



# Burton News reaches its 10th Birthday this month!

We have Birthday Competitions to celebrate it, and a look back over the last 10 years of BN.

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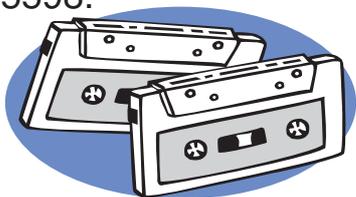
Just a very big thank you to the Sports Committee for all their hard work in arranging the fantastic Christmas Party and disco on the 1st Dec. All the children, ours included, seemed to have a brilliant time and we really appreciate all the effort that must have gone into running these great events. Thank you!

Jane Baxendale

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### **BN on Tape!**

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

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***Please would readers note that letters for these pages must include a valid name & address. This can be with-held from publication on request. We will not publish any anonymous letters.***



## **Boys Brigade News**

### **Congratulations!**

We are through to the 2nd Round on the National BB Table Tennis Competition, thanks to the talent of Simon Gregory, Alistair Jones and Thomas Hacker with the great result of 7-2 at Burton. We look forward to our next round which again is at home.

We have been drawn against Ormskirk in the Company Section 11-14s Indoor Football, which will be on the 11th January 2003.

David J Mills for the BB Team



## **Happy New Year**

Happy New Year to all Anchor Boys. We hope you had a lovely Christmas. Anchors will start back on Thursday 9th January.

Any boy who is 6 years or 7 years is welcome. We meet in the Memorial Hall at 6.00 p.m.

Nicola Gaskins and Jane Baxendale

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## **Thank You**

Pat, Richard, Neil and families would like to thank friends and neighbours for their cards of condolence. Also their donations to Cancer Care in memory of Denbigh.



## Holme & District Local History Society

### **Hot Off The Press!**

Please note that the book, *More South Westmorland News*, published by the Society is now available at the price of £4.

Historic news of People, Houses and Events in this area extracted from *The Lancaster Gazette*, period 1832-35.

Ideal for a belated Christmas present!

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All sales are in aid of the Local History Society's funds. Thank you.

#### **SURGERY TIMES**

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## Happy New Year!

Burton News Editorial Committee wish all readers and advertisers a very happy and peaceful New Year.

If you feel you'd like to be a part of the BN team as we enter our 2nd decade, why not come along to our next meeting? We would welcome anyone who wants to write for BN or who fancies getting involved in other ways. See back page for meeting date & venue.



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# *HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE*

## *by Roger Bingham*

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR 1903 - AROUND BURTON 100 YEARS AGO**

#### **JANUARY**

The Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Carpenter preached to the children at a special Holy Innocents' Day service. The Church flag was at half-mast "owing to the recent decease of the Primate" (Archbishop).

Captain Bagot M.P. addressed a meeting at Milnthorpe on "illegal immigration". Smallpox broke out in the district.

A new meeting room was opened at the Holme Mills Working Men's Club.

#### **FEBRUARY**

The Burton and Holme Station Master John William Airey gave evidence at Preston Court against Arthur Robinson of Barrow who was convicted of stealing two "silver Sebright Bantams" worth £20 (about £1000 in modern money) from the station platform.

Burton "was the rallying point" for the Oxenholme Stag Hounds. "Twelve couple of hounds were let go in Hall High Covers for a stag which has been out for 15 months". It was chased via Dockacres to Warton village and then headed for Morecambe. "Sore pressed the stag turned and fell into a big drain but was pulled out and securely housed in a farm stable". It was then released and chased over the Amside Mosses before plunging across the estuary where it was caught at Foulshaw - a good eight miles from Burton.

#### **MARCH**

A great gale caused "vast destruction of property with slates and chimneys torn down and trees uprooted." The iron roof at Holme Mills was blown off. A cottage by the river Bela at Milnthorpe was blown down!

A Burton man James Satterthwaite cut off a finger while making a barrel. Two local women, Mary Woodhouse and Sarah Jackson, were fined for drunkenness and swearing.

