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Christmas Returns to Burton

with

The Burton Singers



Burton Memorial Hall

Saturday 17th December at 7:30pm

Doors open 7pm

Tickets from Burton Village Store

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Ticket includes glass of wine or soft drink

Raising money for local charities



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EDITORIAL

Well, it might be December, Christmas is coming etc. but we have to start the editorial with a celebratory WOW GEORGIA WILSON! Burton is proud of you and your women's rugby team. So sorry you didn't reach the final but it is no disgrace to lose to New Zealand!

We are also proud of our world champion mens 20/20 Cricket Team - although can't claim any Burton residents in that one!

Coming back to earth - this month sees a bumper edition of BN; thank you to Annabel for winter watch (page 16) and to Steve Thexton for another glimpse at the stars (page 14). George Robinson has more interesting finds (page 9) and there is a Christmas code puzzle on page 21.

Remaining on the Christmas theme - you are welcome to a carol singing evening at the King's Arms on the 8th December, the day of Santa's visit. The Burton Singers will be entertaining us in the Village Hall on the 17th; as advertised by Kath Hayhurst's beautiful drawing on our colour front page, which is generously donated by Clive Horsford. There is a Children's Christmas Party on 4th December - help still wanted for that - see page 11.

Unfortunately, concerns about the rising cost of living and the increasing numbers of families who are needing extra support are unavoidable at the moment. The editors contacted one of our local foodbanks (regularly listed in the BN) to see if they had particular needs over the Christmas period and you will see these on page 11.

Please would readers note that letters & articles must include a valid name & address. This can be withheld from publication on request. We will not publish any anonymous letters, or material which, in the opinion of the Editorial Committee, is of an offensive or defamatory nature. BN reserves the right to edit letters & articles in the interests of magazine space.

EDITORIAL (Continued)

If you can help - this would be very much appreciated. They will be putting together christmas packages around mid December.

Your Editors, and the whole Editorial Committee, express their sincere thanks to the Parish Council for agreeing to contribute to the funding of Burton News in 2023. The Councillors' commitment to aiding the continuation of a free, printed, copy of Burton News for every household is very much appreciated. Especially at a time when we are seeing a reduction in advertising income and inflation may threaten to impact on future donations or production costs.

Finally, we wish all our readers a peaceful Christmas, and all good wishes for the New Year. See you in February!

Fiona & Matthew

Readers'

LETTERS

Many thanks to all box holders of the Children's Society. This year we raised £230.86.

Thelma Aldridge

Please could you put a date in the diary for the Burton News. Come and join us for Christmas carols at the King's. Santa will be popping in to see everyone. It's on Thursday 8th of December at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a good Christmas carol sing along.

Many thanks, Sarah Hunter

Dear Editors
I would like to introduce myself (Sally) and my husband (Barry) to you all. We have recently taken the position of managers at the King's Arms.



We hope to meet you all and are happy to be here as part of your community. We are aware that the pub has had a period of instability with a lot of change but I hope that with time we will be able to make the King's the heart of the community, while also welcoming holiday makers and those just passing through.

Please check out our Facebook page where we will be advertising our December menu, join us for the World cup matches, or just pop in.

We are always happy to see you!

Regards

Sally and Barry Broderick

BURTON VILLAGE STORE - NORMAL OPENING HOURS

Monday - Friday

Shop: 6am - 5:30pm

Post Office : 9am - 5.30pm

Saturday

Shop: 6am to 5:30pm

Post Office: 9am to 12:30pm

Sunday

Shop: 7am - 12 noon

Post Office: Closed

**FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW
YEAR OPENING HOURS
SEE NEXT PAGE**

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A brief note from the Village Store & Post Office.....

As we approach the festive season, we would like to thank our colleagues for all their support in 2022 and our customers for their many good wishes. As always, if we can assist with your preparations for Christmas and the New Year, please ask.

We will once again have “Hamper Bags” that can be filled with a variety of itemsGreek Olive Oil & Vinegar, locally produced “Stormy Bay” gins, Sue Prickett’s unusual marmalades, fancy biscuits , “Alter/native” soaps & shampoo. The One-4-All Gift Cards and Amazon vouchers can be a quick solution to a difficult choice of present.

As usual we expect to have fresh produce available in the week before Christmas. If you would like to pre-order items, please contact us in early – mid December. Contact us on 01524 781828 or gill@burtonvillagestore.co.uk or of course pop in and speak to us in the shop.

