat.

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# *Focus on...*

## **Burton Clubs and Societies**

### **Burton Out-of-School Club**

Burton Out of Schools Club (BOSC) was established in 2002 due to a demand from parents for some provision of before and after school care to accommodate working hours. It was initially funded by NOF, the New Opportunities Fund (lottery money supporting new initiatives in deprived areas – for which we qualified under rural deprivation). Sorry if you are not feeling deprived but this is how we got the money.

The facility was set up as an offshoot of Burton Pre School to support those families needing childcare for children between the ages of four and fourteen, for before and after school, either on a permanent or flexible basis. We currently have 38 families on our register and provide out of school care for 57 children. The club is allowed sixteen children max. at each session and we have places available on all of them. BOSC has run the gauntlet of a successful OfSTED inspection and we are still here to tell the tale! We have even managed to keep our two members of staff employed for both sessions which run on a daily basis between 7.30am to 8.50 am and 3.15pm to 6pm.

Nicola Braithwaite is our team leader and has been with us since inception. She has an NNEB qualification in Early Years and NVQ level 2 and 3 in Childcare and Education. Ester Tkachok joined us January this year, despite hearing about the terrors of inspection, and has five years' experience in the Childcare and Early Years sector and is also fully qualified with NNEB and NVQ diplomas.

Behind the scenes are a committed voluntary management committee who work hard to ensure the continuous and smooth running of this provision.

The Head Teacher of Burton Morewood School, Mrs Sue Woodburn, has been very supportive of the scheme over the past four years and offers the use of a classroom and school grounds for some after school activities. As we are a registered childcare centre, parents may be entitled to a childcare allowance through work or training, so please check to see if you are entitled to any of this government money – they certainly don't give it to us!

BOSC is a non-profit making organisation and all income from fees is used to benefit the children and meet our overheads. As these overheads have been steadily rising, we find that there are less funds available for play and sports equipment and all funding that started the club has long-ceased to be available. Any donations of money or well-maintained equipment would be gratefully received to ensure the ongoing smooth-running and development of this popular and vital facility in the village.

December is a busy month so if you could do with a few extra hours for Christmas shopping or gift wrapping, why not use us and know that your children are in a safe and stimulating environment. Bookings can be arranged in advance with Nicola Braithwaite tel. 07771614505, or if you would like to phone me, Natalie Jackson, tel 782227 I will be very happy to answer any questions you have about BOSC.

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



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# Village People

## GEOFFREY HALLIDAY

Geoffrey Halliday, one of the country's leading botanists, is a scrupulous and modest man. The milestone of a book in which his life's work has culminated is called *A Flora of Cumbria* (1997), not the Flora, just a Flora. There had never been one before (Cumberland and Westmorland had been dealt with separately, in 1898 and 1936) and Geoffrey's work is hardly likely to be repeated for a century or two.

What he has done is to head a team of twenty-five volunteers. They found 1373 different kinds or species (including trees, ferns, and grasses as well as flowers), based on 438,000 records, and double-checked every record - all 'with a minimum of coercion'. In face of the swarming plants which flourish on every square yard of ground, how can they be sure they have, found all the plants? I was thinking about this on a bitter-cold day a fortnight ago as I walked over Farleton Fell towards sunset. Almost nothing was still flowering - I saw one tattered daisy. Carline thistles stood about rusting, like miniature firs charred in a forest fire. Ground thistles spread out their thorny stars, unwithered, ready for next year. In Summer this rough pasture would be embroidered with blossom - purple thistles and (later) knapweed, buttery tormentils, harebells and hawkweed and daisies, fescue grasses and young bracken.... Can the Cumbrian botanists be sure they have missed nothing?



I think they can, because they are wholly thorough and work minutely over 1781 squares (or tetrads), each 2x2 kilometres, finding on average 246 species per square. Bringing all this together in the one splendid book (published by the Lancaster University Centre for North-west Regional Studies) is the fruit of a life for which Geoffrey Halliday seems to have been perfectly fitted.