#### **APRIL**

A Lantern Show of Views of the Holy Land given by the Vicar was "heartily enjoyed" by the Bible Class, which was also "treated" to Mrs Carpenter's photographs of the King's Coronation.

The Parish Council asked the Rural District Council to ask the Board of Trade to ask the London and North Western Railway to reduce its fares from Burton and Holme for journeys to Manchester, Liverpool, Blackpool and Southport.

The Church was "beautifully decorated for Easter and seen from the west end presented a charming appearance". Prayers were said for the families of two men killed in an explosion at Sedgwick Gunpowder Works.

#### **MAY**

Joseph Varey and his wife from Clawthorpe were charged with cruelty to their seven children. Their house had little furniture, was extremely dirty and the children, who were suffering from measles, were put in an open cart at seven in the morning while the father went "logging". The case was dismissed.

Miss Betty Moss, a native of Borwick, celebrated her 90th Birthday. "She has seen and participated in the Coronation Celebrations of George IV, William IV, Queen Victoria and Edward VII."

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The childrens' Dancing Class conducted by Mr Airey of Kendal held a Ball at Burton House. 31 candidates were confirmed at Burton Church.

## JUNE

"A VULGAR FELLOW WELL SERVED".  
 "At Milnthorpe Petty Sessions before G Shorland Ball (of Burton) Patrick Brady, labourer, was charged with indecently exposing himself with intent to insult certain female persons at Burton. John Thompson, coachman, witnessed the offence and sent for P.C. Cameron, who on arrival saw it repeated. On being taken into custody he refused to walk and a conveyance had to be engaged to convey him to the lock-up. On being searched a sum of 7s 6d was found on him. Prisoner pleaded guilty and was committed to Lancaster Castle for Two Months Hard Labour, and ordered to pay 6d for cost of trap hire."

61 children from Burton, Holme and Beetham were awarded grants from the Burton Educational Charities.

## JULY

The highest bid for a 3 acre field of Hay Grass at Dalton Home Farm was £5 with a further bid of 30s for the winter eatheridge. Both bids were refused.

Mr Rhodes' Bible Class went on a waggonette trip to Borwick. A Photograph of the Party was taken before leaving.

Burton Children went on their annual trip to Morecambe. The train left at 11 am and returned at 7 pm. The party enjoyed "a sail on the bay in one of the steamers".

## AUGUST

50 children entered the Wild Flower competition held in the National School.

There were 45 bouquets and some beautiful dried flower arrangements.



The death was reported of William Dalaney who fell under a 9.17 a.m. express from Euston at Burton and Holme Station. Dr Cosgrove said

that the death would have been instantaneous. "The body did not appear to be harmed but the left hand side of the head was driven in and crushed and the right leg cut above the knee and the left leg below the knee.

The deceased was a widely respected inhabitant and would shortly have been enjoying a pension and a well-earned rest. The funeral, at Burton Church, was witnessed by a large body (!) of friends and relatives". The verdict was "Accidental Death".

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## SEPTEMBER

**BURTON GALA AND DOG SHOW.** The best dogs included "Mr Armer Middleton's black and white "Bright" - eight years old who drove his sheep up to the hurdle in very good time and in a workmanlike fashion. The double flags were successfully negotiated but outside the pen three sheep proved stupid.



Mr Middleton worked hard and succeeded in penning two of them when in eight minutes the time was called". The winner was Mr William Airey's "Tom" who penned his sheep in three minutes. The Sports included heavyweight wrestling when after eight contests, "T. Cross and F. Shields wrestled the best of three falls for a purse, and some very skilful work was witnessed. Shields got the first fall but Cross cleverly took the next two and was returned the winner".

