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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the March edition of Burton News. Two stories dominated conversation around the village in the last month, and we have them both covered here. Firstly, the continued problems we have with the water supply. We report on the situation with United Utilities who have provided an explanation as to why the same problem keeps occurring and what their plans are to remedy this properly. Read our full report on page 8.

The other big story of the last few weeks was that of Paulo the cat who has been sneaking into neighbours houses and stealing whole packets of cat food, before returning home. Debra Jones, our cat crime correspondent investigates. Read all about Paulo's antics on Page 9.

Last month's article by the vicar has elicited a thoughtful response from Fiona Thexton, who puts a Humanist perspective forward, challenging the premise of the article that humans are unique in our world. If you read any articles in Burton News that you would like to respond to, we are very interested in hearing your opinions. We also accept reader's letters as well as full articles.

This month also sees an expanded sports section. We have contributions from the bowling, tennis, table tennis and pickleball clubs, plus Jan Abbott's regular section on fitness and wellbeing.

Please would readers note that letters & articles must include a valid name & address. This can be with-held 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.

We also have another tasty recipe from Jeanie Christian to try. She informs me that this is quite straightforward and you could even swap the flour for gluten free if you wanted to. If you try any of Jeanie's recipes let us know how you get on and I will pass on your feedback.

This month also sees the first instalment of the Night Sky for this year. Steve Thexton continues to give us lots of information about what we can see from our own windows, and helpfully Steve has also provided us with a calendar of events to look out for as we turn our gaze to the sky above.

As usual, many of our societies and clubs have contributed articles detailing their activities over the last month, and lots of things to look forward to in the months ahead. The sheer variety of activities on offer show what a vibrant community we are part of. If you are a member of a club or society that is not currently included in the newsletter then please get in touch. We love to read about what is happening in the village.

We also have a further update on progress at the refurbished Royal Oak. Hopefully the work will be complete soon and we can get a proper look inside rather than sneaking a peak through the whitewashed windows! Graham, Lynda, Mike and the team look forward to welcoming you in the coming weeks.

There is lots going on at the hall in the coming weeks. There is a welcome day for new residents in the village to find out more about the village. There is also a fashion and homeware fair, and a night of jazz, as well as the usual events such as the coffee mornings and book drops.

I have really enjoyed my first couple of editions as editor of Burton News. It has been a privilege to meet so many people who give up their time as volunteers to create a vibrant village atmosphere, with so many activities for us all to enjoy. I would really like more people to get involved with the newsletter. We still have a position to fill on the committee. It is a chance to discuss any feedback from the last edition, and the content which will appear in the next one. It is a great opportunity to shape the future direction of the newsletter, and a chance for you to contribute ideas for inclusion.

Alternatively, if you have any more ideas for content that you would like to see, please feel free to email the editor to discuss them. Hopefully you will enjoy this edition and be inspired to see your name in print next month! Furthermore, if you have a business that you would like to advertise, Burton News is a great way to reach a targeted audience, in a very cost effective way.

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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

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POLICE REPORT

27/1 – A swan was killed in the area, suspected by a dog, enquiries still ongoing.

10/1 – A vehicle was uplifted for obstruction on St James Drive.

Can we remind all dog walkers to keep your dogs on leads especially at this time of year as this is an important time for farmers. Sheep are pregnant and some have lambs at foot now. Be mindful of where you choose to walk your dog, remember that this is a farmers livelihood and every sheep and lamb matter.

Did you know that if you wish to report any crime you can so anonymously? You can ring 0800 555 111.

PCSO 5244 Mandy Coleman
Cumbria Police, South Lakes Rural

Westmorland and Furness Council

Councillor Vicky Hughes is looking to set up a committee to look at new play equipment for the park on Boon Town. She has outlined below her ideas:

"I am looking at setting up a committee to look at new play equipment for the park on Boon Town. The plan is to set up a committee of residents and parents that are interested in taking the project forward, then I'll invite the locality team from W&F down to discuss the process and funding options. In the process all the children will also get the opportunity to put forward their thoughts and opinions. It will take some time to get all the funding in place but I feel if we start now we'll have the funding in place before the current equipment is unusable. The Parish Council are also fully behind this. If you would like to get involved please get in touch with me, either call me on 07960 590 531 or email Vicky.hughes@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk.

Burton, Holme, and District Local History Society

Monday March 17th 7.30pm BMH
'Building the M6 through Cumbria'
Jean Turnbull.

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.



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



The Art Group will meet each Friday 9:30am - 12 Noon BMH
The cost is £3 per session for members and £5 for non-members
The Craft Group meets 2nd Monday each month 1.30-4pm BMH £3

To join the Society contact the Treasurer Paula Firth.
Tel 01524 571997, email p.c.firth@hotmail.com or mobile:07488 328464 or

Chairwoman Kath Hayhurst
Tel:01524 781613 or email kathhayhurst84@gmail.com

Membership includes free programme events, free art and craft entries to the exhibition and use of the Society library.

