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Dear BN,

I could not agree more with Maria Crayston in her letter to BN regarding plans for the Plain Quarry area. Surely it is about time that the countryside stopped being sanitized into "Disneyesque" parks for those who lack imagination to flock to, I think we have enough of those!

It is only right we should encourage our young men & women to perfect their skills, whether it be in motorsport or music (much more PC?!). After all, I am told that the North of England produces many top trials bike riders, let's encourage our home grown talent, in whatever area that may be and let them have the space to do so.

I hope others will also see the "wider" view and act to keep some space FREE for such activities.

Yours truly,
Fiona Oldfield
Barker Cottage, Neddy Hill.

Thanks!

Nicholson
Charlie & Jackie would just like to say a huge thank you to all family and friends for the cards, presents & flowers we received on our Silver Wedding, and for making the party very special, we were overwhelmed. Thanks again.

Burton Morewood School

Due to the increased amount of vandalism at the school the Governors have taken the decision to apply anti-climb paint around the school. We hope that this will prevent children playing on our school roof and causing damage to themselves and the school premises.

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The Governors
Burton Morewood School

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We do need large audiences for our comedy "Out of Focus" on 30th & 31st January 2004, so remember to turn out and keep BADS going.

Alison Murphy, 781007

Summer Ends & the Clocks Go Back!



Don't forget to put your clocks back at 2am on Sun 26th October

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Holme and District Local History Society

The book, *Burton-in-Kendal, Clawthorpe & Dalton - Photographic Memories*, by Kath Hayhurst, is now at the printers. Many thanks to Graham Caley and Dorothy Spencer for their invaluable help.

The book contains a variety of photographs from the 19th and 20th centuries as well as maps, drawings and pictures of souvenirs of local interest.

Three photographs portray all the children at Burton Morewood School in 1956. With a lot of help we have been able to name them all except one little girl.

The Society is grateful for grants from the *Kent Estuary Neighbourhood Forum* and the *Curwen Archives Trust* towards the cost of the book's publication.

See Nov BN for more details

Some members are now looking forward to assisting the primary school children in October. After a walk by the canal in Burton Parish, and visits to Kendal Library and Archives the children will put their ideas about the history, fauna and flora of the canal together. Then Nell Dale, our local artist, will use these for the final result which will be made into an information panel to be put on a plinth beside the canal.

We have had a small grant from *South Lakeland District Council* and a substantial one from *Awards for All* towards this project.

Kath Hayhurst and Barbara Wood

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FRIENDS OF CARNFORTH STATION AND RAILWAY TRUST

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Passage on and entry to all the above is included in the price. Catering is not included but there are several cafes and restaurants on the sites plus picnic areas. Lunch break will be taken at the Steamboat Museum, with a possibility of Afternoon Tea on the balcony at Brockhole should you wish.

Cost will be £15.00 Adult and £12.00 Child U/16. This trip was very popular last year so early booking is advised. Cheques payable please to "*Carnforth Station Trust*", Seatoller, Vicarage Lane, Burton, Cumbria LA6 1NW . Thank you. Ken Broadhurst, 01524 781604

REMINDER . . .

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it starts to get colder
at night



South Lakes Bonsai Society

On Monday 8th September the *South Lakes Bonsai Society* welcomed Mr Arnold Davies of Leyland, who spoke about, and demonstrated, the technique of Raft Planting.

This very informative evening was enthusiastically enjoyed by members and guests alike.

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OUTDOORS

A week ago as I write, i.e. on September 2nd, Shepherd's Crag overlooking Derwentwater seemed to embody summer's essence. Warm air breathed on the skin. Bunched masses of oak and sycamore leafage stood motionless above their shadows. An occasional pulse of drizzle blurred the skylines of Causey Pike and Skiddaw where the mantles of heather looked like spilled red wine. Now autumn is on us. Nights are cooling (2 degrees forecast in mid Wales, 5 in Aviemore). Wormcasts are speckling the bowling green. The monumental chestnut trees by the road over Hilderstone Moss are showing flares of rust on their seaward faces and a harvest moon rising above the knott towards Dalton looks like a cheese rolling up the sky, first orange as Cheshire, turning yellow as Cheddar, then white as Lancashire.