He grew up in the New Forest, 'a great place for boyhood', and says he was 'never in except in bad weather'. He loved to climb trees and built tree houses. Heredity played some part - his mother's father was president of the Darlington & Stockton Field Club. His biology teachers were keen on doing botany out in the field and when he joined the Biology department at Lancaster University in 1968, six colleagues were members of the Botanical Society.

He is a spare and lightly-built man with a pale tan, who looks honed and weathered by decades of research outdoors. He himself visited every one of those 1781 squares at least twice and has constantly swum and snorkelled in the lakes, often to collect water plants. When I went climbing with him in Longsleddale several years ago to search for a purple saxifrage said to exist on Sadgill Wall on Buckbarrow, he came nimbly and (I think) fearlessly up the beetling slabs although he hadn't climbed for years. He has been to East Greenland seven times, where botanists have based themselves in Norwegian trappers' tents. Flowers there are watered by trickles from snow patches on south-facing slopes. He delights to recall flying in low on a Hercules with the R.A.F. and seeing familiar haunts from above. When he shows me colour transparencies of the coast,

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he's mischievously pleased that I underestimate by half or more the height of mountains and the distance down fjords - in the pellucid air things far away look near enough to reach in half an hour.

Probably nobody knows Cumbria more intimately. The exact writing (and fine photos, many his own) in the *Flora* abound in details like 'a single, fairly old tree [a Lucombe oak] in a roadside field opposite the Swan Inn at Middleton, Barbon'; and a sea beet 'on a farmer's dump in an old railway cutting near Temple Sowerby'; and northern bedstraw on 'the sandstone walls of old salmon coops in the grounds of Corby Castle'; and small toadflax 'along remote forestry tracks in the Kershope and Spadeadam forests.' Given his endless curiosity about what grows in our county, it's only natural that when he and his wife Jill had to have an oak felled at the field edge of their garden in Mowbray Drive, they counted the rings in the cross-section of the trunk. The tree had been growing there for years.

D.C.



## Burton Morewood School

We are extremely grateful to the Aggregate Levy Sustainability Fund (administered by Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust), Awards For All and our school PTA who have generously funded our Wildlife Walk.

The wildlife path is a learning walk that goes around the perimeter of our School field and has been planted up with wild flowers and a new hedge to encourage butterflies, insects and birds. There are points of interest along the way including various habitats to encourage minibeasts (log piles, stone heaps etc). There are seats at intervals along the walkway for the children to sit and enjoy, appreciate and learn about the changing seasons. The children use the walkway both during and out of curriculum time.

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# The Vicar Writes...

## Peace on Earth?

"Peace on earth." That's what the cards and the carols say and that's what many people like to think Christmas is all about – "Peace on earth, goodwill to men."

So it's surprising to hear Jesus say: "Do you think I have come to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division." (Luke 12:51)

Now, of course, Jesus did come to bring peace – real peace between God and people. That's why, at Jesus' birth, the angels sang: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests." (Luke 2:14). Jesus was born to die and rise again to bring reconciliation between sinful people and a holy God.

But along the way, Jesus forces us to make a choice about who he is and why he came. It all boils down to this: do we accept his claim to be our Lord and God and will we deny ourselves and follow him?

The choice can't be avoided, but it inevitably brings division. For, while a choice for Christ brings us peace with God and with other believers, it also brings us opposition from a world that rejects him.

C.S. Lewis once wrote that we can't simply dismiss Jesus as a "great moral teacher." He went on: "A man

who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was and is the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse." (From *Mere Christianity*)

Jesus' words in Luke 12, quoted above, are a case in point. They are not the words of someone who was just a great moral teacher. You must make your choice.

Wishing you a very special Christmas,

*Paul*

P.S. Why not come and find out more about the Prince of Peace by joining us at our Christmas events. It would be great to see you.

