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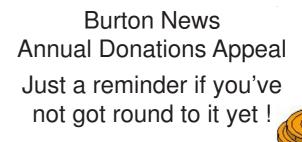
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Dear BN.

### **Local History Society Archives**

Thanks to the people who sent photos of Burton Rose Queens - I enclose a list of the names I have collected (see page 14). My question about the embroidered banner made in 1958, which reappeared in 1985 has also been answered - apparently it was used after that date but was put away when it was damp. When it reappeared the following year it was mouldy and past its best, so was put in the skip!

#### Kath Hayhurst

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#### **Dead Birds**

A few months ago I noted a dead starling suspended in the hedge at the lower end of Caterpillar Walk, followed by a blackbird a short while later. I suspected they had been shot by an airgun. This last week I found a dead jackdaw and the day following a fledgling robin in the same location. I suspect that many more birds are being shot but these may not fall on the footpath side where they can be seen.

Name & address withheld

Dear BN

#### Morewood School's Joseph

I have just been to a wonderful performance of music from Joseph by the senior classes of Burton Morewood School. If you missed it you missed a treat, it brought tears to my eyes. It really was a lovely performance, all credit to music by Thelma Aldridge and Jonathan Wren and conducted by Alison Boxford. The children were really great, many congratulations to them all.

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# Thanks!

I would like to thank all the kind people who helped me to recover after my fall at the bottom of Cocking Yard on Friday 8 June.

Alice Olive

#### **CORRIS**

The family of the late Anne Mary Corris would like to thank friends, relatives and neighbours for their kindness, cards and donations to St John's Hospice and Marie Curie following their recent bereavement.

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# N.S.P.C.C. Fund-Raising

The NSPCC house to house collection carried out in Burton and Clawthorpe during May raised our best-ever total amount of £1024.

Our stall on the field at Sports Day raised a further £123. The winner of the £25 was Mrs D Duckett, Clawthorpe.

All the money raised through your kindness will be used to support the NSPCC's work with children and their families in Cumbria. The need is in Cumbria, where official figures show there are at least 155 children in Cumbria on the child protection register because they are considered to be at risk of abuse. Without your selfless support the NSPCC in Cumbria would be unable to provide projects and locally based services.

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# Outdoors

When I go for a walk along some path or other, nothing happens, usually. 'Nothing'

may consist of a few more hazel leaves unfurling, their

veins green with chlorophyll while the ridges between the veins are still russet. Or the yellow roots of nettles will be snaking still further into the humus. Or 'nothing' may be unheard rather than unseen - the grating of stone on stone as a drystone dyke sags a little more, or the cracking of an eggshell high up in an ash tree as another rook hatches.

Do spiders make tiny sounds as they scuttle along the strands of their web a sticky clicking or plucking, perhaps? Do butterflies make a minute pop as they break out from the cocoon? (Biologists probably know, and have recorded such things on their marvellous instruments.) A sound I loved as a child in Aberdeenshire was the crack as a broom pod twisted open and catapulted its seeds. The very voice of those summers was the croodling of wood pigeons, a more interesting phrase than the three-note 'hoo-hoo-hoo' of the collared doves which sounds out from phone poles near us at 5 o'clock on most fine mornings. My father and his sister taught me that wood pigeons were cushy-doos and

that their five-note phrase, often with a soft extra note, originated when a man stole one of his neighbour's cattle and was dumbstruck to hear the wood pigeons telling him, 'Tak twa coos, Davey - twa.'

Those were woodwind sounds, as liquid with June light

as Acker Bilk's clarinet or James Galway's flute. A higher sound, almost like the dissonantal chants I used to hear from the boutique radios when I lived in Sri Lanka, was given out by the bees and flies on the moors. If you lay down amongst the bell heather and nothing else interrupted - not even a car, because petrol was rationed, or the chug of a German bomber, because they stopped coming over us after 1942 - you became attuned to this great humming unison, the song of the moors, hardly varying in pitch, dinning quietly from a thousand wings as the insects flew from to flower

Maybe I've been mulling over sounds because I had such a feast of them when Anne was playing with the Milnthorpe Steel Band at the Eden Valley Veteran Tractor Show, held in the parkland of Dalemain Hall, between Penrith and Ullswater. The catchy, festive chords and rhythms of the drums rang out from their float, 'Jamaican Rumba' and 'Popcorn' and

'Cherry Blossom'. I walked up a hill beside a wood of



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OPEN DAILY 10am - 4pm Tel: 01524 782410 beech and pine while the M.C. welcomed a parade of vintage cars into the arena: a Model-T Ford, more like a stage coach than a car; a big wallowing Cadillac and a ditto Rolls Royce; even a model I once owned, a VW Camper with thirteen windows.

A huge cloud towered up above the fells round the lake. The band finished their first set - the M.C. appealed for entries for the Cumbrian wrestling under-12's - I ate a chicken burger and fed another to Klipper the lurcher (she ignored the bap). Spots of rain sprinkled down, went off, came on more heavily, and peals of thunder echoed from cloud to cloud. The dog agility team got fairly wet. So did the wrestlers. It was so warm that people went on sauntering from stall to stall in their shorts and T-shirts. The band played its second set in a downpour. Tropical songs distracted us from the English wet and cloud - 'Under the Sea', 'Yellow Bird', the 'Banana Boat' song. Thunder claps rolled round the sky for an hour as though gigantic brewers barrels were colliding in a gigantic cellar.