Burton Fellwalkers

Burton Fell Walkers aim to do three walks each month, except in December, when we have one festive outing.

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.



These are the dates for the walks in March

Sun 9 March 9am. Pooley Bridge to Aira Force. 6 miles (easy/medium)
Wed 12 March 10am. Rosthwaite Heights. <5 miles (easy)
Sat 22 March 9am. Tarn Hows. 8 miles (medium)

WI FEBRUARY MEETING REPORT

At our February meeting our speaker, Kay, told us how she uses sound as a relaxation technique. She demonstrated how the instruments she brought with her were played to give different sounds and we all enjoyed a short period of relaxation listening to them.

The Competition for a Bell was won by Alison with Andrea second and the raffle was won by Ann Rigg.

Our next meeting will be on the 13th March. It will be our AGM and celebration of Red Nose Day.

The competition is for a Red Item and our Hostesses will be Bet and Evelyn.

News from Burton Memorial Hall

Our monthly coffee and cake mornings are continuing to be popular and raise much-needed funds to help keep the Hall operational, so a big thank you to everyone who comes and supports them, and to the team who bake the cakes for them also. The next one will be on Saturday 15th March, from 10am until 12noon in the main hall, as part of our Welcome to Burton Day. In addition to offering deliciously tempting cakes, we are inviting village groups to come along and showcase what they do and encourage people to get involved in the various groups and activities that happen in the hall, at school, or on the MUGA. We also welcome locals who provide a service to come along and take part and reach a wider audience. If you'd like to be a part of it please give me a call on 01524 781306 to bag a space.

The monthly library book coffee mornings are also still happening, usually on the first Monday of each month from 10am until 11am (except for May when it's a week later due to the Bank Holiday), and the monthly 200 Club Draws take place there. If you would like to join the 200 Club there are still numbers available, just contact Katy on 07946 617634; each number costs just £12 per year and there are 3 cash prizes each month.

We are still working on plans to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of WW2, and hope to host activities on Sat 3rd May, Sat 16th Aug, and Sat 6th Sept - more details to follow. If you'd like to be involved in helping organise them or have ideas to add to the mix, do get in touch with me. Please see the last issue of BN for the shout-out for wartime family stories for the exhibition, I'm very happy to call and see anyone who has a family wartime story they want to tell, again just give me a call on 01524 781306 to arrange a date.

Following on from the Simon and Garfunkel music night with Tim Chu and Ian Bailey in February, we have a couple of exciting new events booked into the Hall. Saturday 22nd March sees The Pre-loved Wardrobe Fashion and Homeware Fair, from 10am until 1pm, with stalls selling vintage fashions, jewellery, haberdashery, pre-loved items for your home and more. £1 entry, pay on the door.

The following Saturday 29th March, we will be welcoming the wonderful local Kader Jazz Band to the Hall for a night of modern jazz music. Doors open at 7pm, and tickets are just £6 each, pay on the door or book ahead online at <https://trybooking.com/uk/ELKC>.

Finally, a couple of advance dates for your calendar: Hall Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd June at 7.30pm, if you would like to join in helping manage and run your village hall please do come along. Also, our next Kitty Brown Fashion Show will be on Friday 6th June at 7pm, tickets £5 (includes a glass of wine) on sale from 1st May, more details to follow in a future issue of BN.

Anne Nichols, Chair of the Management Committee

BURTON MEMORIAL HALL 200 CLUB

Below are the results of the 200 Club Draw for January.

FIRST PRIZE	£28	N. COWARD
SECOND PRIZE	£18	A. NICHOLLS
THIRD PRIZE	£11	L. WILSON

Anyone wishing to join the 200 Club,
please contact Katy Worsley on bmh200club@outlook.com
Or call 07946 617634

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 Book Drop & Coffee Mornings



Monday 3rd March

Burton Book Drop Coffee morning is held in BMH on the first Monday in every month (unless its a bank holiday) from 10.00 to 11.00. All proceeds go to help the upkeep of the Hall. This is an opportunity to come and have a coffee, cake and a chat, buy a second hand book and use our Book Drop. The Book Drop is a community library service provided by Westmorland & Furness Council but manned by village volunteers.



Burton Lunch Club

Held at the Kings Arms, Burton every 2nd
Wednesday of the month. Come along and enjoy a
reasonably priced two course meal with tea or coffee in a friendly environment.
Please call Age UKSC to book on 01539 728118.

Age UKSC Information is available at the Coffee Morning and Book Drop on the 1st
Monday of the month in the BMH 10am – 11am

Water, Water everywhere and not a drop to drink

Residents of Burton were disappointed but not surprised to have their water supply interrupted again this month. A water main to the north of the village near Clawthorpe burst causing residents to be without water for most of the day. This is the same place where leaks have caused repeated interruptions to supply over the last few years.

