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...to let the BMH committee know what you want from the Hall and what you think should be done about improving the Hall itself.

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 February 2009 Issue 178

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Dear BN

### **Farewell to Burton**

After 20 very happy years living in Burton-in-Kendal, we have finally moved on. Not to the soft South as we'd always imagined, but further north again, to Hexham in Northumberland. We had some doubts in early December when frost and snow came for a few days and getting down the hill into town without a 4-wheel drive proved a hair-raising experience, but perhaps no worse than Neddy Hill, just a tad longer.

We have no Akis and Gill with newspapers and groceries and the odd tasty Greek treat and no Bryn the butcher with delicious pies and chops just a few steps from our door. No Mr Donaghue in the Hall car park with his fresh-off-the-boat fish every Tuesday and no Bridge Club, no Soft Tennis and no Tennis Club all within a few hundred yards.

However, this is our new adventure and when we can get down the hill, which we hope will be more often than not, everything is here and we are really looking forward to making Hexham our home. The natives are friendly and the omens are good, but we shall so miss the kindness and company of old friends and neighbours and shall always remember our time in such a lovely Cumbrian village.

Roy and Pat Johnson

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Dear BN,

### **"Poo Village!"**

I would like to bring to the attention of everyone in Burton who owns dog/ dogs. During my walks with my own dogs, I have noticed a great deal of dog mess on pavements and grass, I am getting fed up of literally putting my foot in it. It makes me very angry when I go to the trouble of cleaning up after my own dogs when other people cannot be bothered.

Dog mess is a biological hazard, especially to children. The amount of mess left is unbelievable, its a shame because Burton was a nice village, and it is now being spoilt by dog mess.

There are signs in Burton asking people to clean up otherwise they risk a fine, these are being ignored and I would ask the members of the parish council to act before Burton becomes 'poo village'. Thank you

Name and address withheld

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The user groups of BMH will soon be asked to fill in a questionnaire about their membership and plans etc., but what about the individuals in our area who rarely or never use our facilities? Perhaps their views are even more relevant - why don't they use them?

So, if you have an opinion or a "wish list" of changes for the Hall, please let us know and we may be able to incorporate some of them into our plans for the Hall's future.

Letters, notes, scribbles on the back of an envelope, architectural drawings etc etc - whatever format you like! - but please do respond! There will be a collection box in Burton Village Stores (what would we do without them?) to leave your comments in.

H.N.

# Thanks!

Thank you for the generous donation, of £950, to the Oncology Unit Patient Fund at Royal Lancaster Infirmary from the 2008 Burton Onion Show. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated and I wish to thank you on behalf of Morecambe Bay Hospitals Charity and the staff on the Unit.

Clare Woodhead,  
Charities and Fundraising Accountant

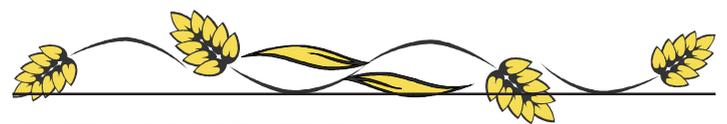
## Cumbria Library Home Delivery Service

At the recent Neighbourhood Forum meeting we were reminded that Cumbria Libraries has a home delivery service for those people who are unable to visit a library themselves, due to ill health or mobility problems, and who have no-one to go on their behalf.

The home delivery service is free to anyone who needs it, and covers books in both large and normal size print, talking books on cassette and CD, videos and DVDs, and music on CD.

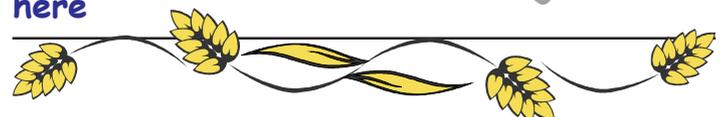
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For more details please contact Kendal Library on 01539 713520 or, if you have internet access, you can email them at [kendal.library@cumbriacc.gov.uk](mailto:kendal.library@cumbriacc.gov.uk).



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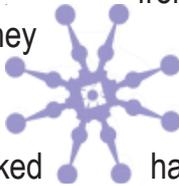
# Outdoors

This year for once midwinter rose, or froze, to the occasion. A fortnight of sub-zero nights gave us roofs and fields hoary with rime in the morning and ice like scratched steel along the canal. As the poet said,

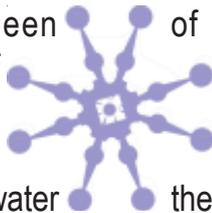
*Lord, the Roman hyacinths are blooming in bowls and  
The winter sun creeps by the snow hills;  
The stubborn season has made stand.  
My life is light, waiting for the death wind  
Like a feather on on the back of my hand...*



As a friend said, 'The trouble with poets is that they make everything sound worse.' (We were perching on a huge gale-swept granite slab on Lundy Island in the Bristol Channel and I'd remarked that 'This wind finds the bone.')



This year, happily, the season has been seasonable, after the rains and muds of 2008. Zero air chaps the finger-ends and stings the cheeks like fire. Swans plod, slipping, along the ice looking for a pool of water and when they find one, they crunch down into it through the thin ice round its edge. Seed clusters hang limp from ash trees like roosting bats. Steam fumes up from Beetham paper mill and mingles with layers and webs of fog as grey as pigeons. The stench of slurry broods in the air with not a breath to disturb it.



Boxing Day. The woods on Burton Knott stood becalmed, like survivors still stunned and only semi-conscious. Ash saplings, their grey wands naked and smooth. Scots pines bristling like bears. Hollies glistening as though each leaf had been polished. The thickets of hazel and rowan between the summit plain and the Clawthorpe/Lupton road held up their fringe of branches and twigs like the braird of a giant corn-crop or its charred stubble. In the west a cloudbank stretched from north to south like the shore of some tide which had lost the urge to either flow or ebb.