## OCTOBER

The harvest was declared to "be very moderate at best". Rain had been long delayed in the Spring. No "bloom" appeared on any of 30 apple trees in a Burton Orchard so that apples and pears were an "unknown quantity". "Not one plum was seen on a tree in a ripe state. "

"Gooseberries were the only success but are not generally grown to any extent in the district". The potato blight had been so bad that the most a local farmer could get for 17 acres of potatoes was 17 shillings. "Cultivators blame a salt spray shower early on followed by late heavy rains and gales".

## NOVEMBER

**CARRIAGE ACCIDENT** Mrs Wilcock of Burton while being driven to Borwick in a Royal Hotel coach was thrown to the ground while inadvertently attempting to get out and was rendered unconscious.

Mr and Mrs Shorland Ball of Under Fell celebrated their silver wedding with a supper for 50 Guests in the National School. They invited the villagers of Burton to stroll in the grounds of Under Fell but a "shower of rain marred the pleasure" (of the November evening stroll!). Afterwards Mr Shorland Ball organised a Lantern show of "Views of Belvoir Castle, The Zoo and The Thames Valley". Hearty Cheers greeted his declared wish to welcome all the guests back for his Golden Wedding.

## DECEMBER

The Conservative and Unionist Burton Habitation of the Primrose League held a grand Christmas Ball at Burton House. But the festive season was marred by accidents and illness. Annie Allan aged 6 "whilst dining with her parents suddenly fell off her chair and expired in moments". One month old Sarah Metcalf was found dead and James Holmes a farm labourer lost four fingers in a threshing machine at Holme Park Farm. Finally all the childrens' parties were cancelled because of an outbreak of mumps.

*Roger Bingham*



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# SPOTTED DOG

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# OUTDOORS

Now that the mixed-seed feeder and the peanut feeder are hanging on our laburnum to give the birds some winter food, the end of the garden is quick with life. It's like a theatre, only we can't do more than guess at the situations and relationships being played out before us. This morning three collared doves are on the grass under the tree, foraging for the bigger bits that the small birds drop as they perch and peck. Suddenly one of them darts at another, scares it a few feet off. Two minutes go by and it happens again.



The outcast one is very slightly smaller than the other two and the faint bronze flush on his grey feathers is a little warmer. Are the parents trying to force it away to fend for itself? Is it sexual, and the outcast is a young male horning in on an established couple because he hasn't yet found a partner? The possibilities are endless, in this soap opera of the bird world, and I don't know enough about collared doves to tell what's going on. After ten minutes of this the three of them fly up into one of our plum trees. Still the outcast

is being chivvied. In the end he (or she) has had enough and flies off northward. The other two now begin to flutter between the neighbour's sumac and our holly, disappearing amongst the green prickles for minutes at a time. Can they be sussing it for next year's nest?

The politics of the other species are too complicated even to guess at. Chaffinches, house sparrows, blue tits - there are too many of them to pick out individuals, let alone how they're related to each other. Nearly all the kinds are better than they used to be at perching on the swinging feeders and getting enough beakfuls to be worth while. The chaffinches are still more comfortable on the ground and never spend long up there. The sparrows are now as at home on the little peg perches as trapeze artistes. So, almost, are the robins. Years ago, when the seed-feeder was in a morello cherry tree that had to be rooted out because it had shothole blight, the robins were helpless. What hasn't changed about them is their courage. Just now one of them even saw off a dove by fluttering at it. We saw this on Kapiti, an island off-shore from New Zealand. The dark-grey North Island robin chattered angrily at us when we climbed past it on the path up the mountain.

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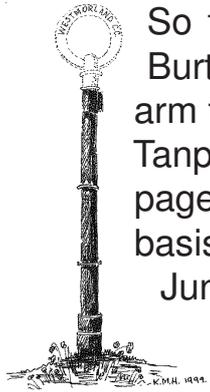
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# Burton News - The First Decade

**January 1993.** Following on from the Spring 1992 Parish Survey, founding editor **Stephen King** brings BN into being with a committee including **Malcolm Brownsord, Charles Dale** and **David Harbach. Judith Ellis** built up a network of more than 30 distributors and **David and Anne Craig** completed the team. 10 years later BN is still going strong, becoming a respected and well supported village activity.