Burton News has been in contact with United Utilities, who are responsible for the supply of water in the area, for them to comment on the recent disruptions. A spokesperson for the company told us "Unfortunately, we had a burst water main in Burton-in-Kendal on Saturday 1 February in the early evening, which resulted in some residents being without water for a few hours. Our teams were able to swiftly locate the issue and arrange for our contractor to quickly repair it and get water flowing again as well as get the traffic moving again too."

When challenged about the repeated failures of supply the spokesperson went on to say "We appreciate that this isn't the first time residents in the village have had disruption to their water supply and we sincerely apologise for the inconvenience this recent interruption may have caused."

Asked by Burton News what they are planning to do to address this properly in the future their spokesperson added "Our team is currently engaging with contractors to scope out the work required to resolve the ongoing issue and will be carrying out surveys and scoping trial holes in advance of the full works commencing in the coming months." They went on to add "I have spoken with the customer water manager for your local area following the burst and he has confirmed that the main is a priority to fully replace and that we are currently liaising with Burton Parish Council as well as the local MP for the area. The work is likely to take place after the 1 April when additional funding will become available. Once we have a more confirmed timeframe and details of the work programme we will be in touch."

United Utilities is planning on raising our water bills by 32% over the next five years. They paid out £340m to investors and shareholders in 2023-24, and have been criticised in the local area for the number of sewage discharges into the local environment, in particular causing concern to users of Lake Windermere. Residents will be wondering if they are getting good value for money from this monopoly supplier.

Burton News will continue to hold United Utilities to account until we have a long term solution to this problem. If you have any questions that you would like us to put to UU, then please get in touch and we can be the focal campaigning point for the village.

A cat burglar is on the prowl in Burton

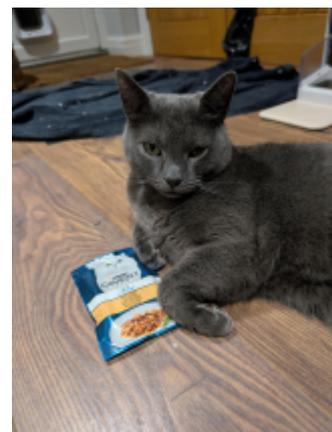
Residents of Burton have been witness to a crime wave sweeping parts of the village. Our suspect has been described as well built, agile grey feline with a penchant for takeaway food. He uses his innocent brother, Cole as a lookout, but is not prepared to share his loot with him. He shows no shame as he regularly steals more than 5 meals in one day! Paulo showed no remorse and didn't pause for thought to consider his victims - innocent hungry kitties. If his owners won't oblige him by opening the stolen goods, he rips it apart & eats straight from the pack.

Initially he struck under the cover of darkness, but when he wasn't apprehended, he became overconfident and was prepared to go on his urban hunting spree at any time of the day, casing local houses, striking seemingly at random.

Owners are at their wits end - as well as the financial cost of the carpet cleaning bill as cat food is scattered in his feeding frenzy, the emotional cost of sleepless nights, worrying where this will end is taking its toll. They first noticed that he was putting on weight & acting erratically, coming and going at all hours. They became suspicious when Paulo, who usually spent 23 hours of the day sleeping, was now on the rampage for hours at a time. Eventually he was caught red handed coming through the cat flap with a pouch of cat food in his mouth! Owner Debra wrestled with him to remove the stolen goods and confiscate it, only for him to go straight back out to feed his habit!

Paulo's brother Cole feels used and is worried for his safety as Paulo's behaviour becomes more and more reckless. House to house enquires have revealed a grey cat running through gardens acting suspiciously with what appeared to look like a silver coloured package in his mouth. One worried cat owner said 'this is the last thing you would expect to happen in this sleepy, safe village, we're in shock'

Paulo's antics were eventually foiled by an anonymous tip off. He was caught on camera, boldly trotting down the road, with his booty in his mouth. The food has now been secured safely where Paulo can't help himself, but that hasn't stopped him from prowling the neighborhood looking for opportunities to supplement his diet. No more luck on the pouches, but he has managed to get his paws on a pack of Dreamies. Please stay alert and keep your cats food supplies securely stored!



BURTON PICKLEBALL CLUB

Burton Pickleball Club is celebrating its two-year anniversary and proudly announcing an impressive surge in popularity with more than 60 regular players attending a programme of 11 weekly sessions.

Since we founded two years ago, the club has established itself as a thriving hub for pickleball enthusiasts in the village community, and has found a growing following in the region thanks to the club's dedication to fostering a welcoming environment, promoting the sport, and encouraging active living.

My personal testimony:

'I saw the advert on the community FB page like many other long-standing picklers and ignored my trepidation and my initial internal alarm which screamed 'it sounds like a cult' and went along to the taster session.

I had zero clue how to play, but everyone was so encouraging and patient, volleying nonstop affirmations at me despite most of my balls ending up in the net.