We wish you and your family a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year
*Alison, James, Lindy, Nigel, Pam, Sonya, Sophie, Tony, Tracy,
Gill & Akis*

Burton Village Store & Post Office **Opening Hours Christmas & New Year 2022/23**

		SHOP	POST OFFICE
Mon – Fri	19 th - 23 rd Dec.	Normal Opening Hours	
Saturday	CHRISTMAS EVE	06:00 – 13:00	09:00 – 12:30
Sunday	CHRISTMAS DAY	CLOSED	
Monday	BOXING DAY	CLOSED	
Tuesday	27 th December	06:00 – 12:00	CLOSED
Wed - Fri	28 th - 30 th Dec	Normal Opening Hours	
Saturday	NEW YEAR’S EVE	06:00 – 13:00	09:00 – 12:30
Sunday	NEW YEAR’S DAY	CLOSED	
Monday	2 nd January	06:00 – 12:00	CLOSED
Tuesday	3 rd January	Normal Opening Hours Resume	

BURTON CALENDAR 2023

Last year, following successful sales of the 2022 Calendar, we were able to make a £100 donation to the St. John’s Hospice. This year’s calendar, once again, features photographs kindly donated by members of the village.

The 2023 calendars are now on sale at the Village Store and, once again, profits from the sale of these calendars will be donated to St John’s Hospice.

It's that time of year again..... A Note about Christmas Posting Dates 2022

Thursday 1 December	Australia and New Zealand
Friday 2 December	China (People's Republic)
Monday 5 December	Caribbean destinations (except British Virgin Islands, Dominica and Anguilla)
Wednesday 7 December	Africa, Asia (except China), Central and South America, Far and Middle East
Thursday 8 December	Cyprus and Malta
Friday 9 December	Greece, Eastern Europe (except Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia) and Turkey
Saturday 10 December	Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, Italy, Poland, Sweden, USA
Monday 12 December	Austria, Denmark, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland
Wednesday 14 December	Belgium, France, Luxembourg

UK Mail

2nd Class	Monday, 19 December
1st Class	Wednesday 21 December
Parcelforce Express48	Midday on Tuesday 20th December
Parcelforce Express24	Midday on Wednesday 21st December
Special Delivery	Thursday 22 December (or Friday 23rd with

'Can you help Burton Singers reach their target?'

Burton Singers have been in existence for almost 10 years. Unbelievable! How time flies when you're having fun!! During that time we have been raising money and donating to various charitable causes. This Christmas, our chosen charity is Suicide Bereavement Support.



Another incredible fact. We've almost reached £10,000 in donations!! Wouldn't it be the most marvellous coincidence if we could combine raising £10,000 for charity with our 10th Anniversary?

You can help us get there by buying tickets for our Christmas concert at Burton Memorial Hall on Saturday 17th September, 7.30pm. The tickets will be on sale at the Village Shop from Tuesday 6th December, £12, to include a free drink. And what do you get in return? The knowledge that you will have contributed to making others' lives a little better; you will have helped Burton Singers achieve their 'Double 10' target; you will be entertained and contribute to a fantastic evening's entertainment! It's a win-win situation!!

Thank you - Fliss Holloway



Burton, Holme, and District Local History Society

Monday December 19th 7.30 pm at B.M.Hall Talk titled:
'Lakeland Inscribed'

Unusual inscriptions and memorials found whilst fell walking in the Lake District including scenery and history. By Lynn Wilman MCLIP and Stephanie Lawton

Monday January 16th 7.30 pm. Talk titled:

"In the shadow of the Stuart Pretenders: the life of Francis Strickland 'Man of Moidart' (and Westmorland)" by Prof. Ian Hodgkinson

Members and Visitors welcome.



A full programme is available on the website
www.localhistory.burtonweb.org.uk

Contact, Chairwoman and Programme Co-ordinator Kath Hayhurst .

Tel. 01524 781613 email kathhayhurst84@gmail.com

New members welcome, Subscriptions are £12/year

Treasurer: Dorothy Spencer. Tel. 01524 781540

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Burton-in-Kendal Art and Craft Society For Demonstrations, Exhibitions, Talks and Workshops

The Craft Group meets Monday 12th December - 1:30 to 4pm B.M.H.
The Art Group meets Fridays 2nd, 9th and 16th December

In Jan 2023....

Art every Friday 9.30am to 12.00noon

Craft Monday Jan.9th 1.30 to 4.00pm

Saturday, January 28th.10.00am - 4.00pm

Monoprint/Collage. Workshop with Caren Threlfall

New and existing members only.



To join the Society contact the Treasurer Paula Firth.

Tel 01524 571997, email p.c.firth@hotmail.com or mobile:07488 328464
or Chairwoman and Programme Co-ordinator Kath Hayhurst .





Burton Women's Institute

At the November Meeting of Burton WI, our original speakers having cancelled, Andrea Bell, our Vice President, stepped in and gave us a very interesting and amusing talk on her sixth job – which was managing the Witness Support Service at Bradford Crown Court.

November was a busy month for the WI – On Wednesday 23rd November twenty five members travelled to Kendal College for a Christmas Lunch. Our 'Warm-up for Christmas' Mince Pie, Mulled Wine and Coffee Morning took place on Saturday 26th at BMH with Gift and Cake Stalls; tombola and raffle. The November Competition for a scent bottle was won by Paula Firth with Glenis Smith second and the raffle was won by Liz Ray with Glenis second again.

