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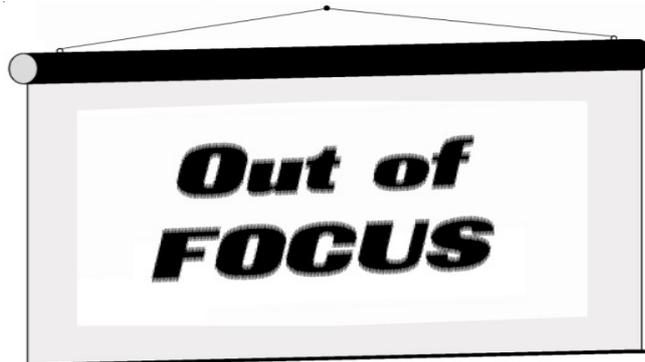
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# BURTON NEWS

January 2004 Issue 122

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Reader's  
**LETTERS**

**To the people of Burton**

On behalf of my Dad, Mr Len Healey, I would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours who have shown such kindness and sincere thoughts at a time of such sadness. My Dad passed away very peacefully on the 6<sup>th</sup> December at W.G.H. after losing a brave fight against his failing health. Special thanks go to his close neighbours who made his 3½ years in Burton very enjoyable ones, also to all those who found time to stop and have a chat with Dad when he was sat in his house porch.

Thanks go to the Kings Arms both past and present landlords, as one of the highlights of the month was the O.A.P. lunch which gave him a chance to chat to his own generation.

We have received many good wishes, cards and some moving letters, it makes me very proud as a son to think people thought so well of him, and many have said they wished some of it had rubbed off on me. Dad had a saying which went like this:

“Good neighbours are a blessing  
They give you piece of mind  
You never have to ask them  
They always find the time.”

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That sums up how Dad felt about the good people of Burton. I have to end as my Dad would have wanted, that is to mention his daughter-in-law, my wonderful wife. She cared for Dad as a daughter would, cooking, cleaning, washing and making him feel loved. I cannot thank her enough for making his last years wonderful.

My most sincere thanks to you all.

Roy Healey,  
5 Drovers Way, Burton

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**Happy New Year!**

Mrs Mabel Prickett hopes everyone had a happy Christmas and extends her good wishes for a happy peaceful New Year to all friends, neighbours, carers, helpers and visitors.

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**National Conference of  
Cancer Self Help Groups**

On behalf of the National Conference of Cancer Self Help Groups, may I thank each and everyone of you for your fantastic support in the "Burton All Stars". You put on a great show in June at our Conference and your enthusiasm was second to none.

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Best wishes,  
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We have installed CCTV on the premises and will send the police any relevant footage to secure prosecutions. We have already passed evidence onto the police for them to scrutinise and are working with them on an ongoing basis.

If anyone sees any incident in the school grounds which concerns them, please help the school by ringing Crime Stoppers (0800 555 111).

We regret having to take these steps, but the persistent nature of the offences committed on the school grounds has left us with no choice.

Governing Body of Burton Morewood School.

# Burton-in-Kendal Parish Council

## Money money money !

It's inevitable, isn't it, that almost every Club, Society or project in the Village needs to raise funds at some time or another - and what a hassle it can be! There are often Grants available, if you know where to find them; and perhaps Donations, a Raffle, a Coffee Morning, a Sponsored event; but it can all be perplexing, and time consuming.

But Funds do get raised - and the Parish Council is hoping to encourage a number of people who have been successful in raising funds in the past to form a small, pretty informal Committee; so that their experience, and ideas, can be pooled, and made available to any organisation that might welcome some help. The aim is not to take over the fund-raising - individual Committees must remain responsible for that - but to offer suggestions, help with making applications and provide support.

At this stage, I hope that a few volunteers - who have been successful in the past or would like to play a part in what I hope could be a real support to the many Clubs and Societies in Burton - will be willing to contact me. Let's see if we can start something helpful!

Bill Willink, Parish Councillor. Tel: 781203

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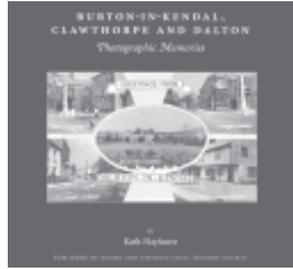
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## Holme and District Local History Society

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The Society's Book Committee would like to thank *Burton News* for their review of our latest publication. Copies of "*Burton-in-Kendal, Clawthorpe and Dalton, Photographic Memories*" are available from the following at £8 each:



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Burton Amateur Dramatic Society

## B.A.D.S Revival

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Alison Murphy, Chair

## BURTON FELLWALKING SOCIETY

Last year we started having some slower and shorter walks mid-week. These are all less than 5 miles, so there is plenty of time to stop, rest and look at the view. So come along and enjoy the fresh air, exercise and good company.