In the meantime the little sounds must still have been happening - the chirrup of fledglings demanding food, the clink of scree on the fellsides, the steady tearing as cattle browsed the lush green hay.

David Craig

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# Roger Reports On...

### Being Back in the Swing

Usually, a post election period is relatively quiet as councillors get down to routine business while chasing up any problems - normally concerning the roads! - which may have lagged during the campaign. On roads I am informed that Dalton Lane will be repaired soon and that the Station Road and Tanpits Lane drainage work is 'nearing completion'. Also, as a county councillor I have been allocated £11,000 of Highways money to spend in the Lower Kentdale Division. I have decided that £1000 each will be allocated to Burton, Holme and Preston Patrick parish councils towards the costs of employing the much appreciated lengthsman and that, for this year, much of the remainder should go towards cleaning or renewing road signs.

On SLDC my 'new' work will involve serving on two 'task and finish' working parties concerning rural affairs. On the county council, as chairman of the Improving Council Services Committee I am principally involved with human resources - dealing with staffing levels, efficiency, well-being and crucially, monitoring complaints and compliments from the public. Regarding 'service delivery', our corporate performance group was concerned about a slight fall in the number of pupils getting five grade C's at GCSE and especially a decline



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in Maths grades which is a national trend. But in Cumbria this is balanced by improvements in English. Recent changes in the law have meant that complaints about councillors will be dealt with initially by the County Standards Committee rather than being sent up to the Standards Board for England. In the past one case about remarks allegedly made by a councillor took a year to settle, while another about a new councillor who might have given confidential information to the press was still going on three years later when the councillor concerned decided not to stand again at the next election. Standards committees usually consist of three councillors and three 'lay members' of the public. The lay chairman of SLDC's Standards Committee is Peter Smith from Clawthorpe while I am an 'elected member' of the county committee.

Normal business this year has been bombshelled by the Local Development Framework outlined for the expansion of South Lakeland communities - about which nothing was known during the elections. I was also disappointed about the poor notice provided about the 'presentation' in Burton but was pleased when

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- 1) Sort out replies and put on database over the next few months.
- 2) Summarise and publish document of responses.
- 3) Put out responses for further public consultation for which, I am told, suitable time and notification will be given.
- 4) Following consultation, an interim decision will be made by council. This will be next year, when we will have a further opportunity to comment on more detailed plans. I have asked that this stage be postponed until after next year's county council and European elections both of which could be on the same day in June.
- 5) Proposals will then be drawn up, after debates, I assume, in full council so that decisions will be made not just by the Planning Committee or 'Cabinet'.
- 6) SLDC's proposals will then be sent to the Secretary of State who could order yet further consultation or even public enquiries. This stage is unlikely to be reached, in my view, for well over a year and final

decisions about how our district will be developed may not be made until 2010 'or later'. But by then there might even be a new government which might have different development policies. We'll see!

Although some distance from Burton, the proposals to create wind farms at Armistead near New Hutton and at Sillfield, Preston Patrick, both touch our Lower Kentdale Division. I have already received objections concerning their possible impact on the hitherto unspoilt landscape, which is quite as spectacular as the more protected scenery in the National Parks, both of which over look the area. The whole issue is debatable. One group informs me that the windmills will be higher than St Paul's Cathedral and would be as conspicuous as Hevsham Power Station or the windmills we can see on the Bowland Fells. Others see wind as a viable 'green energy' source. Some say that the windmills pay for themselves in three months; others contend that they cannot do so in their planned 25 year period of activity. Again what do you think please?

Fortunately, council work is not all stress. I still enjoy being Chairman of the Archives and serving on the boards of Theatre by the Lake and Brewery Arts. Voluntary Organisations are particularly rewarding. In June, to my surprise, I was presented with a Long Service Award Certificate for my involvement as a Trustee of the Cumbria Deaf Association. CDA is now called Deaf Vision and we serve Galloway and Dumfries as well as our own county. If you know of any hearing impaired people who may need help, please let me know. Regards,

Roger

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# Going Green - July'08

The Diary of an Eco-Worrier

### **Turf Wars**

I was putting the Carbonbaby into her car seat when I noticed a yellow 'post-it' note on my windscreen. In neat writing it chastised me for taking up two parking spaces on the village square, and suggested I park in the Royal Hotel car park instead. I looked around, wondering if it was a joke and I was on candid camera? But no, the note was serious, and signed by a neighbour. I walked around my car, parked outside my house, wondering if I'd made some terrible error of judgment. In fact I had to concede my neighbour was correct; I had taken up two spaces. I probably do it all the time as my parking is rubbish.