Our next meeting on the 8th December will be our Party Night with Buffet Supper. The hostesses will be the Committee. There will be no Competition. If you wish to join the W.I. please contact our Honorary Secretary, Helena Nixon on 01524 7871048

Burton Fellwalkers

Burton Fell Walkers aim to do three walks each month, except in December. New walkers are always welcome, come and join us! Contact our Secretary Sarah Walker via the website <http://fellwalkers.burtonweb.org.uk> or on 01524 923528.

DECEMBER

Sunday 11th - 1pm - Mince Pie Walk - Burton - 5 miles

JANUARY

Sunday 1st – 11am - Rusland Valley Woods – 6 miles (Moderate)
Wednesday 18th 10am – Burton-in-Kendal – under 5 miles (Easy)
Saturday 21st – 9am – Preston Patrick – 7 miles (Moderate)



BURTON MEMORIAL HALL 200 CLUB DRAW FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

FIRST	£24	A Murphy
SECOND	£14	J. Jones
THIRD	£10	J. Gilfellow

Anyone wishing to join the 200 Club,
please contact J Orr on bmh200club@outlook.com
Or call 01524 784 939

Cost £12 per number for a year (12 draws)

Why not buy a year's subscription to the 200 Club for £12 as a birthday gift for a family member or friend? If you already have a number, why not buy another and increase your chances of a win?

The Word From BURTON MEMORIAL HALL

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Christmas Market last month, it was great to see so many people in the hall: browsing and buying from the stallholders, exploring the used books stall, enjoying Jan's wonderful food, and trying their luck on the sealife tombola. Congratulations to those who won new cuddly friends to take home with them.

By the time this issue reaches you we will already have started the Christmas Bingo nights at the hall - the dates in December are Thursday 1st, Friday 9th and Friday 16th. For all of them the doors open at 6.30pm, with eyes down at 7.30pm. We will have great prizes, plus a raffle, and tasty refreshments on sale to keep you fortified whilst you play. These family friendly bingos are always great fun, so why not come along and join in.



Tickets for the Burns Night Supper and Ceilidh on Saturday 21st January are on sale at Burton Village Store, price £15 per person, with numbers limited to 70, so if you enjoy this celebration of all things Scottish, make sure you get your tickets before they sell out! See poster on the next page for details.

On Wednesday afternoons you can also join us for our Warm Welcome Wednesdays, between 2pm and 4pm in the Reception Room at the hall. It's a very informal, friendly, drop in with hot drinks on offer in a warm and comfortable space, where you can sit and enjoy a chat, or play a game, do a jigsaw, read a book, sit and knit, or surf the internet via our hyper-fast B4RN Wi-Fi. The sessions are open to everyone of all ages. If you work from home why not pop along and have your afternoon tea or coffee break with us?

The Warm Welcome Wednesdays will be every week until the end of April 2023, and the hall committee are grateful to the Cumbria Community Foundation for the grant from their Warm Spots Fund to fund them.

An update about children's party bookings - due to an agreement being reached with the hall's insurers we are once again able to accommodate bookings with bouncy castles for them, so if you are looking for a spacious venue for your children's party please do contact us. We also have various daytime slots available at the hall if you are seeking a venue for your group, activity, or business meeting. To ask about dates and rates please contact the Secretary/Manager Helen Dawson on 01524 782277 or by email at bmh.bookings@burtonweb.org.uk.

Finally, may I wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Anne Nichols, Chair of the Management Committee



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As mentioned in Anne Nicols' Memorial Hall article, tickets for the Burns Night Ceilidh are on sale in the shop.

George's Treasure Trove

In times gone by it was necessary to weave fabric to manufacture items of clothing and wool was used to enable this.

Prior to the invention of the spinning wheel a more labour-intensive method of producing a yarn was implemented.



By using a spindle with a weighted base the wool could be attached to the upper end of the spindle and hand spun. When a yard or so of yarn was produced it was wound onto said spindle. The woollen thread would then be ready to be fed to the loom.

To weight these spindles a stone spindle whorl was manufactured and later lead spindle whorls were used achieve this. The practice of early kinds of spinning was carried out by the women of the household and quite often these women joined their menfolk working in the fields and the whorls were often lost there and are now quite common finds.

George Robinson

Burton Sports & Recreation Trust - News

This years parties are happening on Sunday 4th Dec with the times listed below as well as all the info you will need.

2-4pm - for all ages up to and including year 2
6-8pm - for all those in year 3 up to and including year 7

For the younger ones we have Santa's grotto again so all children with parents will be allowed to come visit him and get a photo. There will also be dancing, crafts, party tea and refreshments for the parents. The older ones have an evening of fun and games lined up with the help of our resident DJ Michael Green. They are set to have a great night!

