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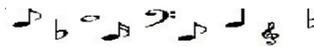
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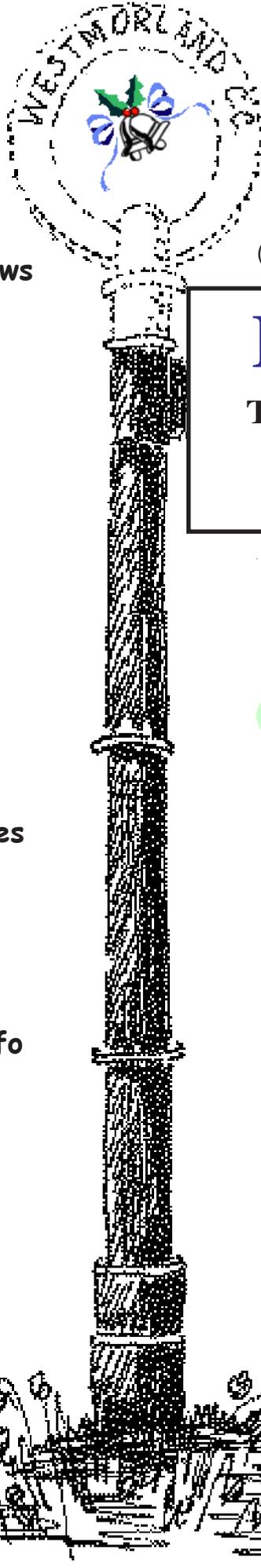
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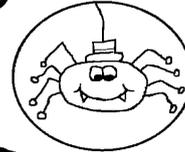
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Readers' LETTERS

Dear BN

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I would very much like to say a huge 'thank you!' to everyone who in any way supported the recent concerts given by Burton Allstars to raise money for the Rosemere Ray of Hope Appeal. Together you raised a fantastic 1% of our £650,000 Appeal target to purchase the very latest radiotherapy equipment for our region's specialist Cancer Centre at Preston, which shows first and foremost how popular the Allstars are, but also sadly how many of us are affected by cancer in one way or another. So whether you went along, helped Dave and Sue with the organisation, sold tickets or gave a donation, give yourselves a pat on the back - you've helped make a big difference to the lives of thousands of patients who will drive under all those bridges on the way to Preston in the future!

Thank you.

Sue Thompson, Chief Officer
Rosemere Cancer Foundation



Dear BN,

Get Involved

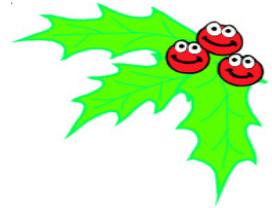
The good news is the staggering amount of money that has been raised in Burton in recent weeks. It seems people are happy to give money to worthy causes, but we also need people who can give time if we are to continue to thrive as a village community.

I am saddened to learn that many organisations are struggling for lack of volunteers to serve on committees and in some cases for lack of members. It is particularly worrying that the Recreation Trust and the Children's

Sports Committee are in trouble. We have a wonderful facility behind the Royal Hotel and it would be tragic to lose it through apathy. The Children's Sports have been the highlight of the year in Burton for generations, please don't let them pass into history.

We all know that there are many more demands on parents in the 21st century but children will remember the Sports' Days, the Bonfires, the Christmas parties etc. into their adult lives and they should be cherished. I hope this isn't just the opinion of a "has been", and that younger members of our village will give it some thought.

Joyce Bye



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Thanks!

I would just like to say a huge thank you to everybody who helped, donated and supported my coffee morning on Saturday 13 October for Babyloss Awareness. The grand total of £1074.41 was a fantastic amount to raise. I was really pleased. Thanks again.

Nicola Atkinson

My eight year old black and white female cat came home on 29 Oct after 8 months' absence, much to my surprise and relief. If anyone has been feeding her thinking she was a stray, thank you for doing this, but she is now back home. If you have seen the younger ginger and white one which disappeared at the same time perhaps you could contact me. I live in hope!

Barbara Taylor, tel: 781955

Lynda Wilson and family would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and flowers received following the sad loss of her mum, Elsie. The kindness and support given has been overwhelming and very much appreciated. Mum will be sadly missed. Thanks again to you all.

Andrew and Sharron Coates would like to thank everyone who attended Rubys christening at Leck church on the 28th October 2007 and a big thank you for all the lovely gifts she recieved.

We would like to extend our grateful thanks for the many cards, letters and messages of support during this difficult time. We would also like all our well-wishers to know that we have gained a great deal of comfort from the overwhelming amount of kind thoughts and prayers that have been sent to our home and to the hospital. We wanted to send everyone a thank you note for all the good wishes but there have been so many it would have taken us far too long. It is so encouraging to know that our friends and neighbours in the village have taken the time to remember us and it has certainly helped us on the road to recovery.

Lilian and Peter Cummings

Death Notices

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Peter Page sadly passed away on Sunday 11th November in Westmorland General Hospital. Despite his poor health over recent years he managed to enjoy village life and our beautiful surroundings. Veronica and family would like to express our thanks to friends and neighbours for their support and kindness at this difficult time, Peter will be greatly missed.

RAGS

Thank you to all the people who asked about and showed concern for Rags, who sadly died on 28 November. Thanks also to the landlord and staff of the Kings Arms, past and present, for the endless supply of crisps he conned off them.

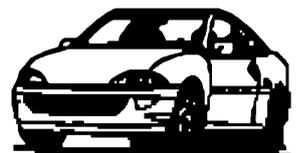
George Isherwood

Isabella Poppy Hunt - 18 October 2007

We want to thank everyone for the kindness and support shown to us before and after the devastating death of our beautiful daughter Isabella. Your cards, prayers and gifts have also been appreciated. We found out just a month before our precious baby was due to be born that she was suffering from Edwards Syndrome. We were told sadly at the same time that this was not compatible with life. Although she lived for just a few short minutes we feel blessed to have had a chance to meet and hold her. Thank you for caring.

Tracie Hampson & Ian Hunt

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OUTDOORS

Why had I not walked through Lancelot Clark's Storth since last winter? Maybe because there are so many interesting paths round Burton, Silverdale, Arnside, and throughout Westmorland. It had been long enough for the place to become - not unfamiliar - certainly less closely known. The friendly boulder you come across just after balancing across the mossy rocks in the first thicket - I remembered it all right: the warmth of its facets tilted towards the sun, the crozzley grooves channelled into its grey bulk, its snug setting amongst a dense tapestry of hawthorn. A stone I'd never seen before was lying near the gate into the second field, on the way through from the Clawthorpe road. It had only just been howked up and left lying, clattered with mud, in the course of ploughing. This was the newest thing about the walk. Four fields have been ploughed up, for the first time (I think) in thirty years. A tractor was disc-harrowing the brown earth. That big stone is beautiful, a natural sculpture, and I'd like to have it in the garden to look at daily and enjoy its deep runnels with their fretted edges. So now you have to walk along a narrow tractor-beaten verge, past a drystone dyke that shelters a lush fringe of sorrel. One summer recently I picked its tender leaves along with my Russian stepson and he cooked them into a fragrant soup.