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"We are very grateful for harvest donations of tinned, dried and fresh foods which we have been receiving at Caring For Life, and once again we are rejoicing at God's faithfulness through His people. Please give our sincere thanks to your fellowship for their practical and prayerful support which helps us provide:

Breakfast daily for 40+ people; lunch for over 60+ people; over 1000 food parcels during the coming year; non-perishable food for our 2 supported homes over the next 12 months; 150 Christmas Food Parcels; many items for Christmas dinner serving up to 60 people.

As you can see, there are numerous ways in which your contribution makes a difference in the lives of those for whom we care, and as we share the love of Jesus with very needy men and women, this is only possible because we have your support."

As you can see, your gifts have been very much appreciated - thank you.



### Warton Methodist Church

Borwick Lane, Warton

**Sunday Service: 10.30am**

**Whizz Kids ~ Creche**

(school-age children) (below school-age)

Youth & Family Worker

**Bethany Scott**

Minister - **Roger Moore**: 01524 65393

Church: 01524 732626

## Christmas Cracker

It was good to see so many friends and church family at the St James' Church Christmas Cracker on Saturday 18 November. A big thank you to all who organised and supported the event, which raised £1,373 for the day-to-day running costs and mission of the church.

**CHRISTMAS  
GREETINGS**

**2006**

Mrs Mabel Prickett extends Christmas and New Year Greetings to her friends and former neighbours and carers at Burton-in-Kendal.



Brigitte, Paul, Angela and Dominic Rogers wish all their friends and neighbours in Burton a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



The Burton News committee would like to wish all our readers, contributors, distributors, and advertisers a very merry Christmas and a happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year.



### St. Mary's R.C. Church

Yealand Conyers

**Mass Times:**

Sat 6.00 pm : Sun 9.00 am

Contact: **Fr. J. Bamber**

01524 732943

for further information

# December & January Services

at St James' Burton & Holy Trinity Holme



## Sunday 3 December

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

## Sunday 10 December

08.00am Holy Communion (BCP), Burton  
09.30am Family Service (Nativity), Burton  
04.00pm Christingle, Holme

## Sunday 17 December

09.30am Holy Communion, Burton  
11.00am Carol Service, Holme  
06.30pm Candlelit Carol Service, Burton

## Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December

10.00am Joint Family Service, Holme  
11.15pm Holy Communion, Holme

## Christmas Day 25 December

10.00am Joint Family Service, Burton  
(followed by Communion)

## Sunday 31 December

10.00am Joint Family Service, Holme

## Sunday 7 January

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

## Sunday 14 January

08.00am Holy Communion (BCP), Holme  
09.30am Family Service, Burton  
11.00am Family Service, Holme  
06.30pm Evening Church, Burton

## Sunday 21 January

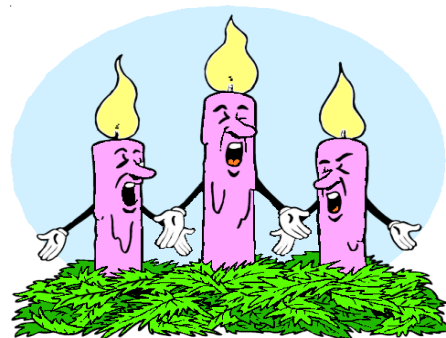
09.30am Holy Communion, Burton  
11.00am Holy Communion, Holme  
06.30pm Evening Church, Burton

## Sunday 28 January

09.30am Morning Prayer (BCP), Burton  
09.30am Memorial Hall Service, Burton  
11.00am Morning Prayer, Holme  
06.30pm Evening Church, Burton  
(with Holy Communion)

### Notice:

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



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## BURTON PRE SCHOOL NEWS

This past month has seen two fun fundraisers for the Pre School starting with the Hallowe'en party at the end of October. This was open to children up to the age of 11 and was very well attended, with a lot of effort put into the traditional seasonal costumes! Much of the preparatory work, including the hall decorations and the running of several of the stalls was carried out by the guides who were working on their hospitality badges. They also did a great dance routine on stage towards the end! Everyone agreed that they did an excellent job and those who were organising the event were extremely grateful for their contribution, which was substantial! By the end of the evening, it certainly seemed as though a pretty good time was had by all. Thank you to all who contributed their time and/or prizes.