I found myself thinking about this note over the following week. My neighbour was right. I shouldn't be taking up two spaces on the Square. I shouldn't be taking up any. Why

has such a focal point and natural meeting place in the village become a car park, and when did this happen? For the first time I started to notice who was parking outside our house, and how jammed it had become at night. I began to see just how full the Royal Hotel and Memorial Hall car parks are by the end of the day. And it worried me. The modern obsession with having a car, or two cars (and sometimes three and four cars) for each family has created a big problem for a village like Burton-in-Kendal that wasn't built for any cars at all. Our reliance on the motor means we don't want to walk far to get to them. And we regard parking as a right, not a luxury.

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I wondered what would happen if the new owners banned parking in the Royal Hotel car park? Would people be forced to part with one of their cars altogether if they could no longer put it anywhere at night? Then I got to thinking, 'What if the square went back to its former glory and became a village square again?' A centre point of the village; with children playing and people stopping to have a chat and waiting for the bus without being surrounded by stationary metal boxes.

I told Carbonlite my concerns and together we brainstormed how we could make our village square a greener place. "I've got it!" he said, "Let's make it a greener place. Literally. Guerilla gardening." He gave me an article in The Guardian, about eco-minded

people making urban places more attractive by planting grass and seed by stealth. "We wait till they've all driven off and we lay turf. Then it becomes a real village green." I laughed it off. It was such a blue skies idea.

Then I mulled it over. What if we weren't the only people in the village who would like to see the square become a greener place? What if all the greenfingered in Burton were potential guerrilla gardeners. So what's the price of turf these days? A quick search of the net told me I could turf the whole square for £500. "I'll pay for it myself," said Carbonlite.

So what do you think, villagers of Burton-in-Kendal? Would you like your village square to become a square again? Or how about it becoming a green? Surely a turf war between Burton residents in the future is a higher price to pay. After all, how long before our cars start to outnumber our homes and drives and we start

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Answers on a 'post-it,' but not on my windscreen please. Alternatively drop us an email at burtonecoteam@btinternet.com or write to the Burton News. Let's get this debate going. With your help, I'm looking forward to sunbathing on the village green next summer.





No, it's not a bell - it's a traffic bollard to stop vehicles demolishing the stone wall as they turn left into vicarage lane, which happened all too often from all the patching!

Yes it's a roof line shot again, but which roof?



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# Burton-in-Kendal Art & Craft Society Thank you

Well, there goes the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Burton-in-Kendal Art And Craft Society exhibition, and what a weekend it was! I just want to thank all the people who helped to set it up and carry it through. To someone who made our display stands at really short notice! To Anne, who also sorts out the newspapers and radio advertising, Barry and "our" Alex for being there to set up, and for doing all we asked of them, and for putting up with those who got under their feet, we really were trying to help. Thank you to the Friday night bunch who also had to be there at 8am next morning. To all our tea ladies and man (it's good to get 'em on the committee!) To all our stewards. To Burton Butchers and Bakers for their extra work (and Ron).

It really was a great weekend, all the committee worry like mad, and every year we learn something new. But we all love it - well we do! But most of all, a big, thankyou to all who came to view our work. It makes it all worthwhile.

Our A.G.M. is Monday 28 July with a talk by Frank Rush on Charles Rennie Macintosh You are all welcome. 7.30 pm in the Reception Room, Memorial Hall.

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An Opinion...

Comments on the goings-on at the Parish Council

# BUS SHELTERS-THEY'RE IN THE BAG (well, almost)

As a good positive start at what turned out to be a very long meeting, the chairman announced with justified pleasure that Burton's request for a bus shelter grant had been agreed. It now rests with the Working Party and the relevant highways experts to agree on the exact site and its suitability. Although there are funds for two shelters, only one will be erected till the following year, but the first at least should be in place by March 2009. The Parish Council agreed that the Glebe Close site was the one most used, and should have priority. The second one, at the south end of the village, near Green Dragon Farm, should follow at a later date.

#### Police Report (e-mail)

P.C Suart's usual laconic report was read to the Cttee by the chairman. Once again we learnt there had been no crime in Burton. The second good news was that a new Community Police Support Officer has been appointed for Burton and she will begin work on 24 June.

#### **Conservation Presentation**

G.Darlington, the Conservation Officer at SLDC addressed the meeting. He was introducing the 'appraisal' of conservation areas - buildings or spaces

or other monuments that deserved to be preserved or, in some cases, condemned. Mr D explained that it was unlikely that he would be so familiar with the areas he covered as the inhabitants were, and that local communities were being given the opportunity to highlight their own concerns about what should be conserved. It was a concise unambiguous talk, and pleased the PC, who thanked him for his efforts. By the time BN goes to press, the 'consultation' will have been held in the Memorial Hall. (A.O. attended this carefully laid-out exhibition, which made all possible efforts to encourage Burtonians to highlight conservation matters which most concerned them. Help was on hand for anyone who attended, and Mr Darlington himself was there, as were the Planning Officer, and other officials. It was a really worthy effort, which hopefully won't just trickle away into the sand.)