The Storth itself is unchanged, a jungle of whin and hawthorn, ash and rowan and hazel, and a few mature sycamores. They make one bristling weave of twigs and branches and withering leaves. In the 19th century it was a common, where people could pasture their pigs and sheep and cut timber for joists and firewood - until the grabbers got it, as part of the nationwide plunder called the Enclosures. I'm glad to say that their descendants gave it back late last century. The hummocky contours force the path to wriggle, so that it's never boringly straight or predictable. I even got 'lost' once or twice, forgetting which fork was the 'right' one, and it's always enjoyable to get a bit lost in wild country.

You could get lost still better if they had not put up waymarks - four-foot posts with white or red tops according to whether you're supposed to take the Long Route or the Short Route. In such compact terrain, so near to roads

and tracks, what is the point of all this? Do they not realise that walking over wild ground loses perhaps a quarter of its delight if you're sticking to a scheduled line, instead of following your own sense of how the land lies, using the sun and the wind as guides, making for your own choice of landmark?

It was moist underfoot today after the night's frosty dew, so the path was slippery. It would have been less so if it had not been churned to mud by many boots following the Long Route and the Short Route. When I 'strayed', and found myself in a sycamore glade with a



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Lancelot Clark's Storth
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whin covert just ahead that looked impossible or at least painful to break through, I was pleased because I'd never been just there before, whereas if I'd been following some list of Recommended Walks...

I suppose the nicely designed information board near the way into the Storth is handy because it gives a brief history of the place and tells you what birds, butterflies, and plants you might come across - although you might remember them better and for longer if you had to memorise the looks of the snipe or the High Brown Fritillary and then look them up when you got back home.

A couple from Cardiff, who were staying in Carnforth, had stopped near the board to get their bearings and asked me if they were 'just coming to a road'. I confirmed that they were. I hope this didn't mean that they had a poorer experience than they might have had if they'd explored on through the wood, along the field edges, and then been relieved and delighted to make their way up the Limestone Link all by themselves.

David Craig



Burton Recipes

My next door neighbour, Betty Waddington, has suggested a "Burton Recipes Book" which she is willing to compile. Please will anyone with a favourite recipe place it in the box at Burton P.O. Proceeds from the sales to go to BMH funds.

Pauline Walton

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Roger Reports On....

District & County Matters

The last month, for me, has been particularly busy in a variety of ways. Inevitably the budget process grinds on with the usual fury among councillors about the envisaged stinginess of Central Government's Revenue Support Grant which will probably compel a rise in the County's Council Tax of 5% and 'efficiency savings', i.e. cuts in services. As always I press for cuts in the bureaucracy but in the face of more and more legislative demands these are increasingly difficult. For instance at a recent 'presentation' by Trading Standard we were told that 13 new Acts have had to be implemented and monitored in the last year. These include Animal Welfare, Estate Agents, Tobacco, Copyright and Trade Marks, Fraud, Fireworks, Motor Vehicles (Safety Equipment for Children) Act and the London Olympic and Para-Olympic Games Act. Mention of the Olympics enabled me to grouse at the diversion of arts and sports funds to the 2112 London Events away from the North West. Having only used Trading Standards once when I complained about regular excuses made by a dry-cleaners that their blatant advertisement of a '4-hour' service never seemed to be in operation when I took anything in, I was surprised by the scope of the department. 'Patrol activities' comprised checking on counterfeit goods like

branded clothing and DVDs at car boot sales, many instances of, in effect, daylight robbery by cold call builders from elderly householders, cruelty and neglect of animals often on farms, underage sales of cigarettes and drink, illegal trading of vehicles on the highway, false descriptions in property sales and employment of minors and illegal immigrants. The purpose of our seminar was that we had to consider a new prosecution policy which in practice is far harder to implement than an instinctive response of 'fling the book at the lot of them' would suggest. Many traders for instance simply disappear or reappear operating through relatives and under different names. Moreover, successful prosecution might not stop abuse, as a recent repeated animal cruelty case in a neighbouring North Lancashire village illustrates. If any village organisation would like to hear a talk from Trading Standards please contact the Kendal Office at County Hall, 0845 3301221.

Fears about our Post Offices continue. Having lost in my County Council 'patch' two Post Offices respectively at Sedgwick and Heversham, I was alarmed that the 'PO Area Plan' envisaged the closure of 23% of the Network, which could include Hutton Roof, Endmoor, Beetham and ultimately even Holme and Burton (!)- so a big battle is looming - but as always it's 'use it or lose it'. In the meantime South Area members are analysing information to provide effective 'lobby fodder' for central government - so if you have any specific issues please let me know. Some years ago when I was a member of the now abolished Post Office Advisory Council I helped get sales of Lottery tickets to boost the trade of Burton Post Office which the 'authorities' had said was too small to warrant the business!

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Except for filthy signs, I seem to have had fewer complaints about roads recently - perhaps because we haven't had as many autumn downpours to cause flooding as in some years. I'm still keeping my fingers crossed that the apparent improvement in the Clawthorpe flood problem will continue. Surprisingly, worries about speeding do not seem to be supported by the 'statistics'. On the part of the A6070 where a 20mph limit has been requested on a current 60mph limit stretch 15,000 vehicles using the route on a six day test had a median speed of 34mph and the maximum was 55mph with 85% doing less than 34. On Moss Lane where again 20mph was requested the median speed was 26mph. Even so I will continue to press for regular - at least annual - checks especially as our Lower Kentdale County Division has a poor KSI (killed and seriously injured) rating. Two of the six fatalities in South Lakeland last year were in the division and there was one serious injury and 17 slight injuries. On wider transport issues we have pressed for better signposting, a clock and efficient cleaning at Kendal bus station, for the main expresses to stop at Oxenholme and for a disabled access to Arnside Station.

SLDC has announced several recent achievements including an increase in waste recycling leading to a reduction in 3.5 tonnes going to land fill, a successive fall in days lost through sickness, and getting a quarter of abandoned vehicles off the streets in 24 hours. On the District I have raised two 'democratic' points. Firstly I objected to the main doors being locked when there is a public meeting including the main Council - so that councillors have to use a swipe card and members of

the public have to find a caretaker to let them in. Secondly with a majority of other councillors I successfully opposed a plan by SLDC's cabinet to make all councillors use a computer for correspondence. This to me seemed to be imposing an educational standard on councillors - which is illegal and illogical as, for instance, literacy in the English language is not compulsory which it is for the US Congress. Certainly IT skills are not required to be an MP and I'm told the current holder of the office is the first Prime Minister to use a computer regularly. Incidentally I notice that South Lakeland has been one of the main areas of recent immigration from Poland and so I am pleased that I was responsible for introducing Polish as the thirteenth language available in our libraries. It is now Cumbria's main second language. Previously it was British Sign Language for Deaf People. As a County Trustee of the Cumbria Deaf Association I have been involved in the refurbishment of the CDA Club in Ann Street, Kendal and in the amalgamation of CDA with Dumfries and Galloway. Another happy event I attended was the 30th anniversary of the Sandgate Hydrotherapy Pool at Kendal. Although the County provides 32% of the funding this excellent and well used facility is crucially dependent on widespread support and not just in the season of goodwill.

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Going Green - Dec '07

The Diary of an Eco-Worrier

The ghost of Christmas future...

A journalist drops me an email. "Wonder if you can help?" she writes. "I'm planning a feature for Prima magazine on women who will be celebrating Christmas in different ways this year. I'm looking for a mum whose family will be celebrating a very eco-friendly Christmas - ideally cooking a meal using some of their own produce, giving sustainable gifts, or in some way generally rejecting a lot of the commercialised junk that often accompanies the season! I wondered if your family might fit the bill?" I write back and decline.

