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*The March Hare from Alice in Wonderland  
illustrated by John Tenniel*

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## **EDITORIAL**

Welcome to the March edition of Burton News. Spring is on its way, despite the continued gloomy weather. It is great to see that the 'Daffodil Show' is back on in 2023. The Show was originally created to raise funds for Burton Brownies, Guides, and Rainbows. Sadly, all three of these groups have now ceased to operate, but the Daffodil Show will now raise funds for Burton Morewood School. It is to be held at the Kings Arms on Easter Sunday, 9th April. Full details are included this month on page 8 so you can start your entry preparations! The Village Hall is holding a fund-raising fashion show with Kitty Brown Boutique on 17th March.

Burton News will recommence its own fund-raising drive soon. The final accounts for 2022 show that costs exceeded income by around £359; even allowing for donations made by Committee members and others to fund the colour front pages. We have lost more advertisers since Christmas and expect costs to rise. Our first step to help manage this is to try and keep to a maximum 28 page edition, if at all possible, to reduce printing costs, shortening submissions if necessary to achieve this.

On the theme of history, you can find the final 'History Post Script' from Roger Bingham. Definitely the end of an era for Burton News. We are extremely grateful to Roger for all his contributions and hard work. Roger quite rightly highlights the ways in which our community continues to thrive.

However, as mentioned last month, some community groups are really

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## EDITORIAL (Continued)

struggling for new volunteers.

There has been little response to the urgent plea for new 'Community First Responders' since the article in February. This is a vital service for Burton residents and we urge readers to consider volunteering for it. More information can be found on page 16. The Sports & Recreation Trust also desperately needs new Committee members to ensure the survival of parties & trips for village children from 2023 onwards. See page 7.

On the same note, our Distribution Manager Hazel would like to take a bit more of a back seat. We are looking for a volunteer to work alongside Hazel with a view to taking over the role in due course. This could be one of our existing distributors. If you could help we'd be very happy to hear from you.

This month we are glad to include another feature article from Stephen Thexton about the challenges of photographing the night skies above Burton, along with another fascinating piece from George Robinson; about metal detectorist finds from the Viking era. Jan Abbott continues her valuable advice on ways to improve your fitness even if you have limited mobility.

Fiona & Matthew

### **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

## *Readers'* LETTERS

Dear Editors

I wonder if any Burton residents know if the writer Elizabeth Gaskell ever visited Burton? I'm a newcomer here, having moved last March from Bristol. I'm reading her novel Mary Barton, and she mentions Burton several times, eg. in chapters 4 and 7. I'm sure it's this Burton, as she also mentions Milnthorpe and Lancaster.

She writes, "...and then work was scarce out towards Burton, where we lived, and Father said I maun try and get a place. And George wrote as how wages were far higher in Manchester than Milnthorpe or Lancaster...."

The owner of the Old Pier Bookshop in Morecambe told me that Mrs Gaskell used to stay at Silverdale Tower, so I assume she might have visited Burton. Does anyone know?

Many thanks

Angela Joyce - Church Bank Gdns,  
Burton-in-Kendal, LA6 1NT

*Ed note: We passed Angela's letter to Kath Hayhurst in her role as Chair of the Local History Society. Kath has replied in detail to Angela. We can advise readers that there is no firm evidence to show that Mrs Gaskell came to Burton. However, a lady called Mary Barton (nee Walton) did live at Barton Row from at least 1851. She is buried in St James' churchyard.*

# Burton, Holme, and District Local History Society

Monday 20th March - 7.30pm BMH  
"The Victorian County History -  
Researching Burton & its Environs" by Dr Sarah Rose

A full programme is available on the website  
[www.localhistory.burtonweb.org.uk](http://www.localhistory.burtonweb.org.uk)

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

The Craft Group meets Monday 13th February - 1.30pm to 4pm BMH  
The Art Group meets most Fridays 9:30am - 12 Noon BMH

Saturday 25th March 10am to 4pm  
Workshop with Cally Lawson  
"Landscape in Your Favourite Medium"



To join the Society contact the Treasurer Paula Firth.  
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Subscriptions are £10 per year and include free programme events, free art and craft entries to the exhibition and use of the society library.



## Burton Amateur Dramatic Society

18 years ago, BADS premiered a play by local play-write, John Peel. Since then this play has been performed around the world, is one of Lazy Bee Scripts best sellers, and we feel it is now time to bring 'W.I. Blues' home to Burton. We have two of the original cast involved, one even playing the same part! So put these dates in your diary - Friday May 19th, Saturday May 20th. Don't worry, we are not expecting you to come to both performances but we would love to see you at one of them!