So the very first issue arrives on Burton doormats and the missing arm from the sign at the junction of Tanpits and Station Lanes is front page news. This sign became the basis of the front page design in June 1993 and has remained so ever since, with a major redesign in October of 2000

using a line drawing generously provided by **Kath Hayhurst**. Inside were articles of local interest, an Historical piece about previous Burton publications, a *Letters Page* and Stephen's very first Editorial Comment.

The magazine evolved slowly, adding and taking away sections, however the aim was (and still is) for it to be *your* magazine and for it to reflect what the village wanted to read.

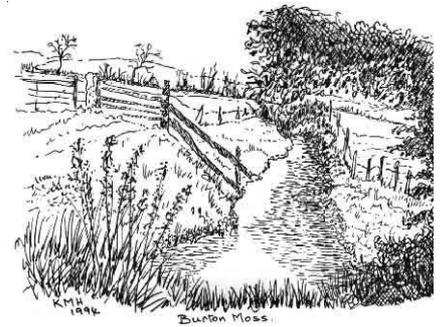
To detail 10 years of a very active magazine in just 2 pages would be impossible but I hope this review of past issues will jog some memories and give new readers a taste of village life through the last decade.

Church notices, events and services are listed each month as is *The Vicar Writes*, a column originally set up by the late **Jonathan Nodder** which he produced till his untimely passing in September 2000. **Bill Highton's** contributions helped to fill the void until the new vicar, **Paul Baxendale**, arrived in October 2001.

**David Craig's** *Outdoors* is our monthly look at the countryside around Burton, and at times further afield, which brings nature to life in a most enthralling way.

Historical articles have always featured strongly though the "dry" academic style of the history class is shied away from.

**Kath Hayhurst** entertained us with articles such as *Burton Show in the Past*, *Burton Millenium Exhibition*, *The Dalton Milestone*, *Burton War Memorial* and *Memories of Burton*. Kath also produced many wonderful illustrations of the village.



**Roger Bingham's** *Historical Footnote* has charted the history of Burton village, and his review of years past in each December issue continues to amuse and inform us.

After a few months with **John Philips**, the *County Council News* column was written by **Roger Bingham** and provides us with information of wider issues affecting the village.

*Parish Council News* contributors include **Joyce Bye** and **Tony Toubkin**, and is currently written by **An Opinion**. Many people in Burton look forward to their monthly insight into the workings of their Parish Council and *An Opinion's* cartoons.

Alongside the regular articles there are many one-off pieces written by contributors from the village and it is here the difficulty in picking and choosing arises. Every one of those articles is worthy of note - some humorous, some tragic, some informative.

*Cont overleaf...*

Without that variety your Burton News would not be half so interesting .... you just don't quite know what you will get each month !

Some caught my eye as I reviewed the entire 110 copies of BN in preparation of this article (who said an editor's life is just a case of delegating tasks to underlings ???)

*Bad Day at Black Rock.* After a series of disasters, **Dave Williamson** wishes he'd stayed in bed on Tuesday November 11th 1997 !!

*The Dreaded Accountant.* The closure of Libby's Factory prompted this hard hitting piece from **Alan Woof**.

*Life in the Slow Lane.* **Joyce Bye** recounts lazy days on the canal boat 'Canny'.

*Ode to the Water Board.* A water main springs a leak and a latent poet bursts forth with classic prose.

Births, marriages and deaths, thank yous and celebrations continue to be regular features along with the *Diary of Events* on the back page. B.A.D.S. performances, Onion and Daffodil shows, Children's Sports Days and the recent *Burton Allstars* have all been covered, often with photos.

Our own '**Agony Aunt**' *Auntie Monica* joins a list of short lived columns that have appeared and faded away over the years...