"The truth is that the Carbon family Christmas is a plastic, greedy and environmentally damaging affair," I reply. But as I press send, and imagine it winging its way to London, I see what a terrible admission that is. If an eco worrier can't cut down on waste at Christmas then what chance have the consumers of women's magazines got?

If it was up to Carbonlite, Christmas would have been cancelled in our house years ago. And the Carboncopies aren't to blame for all the waste either. Their list this year consists of a modest chocolate-pooing reindeer and candy grabber. I admit I'm part of the problem. In my mind Christmas should be fun and present-filled, and full of all the traditions I enjoyed as a child. I know we can't carry on mindlessly shopping, destroying trees and over-consuming, but if I'm honest, I don't want it all to end just yet; not while my children

are children. I still remember not receiving my requested Girls World make-up mannequin when I was seven, and am of the opinion that Santa should honour all reasonable requests.

I make a list of how we can cut down on our Yuletide Carbon Footprint while still keeping the fun. First on the list is transport. Could we cycle to church, the supermarket and Santa's grotto? Can we source our sprouts locally? I gleefully strike the annual trip to the mother in law's house in London off the calendar. I ask the Carboncopies what else they think should be on my list. "Turn the tree lights off when we leave the room?" the youngest suggests. "Let's not have turkey," says the oldest. "Me like chocolate poos, me no like turkey," says the Carbonbaby, running with the food

theme. I decide to ring the council to find out what their environmental people recommend.

"When Christmas shopping, use less carrier bags and more cotton bags; compost your peelings; recycle trees, buy presents that are less wasteful," a council officer reels off down the phone. "Don't just get people an extra bit of something random, buy an experience day, or a goat. There are so many people that have got the gadgets, the gismos and all the CDs they want, but if you still have to get them something then there are ways of doing it without ending up with loads of stuff cluttering the house and landfill." I cast my mind back to the day my brother bought Carbonlite a goat for his 40th birthday instead of season 5 of 24. He wasn't exactly overjoyed. But then I think of all the unwanted Christmas DVDs rotting in the ground for the next 200 years and shiver. The ghost of Christmas future has walked over my grave.



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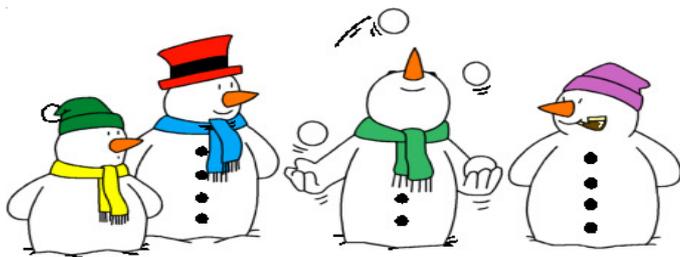
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I begin to search charity shops for presents for my extended family and pick up some unexpected treasures. A neighbour offers to sell me some unwanted and unopened games and I accept. I buy baby presents at the nearly new sale. We get down last year's cards to make our own tags. My mother rings. "I've seen a beautiful rocking horse for the Carbonbaby," she tells me. I rush to cut her off. "She doesn't like them, they scare her," I reply. "Oh good, then I'll get a baby Annabel. And a cot. And all the accessories." "She has dolls," I cry. "Five of them." "But not a baby Annabel" says my Mother firmly. "They're all the same!" I shout. She puts the phone down in a huff muttering that we'll have to come over soon to collect three bin bags full of presents. I suddenly have a vision of last year's Christmas, surrounded by plastic toys, plastic packaging and acres of wrapping paper and I find I can't remember a single present she bought them that they've still got or have actually played with. I start to feel angry. Such a waste of money and the planet's scarce resources. Meanwhile, wall to wall adverts play behind me on TV offering cut price sofas, hoovers, and thousands of plastic toys. Carbonlite breezes in and smiles. I ask him how he'd improve Christmas this year. "That's easy, no presents," he says grinning. The Carboncopies howl. My mother rings again to say she's seen a ride for the Carbonbaby. I sigh, realizing what a lot of work lies ahead to ensure future Christmases for our carbon heavy planet.



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An Opinion...

Comments on the goings-on at the
Parish Council

JUST ABOUT A QUORUM

A sorry little turn-out on the part of our Parish Council. Only 5 PCllrs, including the chairman, turned up, though the other four had at least sent apologies.

Apologies also from our Police Community Officer, who sent a somewhat emasculated report, together with the news that she has been promoted to full Police status, and is off to Barrow, so she will no longer be patrolling the well-behaved streets of Burton. The general feeling seemed to be that it was unlikely she'd be replaced.

Police Report

Short and to the point:

1. A house in Burton was broken into, and "a number of items" stolen.
2. Thieves raided a garden and stole garden furniture. A.O.'s comment: Possibly Burtonians might be able to "assist with enquiries" if the police gave a few details of what's missing. For example, has anyone approached you offering a cut-price garden gnome? Or a rather damp gazebo? Just asking (though it's not much of a joke for the victims, obviously, including, possibly, the garden gnome).
3. A window-frame was damaged "by an unknown object."

Empty chairs give a desolate air to "the council

chamber." And that's all there were in the public bit, to add to the emptyish tables of the meeting itself. Only the press table could boast of its stalwart troopers, and A.O. was glad of the company of our Westmorland Gazette reporter.

The Chairman's Report

A.O. usually omits most of this (you can read it on the parish council notice-board). It generally consists of requests for volunteers on the PC to attend meetings/conferences, etc.

1. This time there was a request from North West Air Ambulance for a donation. There was the usual waffle: Is it the right Air Ambulance? (we don't want to give a donation to the one that operates from North Cumbria). A.O. remains unsure of the outcome. Is a donation to be given or not?

2. The Highways Response team is to be divided into three teams:

- (a) Routine repairs and maintenance,
- (b) An emergency response team based in Kendal,
- (c) Permanent repair team for patching.

This requires state-of-the-art machinery. Cumbria only has two such, both based in Carlisle.

3. The famous foundry at Lanercost, which is casting a new milestone to replace the one stolen has not quite completed the work.

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(Highways, Police etc) together with a PC rep. will assess the suitability of a site. A letter was read out from a resident expressing concern about siting a shelter adjacent to the Creamery. And in the following discussion PCllrs agreed, on traffic safety grounds, mostly. Since every one of the Bus Shelter Working Party was absent, discussion was inconclusive. One PCllr claimed he, and others he'd approached, could see no need for shelters.

Our Parish Clerk seldom intervenes with advice (though that is one of his prerogatives). But at this point he gave some humane and democratic direction. The gist of this was that it isn't the sole purpose of PCllrs to spend as little of Parish funds as possible. They are also there to do their best to meet residents' needs, and some residents have attended meetings to express such a need, in this case for a bus shelter. A.O. was impressed. The Clerk's intervention wasn't only geared to the question of bus shelters, but has important general implications.

2. The Parish Council Newsletter

This was generally deemed by PCllrs to be a success. PCllrs deliver it themselves, and spoke of how well-received it is by Burtonians. Paul Rogers agreed to carry on writing it until the May elections. The suggestion was made that a professional journalist should be paid to write it after that. (A.O. and her

companion exchanged wry glances. Lucky someone!)