The second event was the pub quiz, held in the King's Arms. Many thanks to Zoë and Mike for hosting and to the quizmaster, David Williamson. 'No Idea' was the winning team, with second place being taken by 'The Barflies'. An impressive £110 was raised. Again a fun evening and thank you to all who contributed and all who attended and made it a success.

We would like to remind parents with pre Pre-School children, that we run a parent and toddler group on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am in the club room of the hall. We organise an activity for the little ones, plus we have a selection of toys and books and also ride-on toys. Please do feel free to drop in for a tea or coffee and a chat - the first session is free, after which it is just £2 a time. You can come as regularly or irregularly as you like!

### *Honey Tree Restaurant*

Chinese Banquet every Wed / Thur evening  
Eat as much as you like. £15.50 per head

"Happy Hour" buffet, 5pm - 7.30pm. £9.95  
Full take away service. Vegetarian menu available

Open 7 days a week. Disabled Access

### **The Taste of Oriental**

293 Marine Road Central, Morecambe

**01524 423860 / 420944**

Christmas seems to be approaching with somewhat alarming rapidity! The Pre-School staff are working hard with the children to produce the end of year show, which this year will be a selection of Christmas songs. Parents will already be familiar with some of the items as their little ones 'practice' at home or - in our case - in the car! We wish them all luck and look forwards to hearing the end result at the Christmas Fair on 9 December between 10am to 12pm.

Our big raffle has a first prize of a night for two at the Connaught Hotel in London! Definitely worth a book or two of tickets at a mere £1 per ticket! We have many other great prizes if you don't fancy the big one, including a luxury Xmas hamper. Tickets available in advance from Pre-School staff or committee members and we would be grateful for any volunteers to sell a few more tickets.

We would also be grateful for donations of items for the hamper and a list will go up at either end of the entrance to the hall, with items that are required and space to mark down what you would be prepared to donate. Especially, we need volunteers to help out with the running of the fair, as it needs quite a few people and there is a limit to the number of committee members and staff. If you can give us some help, please see Ruth or another member of staff.

In addition to the raffle, there will be various other good stalls, as well as things to interest the children, such as a chocolate raffle, pin the nose on Rudolf and others. Towards the end of the morning, the children will perform their Xmas show.

***Pre School News** continues over the page...*

### *Longlands Hotel & Restaurant*

Catering for Christenings, Weddings and Parties

**Evening two course Table D'Hôte Menu £9.99**

**2-4-1 Special Offer**

Mon - Fri : 5.30pm - 6.30pm

*Bookings taken*

**Please telephone for details 01524 781256**

# What's On?

See back page for more village events & activities



## **BURTON FELLWALKING SOCIETY January Walks**

**Sun 7 - Casterton - 12.00**

Leader: J Reid 781824

**Wed 17 - Cowan Bridge - 13.00**

Leader: O Hutchinson 781803

**Sat 20 - Udale Fells/Tilberthwaite - 9.30**

Leader: R Hesketh 781474

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

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

**~ Burton Village Online ~  
[www.burtonweb.org.uk](http://www.burtonweb.org.uk)**

### **Pre School News continued...**

The children's Xmas party will be held on Monday 18 Dec, please see Ruth for details.

Finally, on behalf of the committee and parents, I would like to wish Ruth all the best for the remainder of her pregnancy and for the birth of her baby, as she will be starting her maternity leave right after Xmas. You will be much missed while you are gone, but we look forward to welcoming your new arrival!

## **Please mind your P's and Q's**

Pavements are for People.  
Pensioners, Parents, Pushchairs,  
Prams and Pedestrians  
NOT for PARKING!  
Thank Q. Thank Q. Thank Q.