The cloud-wrack loosened and light filtered through in yellow chinks and gleams. A fissure opened directly in front of the sun, which stared at us like a golden eye between grey lids. Too late for it to sharpen shadows, let alone evaporate the dew on grass-blades and mosses. By Boxing Day it had stiffened into white fur. Each water-drop on juniper and hazel had turned into a glass bead. And that is usually as white a Christmas as we get, in spite of Bing's long-running dream or Sinatra's jolly exhortations.

The twenty years of my weather diary show that the usual winter solstice weather is droopy - calm and overcast twelve times; frost (not severe) six times; strong winds twice; snow flurries twice. Deep snow and skatable ice at this time are almost as much a myth as Santa with his reindeer or the virgin birth of Jesus in a manger. So the stories spin on century after century, serenely indifferent to the evidence.

We had a foretaste of this on Christmas Eve and

*David Craig*

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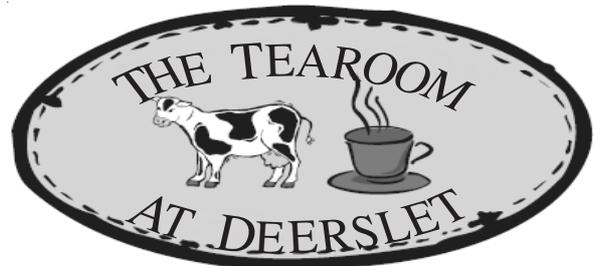
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## SOUTH LAKELAND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK ALLOCATIONS OF LAND DPD

As you may be aware, South Lakeland District Council is in the process of replacing the old Local Plan with a new Local Development Framework (LDF). The LDF will cover the areas of the District outside of the National Park boundaries. The requirement to produce a LDF was established by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, which came into force in September 2004. The LDF will not be a single document but will instead comprise a portfolio of documents (consisting of Development Plan Documents - DPDs - and Supplementary Planning Documents - SPDs). One of these documents is the Allocations of Land DPD.

### **Allocations of Land DPD discussion paper**

The Allocations of Land DPD will form a key element of South Lakeland's LDF. Whilst the Core Strategy will specify how much development should take place in the District and, in general terms, in what locations; the Allocations of Land DPD will expand upon this, concentrating on detailed non-strategic issues and identifying specific sites for development. These will cover the whole range of relevant land uses, including not only housing and employment but also areas such as new tourism facilities, open space, gypsy and traveller sites and community facilities. The Development Plans Team is currently gathering information on sites that may potentially be suitable for accommodating the District's housing, employment and other development requirements. Some of these potential development sites have been submitted to the Council for consideration through the LDF process. Others have emerged as part of evidence base studies such as the Employment and Housing Land Search Study and the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment. No decisions have been made yet and not all suggested sites will be developed. The amount of land to be allocated in each settlement will be dependent on the spatial strategy being advanced in the Core Strategy, which is due for publication in July 2009.

The Council's Development Plans Team has prepared an informal discussion paper to raise awareness of, and interest in, South Lakeland's emerging Allocations of Land DPD. The discussion paper invites comments on the suitability of the potential sites identified so far and invites all parties to put forward any sites not already

identified that may be suitable for development. Comments relating to sites in the earlier Core Strategy Preferred Options consultation will be taken into account in assessing sites and need not be repeated. A copy of the discussion paper and copies of the plans showing sites already under consideration are available for inspection during normal opening hours at South Lakeland House, Lowther Street, Kendal, and in the libraries at Kendal, Kirkby Lonsdale and Milnthorpe.

All the background studies that are influencing the production of the Allocations of Land DPD will be made available at these inspection points as and when they are completed. The discussion paper and copies of the plans can also be downloaded from the Council's website.

### **Allocations of Land DPD draft scoping report**

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 is explicit that in preparing local development documents (such as the Allocations of Land DPD) that we must carry out an appraisal of the sustainability of the proposals and prepare a report of the findings of the appraisal. The sustainability appraisal process will inform the evaluation of alternative sites in the Allocations of Land DPD and provide a powerful means of proving to decision makers and the public that the plan sets out the most appropriate sites given all reasonable alternatives. A key milestone in the commencement of the development plan document is considered to be the point where the council consults on the scope of the sustainability appraisal process. The Scoping Report records the process of deciding on the range and level of detail for the sustainability appraisal, including the methods to be used, the likely sustainability effects and the overall structure and contents of the Sustainability Appraisal Report. The scoping report is available for inspection at the same locations as the discussion paper and can also be downloaded from the Council's website.

### **General**

Please send any comments you may have on the discussion paper or the sustainability appraisal scoping report to [developmentplans@southlakeland.gov.uk](mailto:developmentplans@southlakeland.gov.uk) no later than the end of February 2009. For any other queries please contact the Development Plans Team on 01539 717359. Council website is at [www.southlakeland.gov.uk](http://www.southlakeland.gov.uk)

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## *Roger Reports...*

Climate spoiled the old year and has set off the New Year miserably as well. Having had the least sun in August for fifty years the 24 September and the 25 October gave us the two wettest days for ten years and the worst ever flooding in Burton Main Street. In the first week of December we had severe and dangerous ice. In the resulting emergency debate we were informed that in 24 hours 480 salt bins had been filled and 1,900 heaps of salt dumped and that gritting 'on essential routes' cost an extra £108,000. Even so we were not satisfied, especially when it was rumoured that two loaded salt lorries were apparently locked in the Milness Depot when they could have been out gritting. We believe that extreme icy conditions should be treated as a civil disaster, like in the Carlisle floods, which would enable the full emergency services to be used. In the meantime I gave the highways department a list of vulnerable places in Burton, though it took them some time to discover the position of the salt heap on Morewood Drive.