#### **Public Forum**

### **Boon Town Playground**

Some members of the Cttee formed to look after the interests of the remaining playing field were present. They informed the PC that SLDC and Impact have offered to replace the present climbing frame (condemned since it was lifted out of the way by the builders) with another, smaller, less adventurous, structure. It comes complete with safety mat, though A.O. pondered how small people could hurt themselves tumbling from such a modest structure. This new frame would cost £6350. The Boon Town Cttee (if A.O. may call them that) explained they would prefer to keep the money and put it towards higher-quality equipment when they had raised sufficient funds. They estimated

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However, the PC, after discussion, felt that a bird in the hand....etc, and voted to accept the offer of this rather unimaginative (to A.O.'s mind) structure. It certainly doesn't compare with the original play frame, which was provided as a result of funds raised by public subscription in the village.

A PCIIr offered to remove the original "condemned" one, which he said he intended for personal use (i.e. presumably for his grandchildren. A.O. can't quite envisage PCIIr Boddy having a go on it himself, though anything's possible.) Now this "condemned" frame, claimed another PCIIr, has very little damage, and none that couldn't be repaired. The cost of such a frame must by now run into some £1000's, so hopefully PCIIr Boddy will reimburse the Playground Cttee accordingly. To be fair he made an offer of a donation later in the meeting.

#### Mason's Park

Perhaps now is the place to mention the suggestion discussed "That the new Boon Town development be named Mason's Park", which actually appeared later on the agenda. An alternative name of "Hopwood's Folly", suggested by the Chairman, wasn't treated seriously, except possibly by the eponymous PCllr herself. She in fact had written a strong objection to the name Mason's Park, and her arguments won the day. The new development will be regarded as an extension of Boon Town, and numbered accordingly. When the dust has settled, and the playground is in

full operation, a suggestion was that it might be named Mason's Park. A.O. herself would prefer "Bob's Park", but Bob himself might have thought that rather informal. A letter from Impact assured the PC that building was almost finished, and should be completed this week, so the process of repairing inevitable damage could begin.

#### **Co-option of New PCIIr**

Our Parish Council has the dubious privilege of not having to undergo the indignity of actually being elected. And as members drop out, so they can gather PCllrs of their choice to their clan. Apparently it is not for us outsiders to know how many candidates put their names forward to replace Janet Alderson. If asked "how about us lot actually electing someone?" hands are raised in horror at the cost of running such an election (about £800 so A.O. understands.)

So it was that once again mere outsiders (three of us) gathered in the foyer of BMH while the PC decided in private who is going to represent us. No doubt they chose a worthy candidate. But it's not the same as ALL of us having a say. Ian Hunt was selected. He lives in Vicarage Close and has resided in the village for over 20 years. He has two children who attended Morewood School and are now at QES. He has taken part in community affairs over the years, and in recent years has run the successful Irish Nights, which have brought much enjoyment to many Burtonians, and funds to local institutions, not the least of which is Burton News. Oh well. I'd probably have voted for him anyway!



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Cllr Rogers continues his struggles to shed this task, which he has performed so well. No-one seemed too keen to replace him entirely, though it was agreed that he should have overall editing control, whist PCllrs should contribute on matters which particularly concerned them.

### Bingham's Bonus

As reported in an earlier issue or two, all Dist Cllrs have been granted £11,000 by CCC to distribute at their discretion in their areas. Dist Cllr Bingham announced that he intended to allocate £1000 each to Burton, Holme and Preston Patrick towards the cost of the lengthsman. It is, of course, taxpayers' money, as one member of the PC pointed out. Nevertheless the PC thanked Dist Cllr Bingham for his largesse. He didn't say how the remaining £8000 would be allocated, though he did mention something about a lamp-post.

#### **Plain Quarry**

It was with ironic satisfaction that A.O. listened to several PCllrs complaining about the state of the potholed entrance to Plain Quarry. A.O. herself has been banging on about this on these pages for more than a year, and has raised the condition of the entrance in the Public Forum. To no avail. But on a recent visit to the site PCllrs came face to face with the problem, and now hopefully something will be done about it. Small wonder that at present car owners prefer to park at other

entrances to the woods, or even on the lay-by outside the quarry itself.

#### **Fun Run**

Eventually the meeting came to an end. But not before the Rec Trust rep reminded us all that this year the FUN RUN will be held this year on 14 Sept.



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1956 Barbara Wright

1957 Jennifer Wyatt

1958 Hazel Rhodes

1959 Catherine Barber

1960 Joyce Mounsey

1961 Edna Richardson

1962 Linda Mounsev

1963-1976 No Rose Queens



The girls' names were drawn from a hat for the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II celebrations

1977 Helen Burton

1978-1984 No Rose Queens

The custom revived by the Sports Committee

1985 Lynn Gilfellon

1986 Clare Hensey

1987 Sarah Jobbins

1988 Linda Head

1989 Sarah Williamson

1990 Elizabeth Long

1991 Rachel Freeman

1992 Kate Williamson

1993 Sarah Gibson

1994 Jackie Earl

1995 Natalie Freeman

1996 Rachel Thompson





On Saturday 5 July Burton Pre-School shall be holding our 3<sup>rd</sup> Ball in the Memorial Hall. This year it will be themed "Black & White".