*A Day in the Life, Recipes, Police Update, Poetry, Cartoon Corner, various Quizzes, Gardener's Corner* (from **Anthony Jolley**), *The Burteen News, Put it in the BYN, Village Tales* (a series of short stories by the late **Eric Fearnside**), *Oh to be a Farmer* (**Philip Onions** reflecting on the pros and cons of farming) etc etc etc ... all put in a brief but none the less valuable contribution.

Visitors and overseas friends have also sent in letters and comments for inclusion and copies of BN find their way to many corners of the world.

The heroic efforts of various villagers in the pursuit of fund raising for charities deserve a mention. These wonderful people put themselves through tremendous effort, pain and discomfort to help those less fortunate. Amongst the many are .....

*End to End by Bike.* **Tony Toubkin** took us on a trip from Lands End to John O'Groats using only pedal power. Local charities benefitted to the tune of some £5,000 thanks to the Toubkin family's efforts.

*The Magnificent Three do it for Derian House Childrens Hospice.* **Aaron** (8) and **Liam** (9) **Jackson** along with **Christopher Taylor** (10) raise £795 by taking part in the Junior Great North Run.

*Bryn Paddles his Own Canoe.* **Bryn Jones** takes to the water to raise £1,070 for a Prostate Cancer Charity.

The editorial team has changed over time. After 7 years, **Stephen King** handed over to new editor **Kathryn Ghazali** who produced BN for almost 3 years. **Dr Harold Gunson** joined us in January 2000, bringing a wealth of commercial experience to the team.

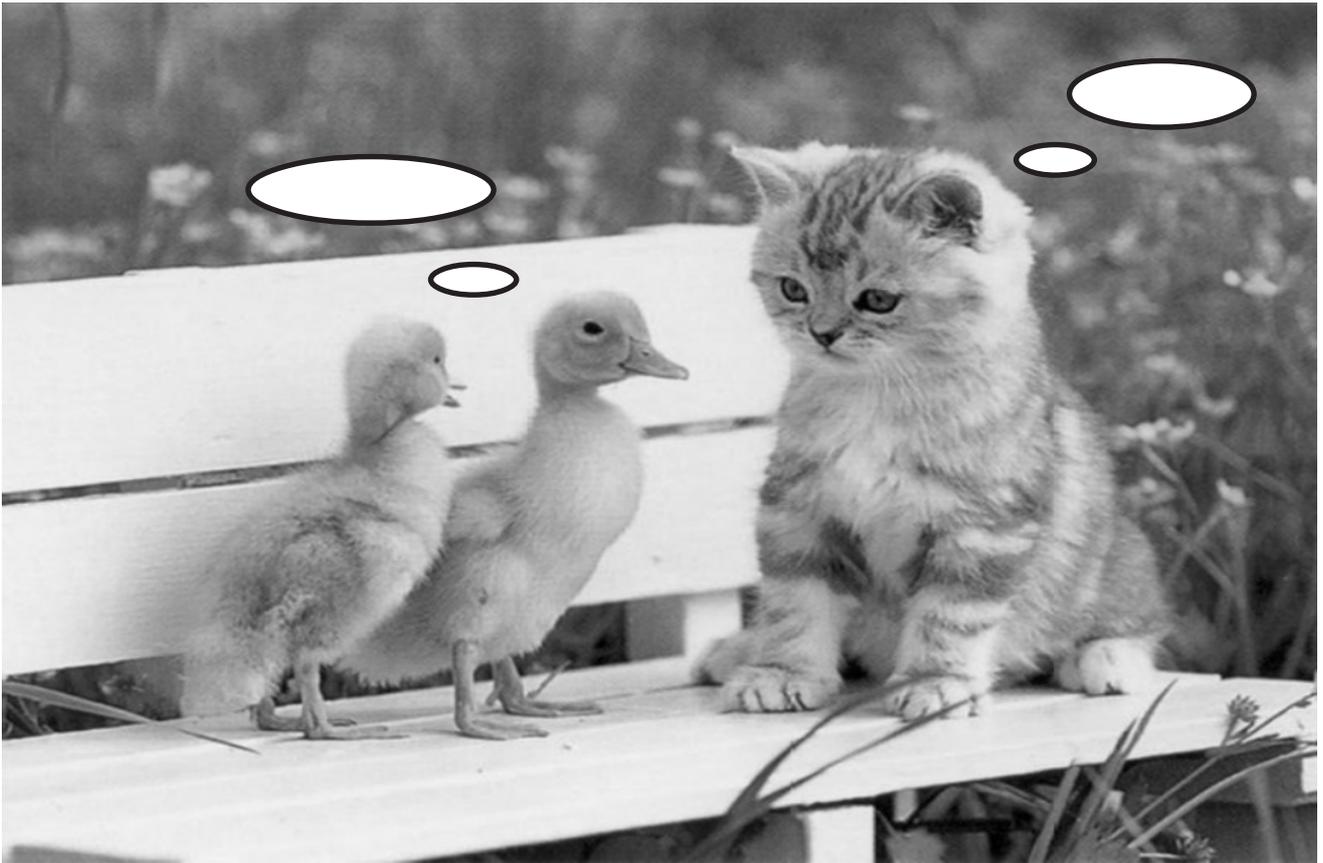
So there you have it, I've run out of space long before I ran out of material.