Along with the Parish Council I have asked for pedestrian warning and 'deer' signs for Dalton Lane and also that the drain at Church Bank to be inspected thoroughly this time. Unfortunately two signs for Hutton Roof which I had asked to be repainted were replaced instead. It now turns out that they were amongst the oldest in the County - so I'm trying to retrieve them.

The economic climate looks as bad as the weather. Political parties tell us not to put the Council Taxes up yet we are told to spend our way out of recession so we should not cut back on capital schemes. Fortunately some county schemes like the new Cumbria Archives centre and school rebuilding as at Dallam and QES are already budgeted, as is the mainly privately financed K-Village scheme in Kendal. Over 60% of capital funding can come from Government or external sources especially if job creation is involved - but

finding the shortfall is the main problem especially when tax and other income is reduced. Also bad times put pressure on services, with more claimants for housing benefits, free school meals etc.

I have asked for information about house repossessions and have supported an upgrade in the homeless persons hostel at Town View Fields. South Lakeland's population is growing. From 103,000 in 2009 population figures are forecast to grow to 129,000 in 2029. Demography underpins all we do or try to do - hence the LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK.

Over 2000 letters and e-mails were sent to SLDC following the unheralded publication of draft proposals in May. A further discussion paper has now been published and comments are invited. It is stressed that 'No decisions have yet been made and not all suggested sites will be developed'. Generally areas for consideration are the same as in the earlier draft and include residential and employment land west of Station Road and St. James' Drive; a large area east of Morewood and patches on Church Bank and north of the Church. Comments should be sent to SLDC by the end of February. A revised draft will then be published in July. This will be the main opportunity for detail comments which should be submitted by end of October 2009. A core strategy and site allocation as modified by public consultation will then be submitted to the Secretary of State. There will then be a Public Examination (inquiry) probably in January 2010. This could take some time and might postpone the projected deadline of April 2010 for the Secretary of State's decision to be announced. But as the Spring of 2010 could be General Election time there might be further delays. So we have to be patient and prepared. In the meantime I'll try and keep you informed of the ever changing timescales and proposals. For further information please consult Stephen Ottiwell, Acting Development Plans Manager, SLDC, South Lakeland House, Kendal, LA9 4DL, telephone 01539 717490 or email: [developmentplans@southlakeland.gov.uk](mailto:developmentplans@southlakeland.gov.uk).

We may have a fight on our hands! In the mean time have a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

*Roger*



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## Going Green - Feb '09

The Diary of an Eco-Worrier

### The gift of gold...

A copy of National Geographic lies unread on the table. I tidy up around it. It's been there for weeks; a reminder of Christmas past. Carbonlite wanders into the room and sprawles down on the sofa. I grab the magazine. "I'll just take this for recycling," I say pointedly. "But you haven't read it yet," he exclaims. "It's my magazine," I tell him. My only Christmas present. I start to flick through it, grumbling under my breath how friends got expensive handbags and gold jewellery, while I got a magazine. Not even a year's subscription, just a magazine. Even baby Jesus got gold for Christmas. A pair of M and S slippers would have been fine. Why does even my Christmas present have to be an education?

At the recycling bin, I pause. Something in this glossy magazine is glinting at me. It's a global obsession that's worth more than human life. A glittering industry that's rotten to the core. In the world's most remote places, whole families risk their lives so we can have cheap earrings. To extract a single ounce of gold, the amount in a typical wedding ring, 250 tons of rock and ore are taken from the ground, from vast open pit mines where accidents are commonplace, and chemical or mercury poisoning is a daily hazard. Villagers in the high altitudes of Peru work for 30 days a month for free; dirty, backbreaking work, without any pay. On the 31<sup>st</sup> day their reward is a single shift, of four hours or maybe a little more, where they are granted permission to haul out and take away as much rock as their shoulders can bear. With a bit of luck this sack may contain nuggets galore and make them instant millionaires. More commonly it contains nothing, or perhaps a few dollars of gold flecks which will barely feed their family, once miller and merchant have been paid.

All that human misery and exploitation. But what of the environment? Thanks to huge mining corporations, the gold now left in our world only exists as traces in remote and fragile corners. What was once untouched rainforest housing thousands of species is now razed

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and turned into pits that can be seen from space. Diggers carry out tons of earth each day in the search for the golden grail. The gold is processed with the help of mercury, and the chemical effluent is piped straight to the bottom of the sea.

I fiddle with my wedding ring. I take it off. I roll it around in my palm, examining its texture and shape for the first time in years. I look at how the light falls on it, and smile when I read the inscription. Sure, it's precious. Sure it's valuable. The question is, is this symbol of our union worth the human and environmental sacrifice that it took to make it? I put it on the table. I leave the room. My ring finger feels strange. I haven't taken my wedding ring off in almost a decade. Ten years? Where did that go. "I'm going for a bath. I've left something on the table for you," I call to Carbonlite in the living room. He'll either think I've read the feature and be pleased I've decided to do something about it, or he'll think I'm leaving him, and might reassess what I'm worth.

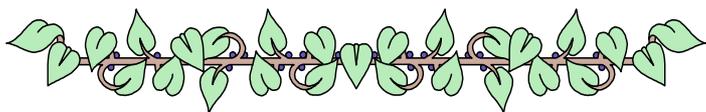
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## An Opinion...