Many thanks,  
Fliss

## Burton Singers - Concert Success

Stuart and Val presenting a cheque for £1,034 to Emily from Suicide Bereavement Support following the choir concert in December. Thank you to all for your kind donations.



The date of the next concert will be Saturday June 10th. Look forward to seeing you then!

## 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.



March walks are as follows:

Sunday 5th - 10.30am - Nicky Nook - 5 miles (700 feet) - Moderate

Wednesday 15th - 10am - Hampsfell (To Be Confirmed) - 5 miles - Moderate

Saturday 18th - 9am - Silver How - 8 miles (1,200 feet) - Moderate

### **BURTON MEMORIAL HALL 200 CLUB**

### **DRAW FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2023**

FIRST;            £27     A. RAWLINSON

SECOND;         £16     J. JONES

THIRD;           £11     A. SHELTON

Anyone wishing to join the 200 Club,  
please contact J Orr on [bmh200club@outlook.com](mailto: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?



## Burton Women's Institute : February report

At their February meeting members were saddened to hear the report of the death of Mabel Tunstall, a long-standing member of Burton WI and former President. A donation will be made by us to the Federation Memorial Bursary Fund in her memory.

It was decided that Burton WI would take part in the 'Olive Clark Challenge' To this end a number of members volunteered to improve the garden area in the village hall car park, and held a meeting to discuss initial ideas. Our speaker was Karen Hanks, our Federation Chair, and she gave us an amusing and very interesting talk on "Village Life in the 60's & 70s", and growing up in Ireleth with her family at that time. The competition was a self-photograph in that era; won by Rosie McLaughlin with Kath Stephens second. The raffle was won by Liz Ray.

Andrea is organising a bus trip to Windermere on the 10.53am 555 Bus, on Tuesday 7th March for lunch and shopping at Lakeland before returning on an afternoon bus. Our next meeting is on 9th March. The speaker is Debbie Haine who will be talking about "Traditional Tales and Nursery Rhymes". The competition is for a nursery toy and the hostesses are Sue Humphreys and Molly Long. If you wish to join the W.I. please contact our Honorary Secretary, Helena Nixon on 01524 781048

### The Word From BURTON MEMORIAL HALL

Here we are in March already, and that means our Spring Fashion Show by Kitty Brown Boutique of Carnforth is just around the corner. The date is set for Friday 17th March, with doors opening at 7pm for a 7.30pm show start. Tickets at £5 each (to include a glass of wine or a soft drink) will be on sale from Wednesday 1st March from the Village Store, and everyone is welcome to attend this fundraising event for the hall.

In April we will be holding an Easter Bingo Night on Friday 14th April (6.30pm onwards) and a Spring Market on Saturday 22nd April (10am-4pm), both also in aid of hall funds. More details in the next issue.

### Sizergh Castle March Offer



If you're arriving at Sizergh Castle & Gardens, near Kendal, by bus any day up until the 31 March 2023, claim a free regular hot drink of your choice in the cafe by showing your bus ticket. From January to 31 March 2023 the Government is running a £2 bus fare cap which includes the following routes near Sizergh: Stagecoach X6 (Barrow to Kendal), 555 (Lancaster to Keswick), 755 (Bowness to Carnforth) and Kirkby Lonsdale Coaches 551 (Arnsdale to Kirkby Lonsdale). Entry to the gardens is currently half price (or free for National Trust members), and there's also a 1600 acre estate, which is free to explore. Several popular walks are detailed in a free map which can be collected from Visitor Reception, or can be found on their website. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/Sizergh](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/Sizergh)

## Burton Sports & Recreation Trust

**Burton Sports and Recreation Trust AGM will held in the club room of the Memorial Hall on the 29th March at 7.30pm .**

It is vital that anyone wanting to play a part in making sure the sports committee continues that new members join us. No new members means no "big kids day out" or "children's Christmas parties" in future! We can't stress this enough. A few members are willing to stay on to guide anyone who is wanting to join the committee; but not enough to run / organise events from now on. So, new members are urgently needed to secure these events for 2023 and beyond. You can do as much or as little as you want, meet in the pub or book the Hall, try new events or stick to what there is. It's not a huge commitment but it's one that we have all found very rewarding over the years.

This does not effect the MUGA / bowling green area, as a group of volunteers are staying on to ensure they can continue to be used by the community. The volunteers have lots of exciting plans and have been working hard to improve the facilities. Over the Winter a shower has been installed in the disabled toilet for both the disabled to use and also the ref on match days. The kitchen has been updated and we have created extra storage for regular user groups to use. We still have work to do as we will be putting more CCTV and signage up as, sadly, we are still finding people exercising dogs on the MUGA itself and in field behind - NO DOGS are allowed in either place. Also, can we please again remind local residents that parking in the evenings is for MUGA users only.