## **Holme & District Local History Society**

**Monday 15 January**

**7.30 pm at Burton Memorial Hall**

**AGM followed by a slide show by  
Gerald Hodgson of the  
Whittington Heritage Society**

*New Members Welcome*

### **Lunesdale Decorative and Fine Arts Society**

## **The "New Berlin"**

The title of the November talk seemed rather dull and slightly banal, so, before the first few sentences and slides I was unprepared at being completely bowled over both by the speaker and by her subject matter! She gave us a brief overview of how this city became the capital of a united Germany in 1871, and how it was once again reunited in 1989 – after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Maps and an overview showed how the city was divided at the end of the Second World War.

The city has more waterways than Amsterdam and more bridges than Venice, a whole island devoted to museums (the famous bust of Nefertiti being in one of them) and in the outlying area of Potsdam a wonderful cultural heritage left by Frederick the Great. Berlin consists of old churches cathedrals, palaces and castles but what is so striking, is the wonderful collection of new modern buildings that have been incorporated into this patchwork – one of the most beautiful, the parliament building, designed by Sir Norman Foster. In all it looked the most amazing and exciting city to visit – thanks to the enthusiasm and knowledge of Mrs. Eveline Eaton BA (Hons) from the Courtauld Institute, our speaker of the afternoon.

The next meeting will be an illustrated talk entitled "How Roman Emperors Used Temples – Buildings & Image Creation" to be given by Professor David Shotton on Tuesday 16 January at Borwick Memorial Hall at 2.30 pm. Visitors welcome by arrangement, please phone Fanny Leech on 015242 72009.



# What's On?

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## 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?

Arnside & District  
Natural History Society

**Swedish Trip 2006 &  
Flora of Arnside & District 2006**  
Jacob's Join Supper  
**December 14 at 7.30pm**

**Woodland Ecology**  
Dr Irene Ridge  
**January 11 at 7.30pm**

All meetings in the  
W.I. Hall, Orchard Road, Arnside



## Holme & District Photographic Society

Holme Village Hall at 8.00 pm

### December Meetings

- Fri 1 The garden at Levens in 3D - Chris Crowder  
Raffle (at Methodist Chapel)
- Fri 8 L&CPU Colour Prints
- Fri 15 Christmas Meeting
- Fri 22 & 29 No meeting

### January Meetings

- Fri 5 Into the realms of digital - Bill Scawthorn  
Raffle - Entries for Flora & Fauna
- Fri 12 No meeting
- Fri 19 L&CPU Slides Year 1
- Fri 26 Flora & Fauna Competition

### February Meetings

- Fri 2 Landscape Photographs - Trevor Brown

*Visitors welcome at all meetings*

Further info: Paul Weatherill 01524 784905

## Cancer Care Cafe

**Last Friday of every month**  
at Slynedales, Slyne Rd, Lancaster  
(just over Beaumont Bridge)

**Open for Tea and Coffee**  
**10.00 am - 12 noon**

Free Parking  
**Everybody Welcome!**

*Further details from 01524 381820*

## Circuit Training

**Every Monday at 8.30 pm**  
BMH Main Hall

**Every Friday at 6.15 pm**  
BMH Reception Room

Improve your Strength & Endurance  
Cardio-Vascular System  
Body Composition & Flexibility

*For further info call John 01524 781707*



## Library Coffee Morning



Burton Memorial Hall

**First Monday of every Month**

***Come and Join Us!***



## Burton Art Group

**Mondays 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Burton Memorial Hall

*For more details tel. 782749*

## Holme & District Flower Club

Preston Patrick Memorial Hall

**“Christmas is a coming”**

Demonstration by John Thexton

**Monday 4 December - 7.30pm**

*For further information tel.*

*Linda Hopkins 01539621455*

*New members and visitors always welcome*

## Editorial...

### **BN's annual month of rest...**

Remember that after this issue you'll have to wait two whole months before the next one in February 2007. Still, with Christmas and New Year to contend with in between the time will soon pass. To help you, this month's *BN* is another bumper issue that should help keep you occupied in those rare quiet moments. Copy date for the next issue is 20 January, 2007.