The younger ones must have a parent / guardian / sibling over the age of 16 with them for the full party. Those coming along to the older children's disco must be dropped off and collected by an adult / guardian / sibling over 16. We will have a form for all parents to sign and leave contact info in case of an emergency .

Food and drink will be served at both parties so please bear this in mind if dropping off a child that has allergies / dietary requirements - you can bring your own food on the day or let us know when you bring your child and we will do our best to cater for them.

These parties are bought to you for free by the Sports and Recreation Trust for the children of the village and the local school so please come along and enjoy them.

All we ask on the day is you enjoy the refreshments on offer and maybe give the Committe a hand during and after the party as we are very thin on the ground this year, so many hands and all that!

Thank you

Nicola Stephens

michaelstephens74@googlemail.com



Burton Book Drop & Coffee Mornings



The Coffee Morning & Book Drop will be on **Monday 5th December 2022**

The second Book Drop will be on **Monday 19th December 2022**

January dates: Coffee morning **9th Jan**, book drop only **23rd Jan**



Anchor Building,
86 Westgate
Morecambe
LA6 6DD

This time of year can be very stressful for families who struggle to pay their weekly shopping bills. We are all aware that prices are going up and inevitably everyone is having to make changes in what they buy.

With the hope that every family deserves a good Christmas, Morecambe Bay foodbank have asked us to include a list of items which they would like to put in a Christmas box for those in need in our area. There is an open day at the foodbank on Saturday 10th December 9am to 3pm or there is a collection box in the village at 4 Drover's Way.

Any food items are welcome but those that the foodbank have requested are as follows:

Boxes of Chocolates or Sweets	Selection Boxes
Christmas Puddings	Mince Pies
Crisps and Savoury Crackers	Powdered Mashed Potatoes
Tinned Ham	Custard Powder (to add water, not milk)
Hot Chocolate powder (to add water)	Teabags and Coffee
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste	Deodorant

Thank you so much for your help. If you would prefer to send a donation to the foodbank rather than give food, you can do this online via their website: www.morecambebayfoodbank.org.uk

Morecambe Bay Foodbank have also asked us to share the link to the Lancaster City Council advice and support web page on the 'Cost of Living Crisis' - which is here - <https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/sites/cost-of-living>

The equivalent web pages for Cumbria County Council are here <https://cumbria.gov.uk/costofliving/default> and for South Lakeland District Council here <https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/your-council/partnerships/cost-of-living-help-advice-and-support/>

Burton Morewood School Report Autumn Term

As always, we have been busy bees here at Burton Morewood. Our learning has spanned many time periods, countries, continents and scientific theories! The last couple of months has seen us take part in a service of Remembrance at church, have exciting visitors and visits, and support Children in Need with a mufti day.

In Nursery we have been exploring the 'Once upon a time' project. The children have created an amazing castle which they enjoy role playing in. We have dressed up as different characters and created our own imaginative stories. The children are very busy learning the songs and preparing for the 'Carols around the tree' performance with the Reception children. We can't wait!

Reception are enjoying their project this half term - Marvellous Machines. We have used snap circuits to make lights and motors work, compared different ways of whisking up pancake mixture - by hand and using an electric whisk and then, of course, ate the pancakes we made! We have recently welcomed 4 fish to our classroom after being gifted a fish tank. The children have named them and are thoroughly enjoying feeding them.

Year 1 have been 'mixing it up' this half term, exploring primary and secondary colours and hues in art. We have explored autumnal treasures as part of our Forest Schools learning and have created clay sculptures. In PE, we have been learning and perfecting our gymnastics movements, thinking about how to travel, turn, jump and balance in a variety of ways.

Year 2 have started their new class novel 'Traction Man'. They have described characters and created their very own superheroes to write about. The next task is to create a persuasive poster encouraging people to buy a Traction Man for Christmas. It was very exciting being able to use our new whole-school cooking trolley for the first time. Year 2 designed, planned, made and evaluated their healthy meal based on the 5 food groups. The broccoli and cauliflower cheesy pasta bake went down a treat and everyone had a try. In history we have learnt about famous explorers and activists that have impacted our world. This learning will help Year 2 to write speeches that will be read aloud to explain which Mover and Shaker is most significant to them and why.

In Year 3, we have continued our project of Through the Ages. We were really lucky to have an amazing visitor in school showing us what prehistoric life would have been like. We even got to make our own axes! We have found learning about the Earth's layers and tectonic plates fascinating. We have thoroughly enjoyed using clay to make Bell Beaker style pots. We are really looking forward to our next DT project where we will get to design, make and taste our own healthy tacos.

Year 4 have been busy this term learning about Invasions. We had an Anglo Saxon and Viking day in school. We trained like Viking warriors, did some weaving and made a quill and some ink - then created runes (Viking writing). In English, we are writing a Norse Myth and looking forward to finishing them. We are also enjoying our weekly swimming lessons and have been to the Kendal Mountain Festival this term.