We have decided to keep the prices for the MUGA as they are for another year to try help all users and encourage new members. We want to make sure it's an area that all ages can access, so don't want to make it unaffordable; especially for the younger members of the community. Here is a reminder of our prices - this is for the entire MUGA. For tennis courts go online to the booking app for prices as it depends whether you are a member of the tennis club or not.

OFF PEAK - 9-6pm ( Mon - Friday ) - £10 per hour

ON PEAK - 6-10pm ( Mon - Friday ) - £20 per hour

Lights are £5 an hour and must be booked and paid for if you want to be able to use them .

Saturday / Sunday - 9-10pm - £10 per hour

For availability or to book the MUGA simply follow the link below :-

<https://www.burtonmuga.co.uk/>

# The Daffodil Show

Sunday 9th April

Kings Arms - Burton in Kendal

Open classes.....

1. One Daffodil
2. Three Daffodils
3. Nine Daffodils
4. Pot Plant
5. Six Stick of Rhubarb
6. 3 Eggs
7. Decorated Easter Cake
8. 6 Scones
9. Tray Bake
10. Fruit Pie
11. Loaf of Homemade Bread
12. A Plate of Chocolate Brownies
13. A Lemon Drizzle Cake
14. Jar of Homemade Jam & Taster Pot

AUCTION  
TO START  
AT 1PM

Childrens Classes..... Pre School - Year 2 & Year 3 - Year 6

1. A Decorated Hard Boiled Egg
2. Decorated Easter Bonnet
3. Four Easter Crispy Cakes

PRIZES  
for children's  
classes

Special Classes from Burton Morewood School Craft Night

30p per entry or 4 for £1

Entries MUST be in from 10.30-12 noon



## Burton Book Drop & Coffee Mornings



The Coffee Morning & Book Drop will be on **Monday 6th March**

The second Book Drop will be on **Monday 20th March**



## George's Treasure Trove

### A FASCINATING FIND.

Back in 2004 a detecting friend of mine Peter Adams who lived in Burton at the time managed to acquire permission to metal detect on a farm near Carlisle and invited me to join him on a visit to search the land. The usual sort of rubbish was being unearthed and apart from a few early coins and an early aged casket key it seemed that not much of note had turned up .

On the way back home Peter went into his pocket and produced an item that neither of us could identify, it was of course metallic and had the shape of half an Easter egg. Researching the item revealed that the item was a brooch worn by the Viking women at shoulder height and always worn in pairs , Between these brooches was a chain from which smaller items of value were attached.

Following this research we were keen to return to the site, inform the farmer

what we had discovered and carry out a more detailed search in the area of the brooch discovery asking permission to remove a four foot square of turf, Permission was granted ! We started work scraping away the layers of earth a white item was uncovered, IT WAS A FOREHEAD !!



Finding a skull like this means that we must be careful about how to proceed and although the urge to carry on was immense we marked the spot, made

good the area and notified the Portable Antiquities Scheme who in turn notified the proper authorities who would be involved with a professional archeological dig. The police would have been the first to hear of our find to ascertain whether we had found a missing person.

Oxford Archeology was the professional body to excavate the site and eventually our grave was uncovered and the goods within indicated that it was indeed a female burial.

As work progressed and a larger area was uncovered it was evident that in addition to our grave, there were another five graves in a horseshoe pattern surrounding the female and these graves were also holding goods that would have been owned by males. What became an important fact for me was that buried at the feet of the female was the remains of a casket which when investigated by X-Ray held weaving equipment and jewellery.

If anyone wishes to research further on the above experience more information is available by Googling "Cumwhitton Viking Burials"

## Fitness Is Fun!



Some people believe they can't exercise because of their age or decreased mobility. Not so!! There are lots of exercises designed to increase / maintain strength, flexibility and cardio health all done from the safety of a chair. So let's get started seated, focusing on arms and shoulders today!



Make sure you're sitting safely on a chair, keep within your capability and range of movement and if anything hurts at all its time to stop. Repeat the following exercises several times.

1. Reach arms forward at shoulder height then out to the side and back to the front.



2. Reach one arm up and slightly over the top for a lovely side stretch. Repeat on the other side.[Fig.9]

3. Make small forward circles with the arm outstretched to the side, fingers pointing to the ceiling; repeat making backward circles.



4. Arms by your side, stretch both arms to the top, hold for a few seconds before returning arms to your side.[Fig 4]


5. Hold both arms out at shoulder height then take them backwards slightly to squeeze the shoulder blades together.

Now the shoulders:

1. Roll the shoulders forward several times then backwards.
2. Shrug the shoulders up then down.[Fig.5]
3. Put finger tips on shoulders and circle the elbows forwards then backwards.