Comments on the goings-on at the  
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"What's the Q for?" (A great big Q for Quality Status.)  
And the Parish Council embarks on its latest Village  
Plan. As An Opinion settles into a daydream based on  
the suggestions discussed and mostly rejected or  
whittled away at the meeting - but one thing all were  
agreed on - it would be nice to have the old-style red  
phone box back in the Square...

"What's the matter, Roper?"

"I don't understand this you've written on my Design  
essay, Miss."

"That's a 'Q', Roper."

"What's Q for, Miss?"

"It stands for Quite, Roper."

"Oh. Thank you, Miss."

"And while you're here, Ropey, er, Roper, I don't mind  
taking time out of my dinner hour to discuss your essay  
on the Design For The Playground."

"Didn't you like it, Miss?"

"Well, Ropey - sorry, Roper, I liked the idea of a red  
telephone box in the staff carpark. Now that WAS a  
good idea. And you're quite right, the lamp on the  
school War Memorial does need attention. But most  
of your suggestions just aren't practical. Take your idea  
of garden plots for the students. Well, there just isn't  
any room anywhere at all, what with the cost of land  
and all that."

"What about the field above the tennis courts, Miss?"

"No, sorry, Roper. Balls all mixed up in the brussels  
sprouts. They just don't go together."

"Could there be a place anywhere in the village where  
we could have our football matches?"

"No, Roper. We've got that already. A perfectly good  
football field. It's been there since I was at school here.  
And there's plenty of room for your scooters and  
bicycles to park there."

"How about a safe footpath for walking home to  
Clawthorpe, Miss?"

"For goodness' sake, Roper. What's wrong with your  
mother's 4x4? But it just might be worth considering in  
the future. When you're Head Boy or something. And

look here, Roper, you can't expect a footpath from Tewitfield. Boarders who walk back to school late at night must take their chance - wear bright clothes, or something. They should be supporting the local hostelry in any case; I hope you're not an under-age drinker, by the way?"

"Only the communion wine, Miss."

"Yes, well. We could think about a footpath from Heronsyke. Handy for the new bus shelter at the top of Tarn Lane. Would that help?"

"A bit, Miss."

"The important thing, Roper - and I give you credit for this - is that you have given the matter some thought, and most of all you've PRODUCED ANOTHER REPORT. What's more, as you have emphasised more than once, you DON'T GET PAID FOR YOUR HOMEWORK, even if it is part of your Community Service. Where did your ideas come from, by the way?"

"I asked some of the other students, Miss."

"I thought as much. Not always the best course of action, Roper. But luckily I'm here to sort you out. Next time remember to stick to generalities."

"Er... I thought perhaps something for the teenagers, Miss?"

"Good idea, Roper. You're getting the picture. Keep it general. And keep the little perishers as far away from the school buildings as possible. It's all very well going on about youthful exuberance, football supporters, that sort of thing.... Look, Roper, I've really got to go, I'm meeting the senior staff down at the pub. Retirement Do."

"Thank you Miss. And Miss...?"

"What is it now, Roper?"

"That little 'd' at the bottom of the page. What's it for?"

"It's for 'Disappointing. 'Qd', you see. Quite Disappointing. Off you go."

A.S.



"What's the Queue For?"  
"Promises, promises."



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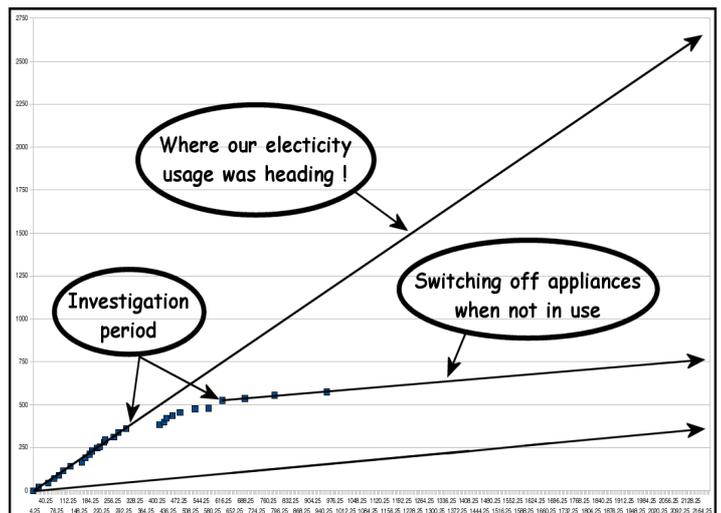
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## Turn It Off!

Yes we've had all the advice about how to save on our electricity costs, fitting low energy bulbs, not leaving lights on etc etc and it has to be said that a lot of us are probably fed up with this being pushed at us all the time. I know we were, but ever-rising bills forced a re-think and at least a little bit of investigation!

So, with energy monitor in hand (a snip at only £7 as it turns out) and creating a spreadsheet as things progressed, I went about the task of seeing just what difference could be made. The results astounded all of us and prompted this article.

Bearing in mind that a picture is worth a thousand words the graph below shows the electricity use based on regular meter readings (the square dots on the graph.) It covers 92 days which is the average billing quarter length.



The three lines with arrow heads say it all. From the start of the quarter the first one shows how much we were consuming and what we could expect to be paying for - around 2600 units.

Then came a few hectic days switching off various items and more importantly, as it became apparant, removing power totally by switching off at the wall socket.

The second line shows how our electricity use has dropped after making sure that standby mode was not used or switching off totally at wall sockets. The one thing that stands out through all this was the discovery

that many appliances draw an appreciable amount of electricity even when the 'off' button is pressed and are not left on standby either, just being plugged into a live wall socket is enough!