Shepherd's Crag, above the road between Lodore and Grange, is almost invisible from the road in summer behind tapestries of leafage. Then a tower of rock stands up and looks out at you through the oaks and ashes, yews and hawthorns. Mossed boulders are jammed against the roots of trees. Slatey scree avalanches out of the shadows. The cliff was

neglected for generations by climbers looking for taller or more mountainous things. A lonely pioneer called Bentley Beetham, who had been on Everest in the Thirties, discovered many of the rock routes by himself. Now it's worn smooth and clean by thousands of feet. My children used to go there with their teachers. One day, on the Brown Slabs area, I saw a whole class of mentally handicapped children swarming fearlessly over the steep slope, giving out strange crowing words of their own.

Today it's quiet and still and, yes, the signs of summer passing are here right enough. Yellow splashes on the birches. Layers of drought-crisped leaves thickening on the ledges. The blossom of heather, both ling and bell, is shrivelled and bleached and gives out almost no honey odour when I stoop to smell it. In this place with its many bushy or grassy nooks, you can be as close to nature as your heart desires. A treecreeper works up an ash trunk, then onto and down the next tree, probing for grubs and insects with its fine, curved beak. On our first route, Jackdaw Rib, one perfect black feather is lying on the first stance, and the whole wing of a bird is melding into the humus near our rucksacks. Mostly we have to share the terrain with large black ants. Halfway up our second route, Shepherd's Delight, I climb past the obvious resting-place to avoid a big nest - a heap of conifer needles that hotches all over with the wee creatures.

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I have to brush them from my forearms. At the foot of a rockface files of them are travelling south and north, like shoppers in a city street. Only a few have been so wayward or fancy-free as to climb up the rock. They look at a loss - will they go on up or get back to work? One pauses on the tip of a grain and stays there like a climber paralysed by fear or else standing still for a few minutes to 'shake out' and let the glycogen build up again in his arms. It was still there when I left.

It's a humanised world here too. Small quarries have eaten into the fell. Much of the scree is man-made. Grange must have been built from this stone and from the bigger quarries up the dale at Quayfoot Buttress and the Bowderstone. The paths back down from the tops of the climbs must have been trodden first by men with picks and hammers, drill-bits and dynamite. One quarried face is uniquely beautiful, still naked blue-grey, no moss or lichen and rippled all over with sinuous flutings, as though it was worked to make beauty rather than to win building stone. A low wall of piled chunks may well have been a shelter where the workers ate their bacon butties and drank cold tea. Now it's a haunt for birds and squirrels, and for the climbers whose calls echo from invisible sources amongst the oaks and aspens.

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From South Lakeland District &
Cumbria County Councillor
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WHAT A WASTE!

'The only place in South Lakeland where you cannot see a wheelie bin' was the verdict of Burton Parish Council's chairman when we were at the bottom of the deepest chasm during our very enjoyable and instructive tour of Holme Park Quarry on 11th September.

Judging by the telephone calls to me and to SLDC's 'Recycling Hotline' the noisiest recent issue was the expanded recycling scheme. A new blue box, for glass, tins etc. has joined the blue box we had already for paper together with a new grey wheelie bin for non-recyclable waste. These, we have to use in conjunction with our, old, green, wheelie bin which will be required for 'green' or garden waste. Clear isn't it?

Burton, Holme and Milnthorpe were chosen for the pilot scheme because we have a mixture of houses ranging from properties with long drives to those with only street frontages. We are also socially balanced with older people who may have health difficulties, working families who may be out at collection



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times and we have some second homes.

People's attitudes have varied from approval, via support frustrated by confusion about dates (I'm in this category) to angry denunciation along the lines of 'I pay my Council Tax and I expect my waste to be taken away irrespective of whether I've used the right coloured bin or put the right coloured bin out'.

You can refuse to have recycling bins if you have little recyclable waste, or you prefer to go to the 'bring sites' e.g. bottle banks or tip, or, you have not enough space to store them or because your house frontage is on a narrow pavement. But if you do not want the green waste bin or the blue boxes you will get only one, grey, bin collection per fortnight.

If you are unable to put the bins and boxes out, perhaps because of health reasons or regular absence from home or because your house is unsuitable: e.g. steep steps, you may have a doorstep sack collection. But this arrangement will have to be verified by the Council. If so please ring the assisted collection officer Bob Chubb on 01539 733333 ext. 7113.