Anything that keeps us mobile and active has got to be good. Right? Make seated exercise a habit by latching it onto something you already do. Perhaps waiting for your cuppa to cool. Top tip....move to your favourite music.

Have fun!  
Jan Abbott

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|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Flexibility</b>   | <b>SEATED<br/>FUSION<br/>FITNESS</b> | <b>Mobility</b>           |
| <b>Social</b>  | <b>Strength and stability</b>        | <b>Fun</b>                |
|    |                                      |                           |
| <b>Burton Memorial Hall</b><br><b>Thursday 10.45 to 11.15</b><br><b>Starts Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><b>£3.00 per session</b> |                                      |                           |
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## Pickleball News - Regular Sessions at BMH

As was advertised in the last edition of BN, Jane Portnell ran a Pickleball taster session on the 8th of February. 10 people attended and went away enthused and eager for more. A grant application for equipment is already in the pipeline! It really is a game for anyone, whatever age or stage of life. We have since had 3 more sessions and have now booked the hall for regular sessions on Mondays 10am-12noon and Monday evenings 7.45-8.45. Other times can be arranged depending on the availability of the Hall. Sessions cost approximately £3, depending on numbers and you just need yourself as equipment will be provided. Come along and take a look or alternatively phone Jeanie Christian for more information on 07967 940818.

## Burton Crown Green Bowling Club

Calling Burtonians old and new! The new season is now fast approaching and as always the Club is looking for new members, whether experienced or complete beginners. It is anticipated that the Monday evening club nights will start up late in March, and when known a start date will be publicised on the Burton Facebook page. Attendance at one of those sessions is the best way to introduce oneself. No equipment is required, just flat soled shoes. Bowling has many benefits to offer and age is no barrier so come along and give it a try. This year the Club will be running a team in each of the top two divisions of the Kendal League, teams in the Morecambe League 1st Division and 5th Division, and a team in the 1st Division of the Lancaster and District Veterans League (for over 60s). Enquiries to Eunice Jamieson 07307 200648

## Spring Skies over Burton

It has been a dire Jan/Feb for astronomy which has been a real shame as we have had a new visitor to our skies, Comet C2022-E3(ZTF). The rare green comet named C/2022 E3 passed closest to the Earth on 1st February 2023 after 50,033 years in deep space. For this issue I thought I would give you some idea about how astrophotography images were collected and then processed after being taken.

Important in all photo images is a factor called the signal to noise (S/N) ratio. In our everyday, well illuminated lives taking a photo this mostly is not a problem. Photons or light waves, emitted or reflected, by an object or area of space are the 'signal' we want to collect but there are also lots of other sources of random signal 'noise' we want to keep to a minimum. For us more 'mature' folk it's a bit like when we used to listen Radio Luxemburg on an "AM" radio or follow TMS cricket on longwave – remember all that hiss, crackles & interference, well that was noise in the radio waves area of the electromagnetic spectrum. Later, along came FM then DAB and the quality & quantity of the signal compared to the background noise was drastically improved. This is what we attempt to achieve as astro-photographers.

When we look deep into space, we are looking at objects which are either very faint, a very long way away, and very often, both. This means that the photons, even though relatively constant, are few in number and it takes a long time to collect and gather them into anything we can start to perceive as an image. The longer we spend collecting them the stronger and stronger that signal becomes relative to the other interference (noise), which is either random in nature or can be corrected for in processing. When we process this signal we effectively amplify (just as a music player or radio does), that photon signal as much as we can. However, this also amplifies the noise this is why the more signal we gather the more it proportionally swamps out the noise giving more detailed and smoother images. Of course, this isn't the whole story and the quality of the optical system and camera sensor to give clear focused images on to this sensor is also important but with reasonable systems good images can be created so long as enough signal is collected.

This leads us to, how do we collect so much signal? There are problems on several fronts. We are moving, and quite quickly really. The earth spinning on its polar axis causes the stars move across the sky at around 15degrees every hour, you may have had seen photos of star trails. They can be quite spectacular. This can be compensated for in mounting your camera or telescope on a motorised rotator on a tripod or mount which then needs carefully aligning to the pole star, Polaris. The more accurately this is done the better are your results. This will allow you to take a photo with a very long exposure. We can set up a second much smaller telescope which is used to lock on to stars and track them. This then allows us to send tiny correction signals to the main telescope to create a very accurate 'guided' system. This allows us to take images which can be 600 or 1000 seconds long if need be and taken over several nights.