### **Another year of deliveries...**

Thanks to our team of distributors who make sure your *BN* drops through your letterbox eleven times a year - well done, one and all. We are now in need of a new distributor for the Clawthorpe round so if you can help, please see the appeal on page 3. Also a huge thank you to Tim and Elaine in the newsagents, who act as our collection and donations point, and whose support we appreciate tremendously. May *BN* wish them and all our readers the best of the season and see you all next year.

### **So close, and yet...**

Sad news for all those 54 year olds just itching for their next birthday - the Tuesday Club is closing its doors. Seems there's just too much for today's ever-younger 'older generation' to occupy their time with. So for all those teenagers dreading 'getting old' the good news is you'll find there's as much or more for you to do when in your 50's and older. Bored? We haven't the time to be bored!

### **The best road in the county!**

That's what the new surfacing of Station Lane has given us, and about time too. Let's hope it's a while before any of the services have to come along and dig it up for a new pipe or cable! Along with Main Street's new pavements we are looking smart. Even the canal aqueduct seems to have stopped leaking for now. If there's anything else you spot in the village that needs attention why not pop along to a Parish Council meeting and let them know or send them a message via the PC website?

Happy Christmas & New Year everyone!

AN & BJM



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## **Annual Gift Subscriptions**

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

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

**Don't forget to visit the updated  
Burton News Website  
[www.burtonnews.org.uk](http://www.burtonnews.org.uk)**

## **St John's Hospice Events**

### **Birthday Celebration Concert**

An evening to remember! Many guest artists including Morecambe Brass band, LRGS Boys' Choir, David Tattersall Organist plus other special solo artists. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 7.30pm, Ashton Hall, Lancaster Town Hall. Tickets £5.00 available from St John's Hospice from the beginning of October.

### **Light Up A Life - A Service of Thanksgiving & Celebration**

As this is a celebratory year St John's Hospice will be holding Light up A Life in its own grounds. We will be remembering all the patients we have cared for over the past 21 years. Everyone is welcome. To donate money for a light please contact St John's Hospice. Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 4pm

### **An Ornamental Floral Tribute To Christmas**

An open weekend at St John's Hospice. Staff and volunteers will be putting their flower arranging skills into practice. The theme of each arrangement will be based on Christmas songs and carols. Dates open are the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December from 11am until 3pm. Entrance free.

### **Kendal Thanksgiving & Celebration Service**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. 6.30pm at the Holy Trinity Parish Church.

# COMMUNITY INFO

**CHILDLINE**  
**FREEPHONE 0800 1111**  
**KIDSCAPE 020 7730 3300**

## **Community Transport** **South Lakeland**

If you need transport to hospital, doctor, dentist, optician, etc., please contact Mrs. Lynn Herd 01524 781905.

If you could spare some time as a volunteer driver you would be most welcome.

Enquiries to above or 01539 735598.

### **SURGERY TIMES**

Dr JH Gorrigan

**Monday 8.30am - 10.30am @ BMH**

By appointment only. To make appointments  
please telephone 015395 63553

### **Child Health Clinic**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month  
10.00 -11.00 am

**No appointment necessary**

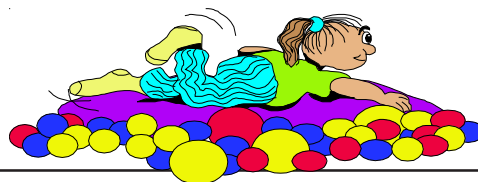
Health Visitor: Shirley Bennett 015395 64887

## **Useful Phone Numbers**

Burton News Editors	01524 781306
Burton Post Office	01524 781828
Burton Morewood School	01524 781627
Dallam School	015395 63224
QES, Kirkby Lonsdale	015242 71275
CrimeStoppers	0800 555 111
Police non-emergency	0845 33 00 247
Kendal Library	01539 732815
Kendal Hospital	01539 732288
Lancaster Hospital	01524 65944