3. Vehicle-activated Sign

This is the one that lights up as you drive past it, if you're exceeding the speed limit. As reported in BN last month, CCC offers the use of one to various PCs on payment of £500 "for a post". The sign operates on solar power. It began to dawn on PCllrs that it wasn't the post itself that cost £500, but that this was contribution towards the £3000 of the machine. The Clerk was asked to write to CCC asking if Burton could have two posts for the price of one, so that the VAS could be sited at either end of the village at will. A.O. awaits the reply with interest. There's a sort of Tesco influence here.

4. The Lengthsman

Complicated and thoughtful negotiations by the PC Chairman will hopefully make it possible to retain the services of our (everyone agrees) excellent lengthsman, Mr Holmes, after January when his present contract runs out.

Reports

1. Flytipping on Tarn Lane. The chairman reported the rubbish has been removed.

2. RTA on A5070 (damage to hedge). The landowner plans to replace the railings with a fence.

3. The Recreation Trust. It was reported that Richard Davy had agreed to take on chairmanship of the Rec.Trust. His efforts in maintaining the general appearance of the area were praised (hear! hear!)

4. The Dalton Hall Business Centre. A PCllr (coincidentally the landlord) reported that the centre is now fully occupied, and that 50 employees now work there, in the various offices. Post Box - the site has a Royal Mail Post box, available for public use, in the precincts. It is emptied at 4.45pm on Mon-Fri. Oh dear! Missed the post again! A.O. will have to console herself with a Martini.



A.S.



BURTON AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

During the 2nd World War the Windmill Theatre made the proud boast of "We Never Close." BADS is turning out the same, although we haven't had full-scale nudity - yet! As I have to write this before BN is put to bed for its December issue, I cannot say how our November murder mystery and hotpot supper evenings went. However, the fact that we were sold out for Saturday night very early on and only have a few tickets available for the Friday (at three weeks to production) speaks about expectations from last year's event. What has this got to do with the Windmill Theatre, I hear you ask? Well, I just wanted you to know that our next production is casting on Thursday 6 December, at 7.30pm in the Reception Room, BMH. Do you remember *W.I. Blues*, by John Peel - our world premiere and another sell-out - how could anyone forget that fabulous rendition of *Jerusalem*? Another play by John Peel will be performed by us next May. This play will be even more exciting for us all with strong swings of emotion. So you see, BADS and the Windmill Theatre do have something in common. Do come and join us for our new dramatic venture. Come along on 6 Dec and join in the fun. All are welcome, especially back stage workers, so do give us a go and you will be surprised how much you enjoy it.

Alison Murphy, Chair/Producer

P.S. Aren't the new lights good? Our Murder Mystery was their first outing. The National Lottery certainly came up trumps for Burton.

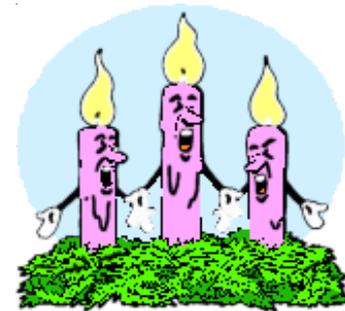
LMMES Cinderbarrow



Now that this years 'running' season is over, the Lancaster & Morecambe Model Engineering Society, (Cinderbarrow Miniature Railway) would like to express their thanks, to all the local parents and children, for their support during 2007. As some of your readers will know, we use the time from October to Easter each winter to make additions and improvements to our railway, and this winter's plans are already under way. Good Friday, 2008, our starting day for next year's railway operations, occurs in the middle of March and all must be ready by then; you won't find us using the "wrong type of snow" as an excuse!

Many birthday, private parties, held 'at-and-on' the railway, have gone down very well this year; if that idea appeals to you, please ask any member at Cinderbarrow for details, (or contact secretary Mike Glegg 01995 606767)

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Quiet Times for Remembrance and Reflection

During this busy period, a warm welcome is offered for families to come to the Hospice, quietly light a candle, reflect, remember and share a cup of tea. Please feel free to come on the following days for as long, or as briefly, as you wish:

Wed 5 December 2.00 - 4.00pm

Tues 11 December 6.00 - 8.00pm

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Further information available from David Barnett or Clare Martin on 01524 382538.

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CLOSEUP



Last month's 'Closeup' was a view of the east side of the square, pretty distinctive and easy to spot ?



This one may cause you more of a problem, let's see how many of you 'bright sparks' can get it !

Answer and a new one in February's BN.
(remember, there's no January issue now)

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Burton "ALLSTARS" Gigs for the "Ray of Hope" Appeal raised £6,750.00!

Well, what can I say? I could use all the superlatives, **Fantastic, Wonderful, Great**, but I'll just settle for **Thank You** to the people of Burton, and beyond. If this turns out to be the last "Allstars" gig, which we all think it is, but never say never, at least we went out on a high, and it was for a good cause. The problems we have in just getting the band together nowadays are a logistical nightmare. But get together they did for two nights for the "Ray of Hope" Appeal.

And here's how we did it:

Onion Show (John Long / Mike Earl)	£1306.00
Sports Committee	£ 500.00
Quiz (mothers four)	£ 172.00
Burton "Allstars " (Donation)	£ 250.00
HSBC (Caroline Lancaster)	£ 500.00
Nat West, Carnforth, (Lee Bentley)	£ 500.00
Personal Donations (Total)	£ 481.00
Gig ticket sales / raffle / bucket.	£ 3041.00
Total:	£ 6750.00

The "Allstars" also paid the rent for the hall which saved £76.00.

Left: Rosemere Appeal cheque presentation photo - pictured from left to right:

*Sue Thompson (Chief Officer)
Dr Alison Burtle (Consultant)
Dave Williamson
Sue Williamson*

I delivered the cheque to the cancer centre at Preston on Tuesday 13 November and they were over the moon. £6,750.00 represents just over 1% of the required £650,000 they need for the new machine, which they hope to have in about a year's time, and for this amount to come from a small village is fantastic. I would like to thank all the "Allstars" and of course Mo Witham, because without their efforts we couldn't have had a gig (or two, as it turned out), Bryn at the Butchers for all his help. All the people who gave raffle prizes, and every one who helped and assisted in other ways, you know who you are, thank you. And last but not least thanks to Susan (her who must be obeyed) for sorting out the finances.

Finally, did anyone take photos on the Saturday night Allstars gig? If so, please can I have copies of them? (They can be digital or printed copies, I don't mind!)

Thanks,
Dave Williamson, (tel 781126 if you have photos)





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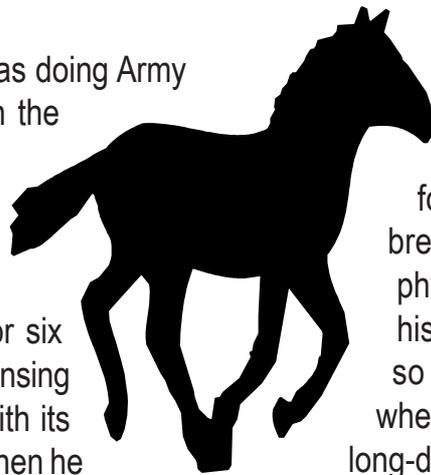
Village People *An occasional series*

Bill Marshall, captain of our Rural League bowls team, which has won everything this year, has had a full life. He remembers it in enviable detail. I only found out the other day, talking to him in the pub, that he had owned race-horses and saddled twenty-six winners. I knew that he had been a publican in Lancashire for many years and that one of his pubs, the *Black Bull* in St Helens, had had its own bowling green which could accommodate two thousand spectators and hosted county matches. A far cry from the greens he now plays on, which are mostly surrounded by hedged fields and wooded hills.