Next, we use some whizz software which combines them all together (e.g. search online for “Deep Sky Stacker” or “APP”). It uses the brighter stars to ensure all images are aligned exactly on top of each other; analyses the signal from every pixel on the camera’s sensor of every image taken; through statistical maths, generates an average value for every pixel of the 62million pixels finally producing a single combined (stacked) image from the, perhaps 50 images initially taken.

Often objects like nebulae are irregular in their amounts of photons produced. This can cause some parts of the image to be horribly over exposed while other areas still very dark. This can be solved by taking maybe 2 or 3 sets of images of different exposure times and combining them in programmes like Photoshop and Lightroom. This just takes time and practice to develop your judgement as to what will finally be your good image.

So why is the comet difficult? Firstly, it is very faint and needs a lot of exposure time and this need you to track that region of space for some time, BUT the comet is passing through space at thousands of miles per hour and so is moving relative to the stars. Do you track the comet or the stars? Either way you end up with all the stars or the comet as a streak across the image.

There are several ways of solving this generally involving either removing all the stars or the comet from every image taken then aligning what you have



*Comet's trace over 2 hours.*



*This is a finished aligned, stacked and recombined example.*

left and stacking them separately. Finally, you recombine your, hopefully, sharp comet image back into a sharp star field. It takes ages!!

Finally, what to look out for: On 1st March let's hope for a clear evening and look out for Venus and Jupiter passing each other in the sunset afterglow and on 25th March crescent moon close to Pleiades may be worth trying for a photo.

Clear skies all  
Steve Thexton

# *HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE*

by Roger Bingham

## **HISTORICAL POST SCRIPT**

### **Part Two: March 2023.**

BURTON IN KENDAL 1984 TO 2023. As promised, this article will sketch the changes I have seen in Burton over nearly 40 years representing the village on the County and Parish councils. This is my final Burton News Historical Footnote. I have represented Burton for 39 years from 1984, when I was first elected to South Lakeland District Council, to my retirement on March 31st 2023, prior to the vesting date of the Westmorland and Furness Unitary Council on 1st April. Since 1997, I also represented Burton on the County Council as the member for the Lower Kentdale Division which also included Holme, Preston Richard, Preston Patrick, Lupton, Mansergh, Stainton, Sedgwick and Hutton Roof; so, I got around a lot!

During this time, most people might think that the biggest change is the expansion of the village. However, this is not supported by the Census population data which are respectively:  
1981 1117,  
1991 1,322,  
2001 1411,  
2011 1,497  
2021 1,342.

The increase after 1991 was probably caused by the inclusion of Dalton during the 1990s. When I first started, Dalton was a separate township which did not have a parish council but had an annual Parish Meeting instead. When Dalton joined Burton-in-Kendal, the Parish council was increased from seven members to nine.

On the old parish boundaries Burton's population rose from 548 in 1801 to a

peak of 796 in 1841 and then decline again to 460 in 1921. Post World War development, particularly with the council houses on Boon Town and Drovers Way, saw the population rise to 646 in 1951. The population then doubled between 1951 and 1981 due to the building of The Park, Vicarage Drive, Hutton Close and the first stage of Morewood Drive in the 1960s and expansion on Tanpits Lane, Vicarage Lane, Neddy Hill and Station Road.

When I was first elected, St James' Drive was only half built and my first contentious planning applications concerned the start of development of the first stages of Church Bank Gardens and Glebe Close. There was much opposition to the building of Hollowrayne because it obscured the view of the church, which previously had been detached from the main village. The name was also controversial because, allegedly, it was taken from an obscure patch on Burton Fell.

The so called Local Planning Survey in c. 2008 caused the biggest rows in SLDC's history because expansion of all local villages was envisaged. Memories of compulsory purchases imposed in the 1940s to provide sites for council houses led to fears that gardens belonging to private house would be taken over. In the event the outlined development was much reduced. But, afterwards, many expansion plans met with much opposition particularly the extension 'over the sky-line' of Morewood Drive and the density and design of Church Stile houses. So far much approved development has yet to be built at Green Dragon while the Church Bank Gardens area remains contentious.

In contrast to the enlargement of the village's built-up area, its facilities, sadly, have dwindled. In 1984 Burton had two grocers, a separate post office, an art shop, a flourishing butcher's, two garage filling stations and three banks. When the banks were first threatened with closure I appeared on National Television to champion their retention which, I think delayed the plan - but for only briefly.

Nevertheless, though Burton's population is currently stagnant, or reducing, I am sure that the community is alive and well. We still have our Primary School, a constantly used Memorial Hall, the MUGA with numerous sporting activities, the History Society, Burton Amateur Dramatic Society, an Arts and Crafts Society and an active church with a resident 'vicar'. Burton remains a happy and busy place which I have enjoyed representing..... almost all the time!