The third line shows how the quarter's usage would have been if we'd started this from day 1 - the drop is quite astounding and all the more so when our overall use of appliances has not changed one bit. That's right, computer, TV, microwave etc are being used the same amount.

So our expected quarterly consumption has dropped from around 2600 units to less than 500 - that's over 80% reduction, no small difference!

Is there a downside ? Yes, in that many TV's / Video Recorders / Freeview Boxes do not like being totally powered off and will complain about a power interruption when switched back on again. This will mean re-setting time clocks and re-scanning freeview / satellite channels. The good news here is that manufacturers are now waking up to the fact that users are going to be needing devices that keep their settings when there's no power and either building that into the design or ensuring an extremely low power drain in that standby mode.

Question is, does the inconvenience of having to reset things outweigh the reduction in energy bills? We would rather see our electricity bill cut by 80% or more and can put up with a little inconvenience for that.

Many of us have power sockets in hard to reach places (we have too) and again for a small outlay it's possible to get remote control switches that allow turning off power without having to scramble behind cabinets / bookcases etc which makes it even easier to switch them off and save money!

BJM

PS: Why not give it a try and let BN know how much you save if you do this!

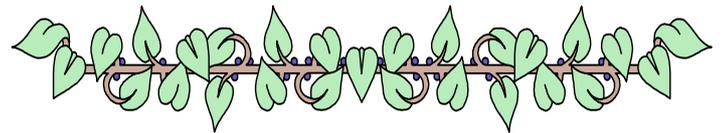


## BURTON AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

**The BADS Variety Performance –  
Volunteers required!**

The dates for our next production, as you may well be aware, are Friday 21 March and Saturday 22 March. Once again, we are looking at doing something a little bit different. Our intention is to keep the 'Come and Dine with Us' theme and give you a hot supper in between the entertainment. And here's the difference. We will provide the second half entertainment with a one act radio play and we wondered if there is anyone out there who has a 'party piece' to share with us and the village? We are hoping to provide about an hour's worth of sketches (watch out for The Goons), music (Frank Sinatra may be visiting), monologues (thank you Roger), recitals, dance (anyone?) etc. linked to the radio age. So if you have something you feel would like to contribute, please get in touch asap. Time and age no limit and learning lines unnecessary! We are now rehearsing every Monday and Thursday at the Memorial Hall. Everyone welcome.

Phone: Alyson Yates 781498 or Fliss Holloway 781704  
Tickets will be on sale from 1 March.



## W.I. NEWS

Our January meeting was an interesting talk by the Forensic Science Manager of Cumbria Police, which eighteen members attended.

12 February is the date of our next meeting when Kirsty Pelling will talk about *Cumbria Life*. Kirsty is a Burton resident. Do come along and hear her, visitors are always welcome. For more details please contact Helena Nixon on 781048.

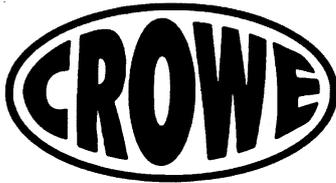
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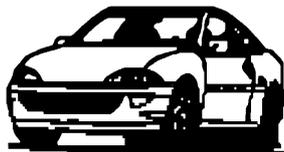
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by Roger Bingham*

**BURTON NEWS 1909  
A QUIET YEAR WITH A  
MURDER AT THE END!**

**JANUARY**

The Carnforth Band visited the village and played seasonal music in 'their usual pleasing style'. The New Year began with the worst blizzards for ten years followed by seven degrees of frost. William Bell, a labourer from Holme, was fined 10s for being drunk and disorderly at Burton. Though a married man he was 'thoroughly idle and never stuck to work for many days together'.

**FEBRUARY**

The Rev F.W. Carpenter accepted a transfer to Frissington in West Cumberland but a week later changed his mind. His decision was 'received with a general feeling of satisfaction'. Miss Elizabeth Burtholme of The Park, Burton married Mr Matthew Hindson of Holme Park. The bride wore a 'travelling costume' and 'the happy pair amid a shower of rice and confetti received a hearty send off for their honeymoon'.

**MARCH**

After several meetings involving lawyers the trustees of the Burton Educational Foundation agreed to 'allocate one fifth of John Hutton's charity money to the parish of Beetham which would satisfy any moral and legal claim'. The charity also awarded scholarships of £30 for Secondary Education to Thomas Dobson and Catherine Wilding of Burton and to Mabel Prill of Holme.

**APRIL**

The Parish Council complained to Westmorland County Council about the 'unsatisfactory state of the footpaths through the village, that Boon Town Lane had been damaged by flooding and that the canal company had not installed a light on the aqueduct near the Station. The Railway company agreed to install oil lamps at the station costing £1:12s:5d each providing

the Council paid for the oil. The Council also made a grant of £20 for the street gas lamps. On Good Friday 'Dustalbo applied to the roads proved efficacious in allaying the dust nuisance caused by the large amount of Bank Holiday motor traffic which made pedestrianism tolerable.'

#### MAY

On Empire Day - the 24 May - 'lessons appropriate to the occasion were given to the scholars' prior to a special church service. Afterwards the school children paraded through the village to The Square where three hearty cheers were roused for the King and Queen. A Party of Mothers from St Luke's Skerton, Lancaster, were entertained to afternoon tea in Morewood School followed by a 'shortened evensong' and a tour of Dalton Hall gardens.

#### JUNE

'Notwithstanding the gloomy aspect of the weather a large number of children, with parents and friends in holiday attire went on their annual picnic to the venue at Morecambe. The journey took half an hour and oranges were given to the children on passing out of the station'. Mr Richard Jackson of Hutton Roof was badly injured when his horse bolted at Burton coal wharf.