His life in catering began when he was doing Army service and took a job as barman in the Sergeants' Mess. After being made an Assistant Caterer he helped to lay on a party for two thousand people in St George's Cave inside the Rock of Gibraltar - 'a big bash, with five or six bars.' I like to think of Bill genially dispensing gins and beers in that vast cavern with its dripping stalactites. He noticed that when he went into the shops, the Gibraltarians started speaking in Spanish - 'I don't blame them, they didn't want soldiers in their back gardens.'

His first pub, forty-five years ago, was the *Saddle* in St Helens. 'It was rough. You had to defend your title every night. They threw glasses at you. If they got the better of you, they ran the pub.' A year there was enough, and he moved to the *George and Dragon* between St

Helens and Wigan. 'It was very rough and run down, and was doing nothing, and it still is.' Some years later it was the site of a murder. Greenall Whitley then offered him the *Black Bull*, next to the St Helens Rugby League ground. People paid 6d to come in and play on the green. Bill was President of the club and played after 3.30 closing time with friends and other licensees. He can scarcely credit it that bowling has finished there and the green is overgrown. After six years he moved again, when the brewery invited him to apply for the tenancy of the *Green Dragon* near Sutton Manor colliery, 'a fine place with tiles on the walls, that sort of thing. After a year we made alterations, on a Victoriana



theme. I paid for the fittings - the chandeliers cost £300 apiece.' They began to lay on food and rarely had less than a hundred in for lunch, which Bill cooked himself. He had a staff of forty-two, a function room, a bed-and-breakfast business. 'In the end we were physically worn out,' we being himself and his wife Mary, whom he married in 1957, so they moved to the *Star* at Rainford, where Bill had been born. (His father was a long-distance lorry driver.)

So began the final, and clearly the mellowest, phase of Bill's working life. The pub was used by the Lennon family, who owned a supermarket chain (later sold to Gateway.) 'A wage freeze came on, and they couldn't give themselves a pay rise, so the Chairman bought some Rolls Royces. There could be four or five of them parked in front of the pub. It brought people in.' Denis Lennon became a friend. He owned race-horses, and

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along with Joe Pickavance, whose fleet of trucks were helping to build the M6, he introduced Bill to racing. Their horses were housed at Joe's place, a farmhouse with twelve acres of land, 'and that was the key to our success. Our horses could be brought there to rest, at low cost.' As one of a syndicate of six, Bill won the draw to name their first horse. Naturally he called it *Rainford Star*, and they ran it in St Helens Recreation Club colours, orange with dark chevrons. The horse won second time out, at Beverley, at odds of 20 to 1 - Bill's memory of his racing days is full and precise. The horse won once more at Beverley and twice at Haydock. 'I'd got the bug then,' says Bill, and in his photo album he certainly looks the part, natty in a brown trilby and a gilet faced with green tweed.

The horse he speaks about most warmly is Earthworks (named for Joe Pickavance's business). He won six times and died at Bangor, racing over fences, when he broke his back after jumping on ground flooded by heavy rain. The most prestigious race he won was with Aldro Bond, at Ascot. As usual they had bought the horse as a foal. Afterwards, over gin-and-tonics in the Queen Mother's Suite, the stewards were hoity-toity about the horse having been bought as a foal, 'Only fools buy foals. How much did you pay for him?' 'A lot for us.' 'How much?' '£1000', at which the stewards fell about laughing. The episode seems to have been a classic encounter between the working north and the posh south. 'The Ascot gatemen were notoriously stropo, and they tried to stop two of us owners from entering the enclosure. After they got in, and we won, they were able to give those stewards the two fingers.'

Bill agrees with the advice he once got from the trainer Steve Nesbitt, 'Keep yourself in good company and your horses in bad [i.e. lesser races] and you'll not go far wrong.' Bill certainly kept good company as an owner and in his time he engaged A.P. McCoy to ride over jumps and Willie Carson and Pat Eddery on the flat. Although these names will mean little to readers who don't follow racing, they are the cream of the sport. Bill's fondness for everything about it comes out in all sorts of details, for example his memory of getting chiropractors to look after the horses, 'You could run your fingers along their spine - they have a huge number of bones there - and if one of them was tender, you could feel them flinch.' One of the best memorials of Bill's life is the plaque on the wall of his conservatory. The emblem of a beer barrel set up on a trestle surmounts this inscription: 'In recognition of his fine cellarmanship W. MARSHALL has been chosen as one of the selected Landlords to purvey Thomas Greenall's ORIGINAL, a cask-conditioned bitter brewed in the tradition of the first 27 Barrels of ale, produced in the Wilderspool Brewery on January 10th 1787.'

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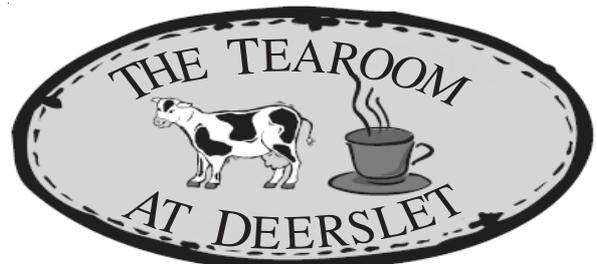
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A typical furnace will produce around 300 tonnes of glass a day and will operate 24 hours a day for approximately 10 years. Glass is very easy to recycle and the materials can be recycled continuously. There are also a variety of ways that recycled glass can be used, not just to make new bottles and jars. It can be used in road surfacing for example, or as a component in the manufacture of kitchen worktops and garden ornaments.

If you would like more information about recycling glass there is a website for the industry at <http://www.britglass.org.uk/Education/Recycling.html>

Looking back at 2007

2007 has been a significant year for South Lakeland as we have extended the kerbside recycling service to an additional 23,000 houses, so that almost the entire

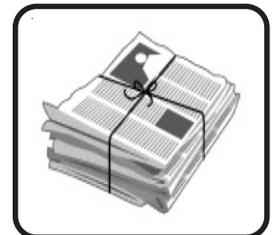
district now has paper, glass and can collections. We have also increased the number of plastic and cardboard banks, most recently to the Wordsworth Hotel in Grasmere and the main car park in Hawkshead. The result of this is that you are now recycling well over 40% of your household waste.

Christmas is always a time when more waste is produced and we will be adjusting our services accordingly for you. The green waste collection service is suspended from 9 December to 13 January and this means we can provide a weekly collection of landfill waste over the festive period. Don't forget that when the green waste collections resume you can use the bin to recycle your real Christmas tree if it is small enough to fit in the bin. There are also green waste banks at the four Household Waste Recycling Centres where your tree can also be disposed of in an environmentally friendly way.

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We are also working with the Salvation Army and local supermarkets to provide additional collection points for Christmas cards during January. These will be at Asda and Morrisons in Kendal as well as the Booths stores in Kendal, Ulverston, Windermere and Kirkby Lonsdale. There will also be a collection point at South Lakeland House in Kendal.