Finally, I wish my successor all the best. Therefore, thank you, Burtonians, for enabling me to share so much of my life with you from when I was a youngster with shoulder length black hair to a white haired senior citizen with a walking stick but who still wears his hat on his head.

Love to all, Over and Out!

Roger

*Editors' note: I am sure all BN readers would like to join us in wishing Roger a long and happy retirement and thank him for his contributions over the years. We are sad to see you go, Roger.*



There is no report from South Lakeland District Council or Cumbria County Council this month. Both these local authorities cease to exist on 31st March 2023.

The new authority for Burton from 1st April 2023 is Westmorland & Furness Council. You can find out more about the new Council and their Council Plan at their website:  
[www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/your-council/council-plan/](http://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/your-council/council-plan/)

They also have a Facebook page where the latest information is shared. Search for Westmorland & Furness Council.

The Councillor for Burton & Holme in the new Authority is Vicky Hughes, whose contact information is given here. We hope Vicky will begin to write regular reports for Burton News, starting next month.

**You can contact Vicky Hughes as follows,  
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## Community First Responders - New Volunteers Needed Urgently

Burton urgently needs new Community First Responders. Our appeal for new volunteers last month did not generate much of a response and so we are highlighting the issue again in the hope that people will now come forward. First Responders are trained by, and liaise with, North West Ambulance Services. There is no 'typical' call-out as no two incidents are the same and situations can vary from day to day. Alerts are managed by an app, and volunteers can choose when to be 'not on call'

There is more detailed information on the First Responders website here:  
<https://www.nwas.nhs.uk/get-involved/volunteering/community-first-responder/>

The following text is taken from that page.

*"When someone calls an ambulance they are unwell, possibly frightened or unsure of what is happening and vulnerable. Even when dealing with a patient who is not seriously ill, you have the opportunity to calm and reassure them. Talking to them and supporting them while they wait for an ambulance is a part of the responder role that is often forgotten or overlooked but it can often be the most rewarding part of being a community first responder.*

*As a responder you step into someone's life for a short period of time, during which you can really make a difference. We will train you to respond to emergencies but you can still go about your normal routine. If we need your help, we will alert you!"*

Please do contact Hayley Owen at [hayleyowenc@aol.com](mailto:hayleyowenc@aol.com) to get involved.



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

\*\*\*\*\*

Wednesday 15th March 2023

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### Monthly Lunch

Age UK monthly lunch is held at the King's Arms on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 12:30pm.

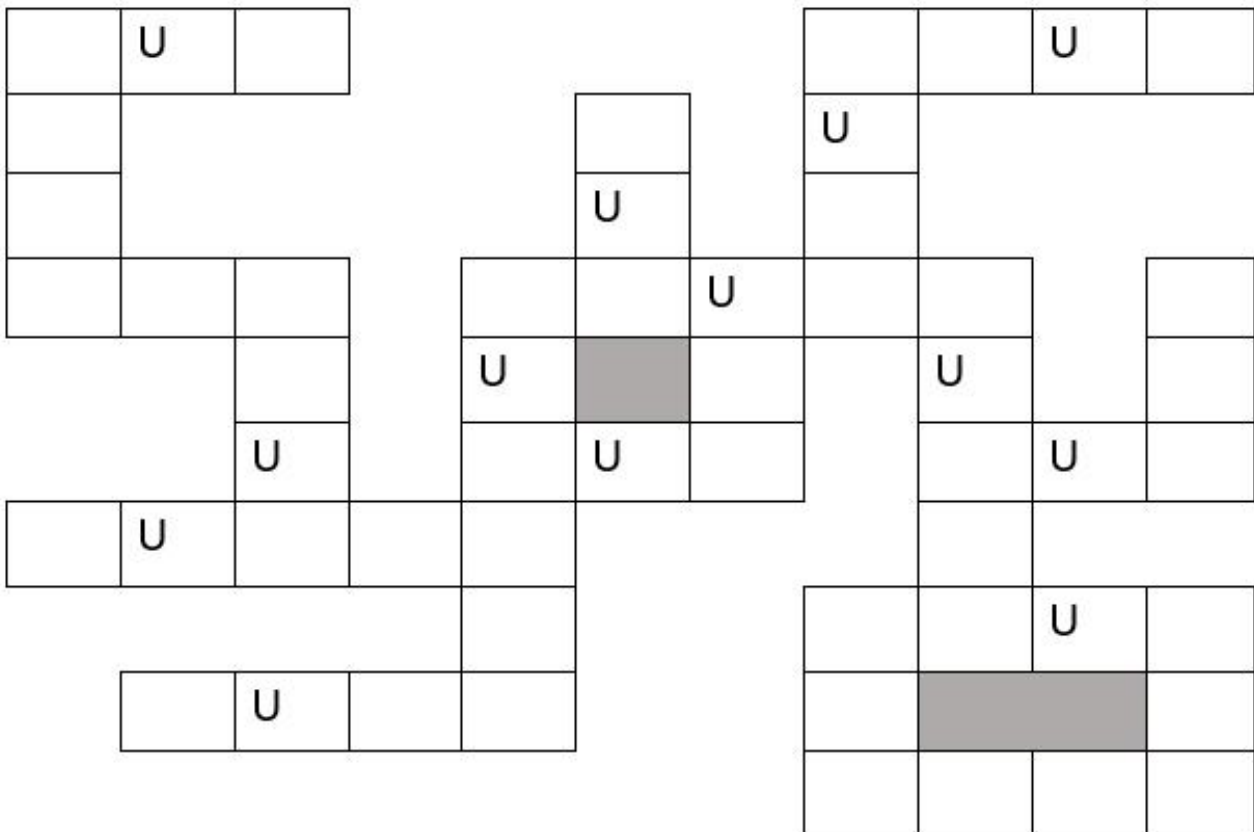
The March lunch will be on  
**Wednesday 8th March.**