Year 5 have been getting their teeth stuck into dark, dark tales and Remembrance Day poetry. We have been working hard on using the inverse to calculate addition and subtraction. In geography, biomes have been our focus as well as vegetation belts and climate zones and in history we've discovered how the ancient Chinese best equipped themselves for warfare. We are looking forward to a local, mystery visitor who is going to wow us with their fantastic knowledge about space, the planets and the stars.

Year 6 have continued their learning about the transatlantic slave trade as part of their project Maafa. This was really brought to life by a recent visit to Liverpool's International Slavery Museum. We were able to view artefacts and real-life stories to support and further our learning. In science, as part of our topic about the human circulatory system, we made models of our blood! We used everyday items to represent different elements of our blood such as mini marshmallows being white blood cells! Year 6 have also recently written poetry inspired by famous World War I poets such as Wilfred Owen and John McCray.

On behalf of all of the children, staff and governors, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and relaxing Christmas and very best wishes for 2023.

Richard Wilson, Headteacher

All Ash Trees and Park View branch surgeries are closed from 1pm for staff training on the following dates:



Thursday 12th January 2023
Wednesday 15th February 2023
Wednesday 15th March 2023

For medical assistance when we are closed please ring NHA 111 or access NHS 111 online.

Winter skies over Burton

Oh for a few frosty days AND CLEAR NIGHTS! It does seem to have been an interminably wet and cloudy autumn with so few nights for all night astrophotography.

I have a couple of items for this season's entry. Firstly, one question I am frequently asked is, "How do you know where to look?" Well, it's a good question. It may be that one just knows after a lifetime of interest; there is of course - ask Google or there are several excellent apps and programmes available which can be incredibly useful. Phone and tablet apps such as 'Star Walk' and 'Solar Walk', amongst others, are visually impressive and some basic features are free but with 'in app purchases' available. You can move on to 'Sky Safari' but this is quite expensive. For sheer value and functionality, however, the best is a free (PC/Mac) programme called 'Stellarium', downloadable from <https://stellarium.org>. I think there may be a small charge for this as an app for phones/tablets. This programme has so much information its biggest problem can be having too much, and you have to turn features down or off. If required it will actually guide a telescope to point at the target you are aiming for and it will also allow you to load a photo panorama of your back garden to see where the stars will appear over your flower beds and at what time. This needs a good deal of other preparation, but it is possible. For ordinary, everyday use though, all you need to do is tell it where you are and what time it is and it will then tell you what is overhead astronomically at that time. You can then bring up the time control and move backwards and forwards though time at will. Indeed, when demonstrating this in school we set the date for 25th Dec 0000 (and several Christmas' around that year) location Bethlehem and went looking for a certain star. Alas, we never found it, but I don't think its programming covers miracles!

Stellarium screen
shot for South
Lakeland 8/11/22
23:58



Ideas to Observe and/or photograph

My second item for this edition is to draw your attention to one of our most prominent winter sky features, the constellation of Orion. If you have already been excited by this article and downloaded Stellarium then you may have spotted that Orion is now rising in our eastern skies around 8pm although Burton Fell may prevent sight of this until nearer 9pm. With each passing Winter month this becomes an hour or so earlier in the evening.

The Orion region is a rich and wonderful area to observe whether as an ardent astronomer or as a casual observer. Its observable presence in the sky is one of the most identifiable and aptronymic in respect of its name and shape of all the constellations above us. However, as one looks deeper the whole region, within and around, it is filled with areas of nebulae, gas clouds and interstellar dust where the birth of new stars and planets abound. Two such examples are shown below, indeed M42, the Great Orion Nebula, is one of the very few nebula visible to the naked eye (although not in the detail seen here!). Given a little patience, a good clear night and a moderate telephoto lens it's quite possible to get some very acceptable images of this on an ordinary DSLR. It is not only the nebulae which are fascinating, but the stars which form this asterism are some of the brightest and most colourful in the night sky. Betelgeuse, made more widely famous by Douglas Adams for very different reasons holds an intense fascination for astronomers and physicists due to the imminent expectation of it being about to explode as a supernova. This may be in our or our children's lifetimes or over the following thousands of years, a drop in the ocean of astronomical time, but when it goes it promises to be spectacular.

So if the clouds clear at some point, do drag yourself from the armchair, find a dark corner of the village and take a look up to the southern and south-eastern night skies to admire the beauty of this winter night's wonder.



M42 Great Orion nebula (Orion's sword)



*Horse head and Flame Nebula
(Orion's Belt)*

Other things to look out for this Winter:

Planets: Jupiter continues to be very bright rising in the SE sky at dusk moving through southern skies as the night progresses. This is closely followed by Mars later in the evening, seen as a very bright reddish star in the eastern sky. It will be at its brightest the first two weeks in December. The full moon passes right in front of Mars at 4:57am (until 6am) on 8th Dec. By late December Venus will be seen in the after-glow of sunset in the SW, as will Mercury if you look very carefully and have a very clear evening.