If you have any questions about recycling or waste minimisation please contact us either through the Customer Contact Centre on 0845 050 4434 or by email

BURTON CHILDREN'S SPORTS COMMITTEE 2006-07 ACCOUNTS

Profit/Loss by Event

	2006-07 £	2005-06 £	Movement £
Onion Show	4,947.18	3,189.45	1,757.73
Bonfire Night	-454.27	-186.98	-267.29
Christmas Bingo	508.19	352.55	155.64
Children's Christmas Parties	-777.75	-795.71	17.96
Easter Bingo	-17.75	0.00	-17.75
Sports Day	-448.97	-57.53	-391.44
Event - Secondary Children	-217.30	-302.26	84.96
Annual Insurance	-275.00	-175.00	-100.00
Donation - MacMillan Nurses	-2,450.00	-1,550.00	-900.00
Donation - Burton First Responders	0.00	-120.00	120.00
Donation - Burton News	-186.00	0.00	-186.00
Fridges	0.00	-184.63	184.63
Rental of Capenwray Store	-324.30	0.00	-324.30
Compressor & Safety Equipment	-551.21	0.00	-551.21
Capital Reserve Account Interest	95.05	86.48	8.57
Profit for the year	-152.13	256.37	-408.50

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Opening Hours - Christmas & New Year 2007 / 2008

	Post Office	Shop
Mon 24 Dec	9.00 – 12.30	6.00am – 4.00 pm
Tues 25 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wed 26 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thur 27 – Sun 30 Dec	BUSINESS AS USUAL	BUSINESS AS USUAL
Mon 31 Dec	9.00 am – 4.00 pm	6.00 am – 4.00 pm
Tues 1 Jan	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wed 2 Jan	BUSINESS AS USUAL	BUSINESS AS USUAL

HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE by Roger Bingham

'The British Tiger' and other accounts

Church Wardens accounts are valuable historical resources. At Burton most entries are necessarily about Church expenses like '2/6 for a grave in the Church' or '5s for widow Hutton's grave as she comes from Nook' in 1717, Whip and broom 14/2 in 1780, cleaning ye walks 3s in 1813, new Prayer book £1:11s in 1806, Register Book £1:11s in 1809, 'stuffing & covering 2 buffets with crimson velvet 5s 6d', 'Robert Birkett for teaching the children to sing £2:2' in '1812 and 'George' Newsham, Blacksmith for a new crane for the Old School grate 5/- in 1823. Yet, until the 1890s when parish councils started, Church Wardens' Accounts shed light on secular as well as religious matters because the Church Wardens and the quarterly 'Vestry Meetings' of 12 'principal inhabitants' covered many aspects of local government. Hence in 1790 the Burton Wardens decreed that their new Church Sexton (caretaker) John Layfield who came from Holme 'shall not have a lawful settlement in Burton by reason of living there or cause any charge to be on the said township'. If he became a pauper he would have to go back to Holme which although within Burton Parish was a separate 'township' under the Poor Law so Holme's ratepayers would be responsible either for paying him 'outdoor relief or sending him to Milnthorpe Workhouse.' Occasionally Wardens' Accounts add a footnote to national affairs. Thus at the time of the 1745 Jacobite Invasion, the Heversham Accounts recorded 'spent 1s when the church plate was hid'. No mention is made of the event in Burton's records although Bonnie Prince Charlie came through Burton and not

Heversham, unless celebrations are indicated in the entries 'To Drink as Usual 2:0s' and To Drink extraornerly (sic) 6s:4d'. Instead in 1745 there is an entry 'to whole charge in putting in a window against ye pulpit 10s :8d'.

The only detailed reference to wider concerns is a list of 'Voluntary Subscriptions for the expenses of Government and the Defence of the Country' made during a French invasion scare in 1798. Heading the list was The Rev John Hutton with £21 followed by Thomas Sill at £12:12s, Mr Parkinson £5:5s, Mr Walton 'surgeon' and William Cockin at £1:1s each and Mr Robinson 'schoolmaster' 5s. Widow Thomassin contributed 2s as did Ann Atkinson, a vicarage servant. Ann's workmate Jane Cookson gave 1s while at the bottom of the Burton list Betty Hudson, Richard Woods and William Atkinson each gave 6d. But at Holmescales Robert Parker and William Blamire could only spare 2d. Even so the whole Parish contributed £96:14s:4d to the war effort with £61:19:6 coming from Burton, £13:6d from Holme, £8:8d from Dalton and £11:19:5 from Preston Patrick and Holmescales

Despite the omission of 'historic events' the Burton Church Wardens' Accounts have some claim to national significance because of their record of wildlife in the references to rewards paid for the destruction of vermin which began in the 17th century and continued well into the 19th. In his book *Silent Fields - The long decline of a nation's wildlife* by Roger Lovegrove (Oxford

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University Press 2007) the author refers to the Wardens' accounts of many Westmorland parishes. Burton is singled out as being an important habitat for the Wild Cat which, I'm told, has been called 'the British Tiger.' This notoriously ferocious feline weighing up to 17lbs - half as much again as a domestic moggy - (though currently one Rastus Bingham comes pretty close), appears many times in the Burton records. Along with other vermin, random examples include 1733 'to foxes, wild cats, ravens and other birds of prey £1:0:6d', 1740 'wild cats', 1743 'magpies, crows, ravens and wild cats 10s :10', 1749 'Fox, badgeur (sic), cats, birds of prey 5s', 1754 'for a fox and 3 wild cats' 7s and 1773 'foulmarts, foxes, badgers and wild cats £1:3s:7'. The 1773 entry is significantly later than 1759 which Mr Lovegrove stated was the last time wild cats were recorded at Burton. Fomarts is the local name for polecats giving rise to a still extant description for a bad stink as 'smelling like a bag of fomarts'. It is, however, possible that in the records the fomart may have been confused sometimes with the less smelly pine marten. Burton references include 1772 'to 15 Foulmarts and 2 foxes 10:00', 1823 'for sparrows, foxes and fomarts £2:9s.' The biggest recorded culls of foxes were 6 in 1758 and 8 in 1761. Attention to birds of prey varied between species. In the early 1700s 'ravens' were the main enemy followed by crows and magpies but later the prime targets were sparrows - £1:3:6 being paid for them in 1821. At a penny a beak there would have been 282 dead birds. Finally there is an intriguing single entry in 1815 'paid for an otter 4d'. As there are no suitable rivers or becks even within the wider bounds of the old parish perhaps it had been killed on the Bela in Beetham Parish and been lugged over to Burton for the fee.

I am told that otters and even fougarts are coming back to the area - let's hope so. And, I wonder how long it will be before we see the headline 'return of the British Tiger' to Burton!

Post in time for Christmas!

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Burton Children's Sports Committee

What we do?

We thought it was about time that we gave the people of Burton some information about the Burton Children's Sports Committee. This has been a village committee for 31 years, and like lots of things of that age has changed many times! The committee is made up of a group of volunteers who organise a number of village events over any given year, such as: the Annual Sports Day; Bonfire Night Celebrations; Children's Christmas Parties; Big Kids Day Out and Bingos. All of these events are run to either fundraise or for the general enjoyment of the village community. You will see from the printed accounts on page 19 that we are not a profit-making organisation and all that we raise goes back into the events that we run. Many thanks are due to the Gentlemen of the Kings Arms, another voluntary committee that is 31 years old, and who help us in fundraising through the Annual Onion Show.