To register interest please telephone the Age UK office on 01539 728118.



## Up for a Challenge?

### MARCH CHALLENGE



This Month's Challenge is a difficult one, the idea for which comes from an additive game called Wordscapes. A six letter word is scrambled and you have to complete a grid containing words made from only those letters. You can't use a letter twice in one word. Your six letters are **U,N,T,B,R,O**. According to Google there are 65 words you can make from that, some not so recognisable! You only have a small selection in the grid above so there may be more than one way to complete it. I have put in all the **Us** to give you a start. Good luck.

PS in the app, you score points for all the words you find that are not in the grid – maybe you could get all 65 – don't cheat!

### **FEBRUARY QUIZ : Events & Anniversaries in 2023** Solution (See February edition for the Questions)

- |                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| 1. TUTANKHAMUN   | 6. CROATIA             |
| 2. CASINO ROYALE | 7. BOSTON TEA PARTY    |
| 3. THE MARATHON  | 8. St EDWARD'S CROWN   |
| 4. 1978          | 9. LIVERPOOL           |
| 5. DISNEY        | 10. SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE |

## *Parish Council Notes*

### Parish Council Meeting Summary

This is a summary of the PC meeting held in February to give you an idea of the responsibilities of the Council for local issues. Many thanks to Anita for her previous reporting of Parish business. We had full attendance of existing members at this meeting and one member of the public. All residents are very welcome to attend any of our meetings if there is an issue they would like to raise.

The Chairman (Alan Wren) read out the email received from Cumbria Police regarding recent burglaries in the area. This information has also been published on the Burton Facebook page. The Open Forum followed with the one attending member of the public informing the Parish Council of her concern about the Change of Use application for Chester House – the former Butchers shop and the disappointment that the village has lost another asset.

The Parish Council is a statutory consultee for local planning applications. They do not approve or reject applications but have a duty to pass on local concerns. Two applications were discussed.

a) SL/2023/0071 Glaneils, Station Lane – removal of workers lodge and replace with workers residence – the Clerk has received no comments or objections from members of the public and the Parish Council had no objections to add.

b) SL/2023/0042 Chester House, Main St – change of use of butcher's shop to residential – again the Clerk has received only the above objection from members of the public, although

Councillors agreed it was a disappointment to see another village asset disappear.

The next item was to decide how to commemorate the Coronation. A few suggestions were put forward, including benches, a new vintage street lamp, trees etc. The Parish Council would welcome any further suggestions from members of the public. Please send these to the Parish Clerk at the address below.

Mr Wilson, Head of Burton Morewood School has put together a committee of interested parties to produce a "Welcome Pack" containing useful information for new residents. The Parish Council has agreed to provide information and contact details along with a plea for new members. There was a short update on outstanding tasks for the PC including the repair of picnic benches, parking and traffic in the village, the community asset register and the current vacancies on the committee. The lack of committee members is a serious issue and if anyone is interested in becoming involved in the Parish Council activities, please do get in touch, we would really like to hear from you.

Each councillor then gets the chance to report on issues they have noticed, or which have been brought to their notice such as instances of fly tipping, required road repairs, reporting of vandalism etc. Correspondence received by the PC regarding a footpath between the Boon Town development and Post-Office Lane was discussed.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16th March and follows the Annual Parish Meeting. We welcome members of the public to all our meetings.