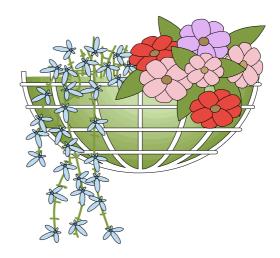
There will be tables of 4 plus people at £5 per head. You bring your own buffet and drink and we will provide the entertainment! The dress will be smart with masks and there will be prizes for both the best male and female. There will also be a prize for the best decorated table (can be done earlier between 5pm & 6pm). Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

We will be having a disco, a music quiz, Whiskey roll, Auction, Raffle and spot prizes, along with lots of fun. This is open to all, so book now to avoid disappointment. Tel: Nicola Little on 01524 784977 to reserve a table and tickets. Organised by Burton Pre-School.

# Open Gardens Pear Tree Cottage

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Alec and Linda Greening will again be opening their garden for charity under the National Gardens Scheme. Entry is £4 per adult. Parking courtesy of Russell Farm. Refreshments will be served at Bell House Barn.



Below: The 1958 Rose Queen, Hazel Rhodes, and her attendants under the embroidered banner



# Historical Footnote by Roger Bingham

# For Home and Country-Burton W.I. at War-1939-1945

The Second World War was arguably the Women's Institute's 'Finest Hour' just as Winston said it was for the nation at large. At Burton not only did the members of the WI maintain domestic life through worries. shortages and without most of today's mod cons, they also contributed to the wider 'war effort'. As such they exemplified the WI's motto of 'For Home and Country'. They got off, however, to an uncertain start. On 7 September 1939, four days after war was declared they decided, 'on the proposition of Mrs Robinson, seconded by Mrs Cummings that owing to the National Emergency, that meetings be cancelled until definite instructions were received from the County Federation of the duties of the WI in wartime'. But after a fortnight. activities resumed, for the committee ordered '4 cwts of sugar at 27/6 plus carriage' for jam making and also 5cwts of coal for the kitchen range in the 'Jam Preservation Centre'. Though the programme planned for 1940 was largely 'put in abeyance' they went ahead with competitions for sweet making, spring bulbs -'members to provide own bulbs', 'a clothes peg doll dressed in crepe paper' and 'two Plain Scones without sugar'. A meeting place was an immediate problem for owing to the National School being taken over by the ARP (Air Raid Precautions) for a First Aid Post and was blacked out it was decided to hold the October meeting from 2pm-4pm at Burton House by kind permission of Mrs Barrow'. It was not until 1944, when the Luftwaffe had been virtually defeated, that the ARP vacated the National School

Meanwhile the minutes hint at a scandal in which maladministration or worse were insinuated. In 1941 it was recorded that Miss Ethel Lees, the grande dame of the WI, had resigned as President along with Mrs Hair, the treasurer, and Mrs Bainbridge, a committee member, because of trouble concerning the 'distribution of wool for the soldiers comforts', it appeared that receipts had not been kept for wool 'obtained from the Post Office' and 'no list had been made of the contents of soldiers parcels sent to Kendal' prior to dispatch to the troops. The problem was reported to the WI County Executive which took 'legal advice in the matter of the distribution of the wool' before it was agreed that 'no further action would be taken' except that an 'appointment should be made with Mrs Bainbridge to acquaint her with what had been proceeding'. Happily, normality returned when Miss Lees came back as President. 'Making do and mend' became themes in competitions for 'best knitted socks for the forces', 'best article made from a Gents handkerchief 18ins square'. 'oat cakes without sugar', and 'potato scones'. There were demonstrations on dress renovation, 'tailored button holes and pockets', bottling fruit and, famously, on jam making. To promote gardening the WI 'Produce Guild' ordered '1cwt of Super Phosphate from Colonel Rust' and a letter of thanks was sent to the Canadian WI for a gift of seeds.

Food was the major obsession. In 1941 it was minuted that owing 'to the restrictions on rationed foods it was

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or if you would like me to call ring 01253 857683 or 07816 842797 proposed to cancel the Bring and Buy Sale', and because of 'the difficulty in obtaining refreshments members should each bring sufficient for one member'. Similarly, Whist Drive prizes were replaced by National Savings Certificates of 5/-, 2/6,1/6 and 6d. There were also instructions on making 'the best of Ration Book points' for food and Miss Higginbottom from the County Horticulture Committee gave a talk on soft fruit called currant affairs'. Current affairs were represented by a lecture on the Beveridge Plan for post-war social reforms. Local causes like Kendal Hospital, the District Nursing Association and Carnforth Station Soldiers Canteen were well supported, while the worldwide scope of the war was reflected in a talk on Poland and its people and by collections for United Aid to China and Mrs Churchill's Aid to Russia Fund.

The most intriguing wartime minute was recorded in June 1944: 'Miss Lees introduced Miss A.V. Wistern (?) of Levens who spoke on her experiences in a German concentration camp and showed many beautiful articles of sewing done by her in the camp and also articles made from string from Red Cross Parcels.' This note is puzzling in several ways. Firstly, the surname is illegible and might for instance be 'Wilson'. Secondly, the lady's concentration camp's experiences appear to have been less severe than the notorious horrors meted out in Belsen or Auschwitz. Thirdly, she was back home in Britain a year before the liberation of Europe. Perhaps her 'concentration camp' was a more humane detention centre for 'enemy aliens' who had been trapped on the continent and who were repatriated through prisoner exchanges via neutral countries. This would explain her survival and also why she could visit Burton in 1944. Hopefully further clarification would add more than local interest to this Historical Footnote. Can anyone help, please?