Two hours later and I'm euphoric, high on pickleball fumes and wondering where this game has been all my life.

Two years ago, I didn't know a "dink" from a "danish" or a "volley" from a "vindaloo", let alone when to keep out of "the kitchen", and months later, still didn't know how to keep score to save my life (in my defence, pickleball scoring is oddly confusing). But hey, I figure any game that involves these many references to food must be my jam.

Like many in the club, I was new to the area, finding it difficult to meet people and being quite introverted, I needed a sign, or maybe a push off the cliff to leave my reservations at the door. The pickleball floodgates opened fast, and they opened wide – I found a community, a sense of purpose and belonging, live humans to interact with any day of the week and, more often than not, snacks.

Two years in and I'm addicted, riding the pickleball wave and hooked on the feeling'.

Burton Pickleball Club's aim is to provide an inclusive and fun platform for pickleball enthusiasts in the area, and the positive response from our community has exceeded our expectations.

If you are interested in trying out this fantastic sport, please contact Jeanie Christian for my information on 07967940818

Annette Sayers

FITNESS IS FUN!

Last month's article was all about getting moving and the great opportunities that are available within our community. Now let's focus on 'What can I do to help myself feel my very best?' Often small changes in mindset can create transformational results!

Being fit isn't necessarily about doing exercise classes; it's about being fit to live your life to the full. Making small steps that become habits. The time of day that suits you best depends on your home life and trying to fit something else into an already packed schedule won't help it become a habit, BUT doing some resistance exercise like squats whilst waiting for the kettle to boil then having a dance to a favourite track whilst the drink cools could be fun and a short burst of exercise is done.

Your gorgeous morning cuppa becomes your reward and 4 cuppas a day is 20 minutes of exercise. Doing a balancing exercise or maybe a wall sit whilst brushing your teeth are perhaps easy options. How about stretching during the ad breaks on TV? Kids and partners can join in for free!

Don't forget to congratulate yourself with a smile and powerful High 5 or fist pump in the mirror to reinforce your new habit. Sounds corny? Give it a go – you've nothing to lose, but a new fitter you to gain!

Jan Abbott
Fusion Fitness

It's never too late to be fit for life.
It's your life----live it, love it.



BURTON-IN-KENDAL TENNIS CLUB

Upcoming Events

The Summer Season at Burton Tennis Club starts on Sunday 13th April 2025 with an Adults Open Day, 1 - 4pm.

No matter what your age or ability, come along and find out what we do: Play tennis...meet friends...have fun...eat cake...drink tea...repeat



Tennis League

We are just coming to the end of the Winter Veterans season in which we have 3 teams in the Lancaster and Morecambe Tennis League. These teams provide friendly competition with other local clubs. The Summer Leagues begin towards the end of April for those who wish to participate in them.

Social

Every Friday 10 - 11:30am, Sunday 2 - 3:30pm

Alternate Wednesday evenings in the Summer season.

Weather permitting!

Contact

For more information visit our Website, Facebook page or email:
info@burtontennisclub.co.uk

BURTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Burton Table Tennis Club currently has 4 teams in the Kendal and District Table Tennis League. There are 2 teams in Division 1, Burton A and B, and 2 teams, Burton C and D, in Division 2. There are 3 players in a team and home matches are played on Wednesday evenings, from 7-9pm, in the Burton Memorial Hall. At the time of writing, Burton A, having fulfilled half of their fixtures, are lying 2nd in Division 1.

The team of Gary Deakin, Ben O'Flynn and Peter Baxendale have won 7 of their 8 matches so far this season, losing only to League Leaders Natland A. Burton B, captained by Paul Hines, are currently lying 3rd but could be caught by a couple of teams with games in hand.

In Division 2, Burton D and Burton C are currently 1st and 3rd respectively, but Burton C, featuring a very strong squad of John Fitzgerald, Bryan Walker, Simon Waring and Paul Capstick Newell, with 2 games in hand, are favourites to capture the Division 2 title. The league matches will be complete in April.

On Thursday evenings, Junior Coaching runs from 5.15 to 6.00pm and is followed by an Adult Social Session from 6 to 7pm. There are currently 7 juniors attending the junior sessions and 8 people attending the adult social.

Anyone interested in getting involved with either of these sessions, or indeed in playing competitively, should contact Tony March (Chair and Level 1 Table Tennis Coach) on 07814 029471 or email tony@lonsdaleconsulting.co.uk.

BURTON BOWLING CLUB

It's hard to believe but the new bowling season will be only about 4 weeks away when you read this, with the first competitive match scheduled for the 1st April. And what a match to start off with! In the Kendal League last season our A team were the Champions and our B team were Champions of Division 2, so gaining promotion to the top Division. On the 1st April the A and B teams meet each other so bragging rights will be established early on. Why not stop by the green that night (6.30PM) to watch the fun.