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a government requirement that all districts should recycle 14% of their waste by 2004. South Lakeland recycled about 10.3% in 2002 and we had an above average use of Cumbria bring sites. But SLDC's figures do not take into account that most of us south of Kendal use the Lancashire recycling facility at Carnforth Level so, locally, we are probably even better at recycling than the statistics suggest.

There are two linked causes: 1) we are running out of tipping 'infill' sites and 2) the government has increased landfill taxes as an incentive to reduce waste. Since Walney Island and the Kendal Fell tips closed there are no landfill sites in South Cumbria. The Lancashire Salt Ayre tip at Skerton will soon be full and our non-recyclable waste might have to go to Blackpool.

Verdict. In the first four days of the scheme 500 enquiries were received and, more to the point 56 tons of recyclable waste was collected from our 'Milnthorpe area'. This was made up of 24 tons of green waste, 21 tons of paper and 11 of glass and cans which is the equivalent of seven wagons of landfill rubbish.

Snitch Line. If you see anybody fly tipping please ring 0845 3000 630.

REMINDER DATES: Tuesdays: 30th September Grey Bin (non recyclable), 7th

October Green Bin (green waste) and Blue Boxes - paper box,+ glass/tins box, 14th Oct. Grey Bin, 21st Oct. Green Bin and Blue Boxes, 28th Oct. Grey Bin.

Unitary Authority

Cumbria's scheme for a Unitary Authority based on the County has been published. It claims that it would save money eventually - about £5m p.a. in five years out of a budget of about £500m ! But they would say that wouldn't they?

So far the Regional Government programme is the Boundary Commissioner will visit all of Cumbria on one day in October. They will report in February 2004, with a 'final report' in May and a Referendum in October. If the North West (Congleton to beyond Carlisle) votes in favour of Regional Government there will be elections in May 2005 for the 'Shadow' authority and for the two members from all of Cumbria who will represent the current County area in the Regional Assembly.

As I've said before I don't think many Cumbrians, of any political party, want a change but if we are out voted in the Referendum by Manchester and Merseyside we will be have to put up with it. Meanwhile we are worrying about next year's Budget and any Council Tax increases. Please, wish me Luck!

Roger Bingham



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A few positive things to dwell on:

The young people would be involved in selecting a design and raising funds so that it would be THEIR shelter, and hopefully respected as such. (We already know that users of our village facilities such as the MUGA have full respect, whilst the non-users are the ones who cause problems).

Burton Recreation Trust was set up to provide facilities for all the community to use. For those less sporting, it may enable them to use the facility in a sociably acceptable way.

A few less positive thoughts:

The shelters cost a substantial amount of money (in order to be vandal proof) and if people are going to support the project they may prefer the money went towards for

example, an extension to the sports pavilion to enable more young people to use more permanent all-weather facilities. This could be open on several nights each week and include a café/indoor games area.

Should we really be encouraging the young people to use the Recreation area? Some people feel that we already have enough problems with people abusing the site. (Although maybe this would keep them away from the school?)

You may have your own thoughts, and we would like to hear about them as soon as possible. The Parish Council survey had a definite positive response from several members of the community, but we would like more information from you. Please could you kindly tear off the slip below and place in the box at the shop, plus if you have any additional points you would like to make please do so via the box. We would like potential users, parents and all residents to respond.

Thank you,
Sec. Burton Rec. Trust

SHELTER QUESTIONNAIRE – please return by Oct 15th to the box in the shop

I would like to see a shelter for young people in Burton. YES / NO (please circle)
If 'NO' why not?

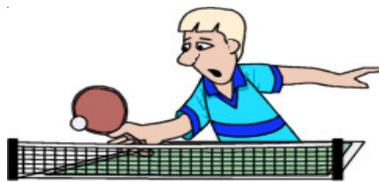
If 'YES', I would like it to be at the Recreation ground, to the right of the MUGA. YES / NO
If 'NO', where would you suggest?

I would be interested in becoming involved in the progress of this survey/project. YES / NO

Name _____ Tel. No _____ Age (if under 21) _____

Address (optional) _____

BURTON-IN-KENDAL TABLE TENNIS CLUB



The Table Tennis season has just started and the Burton club has seen a surge in membership so much so that in the first 3 weeks, we have seen an increase in numbers sufficient to field 4 teams in the Kendal & District League. We hope to be fielding a further 4 teams in the junior leagues in both Kendal & Lancaster.

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HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE
by Roger Bingham

THORA HIRD: "A lass unparalleled"

Except possibly for her fellow 'sand grown un' Eric Morecambe (ne Bartholomew) Thora Hird was the only more or less local celebrity to become a National Institution.