# **Boon Town Playground**

In the summer of 1978, just thirty years ago, Boon Town children's playground was officially opened by Richard Boddy, after some 5 years of fund-raising by the Children's Sport Committee. Margaret Carr, who was a Sports Committee member at the time, was quoted in the Lancaster Guardian as saying that around £1,500 had been spent on the site, to provide swings, a roundabout, a sandpit and a football pitch, but that more fund-raising was underway to pay for climbing frames. After the opening ceremony a comic football match was held between members of the Ladies and the Gents Darts teams from the Kings Arms and more monies were raised by stalls on the field.

It's rather ironic and somewhat sad that in the year when the playground should be celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday, it is actually recovering from the amputation of a large part of its area, and that once more villagers are having to fund-raise to replace the equipment which has been enjoyed by Burton children for the last 30 years.

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South Lakeland now makes a massive contribution to improving the environment by recycling thousands of tonnes of waste every year. During April you recycled around 1,300,000 newspapers, 770,000 glass bottles, 1,500,000 cans, 3,900,000 plastic bottles, 50 tonnes of cardboard, 30 tonnes of clothing.

Around 45% of the waste collected in April was either recycled or composted, a big change from 2003. During May a new recycling record was set in South Lakeland. South Lakeland recycled 53% of all its waste something that has never before happened in the district. A massive 2,345 tonnes of recyclables including glass, cans, clothes, grass, plastic and paper waste were collected in May - beating the 2,050 tonnes of domestic throwaway waste that goes to landfill.

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Our portfolio holder for Environment and Sustainability, Brenda Woof, said: "There is no doubt that to have 53 per cent of our rubbish being recycled represents a major milestone for South Lakeland. It is finally becoming part of our culture and we have to say a big thank you to the residents of South Lakeland for helping us achieve this, and to help us improve it in the months and years to come."

Councillor Brendan Jameson, Leader of SLDC, said: "The council has worked hard to implement recycling throughout the whole of the district and the results of this are now being seen. I would like to thank the residents of South Lakeland, as we could not have achieved this result without their enthusiasm to recycle. I would also like to thank the Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership for their help and support which has enabled SLDC and the local community to improve the environment for everyone."

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# The Vicar Writes...

### We need Dads

I am writing on Father's Day. — a day when we acknowledge the important role our dads play in our lives. Ironically, it's a role our society seems to be valuing less and less. Following a recent Government move to let doctors provide women with fertility treatment without a father on the scene, the former leader of the Conservative Party, Iain Duncan Smith, warned that fathers are being "airbrushed" out of society: "Too many children are failed because their fathers play no part in their lives; I wonder how long it will be before we finally admit that we need to put men back and rebuild our fractured society." I think he's right.

Fatherhood is being undermined and dads are being left confused about their role. Helpfully, the Bible provides us with an outline of a father's role – in one concise sentence: "Fathers do not exasperate your children; instead bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4)

The outline contains a "do not" and a "do". In this article we'll focus on the "do not": To exasperate your children is to lead them to anger so that they seethe with resentment. A few years ago family support agency CARE asked a group of teenagers what exasperated them most about their fathers. Three things came up repeatedly:

Criticism: Fathers who are always criticizing their children will discourage them. Criticism comes in a

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variety of forms and isn't confined to overt words. Some fathers never praise their children. Some do it in a backhanded way – like the father who says to his son who's just scored a goal: "That wasn't bad son, but do better next week."

Royal commentators suggested that one of the reasons Prince Charles was so devastated at the death of the Queen Mother was because he heard from her the two words he'd never heard from his father: "Well done!"

Inconsistency: Fathers breaking their promises exasperate their children. We must be consistent and never make a promise to our children that we do not keep. We might forget the weekend trip away we promised, or the game of football on the park or the trip to the swimming pool, but our children will not forget and will remember it 70 years from now.

Favouritism is one of the most damaging sins a father can commit against a child. How crushing to know that you are less loved. Resentment soon grows in a child who is constantly compared to their siblings. Our children need to know that we are on their side and love them unconditionally. Other exasperating traits included over-strictness, over-protection, irritability and absenteeism.

Men, don't let the prevailing culture erase your crucial role from society. Your children need you. Society needs you. Remember the great "do not" of Fatherhood: "do not exasperate your children."

Paul

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# Memories of Burton

Margaret Phillips is the widow of the late Joseph Benedict Phillips, Vicar of Burton 1953-59, and this article was written after a visit to Burton by their daughter in 2006.

We arrived in Burton in September 1953 from Surrey, to find the work in the Vicarage barely half-done. We slept in the wing that was cut off, rather like camping, and used the old kitchen there. We finally moved into the house proper the week before Christmas.