Before that a considerable amount of work needs to be completed on and around the green, as some of you may have observed. The wooden retaining boards around the green were rotting away in many places, and so have been replaced entirely, and similarly the smaller boards which actually retain the grass area. This has involved a great deal of hard work which has been progressing sporadically through the winter. All the work has been done by a small group of members giving freely of their time and expertise, for which the entire club is deeply grateful.

The coming season will see the Club fielding two teams in the Kendal League Division 1, teams in Divisions 2 and 3 of the Morecambe League, and a team in the Lancaster and District Veterans League. The Club is a little short of over 60 playing members for the Veterans team so if you qualify by age and have played the game in the past and wish to resume, or wish to take up the game please contact our Secretary Sue Miles (01524 781465) for more information. To an extent the same applies to the B team in the Morecambe League.

Night Skies over Burton – Alignment or no Alignment and a bit about Kepler.

Hello, and welcome to the first instalment of 2025. Although it's now drifting into the recent past, I hope you had a lovely Christmas and new year.

You may be aware from a variety of media there is currently a rather special alignment of 7 of our solar system planets in our early evening sky. The next time this occurs will be in 2040, so a fairly infrequent occurrence by human timeline scales. *If we ever get a clear evening this will be quite a spectacle to observe, but what exactly are we looking for?*

The word "alignment" may cause confusion. You will not see a host of our planetary neighbours in a straight line or particularly near each other, nor with convenient labels marking them! Indeed, for Uranus and Neptune you will need binoculars or a small telescope and a very clear dark sky site. So, how will they appear? I have tried to take the images below from the free [Stellarium](#) program to give a better indication. You will need to be very lucky to catch Mercury in the sun's afterglow in early March along with a much dimmer Saturn. Then if you follow a long arc across the sky, you pass Neptune (though not visible unaided) to super bright Venus, Uranus and bright Jupiter to the south and finally red Mars to the southeast.

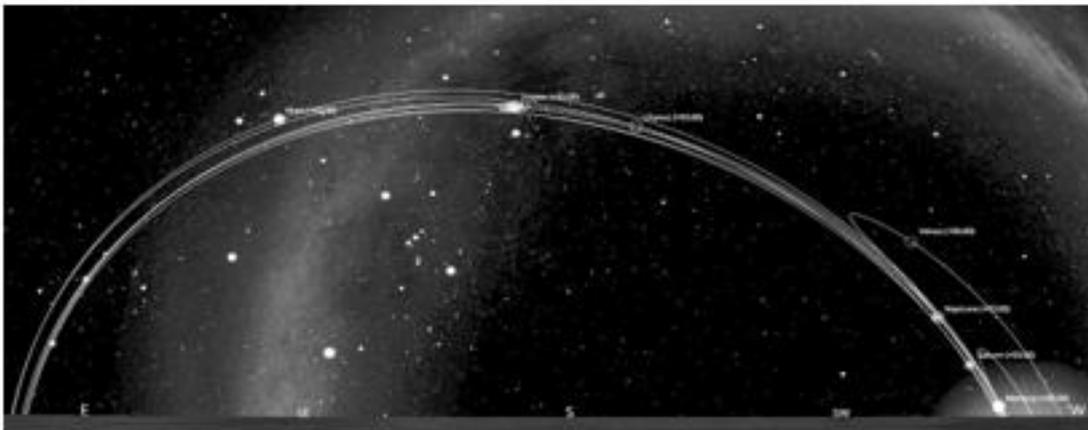


Photo showing the positions of the planets just as the sunsets at start of March

What is amazing is that is predictable as to how and when this is going to happen both now and as far as we wish to look into the future. It started with a rather remarkable scientist called Johannes Kepler. The story of how we understand planetary motion could not be told if it were not for the work of this German mathematician way back in the 17th century. He is possibly best known for his three laws of Planetary Motion.

As a *very* condensed summary, Kepler's three laws describe how planets orbit the Sun. They describe how (1) planets move in elliptical orbits with the Sun as a focus, (2) a planet covers the same area of space in the same amount of time no matter where it is in its orbit, and (3) a planet's orbital period is proportional to the size of its orbit.

The planets orbit the Sun in a counterclockwise direction as viewed from above the Sun's north pole, and the planets' orbits all are aligned to what astronomers call the ecliptic plane. Like many philosophers of his era, Kepler had a mystical belief that the circle was the universe's perfect shape, so he also thought the planets' orbits must be circular. For many years, he struggled to make Tycho Brahe's observations of the motions of Mars match up with a circular orbit. Kepler eventually realized that the orbits of the planets are not perfect circles. His brilliant insight was that planets move in elongated, or flattened, circles called ellipses.