**Thanks to all those who have sent in letters, stories, notices, articles etc .. We couldn't have done it without you !!**

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# COMPETITION TIME!



As BN has reached its 10th Birthday this month, we thought we'd give you the chance to help us celebrate and win a few prizes along the way.

We have a caption contest, a limerick competition and an advertisement quiz.

## Caption Contest

Look at the picture (above) of the ducklings and kitten on a bench and come up with the most humorous suggestion for what they may be thinking. E.g. *"That's another fine mess you've got us into!"* You can make the thought the ducklings', the kitten's, or even one for each! The winning suggestion will receive a nicely framed colour copy of the picture with the winning caption/s added.

## Limerick Competition

Write a limerick about Burton. You can choose any theme - even BN if you like! There are two age groups for this category - under 14's, and over 14's.

For the under 14 age-group prizewinner we have a beautifully illustrated copy of *The Children's Treasury of Classic Poetry*, whilst the over 14's/adult age-group prize is a copy of *The Funny Side, 101 Humorous Poems* edited by Wendy Cope.

**Rules are simple:** Complete the entry form overleaf (or photocopy it if you don't want to cut your copy of BN) and return it to the box in the Post Office/Newsagents before 20th January 2003. You can enter each competition more than once but each entry must be on a separate entry form. In case of dispute the decision of the Editorial Committee is final.

## Advertisement Quiz

Below are 10 questions. To find the answers you need to search our advertisers throughout the magazine, then write the answer in the space provided.

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### Questions:

1. What animal might you spot in Duke Street?
2. Who's a Hot Local?
3. What can you choose in the comfort of your own home?
4. For a bottle of wine and a video perhaps?
5. They sell Double Choc Chip Muffins. Mmmmm!
6. Who could you call for a Gas Safety Certificate?
7. A bird in a tree, where else?
8. Who has safe, gentle hands?
9. Organic hair available here?
10. He paints with ammo?

#### My Caption

**Kitten:**

**Ducklings:**

#### My Limerick

### Entry Form

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- 6-30pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at Burton

### January 12th

- 8-00am BCP Holy Communion at Holme
- 9-30am Family Service at Burton
- 11-00am Family Service at Holme
- 6-30pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at Burton

### January 19th

- 8-00am BCP Holy Communion at Burton
- 9-30am ASB Holy Communion at Burton
- 11-00am ASB Holy Communion at Holme
- 6-30pm Come and Praise at Burton

### January 26th

- 9-30am Memorial Hall Service at Burton
- 9-30am Morning Prayer (BCP) at Burton
- 11-00am Family Service at Holme
- 6-30pm Holy Communion at Burton