Full moons will be on: 8th Dec, 6th Jan, 5th Feb and 7th March.

And with that, I wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful New year and at least a few clear skies. Steve T burtonastro@gmail.com

Wild About Winter

Welcome to my second seasonal top tips on connecting with nature this winter. If you missed my autumn article, my name is Annabel and I will be bringing you a quarterly nature update in Burton News, with top species to spot and a top nature-based activity to take part in each season.

Top spot in Winter

As I walked through the centre of the village in October, I heard a familiar sound that I hadn't heard since last Winter – a sound that Bryan Yorke loved to hear as part of his visible migration recording – the unmistakable call of redwings. “Welcome back” I couldn't help but say to them as a flock of 12 flew over the King's Arms. These beautiful members of the thrush family arrive here every autumn, when they migrate from Scandinavia to spend the milder winters here. Their name refers to the striking ruby-coloured patch under their wings. They also have streaky chests and a distinctive custard-coloured stripe above their eyes. They feast on berries of trees and bushes such as rowan and hawthorn, so are often spotted in supermarket car parks, alongside lanes, and in gardens where these shrubs grow. Keep an eye out for these cheeky characters adding a splash of colour to the trees through winter.



Redwing by Mike Lanyon RSPBimages.com

ED NOTE: Have a look on the BN website for a colour version of this lovely drawing.

Go wild at home

Sadly many of our much-loved garden birds are declining in numbers. One of the simplest and most fun ways you can help them out this season is by taking part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. The world's largest garden wildlife survey returns in January, with hundreds of thousands of people watching and counting the UK's garden birds.

Around three quarters of a million people took part in 2022, counting 17 million birds – making it one of the biggest Birdwatches ever! Next year's event takes place on 27-29 January 2023. Taking part involves spending just one hour watching and recording the birds in your garden, yard, balcony, or local green space, then sending your results to the RSPB.

Over the last four decades, the number of people taking part has made the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch the largest citizen science project in the world! Now in its 45th year, over 150 million birds have been counted giving the RSPB an astonishing amount of insight into how our wildlife is faring – which species are doing well, and which need a helping hand. For more details visit: www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch. If you know some children who may fancy giving it a go in school, then there's lots of free resources and advice here www.rspb.org.uk/schoolswatch

Happy bird spotting!

Burton-in-Kendal Swift Group - New Facebook Page

We may be close to the 'shortest day', with the swifts having long departed Burton's skies, but there are only about 3,600 hours to go until these amazing birds return :-). Each Summer the village Swift Group makes weekly observations of nesting sites in use, and the numbers of swifts who make Burton their temporary home. If you'd like to find out more about swifts, and see details of the nest sites used over the past 10 years, take a look at our new Facebook group page. Just search for 'Burton-in-Kendal Swift Group'. You are welcome to join the Group page to keep up to date with swift news; subject to agreeing the terms & conditions. Matthew Scott - (Group FB Page Admin)

Monthly Lunch



Age UK monthly lunch at the King's Arms on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. To register interest please telephone their office on 01539 728118.

Roger Reports...

From the County & District Councils

Council News for November 2022

The more things change, the more they repeat themselves. Nearly 40 years ago, when I first became a member of South Lakeland District Council, we debated the condition of what we called Grange Baths, which is now designated as The Lido. Back in 1984, it had developed a great crack and was leaking into the Bay.

Emergency repairs kept it open for another decade before it was closed and dwindled into dereliction.

Subsequently, a new pool was built, controversially because a Compulsory Purchase Order had to be used for the site at Berner's Close. But the new pool only lasted five years before it too was declared unsafe and quickly closed and pulled down. It was then decided to restore the old pool complex, now listed as an important Art Deco building. With advice and practical help from dedicated volunteers, it has now been tidied up.

At the November Council we were informed that funds for a further £5,006,200 were required even after "a change in methodology had been adopted" –meaning cuts - and that a new Structural Engineer has been appointed. Once renovated, the building will be opened to the public

**You can contact Vicky Hughes as follows,
Shadow Authority for Westmorland & Furness
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Vicky.Hughes@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

but the actual pool will not be filled for bathing – although there have been plans to transform it into a garden. A children's playground and the promenade will also be repaired.

The other historic issue dealt with was the restoration of the Canal. Here, I have a direct interest as I represent either as a District or a County Councillor all except one parish (Beetham) along its length from Kendal to the County Boundary. My other affected parishes are: Sedgwick, Hincaster, Stainton, Preston Richard, Preston Patrick, Holme and Burton. Currently, a £600,000 government grant is available to restore the tow paths for walking and cycling. This, I thought, should be popular with local residents although I recalled that the original plans to re-open all the waterway had been opposed by many local people who feared an intrusion of noisy visitors. Despite excellent work by volunteers in clearing large stretches and repairing bridges it is unlikely that M6 breaches will ever be removed or evaded.