Therefore, it was appropriate that her Memorial Service was held at another National Institution, Westminster Abbey. I had the honour to be invited and was tickled pink when my name subsequently appeared in 'The Times' amongst those who attended' between Christopher Beeny (Edward in 'Upstairs Downstairs' who was also Thora's 'nephew' in 'In Loving Memory') and Lionel Blair the impresario. My seat was reserved in the North Transept opposite the family seats and just below the Abbey pulpit. Representatives of royalty and establishment figures like (Sir) David Frost, Lord (Melvin) Bragg, Baroness (Betty) Boothroyd (former Tiller girl and 'Call me Madam' Speaker) and Greg Dyke, Director General of the BBC, sat in the Nave. Greg read the second lesson from John 14. Its opening verse 'Let not your heart be troubled' might not have been totally apt for him as he had just rushed in from the Hutton Enquiry.

Headed by the Archbishop of York there were scores of clergy including Thora's 'Songs of Praise' colleague Roger Royle. But, the

biggest stir was provided by a Salvation Army band which, with streamers flourishing and tambourines tingling, marched down the full length of the Abbey crashing out 'Onward Christian Soldiers'. The other Hymns were those Thora sang at childhood seaside missions: 'What a friend we have in Jesus' and the 'Battle Hymn of the Republic-Glory, Glory, Alleluya'.

I was invited not because I might be a minor local representative but because I am a minor writer who works occasionally for the BBC etc. I also dedicated my book 'Lost Resort? The flow and Ebb of Morecambe' to 'Thora Hird - Morecambe's Best Loved Daughter'. Mainly on the phone Thora provided many anecdotes of her home town for 'Lost Resort?' She claimed to remember the annual Burton trip to the Resort and, also, that she and my mother went to night school together. But she said that she was three years younger than mother whereas as actually their ages are the other way round. My mother remembers that Thora was 'always late' and 'got into trouble for wearing purple nail varnish'.



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Thora exasperatingly declared 'everybody was at bloody school with me!' My 'Hird' connections, however, are genuine enough as my great, great uncle founded the *Morecambe Visitor* and built the Central Pier (which Thora's father Jimmy Hird managed for a time.)

Nevertheless, at the Abbey my role was definitely as a spectator. It was tantalising trying to identify the theatrical great and famous. Only when I read the list of attendees did I realise that the lady I had been staring at across the aisle had been Dora Bryan. June Whitfield, Nicholas Parsons, Angela Ripon and Alan Titchmarsh were easy to spot. Without her wrinkled stockings I could not identify Nora Batty (Kathy Staff) though Ivy (Jane Freeman) was a dominating presence. Closest of all to her screen persona was 'Marina' (Jean Fergusson) who tottered in on neo-stilettos in a born again mini-skirt. Apart from Janette Scott (Thora's daughter)

'Marina' was almost the only lady who wore a hat. Its osprey like feathers swayed over the head of her screen beau 'Howard' who, without either his cap or his pinny, sat next to her. Like several others Howard chatted throughout the service. Others in the congregation whom I only know as 'characters' were Victor Meldrum's wife; Glenda, Thora's *'Last of the Summer Wine'* daughter; George from *'George and Mildred'* and 'Smiler' who

was leaning on a stick. Sadly, neither Peter Sallis, 'Cloggy', nor Norman Wisdom attended.

Apart from Thora herself, the Service's main 'stars' were Victoria Wood, who has become thinner and blonder, and Alan Bennett who is now fatter and has reddish (rather than black) hair. Victoria's opening gambit after she had climbed into the pulpit that *'she wished she'd got a Thora advertised stair lift'* did not sound as off the cuff as it was reported; but it got a good laugh before she read from Thora's memoirs *'There's nothing like Dame'*.

Alan began by politically incorrectly calling Thora an 'actress'. Along with the Goodies, who made them laugh, Thora was the only person he'd seen move TV Camera crews. During her portrayal of Doris in *'Cream Cracker under the Sofa'* Thora made them cry.