### Churchwarden on duty:

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### Sidesperson's rota:

- 5th Jan Edward Ellis & John Long
- 12th Jan Cath Johnson & Hugh Miles
- 19th Jan Bob Thornton & Sarah Thornton
- 26th Jan Sheila Brownsord & Liz Dew
- 2nd Feb Jean Hardwick & Andrew Hardwick

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- 5th Jan Judith Ellis & Norah Hayhurst 2
- 12th Jan Sheila Brownsord & Margaret Prady 3
- 19th Jan Molly Long & Alison Flanders 4
- 26th Jan Barbara Ludlam & Anne Guy 5
- 2nd Feb Julie Gregory & Cath Johnson 6

Please change with each other if necessary, but let the duty warden know about sidesduty and readers.



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## The Vicar writes...

### Where's Your Treasure?

Charlemagne was the first Holy Roman Emperor. His empire covered much of modern day Europe, He was the richest and most powerful man of his time.

An interesting story surrounds his burial. Legend has it that he requested to be entombed sitting upright on his throne. He asked that his crown be set upon his head, that his imperial sceptre be placed in his hand, that the royal cape be draped across his shoulders and that an open book be placed upon his lap.

That was back in 814 AD. Two centuries later, the Emperor Othello wanted to see if the strange request had been carried out. He sent a team of investigators to open the tomb and report back.

Allegedly, they found things as Charlemagne had requested. Only now, many years later, the sight was not pleasant. The crown was tilted and tarnished, the sceptre rusty, the cape moth-eaten and the body decayed. But open on the skeletal thighs lay the book Charlemagne had asked for - the Bible. One bony finger was pointing to the words of the true King recorded in Matthew 6:19-21:

Jesus said: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy and thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

The only sure investment in this world, the Bible says, is to put our trust in Jesus and follow Him. Only He can give life that lasts forever. Jesus says that our hearts always follow our treasure. Where's yours? On earth or in heaven?

*Paul*

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# COUNCIL NEWS

From South Lakeland District &  
Cumbria County Councillor  
R.K Bingham  
The Smithy, Ackenthwaite,  
Milnthorpe, Cumbria, LA7 7DH  
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We seem to be going into a grumpy season despite the plethora of Christmas festivities. The main reason is the seasonal damper provided by Whitehall's Local Government financial settlement. Less than half the Councils' services are paid for out of the Council Tax. The rest comes from what we used to call The Rate Support Grant which we pay for out of our income, VAT taxes etc. which are allocated by The Treasury. A complicated formula is used to determine what each authority gets. This year we were told that the North would get more in proportion to the south because of more social deprivation up here.

Unfortunately South Lakeland has missed out. Compared to 2002-2003 the 2003 - 2004 grant will be only £50,000 more on a budget of £13m. This Government stinginess inevitably will mean rises in the Council Tax and could jeopardise some of our plans such as introducing travel tokens to pay for parking, taxis and trains. The County financial situation is even worse. The rise in employers' contributions to National Insurance will cost Cumbria over £2m which equates with a 2% rise in Council Tax alone - so this could mean that my - and others - hopes to reduce Home Care charges for our Senior Citizens who have to pay them may have to be abandoned.

At SLDC we are trying to cope with the thorny issue of Public Conveniences and Car Parking - yet again! It is proposed to

increase fees in some Car Parks to bring in an extra £215,000 which would enable the Council to keep open some of the Conveniences which we were going to close. The contentious bit is of course that everyone wants "their" local convenience retained but no one wants the fees on "their" car park to go up. Nearer home, Milnthorpe parking has a particular problem.

Parking in Milnthorpe Square is free but is restricted to a maximum stay of two hours. The Parish Council which owns the Square asked for a bye-law to be made formalising the two hour rule which has been in place since 1931. Because of a slip-up this did not occur and it seems the two hour rule cannot be enforced until the bye-law is formalised by Whitehall which could take years. In the meantime local members will be pressing for reduced fees (or none) for the SLDC car parks on Beetham Road and the Playing Field.