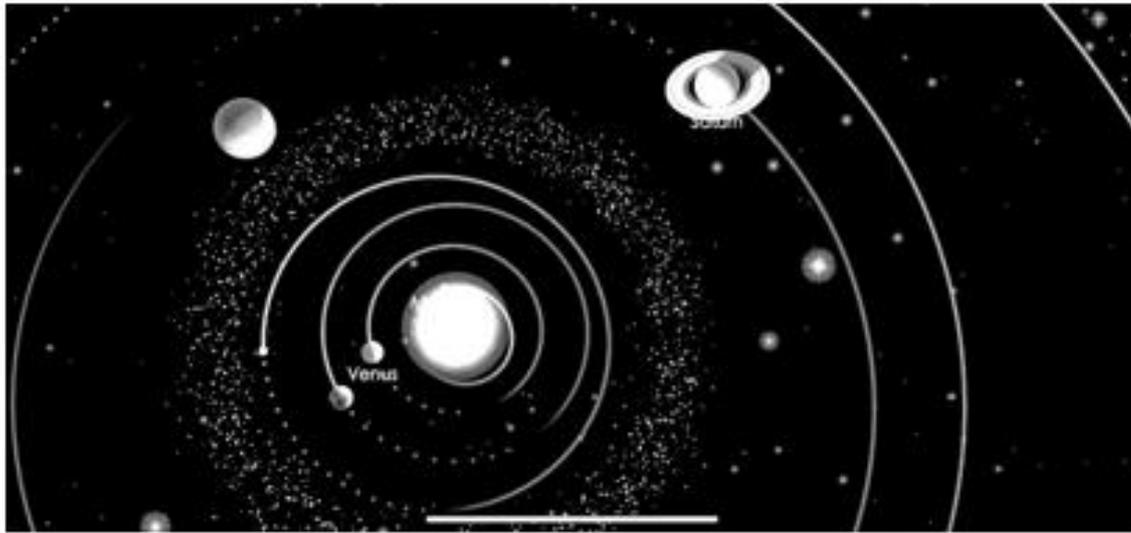


Image showing approx. positions of the planets at the end of February from beyond our solar system

At this point in time, Newton had not been born and Kepler didn't know about gravity, which is responsible for holding the planets in their orbits around the Sun. But Kepler's laws were instrumental in Isaac Newton's development of his theory of universal gravitation, which explained the unknown force behind Kepler's third law. Kepler and his theories were crucial in the understanding of solar system dynamics and as a springboard to newer theories that more accurately approximate planetary orbits. Newton's version of Kepler's third law allows us to calculate the masses of any two objects in space if we know the distance between them and how long they take to orbit each other. What Newton realized was that the orbits of objects in space depend on their masses, which led him to discover gravity.

Newton's generalized version of Kepler's third law is the basis of most measurements we can make of the masses of distant objects in space today. These applications include determining the masses of moons orbiting the planets, stars that orbit each other, the masses of black holes (using nearby stars affected by their gravity), the masses of exoplanets (planets orbiting stars other than our Sun), and the existence of mysterious dark matter in our galaxy and others.

Johannes Kepler died Nov. 15, 1630, at age 58. NASA's Kepler space telescope was named for him. The spacecraft launched March 6, 2009, and spent nine years searching for Earth-like planets orbiting other stars in our region of the Milky Way. The Kepler space telescope left a legacy of more than 2,600 planet discoveries from outside our solar system, many of which could be promising places for life. He was a truly remarkable man.

Other things to look out for in March:

1st March the crescent moon gives a good opportunity for a lovely photo, if clear skies allow, to the west just after sunset.

6th March Both in the morning in the NW sky and that evening a 42% lit moon is close to Jupiter

14th March There is a total eclipse of the moon just as it is setting in the early morning western sky. This may be difficult to see here due to the rapidly increasing daylight but if any of you fortunate enough to be travelling to the USA or Canada then it could be quite spectacular.

20th March the sun crosses the celestial equator at 09:01am marking the Northern Hemisphere's vernal spring.

29th March There will be a partial eclipse of the sun around 10:00am – take care viewing this!

Good luck and clear skies, Stephen.

From a humanist

I feel I need to put forward an alternative conversation to the one expressed in last month's vicar's letter – in defence of the animal kingdom:

Are you saying I am an animal?

Yes, and that is a problem because...?

But we walk on two legs?

Interesting use of the word "but". À la Orwell perhaps – Two legs good, four legs bad? Birds walk on two legs, Dolphins and snakes don't need legs, and as for millipedes ...! All have as many legs as is appropriate for their environment.

We have opposable thumbs.

Very useful they are too – that is why we, and gorillas, can use tools, and koalas (who have two opposable thumbs on their hands) can climb so well.

What about our brain? It's so large!

It would be fair to say that it is not the size that matters, but what you do with it! If size were everything, homo sapiens would have been outsmarted by Neanderthals and African elephants.

What about our ability to think in complex ways and about abstract things and morals and even wonder why we exist at all?

Don't get me wrong, the human brain is amazing, it has given us art, music, literature and scientific enquiry. Sometimes it may be true that the more we discover, the more questions there are – but that is what makes science exciting.