Like 'Doris' and the Alzheimer lady Thora played in *'Waiting for the Telegram'* Thora's mind wandered in her last months. Just before she went into the Variety Artists' Home at Twickenham (where she died) she rang Janette up to say that she was in a film with John Wayne but he and everyone else had left the Studio so she was all alone. Janette explained that Thora was at home in her Mews flat and to prove it asked Thora to look out of the window. *'Does it look like the Mews mother?'* *'Perhaps, but they do very good scenery now'*. Appropriately for the *'Loving Memory'* of a great comedy and tragedy actress the congregation - or audience - did not know whether to laugh or to cry.

Alan Bennett concluded by likening Thora to Cleopatra for she was a *'lass unparalleled'*. I think he should have gone one line lower to where Shakespeare's Queen was praised for her *'infinite variety'*.



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October

Churchwarden on duty: Michael Carr, tel: 781283

October 5th

- 9-30 Holy Communion (ASB) at Burton
- 11-00 Holy Communion (ASB) at Holme
- 6-30 Evening Prayer (BCP) at Burton

October 12th

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

October 19th

- 9-30 Holy Communion (ASB) at Burton
- 11-00 Holy Communion (ASB) at Holme
- 6-30 Evening Praise (BCP) at Burton

October 26th

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

Sidesperson's rota:

- 5th Oct Arthur & Margaret Prady
- 12th Oct Edward Ellis & John Long
- 19th Oct Jean & Andrew Hardwick
- 26th Oct Sheila Brownsord & Hugh Miles
- 2nd Nov Bob Thornton & Trevor Woods

Church Cleaning rota:

- 5th Oct Jean Hardwick & Julie Gregory 7
- 12th Oct Sheila Brownsord & Margaret Prady 1
- 19th Oct Molly Long & Alison Flanders 2
- 26th Oct Barbara Ludlam & Anne Guy 3
- 2nd Nov Tom & Cath Johnson 4

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From the Parish Registers:

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Lottie Beardwood
14th September 2003



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The Vicar writes...

"Come, ye thankful people, come"

Sunday 12th October is our Harvest Family Celebration and we'd like to invite everyone to join us as we gather to praise the God who so generously provides everything we need. We in the U.K. have so much to be thankful for and so much to share with those who, materially, are much poorer than ourselves. For Christians, Harvest challenges us to share the most precious thing we have with others, namely, the great news of God's generosity in providing our spiritual need - the message that *"God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* (John 3:16).

And so the Bible highlights another harvest of which we need to be mindful - the harvest of people. The gathering in of lost souls into the safety of God's kingdom before the arrival of the storm of His Judgment. The Bible often speaks of the return of Jesus as Judge of the living and the dead in agricultural terms. It is a theme picked up in some of our harvest hymns. Take the following verse from *"Come ye thankful people, come"* for instance:

*"For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall bring His harvest home;
He Himself on that great day,*

St James' Church Fellowship Service

BURTON MEMORIAL HALL

Sunday 26th October – 9.30 am

'WHO'D BE A VICAR?'

SPEAKER: PAUL BAXENDALE

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*worthless things shall take away,
Give His angels charge at last
in the fire the weeds to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in His care for evermore."*

The reality of this great day approaching underlines the importance of sharing the good news of Jesus with others. Jesus calls on His people to spread the message about Him throughout the world: *"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest fields."* (Matthew 9:38).

This Harvest may the truth of God's generosity to us in giving His Son motivate us to come as thankful and ready workers in His harvest field.

I hope to see you on the 12th.

Paul

Notice:

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An Opinion....

YOUTH SHELTER HOPES BECOME DODGY, BUT THERE'S STILL A CHANCE FOR A MIRROR

Comments on the goings-on of the Parish Council

Difficult to think of a heading. I was going to put *Yet Another Handsome Policeman Takes the Floor*, but that didn't look right either! So here goes...

Neighbourhood Watch

Talk by (handsome) Policeman

The room seemed rather empty. Two PCllrs sent apologies, another two came in late, and our SLDC Cllr was, presumably, at another of his many functions. No 'member of the public' was there to keep A.O. company on her lonely vigil. So it was rather a doleful group that Terry Belshaw, Organiser of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme gave his talk to. Which is a shame, because it was interesting.

There's an area co-ordinator for Burton and Holme, who brings together the various groups. There have been 60 crimes in total in the last year. These include 6 in the Quarry, 8 assaults, 5 of which were domestic, and 3 in care homes, 2 car crimes and 7 burglaries. (Thinks: that doesn't add up to 60 so I must have missed something out). But it's a comfort to know that this area has one of the lowest crime rates in the country. and almost all the

villains come from afar, up the M6. (The Jackal, now behind bars, came from Bolton).