The previous Vicar had been in his eighties and the church reflected it: dirty, neglected, tattered black-out curtains still hanging at the vestry windows. In our second week I went down to the church carrying a bucket and scrubbing brush, cloths, electric kettle, and met dear Mrs Newsam finishing the milk round. She asked what on earth I was doing. I said I was going to clean the church. By the end of the morning, she and two others had arrived with cleaning things and by the next week there were twelve of us regularly. Every pew, carving, chair and chest was scrubbed then polished and St James' looked lovely; windows clear for the sun to shine through and a regular cleaning rota, with only dusting needed and polishing for major festivals.

I had a sewing group meeting weekly at the Vicarage in the New Year. With yards of linen from Larne in Northern Ireland, we made three long altar cloths, all double-hem-stitched. Each member did three yards then passed it on until all the stitching was done. All the Communion linen was also hem-stitched and we had sets complete for Easter.



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St James' has a lovely peal of bells but alas there were no ringers. The captain of the ringers (I can't remember his name but think it began with a B) was very sad about this so I said I would learn it, it might bring the old ringers back and find us some new ones. We got a good band; we rang in other churches and other ringers came to ring St James' peal on Saturdays and had tea.

The Old Year was rung out and the New Year rung in with a peal, followed by a glass of sherry, coffee and mince pies brought to us in the ringing chamber; it was lovely, getting on for 1.00-1.30 am. I hope this continues. Hand bells were rung at festivals too.

The Glebe land ran around the Vicarage garden. Mr Clarkson had a small market garden opposite the Vicarage gate and rented the Glebe land for sheep. He used the big barn over the buildings on the north side of the yard for hay when he had cows. He fenced off the south Glebe land in the Spring because the sheep ate the daffodil shoots, little wild daffodils which made a land of gold. We gathered basketfuls of them to decorate the church at Easter.

The sewing group continued, making articles for a big Christmas Fair. We had sale or return things from a local firm too, and the proceeds made a Church Fund which we needed as the tower needed repairing.



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The house with the overhanging eaves on the west side of the Square was a bakers, run by a brother and sister. People from far outside Burton came to buy their famous bread, pastries and cakes. There were two excellent butchers, a small general shop, a Post Office, and a big mobile shop came round every Friday evening, so we were well provided for. Culturally as well: every fortnight two big boxes of library books arrived in the Village Hall (the old school).

There was a strong W.I. group, definitely not Jam and Jerusalem only, which took a concerned and positive interest in local and county problems. It met monthly and had good speakers and competitions.

The Burton Show was held every September, a big event. Villages and farms for miles around entered animals and crops, vegetables, flowers, baking, preserves, and wild flowers for the children. It was very well-attended and lasted all day until late evening.

Wild flowers were in abundance, many varieties and some rare ones like the bee orchid. One of the loveliest sights was a triangular field at the end of the lane running from the Green Dragon to the A6. It was a carpet of cowslips, whilst they and early purple and purple spotted orchids grew in the larch coppices bordering the canal, and there were two big patches

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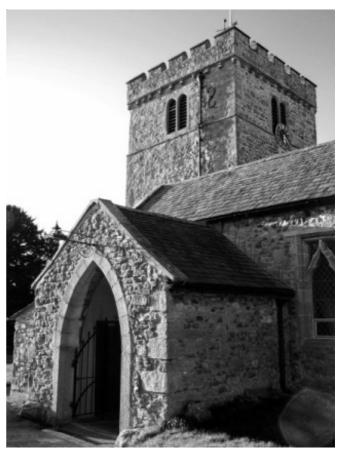
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of both orchids on Farleton Lane, beside Farleton Knott, leading up to the wild clints on the top.

To end on a personal and family note, Sarah Juliana was born on 19 June 1956, the first baby to be born actually at Burton Vicarage since the 1890s, when a child was born to the Reverend Chastel de Boinville. It was quite an event, so we had the baptism during the Sunday morning service: not usual in those days. Most of the village came to the service, and family and godparents had lunch at the Vicarage.

Margaret Phillips



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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

# Library Coffee Morning



Burton Memorial Hall

First Monday of every Month

Come and Join Us!

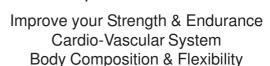
# Good Gardeners Compost It!



### Circuit Training

Every Monday at 7.15 pm BMH Main Hall

Every Friday at 6.15 pm BMH Reception Room



For further info call John 01524 781707

### **LMMES**



Cinderbarrow

Welcome to the miniature railway at Cinderbarrow Picnic Area

Trains will run on most Sundays & Bank Holidays (weather permitting) throughout the Summer 10.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

For more details ring Peter Ellis, 781057

~ Burton Village Online ~ www.burtonweb.org.uk

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# RECYCLING PAYS IN MANY WAYS







#### When the bough breaks...

There has been quite a bit of that recently - notably the large branch that came down on Neddy Hill a few hours after the sports day parade had passed beneath it! Luckily it fell when nothing was passing and also manage to miss two strands of power lines, though it gave Roy and Pat Johnson a shock as it hit their window sill on the way down!! That particular tree is no more as it has been taken down to prevent it happening again but it's worthwhile anyone with a large tree (or two) on their property to check them and perhaps have topped. When trees grow much above the roof line they can really whip about in strong winds.