So, is there anything that distinguishes us from other animals?

Lots of things, as there are lots of things that distinguish them from us – but they don't make us "better", or "special". We have relatively poor eyesight and sense of smell, we can't run all that fast, we can't live under water or fly, our infants are completely helpless when they are born and we don't have enough hair to stay warm. The thing that has put us on top of the predator heap is our ability to communicate and record, which should mean we can learn from past mistakes, sadly, that is not always the case.

"Let us make man in our image" Did God really say that?

I don't know, you don't know and the writer of Genesis didn't know. I do wonder who He was talking to though.

Darwin came up with a theory of natural selection over 160 years ago. The theory has withstood everything science could throw at it since then – even sciences that did not exist when Darwin first proposed it. It may be "just a theory" but that does not put it on a par with myth and legend.

Fiona Thexton

The Royal Oak Update

We are continuing to work hard to try and get the pub open for around Mid-March if all goes to plan.

For those of you who have social media, you will have seen some photos showing the progress and some of the rustic, authentic appearance that we are trying to create.

The development has included significant amounts of up cycling, reuse and revitalisation of the initial structure and original timbers from ceiling joists and beams. The 1857 James Jones fire crane has been restored to its former glory adding to the characteristic charm of the historic building.

Initially, our plan is to open for a couple of weeks just serving hot and cold drinks and cakes/scones. This enables the new team of staff to find their feet and get familiar with the building and each other.

We will then introduce the food menu which has been created serving locally sourced, hearty home cooked food to suit all different tastes.

Our proposed opening hours to begin with are likely to be:

Mon/Tues 5pm to close

Wed to Sunday 12pm to close

Please check out our face book page for regular updates. We look forward to welcoming you all.

Graham, Lynda, Mike and the Team



Wise Dominion

Dear Friends

Human beings are unique among the creatures of this world because we are made in the image of our Creator. We are God's self-portrait in his art gallery (see my February letter).

But what does this mean? Physically, we have eyes because God sees, and hands because God builds, helps and rescues. Morally, we understand that not everything that we *could* do is something we *should* do – like our Creator we know there is right and wrong. We are also like God because we are made to rule over his creation, to have dominion over the earth as his representatives.

Some people believe that the world would be better off without mankind: "Leave it to its natural state, don't disturb nature, reduce the number of people on the planet, make as little impact as you can!" But that's not a Bible view; if we are to rule we *must* make an impact. We are certainly to rule wisely, with respect and love for all that God has made. But not timidly.

The world is a hostile environment for men and women (Genesis 3:17-18). Even with a vigorous and skilful use of the resources of our planet it is *not* easy for mankind to grow enough food; it is not easy to protect yourself and your family from cold and heat, floods and droughts; it is not easy to avoid disease, disasters and death.

Life for many was, and is, a struggle for survival. To get beyond that and to have time and money for things like healthcare, sport, music and travel required us to be 'benevolent lords'.

When we take charge of our environment in this way we are mirrors reflecting the power and glory of our Creator and obeying his command: 'God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'" (Genesis 1:28)

Sincerely,

Graham Burrows

Children and Families
at Burton and Holme Churches

Would you like to hear from us a few times each year about family events and services in Burton and Holme?

Sign up and we will let you know about Lego Builders, Christmas & Easter services, and other family events. You can unsubscribe at any time using the link in our emails.

SCAN ME



Open the Box Children and Families

LEGO BUILDERS FAMILY EVENT
Saturday 10th February
10.00am – 11.30am
Burton Memorial Hall, LA6 1NA
OR
2.00pm – 3.30pm
Holme Parish Hall, LA6 1PY

- 1000s of Lego bricks and hands-on, fast-paced Lego Build Challenges all help to introduce the story of Jesus.
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- For all ages – Duplo corner for the youngsters.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Free tickets available via our church website or from Village Store, Burton / Janet Posters, Holme 782015

Burton and Holme Churches
www.burtonandholmechurches.org

Good Friday Family Event
Holy Trinity Church

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Holy Trinity Holme: 4.00pm

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Christmas

March 2025 Services

Sunday 2 March
11am Morning Worship with Communion

Sunday 9 March
11am Morning Worship

Sunday 16 March
11am Morning Worship with Communion

Sunday 23 March
10am Joint Morning Worship at Holme

Sunday 30 March **Mothering Sunday**
11am Morning Worship



www.burtonandholmechurches.org

St James Church, Burton



You are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings. Service times can be checked under 'Coming Up' on the 'Welcome' page of our website.

Open Church: The church is open to visitors every Friday and Saturday, 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.

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We start new Hope Explored groups regularly and will always try to offer a location and time to suit you. The three meetings last 90 minutes each.

Please get in touch if you would like to know more, or to find out when the next group might be starting.