### **Council Switchboards**

Cumbria County Council	01539 773000
SLDC	01539 733333



**NSPCC Child Protection**  
**HELPLINE**  
**0808 800 5000**

## **Civil Registration Services** **Births, Marriages, Deaths**

Registration of Births and Deaths is overseen by the Kendal Registrar's Office, based in County Hall, Kendal. Telephone 01539 773566 or send an e-mail to [kendal.registeroffice@cumbriacc.gov.uk](mailto:kendal.registeroffice@cumbriacc.gov.uk)

Registrations may also be undertaken at Milnthorpe and Kirkby Lonsdale Libraries by appointment only, contact the Kendal Office to arrange an appointment.

To arrange a marriage contact the Kendal Registrar.

## **BURTON-IN-KENDAL** **PARISH COUNCIL**

The **Parish Council** meets every month on the third Thursday in the month at 7.30 pm in the Burton Memorial Hall. Members of the public are always welcome to observe the proceedings. At each meeting there will be an opportunity for members of the public to voice their concerns, under agenda item **OPEN FORUM**. The Parish Council hopes that parishioners will take advantage of this. **Planning applications:** Parishioners are asked to ensure they notify the PC as well as the planning authority of any comments or objections they have about any planning application within the parish. **The Agenda of the next meeting and Minutes of the last meeting** are always available on the Parish Council notice board outside the Burton Memorial Hall or on the Parish Council website. On the website parishioners may also vote on the current **HOT TOPIC**, leave comments or suggestions on the **FEEDBACK** board, find contact details for the Clerk & Councillors, and access the archive of PC agendas, minutes & reports.

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

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

# What's On?

See pages 24, 25 & 26 for more Events Meetings and Activities



## Burton Pre-School Xmas Bingo & Raffle

**Friday 8 December**

in Burton Memorial Hall

Doors open 6.30pm, Eyes down 7.30pm

*Refreshments available*

*Come along & maybe win a prize or two!*

## Burton Bowling Club Christmas Bingo

in the Burton Memorial Hall

**Friday 15 December  
7.30 pm**

*Turkeys ~ Chickens ~ Spirits ~ Sherry ~ Raffle*

## Burton Children's Sports Committee

### Children's Christmas Parties Sunday 10 December at BMH

2.00 - 4.30 (up to year 2)  
and 6.00 - 8.30 (years 3-6)

## Tuesday Club

Social Club for over-55's

## December Meetings

Tuesday 5 & 19 - 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Burton Memorial Hall

*New members welcome*



## Burton W.I.

Meeting at 7.30pm in the  
Burton Memorial Hall

### Thursday 14 December Christmas Party

No Competition

Hostesses: Mrs K Unsworth, Mrs H Willink

*Guests and new members welcome  
For further information tel. 781506*

## Harps North-West

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Concert

**Sunday 3 December at 2.30 pm**

Burton Memorial Hall

Harp ~ Northumbria pipes ~ Flute

**Entry by donation (proceeds to Music for Schools)**

*Tea & Mince Pies afterwards*

## Burton Pre-School

### Xmas Fair & Children's Carols

**Saturday 9 December**

10.00am - 12 noon in BMH

Entry £1 includes tea/coffee

Big Raffle:

1st Prize - a night for two in the Connaught Hotel in London!

2nd Prize - a luxury Xmas hamper

Many other fab prizes - £1 per ticket



**Stalls for all age groups**

*Refreshments including Xmas mulled wine*

**Children's Carol Performance**

*Please come & join us*

## St James' Church

### Candlelit Carol Service

**Sunday 17 December  
at 6.30 pm**

**All welcome!**

## BURTON NEWS

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**Next Meeting (open to all readers)  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00 pm in BMH**

**BMH = Burton Memorial Hall**