We were handed a useful leaflet about how to protect our homes. If you belong to Neighbourhood Watch you get 10% off your House Insurance. Just a thought.

Terry Belshaw had an attractive personality and was a good talker. I was sorry when he left.

And so to the Meeting of our Parish Council...

The Footpath to Morewood Drive

This has been cleaned up a bit by SLDC but it can't be adopted yet because of the siting of a sewage outlet. It can, however, be named, and suggestions for a name are to be sought, possibly from the school, who lost the land in the first place. Kidnapper Lane, has also been tidied up (it leads from the Square to Vicarage Lane).

The Mirror (Haven't we had enough of this?) Now A.O. must have slipped up here. She genuinely believed there really WAS going to be a mirror, finally, at the top of Tanpits Lane. But it's by no means as certain as that. The mirror at Crooklands, one PCllr said, was "*rather big*". Another thought was that mirrors give no idea of speed or distance. After discussion it was grudgingly agreed that a mirror was "*better than nothing*". Oh well. A

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decision has to be made by October, but A.O. is by no means sure whether that's THIS October, or next.

Japanese Knotweed

This dreadful, shrubby plant takes over huge areas if it's given free reign. Its pale green, heart-shaped leaves, and pinkish, branchy stalks give the impression of fragile tenderness, and all that. But it's hellish difficult to eradicate. Some has been seen on Ticking Lane, which runs from Dalton to Dalton Lane, and has been reported. If you want to see how invasive it is, look to the right as you go down the entrance drive to Oxenholme Station.

Plain(s) Quarry

A Planning notice has been pinned to the entrance to the quarry, describing its projected future somewhat ambiguously as "an amenity site" As you know, if you read A.O.'s comments, she was under the impression that is exactly what it is already. Objections to the plans must be in before October 4th.

A money-box is to be incorporated into the future wall, for donations. Hopefully, this will replace the £200 at present paid to the PC by SLDC for its present use.

Parish Council Surgery

Burtonians will have an opportunity to meet PCllrs at the *BMH Autumn Fair* and to air their views, or hear the views of the PCllrs. There will also be a fascinating quiz, 50p a ticket. But A.O. isn't going to tell you what it is as it might spoil the surprise.

Parking Pretty

A sign is to be placed at the top of Neddy Hill, requesting drivers to park with consideration.

A.O. has seen cars parked there, at the top of the hill, with engine running and children strapped in the back. But that's not a question of consideration; it's plain dangerous.



"GUESS THE TOTAL WEIGHT OF OUR PARISH COUNCILLORS"?

The Youth Shelter

Not good news for those who thought it was a good idea. It was hoped to position it above the boulder opposite the tennis courts. But most of the members of the Recreation Trust who were approached were unenthusiastic.

Also its cost came as a surprise to some. £6000. As you can't get a greenhouse for much less, this seemed par for the course to A.O. Other ideas for a venue for this teenager group are being considered, but that's as far as it goes, so far.

Litter Bins

Two "dog" bins are on order and have been for ages. But in addition, one PCllr has offered to provide a couple more at his own expense. The perils of overflowing bins was discussed.

The meeting seemed to be tailing off at this point, so A.O. left. Maybe it came to life after that.

A.S.



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Please bring your friends and do all your Christmas shopping - there is a very good variety of stalls with something for everyone. Please note that buggies will not be allowed in until after 1pm.

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Editorial...

BN Reader Survey...

Our last survey was way back in 1995 would you believe? Some things have changed over the years but we still have many regular columns. We'd appreciate you telling us what you like and what you don't, and what you'd like to see that we don't include. All feedback is welcomed and a summary will be published in due course. As ever the post office will be the main collection point for the survey forms but you can also post them to our new PO Box number address (see back page).

Youth Shelter...

It seems everyone wants your opinion this month! The Recreation Trust are asking for feedback about the proposed Youth Shelter. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad one, and why? Tell the Rec Trust your view... see page 10 for details,

We're Thinner!

After several bumper 28 page issues we are down to a mere 20 pages this month. Have you all forgotten to send us your news or is everyone suffering from end of the summer fatigue? Please send us details of your events, notices, letters, reports, photos, even short stories & poems if you feel the urge!

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October Meetings

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- Fri 10th No Meeting
- Fri 17th Speaker: John Nettleton
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