### Silence is golden....

But not when that means important SLDC events that could affect everyone in Burton aren't publicised because nobody has told us that they are happening! It's not as if SLDC aren't aware of Burton News as we get regular information about recycling. Perhaps a few words in the right ears might help these kind of 'oversights' happening in the future? As a side note, there have been other village events that haven't been publicised as BN wasn't told about them. Remember it's free to have your event listed so all you have to do is tell us.

### Water water everywhere...

Down comes the rain, and we can shelter from it of course, but where does it all go? And more to the point, who gets billed for the privilige of dealing with it! Changes to the way that water treatment is being charged to non-domestic users means the cost for this service has risen tremendously and is set to rise much more as the full increase won't be felt for another 2 years. Particularly hardest hit is the Memorial Hall and more than ever it needs the support of Burton to keep going, either in the holding of events there or people going to them - all of which reiterates the need to tell BN that these are happening, we don't have a crystal ball to consult!

#### It's on... it's off...

Not only that, it was off after producing the front page announcing it was on, just as well BN hadn't gone to press by then!! So what was it? The second table top & car boot

sale for BMH funds which failed to get enough support for it to be held. Do support the next one please!

#### The still-closed Royal Hotel

One of the things we spotted whilst commenting online about the Local Development Framework Consultation proposals was a response from an architect who said he is preparing a feasibility report on the area of land to the rear of the Royal Hotel, in respect of flats and houses on the site. He said, "The number of dwellings created on the site as a whole would be between 30 and 35, and of mixed sizes from 2 bed flats to 4/5 bed houses." and also that "The owners of the Public house own the land on which the bowling and multiple sporting enclosure are sited and the field behind this. As part of the feasibility study we have shown this field being used for housing." It will be interesting to see if and when these proposals come before the Parish Council and the planners. Forewarned is forearmed and all that!



# BN on Tape!



A reminder that *Burton News* can be obtained on audio tape for those with a visual impairment.

Please contact Judith Ellis on 781057 for further details.

## **ADVERTISE IN BURTON NEWS**

Is your group or society organising an event or activity in Burton?

If so, tell us about it, and we'll advertise it for you for free!

See back page for how to contact us.

# **Annual Gift Subscriptions**

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# COMMUNITY INFO

### **SLDC Recycling Information**



Andy Vickers Customer Contact Centre on 0845 050 4434

email: recycling@southlakeland.gov.uk

# **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 742637

#### **SURGERY TIMES**

Dr JH Gorrigan

Monday 8.30am - 10.30am @ BMH

By appointment only. To make appointments please telephone 015395 63553

#### **Child Health Clinic**

1st Wednesday of each month 10.00 -11.00 am

No appointment necessary

Health Visitor: Shirley Bennett 015395 64887

# Cumbria County Council Highways Hotline 0845 609 6609

to report road or pavement problems

# **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 773520
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
KIDSCAPE 08451 205 204
CHILDLINE
FREEPHONE 0800 1111

# **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 email to 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-KENDA L

The **Parish Council** meets every month on the third Thursday in the month at 7.30 pm in the Burton Memorial Hall. Members of the public are always welcome to observe the proceedings. At each meeting there will be an opportunity for members of the public to voice their concerns, under agenda item **OPEN FORUM**. The Parish Council hopes that parishioners will take advantage of this.

**Planning applications:** Parishioners are asked to ensure they notify the PC as well as the planning authority of any comments or objections they have about any planning application within the parish.

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

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

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

# What's On?

See pages 24/25 for more Events Meetings and Activities

### **ADVANCE DIARY DATES**

Pre-School Masquerade Masked Ball, BMH, Saturday 5 July 7.30pm

Memorial Hall Management Committee Meeting, BMH, Thursday 17 July, 7.30pm

Stamp Fair, BMH - Sunday 20 July, 10am - 4pm

Open Garden, Pear Tree Cottage, Dalton - Sunday 20 July, 11am-5pm

Bracken, Cattle and Rare Beauties, wildlife walk, Sunday 24 August, 2-5pm

Burton Fun Run, Sunday 14 September

**MacMillan Big Coffee Morning**, Friday 26 September (details from Susan Williamson)

Stamp Fair, BMH - Sunday 5 October, 10am - 4pm

Pre-School Hallowe'en Party, BMH, - Sunday 26 October

**BADS Autumn Play, BMH**, - Fri 20 & Sat 21 November (NOTE CORRECTED DATES!)

Sports Committee Bingo, BMH - Thurs 27 November

Memorial Hall Bingo, BMH - Thurs 4 December

Pre-School Bingo, BMH - Fri 12 December

Pre-School Coffee Morning, BMH - Sat 13 December

Bowling Club Bingo, BMH - Fri 19 December



Depends on You

#### **BMH = Burton Memorial Hall**

# **KEEP US IN THE NEWS!**

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!

### YOU TELL US, WE TELL BURTON



### **BURTON NEWS**

Please send us your letters - articles - events news - stories - recipes etc for publication

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

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