Child poverty was a worrying problem raised at both the SLDC Cabinet and at the County Council. Cumbria has already created a £4m Cost of Living Crisis Fund. The cost of school dinners, now £2.41, is likely to reach to £3 although food inflation recently has dropped from a peak in July. Inevitably, the need for free schools meals has increased. Many schools now have breakfast clubs and food vouchers or meals are provided for the School Holidays.

Meanwhile as we await the dissolution of SLDC and Cumbria County Councils some officers seem too busy or, perhaps, may be distracted by Local Government Reorganisation to attend

to enquiries promptly. I have received complaints about delays by the District Planning Department and failures by County Highways to provide early notification about planned road closures.

Meanwhile, with so many members retiring and other members busy planning for LGR, attendance at council meetings has dropped. I counted 51 members present at the November County Council. The full membership is 81. Personally, I'm still pressing on at councils and the Crime and Police authority and have kept up my attendance at Parish Councils where I am permitted to take part. Meantime, I'm checking on flood relief measures as it is now just a year since Storm Arwen flooded us out.

All the best and don't forget to get your FLU and Covid Boosters.

Regards, Roger

You can contact Roger as follows:
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Parish Council Report - Anita Shelton

As agreed last month, the Council considered the Burton News request for funding – and a contribution will be made for 2023. This will not diminish the need for advertisers and donations from readers, but will ensure that our wonderful magazine will not go out of print for at least 12 months!

Information for the nomination of Assets of Community Value is being gathered as mentioned in the last newsletter. More details of this scheme can be found at:

<https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/your-environment/your-community/assets-of-community-value-and-community-right-to-bid>

The meeting confirmed that registration as an Asset of Community Value does not prevent a sale; however, it does provide the community with the opportunity to purchase the asset in order to ensure continuity.

The bench in the square is expected to be moved to its correct position soon – although it was cheekily suggested that the bench could be left and the monument moved! And, a date for painting of the parking bays is not yet available.

The council then considered an early draft of their budget submission for 2023/24. More news on this in the next issue.

HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE by Roger Bingham

WILLIAM COCKIN - A BURTON POLYMATH

A supplement for Cumbria is now being compiled in the Dictionary of National Biography whose section on Cumberland and Westmorland is now 100 years old. As well as 20th Century subjects some biographies of significant people omitted from the previous Dictionary are now to be included.

One local entry is to William Cockin (1736-1801) whom I have called 'A Burton Polymath' as he was adept in both science and arts. The Cumbrian DB Supplement categorised him as a "Versatile author and English Schoolmaster". He was certainly one of the most important persons to have hailed from Burton having probably been born at Cockin Yard, perhaps at Hanging Farmhouse, the son of Marmaduke Cockin (1712-1754). He was likely to have been educated at Burton Grammar School. Although he did not attend either University, he taught for 18 years at Lancaster Grammar School and then for a few more years at a Nottingham Academy.

In his day he was called a 'elocutionist' and he dedicated a book on elocution to the great actor David Garrick. His serious academic works include "A Rational and Practical Treatise of Arithmetic", "The Theory of the Syphon", "The Fall of Scepticism" and "The Theory of Human Action Explained". More generally he alerted the public to the beauties of Lakeland in "Odes to the Genius of the Lakes", the first ever handbook for visitors.

Eventually, he retired to Kendal where he lived in the house of George Romney, the great portrait painter – although no portrait, if there were any, of Cockin seems to have survived.

He died aged 65 in Kendal but was buried at Burton. His memorial states that he was a "Man of Strong Powers of Mind, of singular modesty and general benevolence of heart, a dutiful a son, a kind brother, and a sincere friend ...he built his hopes of final and effectual justification, through the meritorious sufferings of Jesus Christ. Go, Reader, and do thou likewise."

RKB



Up for a Challenge?

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Codewords can contain names.

Solution in February issue.



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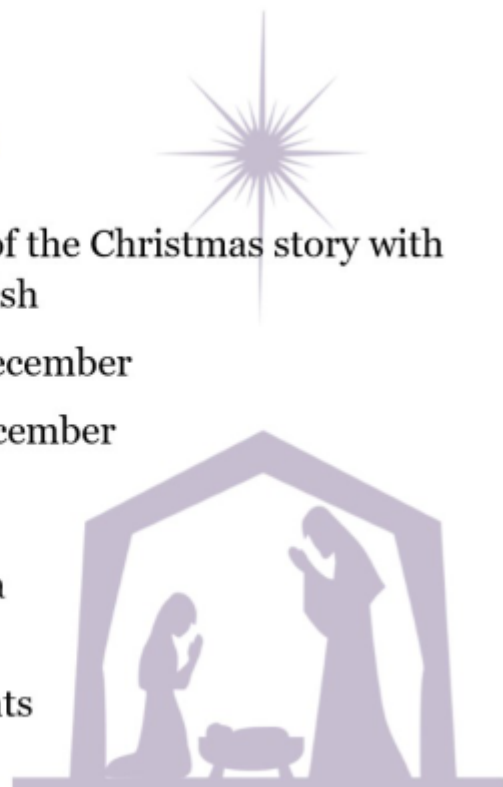
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Vicar's Letter...