#### JULY

Heavy rain caused widespread flooding. A 'valuable mare' belonging to Thomas Pennell of Burton was drowned in a moss dyke. The animal had apparently struggled to extricate herself and, becoming fast, was drowned in the rising waters. A collection was made for the new 'Westmorland home for advanced consumptives at Meathop'. The Church Choir went on a trip by train to Blackpool. 'Dinner was at noon at Parker's Restaurant and many places of amusement were visited'.

#### AUGUST

Only a year after the start of the movement the 'Baden Powell Scouts' camped in a field belonging to Mr Cornthwaite at Clawthorpe Hall. At a parade 'a large Union Jack presented to the Burton and Holme Boy's Brigade by Major Hornby of Dalton Hall was unfurled. After singing the National Anthem and giving hearty

cheers for the King and the Empire the two companies accomplished a march past in good order'. The Brigade won a cricket match with a score of 113 to 77. The Vicar was unable to attend as he was in bed following a bicycling accident at the Stone Quarry, Dalton.

#### SEPTEMBER

Mr Atkinson was appointed conductor of the Burton Musical Society and immediately began rehearsals for the Westmorland Music Festival to be held the next spring. The half yearly meeting of the Furness and Lake District branch of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers was held in the ringing chamber in Burton church tower.

#### OCTOBER

During feverish speculation that a General Election was about to be called, the Conservative candidate Captain Bagot of Levens Hall visited Burton several times. A party from Burton went to Blackpool for the 'Aviation Week'. Everybody wondered how long it would be before an aeroplane would be seen over Burton (this occurred in 1914.) Following three weeks of rain the Moss roads and surrounding fields were submerged. Trains halted at Burton and Holme Station after the line had been blocked by a landslip at Hest Bank.

#### NOVEMBER

The Vicar gave a lantern lecture about Dr. Barnado's Homes. 'Many beautiful views of the interiors and exteriors of the homes and of the work carried out there were cast on the screen.' At the Martinmas Hirings for farm labourers the wages for six month's work were £16-£18 for first class men; second class £12-£15; youths £4-£10. Female servants were scarce - so the rate was raised to £4-£8 - 'all with full board and washing.'

#### DECEMBER

'Burton the quiet straggling village eleven miles from Kendal on the Lancaster road' hit the headlines when an 'old woman was strangled to death'. The victim was 74 years old Mrs Ann Robson and the 'murderer' was her daughter in law Mary Robson the wife of William Robson a Newcastle Solicitor. The family had come to live at Reader House in Main Street two years previously as it was thought that the younger Mrs

Robson, who suffered from 'hysteria and hallucinations', would benefit from a quieter place. The tragedy was discovered by 14 years old Arnold Robson who coming home from school at dinner time was 'met by his mother who told him "I have killed Grannie."' The women had been making bread and there was an upset kettle on the kitchen floor where the grandmother was lying. She had dark coloured marks on her neck and her clothing was disarranged indicating that a struggle had taken place. The younger woman was taken to the police station at Milnthorpe where a Coroner's Jury found that she had committed 'wilful murder'. The Coroner explained that it would be for a higher court to decide if her mental condition could be taken into account in determining a final verdict. 'The funeral of Mrs Ann Robson took place on Tuesday. There were no followers as the coffin was borne to the church but it was joined by Mr Robson and his brother-in-law.' Meanwhile, that Christmas, Burton waited to see if one of their fellow residents would meet the hangman in the New Year.

# CLOSEUP



The front porch of Ivy Cottage looks a little different now as the satellite dish has been moved, but it's still recognisable !

This one may test your powers of observation a little more ?

Clue: Almost the same in colour as in monochrome !



Answer and a new one in next month's BN (space permitting)

Drop us a line if you find this, first one gets a mention (and maybe their picture?) in BN.

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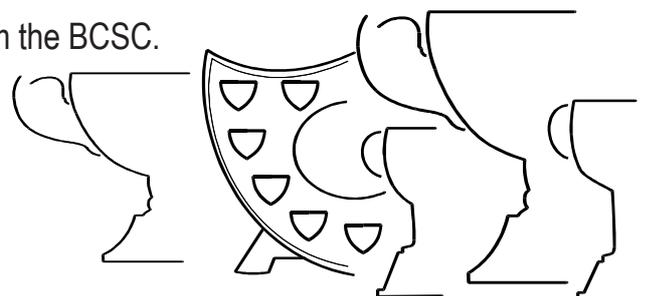
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## Burton Children's Sports Committee

### SPORTS DAY 2009

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## Cumbria Police News

### Police Notes from the Neighbourhood Forum

Sergeant Sizer, based at Milnthorpe Police Station, explained the area covered by the Rural Team and suggested that, with crimes few and far between, it was a pretty safe place to live. He explained the make-up of the rural team – 1 inspector, 3 sergeants and 20 police constables, plus back-up from motorway patrols, CID, dog handlers, and air support from Lancashire. He suggested it was now better policed than at some points in the past.

Sergeant Sizer said members of the team try to attend as many community meetings as they can and are also willing to talk to groups. They do a lot of work with primary schools as well as Dallam, Settlebeck and Queen Elizabeth Secondary Schools, giving a fairly blunt message on issues relating to alcohol and drugs. He acknowledged it was hard to quantify the success of such work, but felt it did have an impact.

Sergeant Sizer mentioned issues relating to 'boy racers' and drugs, and Councillor Bingham added that whilst Milnthorpe and Burton were currently enjoying 'quiet' patches, other villages were not. Sergeant Sizer commented that the drug-related issues mainly involved people in their 20s, not younger people.