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# Vicar's Letter...

## Abundant Life

Dear Friends

When the state pension was first paid out in 1909 (to those aged 70 or over) life expectancy in England was just 52 years! By the time I was born in 1963 it had reached 71 years, driven steadily upward by improving healthcare and prosperity. By 2019 life expectancy was up to 82 years although increases had slowed. Since 2019, of course, it has gone back down, to about 81 years. On average, a whole year has been taken off our lives.

Those are just averages - there are many individuals who seem to have lost much more than one year of their life, who were taken from us 'far too soon'. Expectations of a long life have risen and we can feel that someone who doesn't reach at least 80 has been cheated.

The Bible turns this on its head: life is not a right that is cruelly taken from us but the gift of a loving God. Every single day is a fresh gift from our Creator to be lived for him and not something we have earned and which is owed to us. We can no more complain about this undeserved gift coming to an end than we could complain that the box of chocolates freely given to us by a friend should have been bigger.

In the Old Testament, long life is God's great blessing and gift to those who trust in him. In the New Testament, God upgrades his gift, from long life to eternal life, with most of that gift lying on the other side of death. In words that are read at the start of the Christian funeral service Jesus declared, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26)

That's why, when the apostle Paul knew that he was going to be martyred for his faith, he was not in despair. He knew that as he departed this life he would receive the better gift of an abundant life with Jesus forever. Paul's life until then had only been chapter one of the whole book.

Christians down to the present day have shared that same confidence: "to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21)

Sincerely  
Graham Burrows  
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vicarburtonholme@gmail.com

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| <b>Wardens:</b> Michael Carr  | 781503 |
| Brian Whalley   | 782296 |
| <b>Administrator/Treasurer:</b>   |        |
| Pat Whalley   | 782296 |

# St James Church Burton

## March 2023 Services

Sunday 5 March  
11am Worship with Communion

Sunday 12 March  
11am Worship

Sunday 19 March  
Mothering Sunday  
11am Morning Worship with Communion

Sunday 26 March  
10am Joint Morning Worship at Burton

You are very welcome to join us on Sunday mornings in St James Church. Our church website is [www.burtonandholmechurches.org](http://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. *Services at our sister church, Holy Trinity Holme, are usually at 9am each Sunday.*



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Silverdale Methodist Church LA5 0RR  
Rev. Emma Holroyd 01524 941266

St Mary's RC Church Yealand Conyers  
Father Robert Billing 01524 732940  
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Warton Methodist Church  
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We are still collecting for the Morecambe Bay Foodbank, if you have anything you would like to donate please would you pop them into one of the collection boxes at 4 Drovers Way. Thank you on behalf of those who are in need of your help

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## Burton in Kendal Parish Council

### Meetings

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month** at 7.30pm  
Members of the public are always welcome to observe. Each meetings includes an OPEN FORUM.

### 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](http://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 March 16th, 7.30pm BMH

### St James, Burton & Holy Trinity, Holme

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### Burton St James details

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Pat Whalley 782296

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| CrimeStoppers        | 0800 555 111 |
| Police non-emergency | 101          |
| Kendal Library       | 01539 713524 |
| Kendal Hospital      | 01539 732288 |
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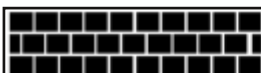


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Monday 6th - Coffee Morning & Book Drop - 10-11am BMH

Thursday 16th - Burton Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm BMH

Friday 17th - Kitty Brown Boutique - Spring Fashion Show – 7.00pm BMH

Monday 20th - Book Drop 10-11am BMH

Monday 20th - Local History Society meeting  
"Victorian County History - Researching Burton & Its Environs"  
Dr Sarah Rose

Saturday 25th - Art & Craft Society Workshop  
"Landscape In Your Favourite Medium" with Cally Lawson

Thursday 29th - Sports & Recreation Trust AGM - 7.30pm BMH (Club Room)

### **APRIL**

Every Friday – Art Group 9.30am to 12 Noon BMH

Monday 3rd – Coffee Morning & Book Drop 10-11am BMH

Sunday 9th - Daffodil Show - in aid of Burton Morewood School - Kings Arms Hotel

Friday 14th – Spring Bingo – 6.30pm (doors open) BMH

Monday 17th – Book Drop 10-11am BMH

Monday 17th – Local History Society meeting  
"Gleaston Castle – A History, and Recent Developments"  
Dan Elsworth

Thursday 20th – Burton Parish Council Meeting – 7.30pm BMH

Saturday 22nd - Spring Market - 10am to 4pm BMH