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On the County I am still involved in trying to sort out the overspend on School Meals which has cost us all £2m. As a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee we are discovering issues which defy imagination. One charge I'm still trying to fathom out occurs when a Secondary School makes meals for a Primary School. The Secondary School is paid by the LEA for the Primary meals. Then the Primary Schools are paid for the services of their dinner ladies but also for the meals - so as far as I can see such Primary School meals are paid for twice! I hope this detection turns out to be wrong, I'll let you know.

School Meals have provided me with one of my most instructive official visits which was to St Aidan's C. of E. High School in Harrogate. Until last year only 200 out of its 1200 pupils ate in the "canteen" where they consumed mainly chips, Coke and burgers, and more chips. Now 1000 pupils and nearly all the teachers eat at school in one of the attractive "restaurants" or "cafes". St. Aidan's did this by sacking the previous outside contractors and advertising for a "chef-with no previous school catering experience" at three times the former cook's salary. They got a top local chef who came for less than his previous salary but with weekends, evenings and school holidays he has time for profitable freelancing.

He sacked all the former contractors and personally selects only the best vegetables (yes vegetables for teenagers!). Chips are only on the menu once a week and then only with some main dish such as lasagne and salad. A school made range of soup with a fresh baked roll and a hot drink costs 75p. Warm croissants are always available at the popular breakfast club and the cafe is open in the evenings for games players and pupils waiting to be collected by working parents. Every birthday pupil is given a cake - about two a day.

The maximum cost per meal is £1.55 paid for by Switch Cards which are purchased weekly or termly in advance or daily from machines in the school corridors. Switch Cards cut out anyone knowing whose "on free dinners" but - threateningly - records what food is purchased. If a pupil buys more than 15 fizzy drinks in a month a computerised letters is sent home! I am wondering whether such a transformation might be possible in some of our Cumbria schools. I would like to hear what you think about School Dinners preferably from the customers. So as always please let me know what you think.

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Marks & Spencer	£100,000 cover	£ 9.25	£13.25	£19.95	£31.95	£51.05
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		30	35	40	45	50
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HSBC	£100,000 cover	£ 7.68	£ 9.89	£14.40	£22.39	£34.07
Marks & Spencer	£100,000 cover	£ 7.75	£10.35	£13.65	£20.75	£29.15
Halifax Life	£100,000 cover	£ 7.18	£10.47	£15.56	£23.71	£36.74
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# BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

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

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# Diary & Events

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## NEW YEAR'S EVE

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8.00 pm - 12.30 pm

BURTON MEMORIAL HALL

Please ring Ray (782400) or Julie (781663)  
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*Donations on the evening to be given to  
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## Burton.W.I.

Burton Memorial Hall

Thursday January 9th 2003

at 7.30 pm

## CHINESE TAKEAWAY

Speaker: Mr Frank Walton

*Competition: A china cup and saucer*

*Hostesses: Mrs K Unsworth &*

*Mrs H Boldy*

Guests & new members welcome

For further information tel: 781506

## Holme & District

### Local History Society

Monday 20th January at 7.30 p.m.

Burton Memorial Hall

## "The Milestone Society"

### Mr Ken Broadhurst

*Annual General Meeting to follow*

*Visitors welcome*

Tuesday Club

Dates in January

Tuesday 10th & 24th

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Saturday evening 6.00 pm

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BURTON MEMORIAL HALL

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**SPEAKER: PAUL BAXENDALE**

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## Holme & District Photographic Society

Venue: Holme Parish Hall Time: 8pm

January Meetings

10th Viewing the PAGB Slides

Mini Competition

Entries for "Bridges" Competition

24th Viewing the L+CPU Slides

31st Club Competition "Bridges"

*Visitors welcome to all Meetings*

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