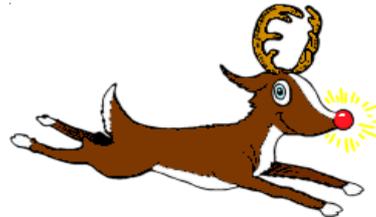
If you would like to give us some feedback from any of our events, give any ideas for new events or if you just want to lend a hand then please chat to a current committee member. The current members include: John Ainsworth, Andy Bailey, Louise Barker, Richard Clarke, Christine Foster, Carl Jackson, Natalie Jackson, Lesley Mayne, Lesley McCanney, Kirstie Pelling, Lauren Preston, Julian Rowley and Neil Shaw. A big thank you goes out to everyone who has supported our events over the past 31 years, also to everyone who has been a past member of the committee and especially those recently retiring: Mick Fishwick, John Jackson, Helen Steele, Val Still, Seb Wylder and Sarah Yates.

Our calendar of events for December are listed on the back page. For the children's Xmas parties, all children must be supervised by parents for the whole afternoon. Unaccompanied children will not be admitted. Both of these parties are free to any child who lives in the village and surrounding hamlets or goes to Burton Morewood School or Burton Pre-School.

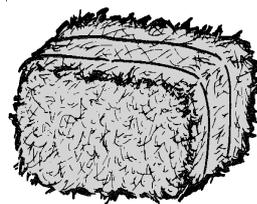
Over the last couple of years we've seen a drop in turnout. Please support our efforts to help the children hook up with Santa and keep the parties going.

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Then on Sunday 6 January, we're visiting Borwick and Priest Hutton offering free bike safety checks in the village hall from 11am-1pm followed by a New Year's Resolution Ride, leaving at 1.30pm. If you're planning to get fit, lose weight, or get out on your bike more in 2008, join us for a short circular ride to Capernwray and Over Kellet, stopping for tea somewhere along the way. Meet Borwick and Priest Hutton Memorial Hall to leave by 1.30pm. Back before 4pm.

All welcome on both rides, especially families. Children must be accompanied. We have a child seat, trailer and tag-along to borrow free of charge and may even be able to help with bikes if you need them. Give us a call to find out more.

We're also continuing our regular 'Tuesday Trolley Dash' up until Christmas and after New Year. If you've

got errands to do in Carnforth, why not leave the car behind any Tuesday morning and join us for a sociable ride to town and back. And we can help with trailers, panniers, child seats and tag-alongs if you want to take the kids or bring back shopping. Running 4, 11, 18 December, then 8, 15, 22, 29 January. Meet 9.15am Burton Square (next to Royal Hotel) or call us in advance and we can meet or pick you up along the way.

Full details of all forthcoming rides and bike-check sessions through until March 2008 are online at www.wheelygoodcommunities.org together with the latest news about the project.

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The Vicar Writes...

Christmas is frightening!

The thought of battling through the high street crowds; or your credit card bill landing on the doormat in the New Year; or the likelihood of family rows (one Mori poll reckons there are 3 million family rows each Christmas!); or the possibility of being alone can all make the prospect of Christmas quite frightening. One newspaper article about Christmas said it was, "Enough to drive you crackers"!

And yet fear doesn't seem to fit with our ideas about Christmas - isn't there supposed to be something magical about it? Isn't it supposed to be a time of peace and joy?

Funnily enough, fear was one of the reactions on the very first Christmas. On the night Jesus was born, shepherds were out in the fields, watching over their sheep. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord - that is the overwhelming goodness of God - shone around them and they were terrified! (Luke 2:9)

At that moment, compared to the sheer goodness of God, they must have realised how dirty they were on the inside and just how unfit they were to be friends with God. We're all in the same boat.

Yet the wonder of Christmas is that Jesus Christ was born so that you and I could "serve God without fear" (Luke 1:74). He came to wash us clean on the inside

and, in the words of the famous carol, to "fit us for heaven to live with Him there". (Spot the carol?)

That's why the angel said to the shepherds: "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10)

Christmas is frightening - just ask the shepherds. But there is a solution. The good news is that Christmas is about a Saviour who came to bring us forgiveness from God and friendship with God.

If you want to know more about this amazing message of great joy please join us at one of our Christmas services. We'd be delighted to see you.

Have a very special Christmas.

Paul

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Sunday 2 December

09.30am Holy Communion Burton
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06.30pm Evening Church Burton

Sunday 9 December

08.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Holme
09.30am Family Service (Nativity) Burton
04.00pm Christingle Family Service Holme
No evening service at Burton

Sunday 16 December

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

Sunday 23 December

09.30am Joint Family Service Holme
06.30pm Candlelit Carol Service Burton

Christmas Eve (Monday 24 December)

11.15pm Joint Holy Communion Burton

Christmas Day (Tuesday 25 December)

10.30am Joint Family Service Holme

Sunday 30 December

10.30am Joint Family Service Burton
No evening service at Burton

Sunday 6 January

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

Sunday 13 January

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

Sunday 20 January

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

Sunday 27 January

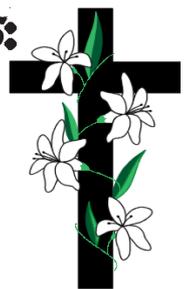
09.30am MP (BCP) Burton
09.30am Memorial Hall Service Burton
11.00am Morning Prayer Holme
06.30pm Evening Church Burton



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BOWLING CLUB

LATEST NEWS - some good, some not-so-good

The AGM of the Burton Bowls Club was held on Nov 7. More members were present than last year, which was a consolation to those who were concerned at the ever-falling fall in membership numbers. Despite its small membership (the club now boasts 28 paid-up members,) the year's record is pretty impressive, as the Chairman pointed out in his Annual Report.

Team Captain Bill Marshall reported that the club came top in the Rural League, and won the Skidmore Trophy as well. Joint Captain Carl Dobson reported that Burton had once again won top place in their Div. of the Morecambe & Dist League and will now be promoted. In addition, Captain Russ Coates reported that Burton had won top place in the Lunesdale Floodlit League. To crown success, Russ came second in the Merits at Sedbergh, narrowly missing out to the winner. Burton also held their own in the Kendal League, having been promoted to the higher Div. last year, reported Capt. Arthur Metcalf.

Nevertheless, the club's dwindling membership gives cause for concern, and it is hoped that new members will be able to be recruited from nearby caravan sites next year - better still, that Burtonians may be encouraged to join the club and help keep up its successes.

Chairman's Cup

The chairman awards this tankard to whoever in his opinion has made the best contribution to the club. To

much applause, he awarded it this year to Bob Mason.

Election of Officers

The following were elected:

Carl Dobson, Chairman

Vic Curwen, Vice Chair

Peter Wright, Treasurer

Anne Craig, Secretary

Treasurer's report

P. Wright reported that the club is financially in good fettle, though loss of funds has occurred due to falling membership, both within the club, and in the 100 Club.

100 Club Draw

Winning number for Nov. was drawn by Westmorland Gazette reporter Joyce Bye.

Oct. Ian McCutcheon (2nd time!), Nov. Janet Alderson

BINGO!

Members are reminded that the Club has unexpectedly been given a slot to hold a Bingo session in BMH on Dec.7. It's all hands to the pump, and all help and support will be gratefully received.

Trophies

The (rather attractive) trophies won by the club will be on display at the Kings Arms.