### **HOOIGANS RETURN FOR IRISH NIGHT!**

The Kerry Hooligans are back from Ireland to do their 9<sup>th</sup> charity event in Burton Memorial Hall for local organisations on Saturday 7 February.

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## *The Vicar Writes...*

### **Mark This! Introducing our new church worker**

To help us in our work with children and young people, St James and Holy Trinity have employed Mark Capstick as our church youth worker. Here's an interview we conducted with Mark so that you can know a bit of his background and what makes him tick.

What family do you have? I'm married to Helen and we have two daughters, Lauren who is 13 and attends Queen Elizabeth School and Naomi who is 10 and goes to Burton Morewood.

What is your background? I was born into a farming family and brought up in Newbiggin-on-Lune, near Kirkby Stephen. On leaving school, I worked on the family farm until 2000 when we moved to Kendal and I started my own building and landscaping business.

Do you have any hobbies? I enjoy football and currently play in the SportsReach League with Ingleton Methodists. I also love chilling out with Helen and the girls and going for walks with Murphy our dog.

When did you become a Christian? It was during evangelist Billy Graham's visit to England in the mid-1980's that I decided to follow Jesus. As a child I went to church with my parents and I always had a belief in God. But as I listened to the Bible's message at the Mission England meetings, I realised I'd been going against God in my life, I was putting other things in His place and I needed to turn back to Him by making a personal commitment to Christ. This involved accepting and trusting His work on the cross for me and giving my whole life to Him. So, that's what I did – I was 17. It was the defining moment of my life. I had a new perspective on life and goal in life. I saw that life is all about Jesus Christ and is meant to be lived with Him and for Him.

What's the best thing about being a Christian? There's so many things I could say. It's fantastic to know God as Father and be in a living relationship with Him. It's



such a joy and relief to know that because of Jesus' death my sins have been forgiven and I can be sure of being with God in heaven after I die. It's brilliant to know that I follow a risen Lord and, whatever happens in life, Jesus is with me all the time.

What led you from farming and building to Christian youth work? I loved both farming and building, but since becoming a Christian, I sensed that God might be wanting me at some stage to serve Him in another capacity. The opportunity to do that arose when Paul asked me to consider coming to work with the church in Burton and Holme. I've enjoyed teaching the Bible to children and teenagers in the churches I've attended and the thought of doing that full-time was exciting. I prayed about it, sought the counsel of other Christians and here I am. I love the job – what a privilege to share the Bible's message about Jesus with young people. It's great to be here.

It's great to have Mark, Helen, Lauren and Naomi with us. Look out for Mark at school, youth club and at church.

*Paul*

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### Sunday 8 February

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09.30am Family Service Burton  
11.00am Family Service Holme  
06.30pm Evening Church Burton

### Sunday 15 February

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

### Sunday 22 February

09.30am Morning Prayer (BCP) Burton  
10.00am Joint all-age Service Holme  
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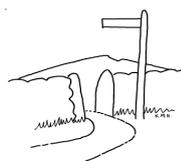
### February Meetings

- Fri 6 *People & Mountains of Lake Ladakey, Northern India*, by Boyd Harris. Raffle  
Fri 20 L&CPU Documentary Prints  
Fri 27 Members' Evening, The Jim Nicholson Competition: AV 4 mins maximum.

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## BURTON FELLWALKING SOCIETY

### February Walks

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Barbon (7½ miles)  
Sat 21 Feb - 9.30am  
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Wed 25 Feb \* - No Leader

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Thurs 26 Feb - 7.30pm  
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All walks: Meet in the Memorial Hall car park to arrange lifts & share transport to the starting point.  
(\* less than 5 miles at a gentle pace)

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



## Burton W.I. meeting at Burton Memorial Hall

### Cumbria Life

**Speaker: Kirstie Pelling**

**Thursday 12 February at 7.30pm**

Home-Made Valentine Card  
Hostesses: Alison Webb & Val Pilling

Contact: Helena Nixon 781048



## Holme & District Local History Society

**Thomas Mawson**  
**Landscape Architect 1866-1933**  
Speaker: Bettie Kissack

**Monday 16 February 7.30pm in BMH**

Visitors and new members welcome



## Burton Pre-School

### NEW TO YOU SALE

Saturday 14 March - 10am-12noon  
Burton Memorial Hall

30p entry fee for browsers

If you wish to sell please contact Helen Crayston 01524 781788 for an individual code and guidelines for sellers.  
Commission rate is 15%

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

**ADVERTISE  
YOUR GROUP'S EVENT  
HERE FOR FREE!**

**YOU TELL US,  
WE TELL BURTON...  
DEAL?**

# What's On?

See back page for more village events & activities

## County Library Van Times



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



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

Burton Memorial Hall

For more details tel. 782749

## Mobile Banking Service

Memorial Hall Car Park

Fridays 10.45am-11.30am

## Library Coffee Morning



Burton Memorial Hall

First Monday of every Month

**Come and Join Us!**



Burton Memorial Hall  
Registered Charity No. 505018

Notice of  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Thursday 30 April at 7.30pm

in the  
Burton Memorial Hall  
Main Street, Burton-in-Kendal



## Burton-in-Kendal Art & Craft Society

Monday 23 February at 7.30pm  
Burton Memorial Hall

**Mixed Media**  
Demonstration with Frances Winder

Visitors welcome: £2 per person

## Circuit Training

Every Monday at 7.15 pm  
BMH Main Hall

Every Friday at 6.15 pm  
BMH Reception Room

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

For further info call John 01524 781707



## Cancer Care Cafe

Last Friday of every month

at Slynedales, Slyne Rd, Lancaster  
(just over Beaumont Bridge)

Open for Tea and Coffee  
10.00 am - 12 noon

Free Parking  
Everybody Welcome!