Unbelievable!

Dear Friends

It's almost the perfect story for little children: nothing more scary than a dazzling angel (if you leave out Herod's rage) and nothing more upsetting than finding, after a long journey while heavily pregnant, that the inn has no record of the booking (leaving aside the barbarism of Herod's soldiers). Then there's cute animals, a cute baby and majestic kings riding exotic camels carrying expensive gifts.

But when little children grow up they start thinking like us adults and that means they have problems with the story, especially with angel messengers, a pregnant virgin, and a star that can stop over a house without incinerating our whole planet. These things are problems for them because we teach our children that we live in a closed universe full of wonders but with nothing outside it, and so we close their minds to anything beyond; there can't be any answers that don't begin and end here.

But the Bible writers began with a different assumption – that there is a creation and a Creator. Their minds were open to the possibility that this Creator could do things differently from usual. Creatures who are not part of our material world could appear here if he wanted them to, human life could begin without a human father, and a dazzling object in Earth's atmosphere could function as star-nav. The Creator is not limited by our closed minds. If there might be both a creation and a Creator then perhaps Xmas is more believable than you thought?

And if this world's exquisite beauty and intricacy tells us something about the wisdom and purposefulness of our Creator then perhaps the bizarre events of the first Century were actually part of a carefully planned rescue mission, the answer to our deepest needs. Perhaps Christmas is a whole lot better than you thought?

Rebecca McLaughlin has written a brilliant little book called "Is Christmas Unbelievable? Four Questions Everyone Should Ask About the World's Most Famous Story." You can get it on Amazon for £3 but we have lots of copies to give away too. Pick one up at this year's Candlelit Carol Services or, if you contact me with your name and address, someone from the church will drop a copy round to you.

Happy Christmas!

Graham Burrows

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St James Church Burton

December Services

Sunday 4 December
11am Morning Worship with Communion

Sunday 11 December
11am Morning Worship

Sunday 18 December
11am Morning Worship with Communion
6.30pm Candlelit Carol Service

Saturday 24 December **Christmas Eve**
4pm Family Nativity Service

Sunday 25 December **Christmas Day**
10am Joint Family Service with Communion, at Burton

For January Services see below. You are very welcome to join us on Sunday mornings in St James Church. Our church website is www.burtonandholmechurches.org Recent sermons can be watched or listened to on the 'Sundays' page. Service times can be checked under 'Coming Up' on the 'Welcome' page.

Open Church: The church is open to visitors every Friday and Saturday from 10am – 4pm. You are welcome to look around or to use the quiet to think or pray. Services at our sister church, Holy Trinity Holme, are usually at 9am each Sunday.

Church Services - January 2023

Sunday 1st - 10am - Joint Morning Worship, at Holme

Sunday 8th - 11am Morning Worship with Communion - St James Church

Sunday 15th - 11am - Morning Worship - St James Church

Sunday 22nd - 11am Morning Worship with Communion - St James Church

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Meetings

3rd Thursday of every month at 7.30pm
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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.

Website:

Documents relating to the PC may be downloaded or read online here: www.burton-in-kendal-pc.gov.uk

For further information, contact:

The Clerk - Christine Davidson on 01524 782694

Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on December 15th, 7.30pm BMH

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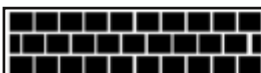


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Monday 12th - Craft Group - 1.30pm to 3pm BMH

Monday 19th - Book Drop 10-11am BMH

Friday 16th - Bingo Night - in aid of Burton Tennis - starts 7.30pm BMH

Monday 19th - 7.30pm Local History Society Meeting - Lakeland Inscribed (visitors welcome) - BMH

Saturday 24th - 4pm - Family Christmas Nativity Service - St James Church

Sunday 25th - 10am - Joint Family Christmas Communion Service - St James

JANUARY

Every Friday - Art Group 9.30am to 12 Noon - BMH

Monday 9th - Coffee morning and book drop

Monday 9th - Craft Group - 1.30pm to 4pm - BMH

Monday 16th - Local History Society Meeting: 7.30pm BMH
"In the shadow of the Stuart Pretenders: the life of Francis Strickland, 'Man of Moidart' (and Westmorland)" by Prof. Ian Hodgkinson
Visitors welcome.

Saturday 21st - Burns Night Supper & Ceilidh - 7.30pm BMH

Monday 23rd - 10-11am - Book drop only BMH