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OTHER PLACES OF WORSHIP

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

St Mary's RC Church, Yealand Conyers, Father Peter Haughton 01524 732940
Times of Services can be found at www.ololcarnforth.org.uk

Warton Methodist Church, www.wartonmethodist.co.uk, 01524 732626

Yealand Quakers, 01524 781501 / 782052 / 732336

Preston Patrick Church, Junction 36 (The Church on the hill with the Cross)
Morning Worship 9.30am

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EWEN TURNER - TENOR SAX

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RECIPE PAGE

I wonder if anyone had a go at making the wheaten biscuit recipe in the February's Burton News? This month a recipe to make bread without having yeast. This is a tasty loaf with not too many ingredients we often have in the cupboard.

If you make this bread with all white flour then it is known as Soda Bread.

WHEATEN LOAF

140 grams strong white bread flour
350 grams wholemeal flour
1 teasp salt
1 1/4 teasp bicarb of soda
2 teasp castor sugar (optional)
60 grams butter
450 ml buttermilk (this can be purchased at Booths or add lemon juice to milk)
4 tablespoons vegetable oil
A few porridge oats to decorate

METHOD

1. Pre-heat the oven to 200c/ 190c fan.
2. Lightly flour a loaf tin (1lb tin).
3. Sift together flours, salt, bicarb of soda, and sugar in a large bowl.
4. Rub in the butter
5. Make a well in the centre and pour in oil and buttermilk, stir in with a spatula.
6. Lightly knead the dough for no more than a minute.
7. Put into loaf tin and sprinkle a few oats over the dough.
8. Bake in the pre-heated oven for 30 mins then reduce oven by 10 degrees, and rotate the tin and bake for a further 30 mins.

I hope you try this recipe out... it is delicious with butter and jam, cheese etc

Whatever your preference it should last for 3-4 days , but usually never that long because it has already been eaten!

ENJOY Jeanie Christian

Burton Amateur Dramatics Society

We are now preparing for our next production scheduled for October with rehearsals starting in June. If anyone is interested in joining us either acting or back stage you would be very welcome.

Contact either Bob Parker on 01524 781772 or Jill Evans on 07704514972



Burton Singers

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Burton Bowling Club

Club night each Monday at 6.30pm at green during season.
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Ladies Badminton

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Secretary. Jill Evans 007704514972



Burton Fellwalkers

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Secretary: Sarah Walker 01524 923528
website: <http://fellwalkers.burtonweb.org.uk>



Milnthorpe Angling Association

Fly fishing on the River Bela & environs. For membership
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mail milnthorpeaa@hotmail.com



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Thursday evenings - Autumn to Spring each year
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Mon 6.30pm /Fri 6.15pm Burton Memorial Hall
Wed 6.45pm Burton Morewood School
Contact: John 01524 781707



Scottish Country Dance Group

Meets at Storth Village Hall on Tuesdays 7.30pm to 9.30pm.
Beginners welcome. Contact Ainslie Dunnett on 07708
654390 ainslie.dunnett@btinternet.com or Pauline Hampson
on 07706 697306 paulinehampson2016@gmail.com



Burton in Kendal Art & Craft Society

Craft Group 2nd Monday of the month 1.30pm. Art Group
Fridays Workshop or Demonstration most months
Chair: kathhayhurst84@gmail.com Tel 01524 781613



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Burton Womens Institute

Meetings held at Burton Memorial Hall on 2nd Thursday
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To join contact Helena Nixon on 01524 781048



Burton Knit & Natter

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QES, Kirkby Lonsdale	015242 71275
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Burton in Kendal Parish Council

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 March 20th 7.30pm BMH

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Registration of Births and Deaths is overseen by the Kendal Registrar's Office, based in County Hall, Kendal. Telephone 0300 373 3300 or email registration.service@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

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www.nspcc.org.uk (children at risk)

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www.samaritans.org

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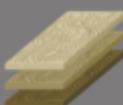
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Art Group - meets most Fridays 9.30am to 12 Noon BMH (Visitors Welcome)

Craft Group - Second Monday each month 1.30pm-4pm BMH £3

Knit & Natter Group - meets each Wednesday 6.30pm to 8.30pm BMH (£2.00)

Mon 3rd - Coffee morning and book drop 10am to 11am BMH

Sun 10th - Fell Walkers Pooley Bridge 9am

Wed 12th - Fell Walkers Rosthwaite Heights 10am

Wed 12th - Burton Lunch Club, Kings Arms, Run by Age UK

Thurs 13th - WI AGM (BMH)

Sat 15th - Welcome to Burton including Coffee and Cake BMH 10am-12pm

Mon 17th - Local History Society Indoor Meeting 7.30pm BMH (Visitors Welcome)

'Building the M6 Through Cumbria' by Jean Turnbull

Thurs 20th - Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm BMH

Sat 22nd - Fellwalkers Tarn Howe 9am

Sat 22nd - Pre-loved wardrobe fashion and homewares fair BMH 10am-1pm

Sat 29th Kader Jazz Band 7pm BMH