Further details from 01524 381820

## BURTON MEMORIAL HALL

Registered Charity No. 505018

## Spring Table Top Sale & Car Boot Fair

Sunday 29 March  
8am start

To book your table/boot  
please ring  
Helen Dawson on  
01524 782277

Book early as spaces  
are limited!

In aid of BMH funds

# Editorial...



## Another year begins...

2009 marks the start of the 17<sup>th</sup> year that Burton News has been produced, and it's all down to the support of the people of Burton that we are still here. From the folks who read BN, the contributors (articles and donations) and the advertisers, everyone pulling together makes BN possible. On the subject of advertising, the success of BN means we have a permanent waiting list of businesses wanting to advertise so it's all the more important that current advertisers respond to their renewal notices promptly please.

## Thin issue...

You may have noticed that we have had to drop this issue to 24 pages and this has the effect of making your BN look a little 'advert heavy.' This is solely due to a lack of articles to print so please do put pen to paper, or fingers to keyboard, and send something in to us: since SLDC have ceased their monthly Recycling News column we have even more space to fill!

We do know that events have been held that were never advertised in BN. Remember that event notices are not charged for, all the organisers have to do is tell us what/when/where the event is happening and we'll do the rest.

## LDF - Have your say...

The thorny issue of the Local Development Framework rears its ugly head again as noted in Roger Bingham's Council News and our article on page 5. It appears that the 'possible' sites in Burton that were shown, and which were overwhelmingly rejected by anyone who saw them, are now listed as 'under consideration' in the next phase of the process so the same battles look set to be fought again. As ever, it's better to 'strike whilst the iron is hot' so now is the time to start making views known. Our article has all the contact details so have a look on page 5 - and get writing!

## BMH - Have your say here too...

Those of us who use Burton Memorial Hall are only too aware that the building is showing its age and the



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## 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

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

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

question of 'what to do about it' gets ever more urgent. To this end, the BMH management committee are asking villagers to let them know what they would like see happen regarding upgrades/changes to the building. Only by having a clear idea of the needs of all, users as well as non-users, can any meaningful plan be written up. Again, get your thinking caps on and get writing - see page 3 for more details.

AN & BJM



# COMMUNITY INFO



## SLDC Recycling Information

Andy Vickers  
Customer Contact Centre  
on 0845 050 4434  
email: [recycling@southlakeland.gov.uk](mailto: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**

1<sup>st</sup> 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**

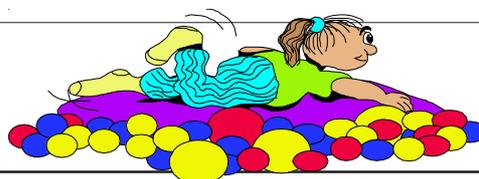
**to report road or pavement problems**

## 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 e-mail to [kendal.registeroffice@cumbriacc.gov.uk](mailto:kendal.registeroffice@cumbriacc.gov.uk)

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

To arrange a marriage contact the Kendal Registrar.

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

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

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

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

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



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

# What's On?

See pages 24/25 for more Events Meetings and Activities

## ADVANCE DIARY DATES

**Kerry Hooligans** - Saturday 7 February, BMH - tickets available now, see page 17

**Kent Estuary Neighbourhood Forum**, Tuesday 10 March, 7.30pm, Dallam School, Milnthorpe

**Burton Pre-school New To You Sale** - Saturday 14 March, 10-12, BMH,

**BADS Spring Production** - Friday 20 and Saturday 21 March, 7.30pm, BMH - see page 5

**Big Kids Day Out** - Sunday 29 March, Ice Skating Rink, Blackburn - see page 9

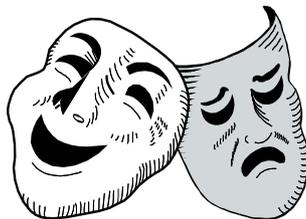
**BMH Table Top Fair & Car Boot Sale**, Sunday 29 March, 8am start, BMH - see page 21

**Daffodil Show 2009** - Easter Sunday 12 April, Kings Arms

**Burton Memorial Hall AGM**, Thursday 30 April, 7.30pm, BMH

**Burton Children's Sports Day**, Monday 25 May,

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## BURTON NEWS WHAT'S ON LISTINGS ARE FREE!

### TRY SOMETHING NEW!

There are activities galore in Burton so check out our What's On listings for this month's events and activities.

Fancy a change? Why not try something new for 2009 - all village groups welcome new members - there must be something you fancy having a go at!

### KEEP US IN THE NEWS!

If you are planning an event in Burton why not let us know and we'll add a free entry to our events list which we publish in every issue. This helps give your event more publicity and flags up potential clashes of dates for events. Let BN help you make the most of your event!

### YOU TELL US, WE TELL BURTON

#### The Kings Arms, Burton

Tel: 01524 781409

#### NEW OPENING HOURS FROM 13 FEB

Mon-Thur: Bar 11am-11.30pm, Food 12-2pm & 5-9pm

Fri-Sun: Bar 11am-1am, Food 12noon - 9pm

#### NEW MENUS

Credit Crunch Munch: Mon-Thur 5-7pm £4.95

Curry Night: Wed 7-9pm ~ Fishy Fry Day: Fri 12-9pm

Sunday Big Roast 12-7pm ~ Kids Menus

Round the World Dining - last Thur of the month

See our info board for more details

#### 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

#### LAST DATE FOR COPY FOR NEXT ISSUE

20 February for the March 2009 issue

Next Meeting (open to all readers)  
Wednesday 11 February 7pm in BMH