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Lunesdale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Linley: A Continuing Tradition - The work, style and inspiration of furniture designer David Linley, by Nicholas Merchant.

The contents of this very good talk quite amazed me. Nicholas Merchant began by showing a slide of the very well-known Chippendale piece of furniture known as the Diana and Minerva cabinet residing at Harewood House. He then quoted a gentleman who said, in a broad Yorkshire accent, at one of his lectures: "They don't mek 'em' like that no more!" He then proceeded to show just how incorrect that utterance was, and how wonderful the craftsmen working for David Linley still are! He gave mouth-watering examples of desks with marvellous architectural detail such as the Blenheim Place desk with a parquetry picture of the lake and bridge in hard woods, with finials at the top which exactly copied those on the roof of Blenheim. As the top of the desk rolled back a sycamore scale model of the palace was revealed in paler sycamore wood with drawers replacing the pigeon holes of more conventional desks.

One of the most sensational slides was of a 'trompe-l'oeil' wooden screen with musical instruments placed on shelves, the bottom of each panel appearing to be a bookcase beyond a grill, showing open doors and books behind the grill – all appearing to be three-dimensional when in reality this was a flat surface. It was every bit as spectacular as a similar example in a ducal palace in Mantua made in the fifteenth century!

He showed the many parallels between Linley and Chippendale, one of the prime examples being that they both had to have rooms close to where the wealthiest people lived. In the case of Chippendale, St Martin's Street near the homes of royalty, and for Linley, 60 Pimlico Green. Like Chippendale who built replica doll's houses for his most prestigious clientele, Linley diversified in miniature, making beautiful complex architectural boxes with a variety of woods.

I had absolutely no idea that such craftsmanship still existed in Britain today! Although (Viscount) David Linley creates the most exotic and wonderful pieces of furniture, strong elements of his work hark back to the past – such as the architectural emphasis of his pieces and the inclusion of Sèvres plaques in his most expensive works. Yet there is always a feel of the modern about the pieces we were shown.

The next two LADFAS illustrated talks will take place in Borwick Memorial Hall on Tuesday 18 December Douglas Skeggs will talk about "Klimt and the Viennese Succession – Gustav Klimt and Art Nouveau in Vienna". There will also be a Christmas social event at this meeting, which will start at 2.00 pm promptly. On Tuesday 15 January, Anthea Streeter will give a talk entitled "Charles Rennie Mackintosh". For this occasion lectures will resume at the usual time of 2.30 pm.

LDFAS was offered the opportunity to begin a Heritage Volunteering project at Sizergh Castle at the beginning of the year. Anyone wishing to participate please contact Mel Winstanley, 015242 21277

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December Meetings

- Fri 7 L&CPU Colour Prints
Fri 14 People Mountains/Bolivian Andes
Speaker: Boyd Harris. Raffle.
Fri 21 Christmas Meeting. Jacob's Join.

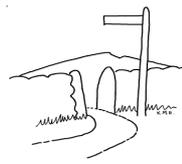
January Meetings

- Fri 4 Composition
Speaker: Martyn Mackie. Raffle
Fri 18 L&CPU Slides Year 1
Fri 25 Around the World
Speaker: Frank Walton. Raffle
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January Walks

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Burton W.I. meeting at Burton Memorial Hall

Christmas Party

Thursday 13 December 7.30pm at BMH

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Contact: Mrs A Williams, 781506

Kent Estuary Neighbourhood Forum

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Editorial...

So sorry we are late!

As we put together this month's BN we are acutely aware that it's now the end of November and this issue is going to be late. Quite simply, Anne has had an injured shoulder so has been unable to type and Barry has been committed to other things and unable to give the time that putting a publication like this together takes. It isn't something that 'just happens' and also not a job that can be easily passed onto others - when we took over some 5 years ago we remember all too well being thrown in at the deep end and the solid week doing nothing else that it took to learn the job. Since that time the magazine has expanded a great deal so any future change of editor will take some serious planning - just in case you are wondering, we have no thought of giving up, something else will have to 'give'!

Out with the old...

Well here we are heading for the end of another year - is it just us or did 2007 seem a lot shorter than it should? Whatever the reason it doesn't feel like it's been 12 whole months since producing the last December and January combined BN! In case you didn't get it, that was a subtle reminder to those who haven't quite adjusted to the change of 'resting month' that they've missed the boat for January.

...in with the New

As in 'New Year Resolutions'. Your editors have already discovered what they need - to rationalise all that they do. How about making a resolution to get involved more with village life in Burton? Maybe we've taken on too much, but whilst hectic, it's a lot of fun and you certainly get more out of life the more you put in - so how about it?

Thank You

All that remains to say is a huge thank you for the continuing support of Burton for their village newsletter which is about to start its 16th year of publication. Also many thanks to those who contribute their time freely to deliver the issues and those who produce copy for the editors to squeeze in. Without the dedication of a lot of people the Burton News could not exist!

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to all our readers and advertisers.

AN & BJM



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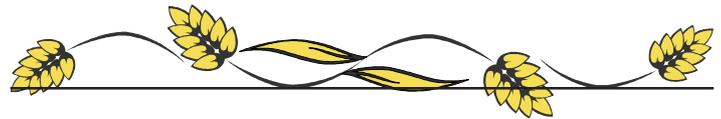
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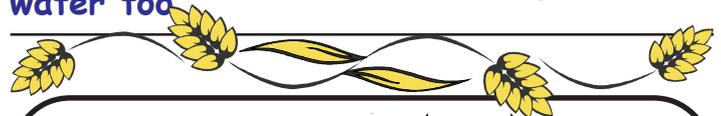
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ADVANCE DIARY DATES

St John's Hospice - THE LIGHT UP A LIFE SERVICE Sunday 2 December 4pm at the Hospice

Bowling Club BINGO Friday 7 December BMH

Burton Pre-School CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday 8 December 10am -12 noon BMH

Children's Sports Children's Christmas Parties Sunday 9 December BMH

- **Afternoon party and tea for children up to and including those in year 2**

2.00pm - 3.30pm entertainment, games, dancing and party tea, 4.00pm - 4.30pm a visit by Santa

- **Evening Disco for children from Year 3 and up to and including Year 6**

6.00pm - 8.30pm Dancing, games and food. Children can be signed in at 6.00pm and collected at 8.30pm

Burton Morewood School - CAROLS OUTSIDE THE BUTCHERS Friday 14 December 12noon

Children's Sports BINGO Friday 14 December BMH Doors open 6.30 pm Eyes Down 7.30 pm.

St James' Church TASTE OF CHRISTMAS Saturday 15 December 10am -12noon BMH
Something for everyone!

Burton Morewood School - CAROL SERVICE IN CHURCH Tuesday 18 December 2.30pm
All welcome (there will be a separate evening performance for parents)

Wheelie Good Communities - FAMILY RIDE: SANTA SPECIAL Sunday 23 December

Dr Bike, Yealands Village Hall (am) followed by Family Ride (pm) Sunday 2 March

Family Ride: RSPB Round Robin (pm) Sunday 16 March

Children's Sports Annual Village Sports Day - Monday 26 May 2008



BMH = Burton Memorial Hall

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If you are planning an event why not let us know asap and we'll add it to the running events list which we hope to include every month. This helps give your event more publicity and flags up potential clashes of dates for events. Let Burton News help you!

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Next Meeting (open to all readers)
Monday 14 January at 6pm in BMH