Membership £4.00 from Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, visitors £1.00. We meet at the Memorial Hall car park so people can arrange lifts and share transport to the starting point.

The walks are:

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 1.00 pm - Lindale

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Thur 25<sup>th</sup> Mar 1.00 pm - Grayrigg

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Apr 1.00 pm - Beetham

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K.M.H.

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When out shopping, always park in well lit public areas. Do not leave purchases or valuables on display in the car - it only takes a minute to steal. Do not leave your purse, handbag or wallet accessible to a thief whilst shopping in crowded stores, it is all too easy to leave it on the top of your bag or in an outside pocket of an open coat or jacket.

If you need a taxi, try and pre book it from a reputable firm. Don't flag down what may or may not be a licensed cab - only registered hackneys can actually stop upon request. Be aware when ordering a taxi via mobile phone - perhaps in a pub or club, conversations can be overheard, and it may not actually be a taxi that turns up for you! Try and get the name of the driver and the taxi number that you have ordered so you know it is the right one. Try and share a taxi with a friend, if alone, sit behind the driver, always get out before paying the fare, get dropped

off in well lit public areas, do not give personal details to the driver and have your house keys ready when you get out.

Remember, South Lakeland is one of the safest areas of the country to live, and we want to keep it that way, so **DO NOT MAKE IT EASY FOR THE OFFENDER, THINK SAFE AND BE SAFE AND HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

Terry Belshaw, Crime Prevention Officer

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# OUTDOORS

Now that the winter season is on us and the feeders full of seeds and peanuts are hanging from our laburnum, the birds' day usually goes something like this:- By breakfast time a pair of collared doves are pecking all over the lawn for spilt seeds. If they're startled, they fly up into a plum tree and perch there like emblems moulded from warm grey clay. For the past three weeks an equally early bird had been a goldfinch - seen in this garden only twice in the past twenty-seven years. It forages hour after hour. Once a cock chaffinch rushed at it, scared it away, then perched triumphantly in the cypress. The goldfinch was back in half an hour. It too can be aggressive, darting at sparrows with its head down. It is probably a juvenile because it lacks the red flash on its cheeks. The gold wing-bar is unmistakable.

The sparrows are ever present, of course, rustling noisily about in the pink hawthorn, then flying down via a deutzia bush to feed. Some years ago they didn't like hanging onto the peanut feeder's wires. Now they're comfortable there. The bluetits, coal tits, and great tits excel at anything acrobatic. They hunt head downwards on the garden wall and dangle happily on the feeders - jostled off frequently by the sparrows, which I find hard to like, perhaps because there are so many of them and their 'song' is tuneless.

Nationally, the population of house sparrows has gone down, especially in the cities. Starlings too have become less common and this shows in the garden. Years ago, when we threw out remnants of bread or cake the lawn was soon blackened with them. And nowadays we don't often see huge flights of them weaving their ever-changing dark webs in the twilight sky - although an hour after I wrote this they put on a superb display between Warton and Borwick. Like starlings, jackdaws seem improbably large in the confines of the garden. Four or five on the grass

simultaneously look like something from Hitchcock's *The Birds*, with their angular black shapes and staring ice-blue eyes.

At the other end of the range are the small loners, like the dunnock and the robin. The dunnock, its brown body shading into a frosty-looking breast and head, slips into sight from the shadowy side of the garden and forages unobtrusively, never minding other birds and not being jostled by them. The robin jostles with the best of them at the least provocation. Usually he or she (the male and female are identical) is there on its own, often at dusk or if any earth has been dug over.

So these, with the blackbird and the wren, are the thirteen species that use our garden on most days. This year we had our third-ever visit from the redwing, a beautiful small thrush with a rakish cream eye-streak and a flush like a bloodstain beneath its wing. Two were here together, drinking from the bird-bath, then flying up into the smoke-bush as though they liked the match between its sunset-coloured leaves and their own red. The oddest visitor has been a hen pheasant. It stalked through one afternoon, looking so plump and edible that I wanted to get after it with a little gun. But then, I haven't got a little gun.



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## Another "Secret" Passage?



Following on from Roger Bingham's article in the Dec. BN re "Secret Passage at Clawthorpe", this is a postcard from my collection showing the interior of the Church. On the left-hand side is written: "Built by a Norman Baron in the Norman style to atone for his sins" and underneath: "From the right-hand side is an underground passage used by the monks in olden times to get to their monastery in Burton Village". Makes a good tale doesn't it...?

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Cumbria County Councillor  
R.K Bingham  
The Smithy, Ackenthwaite,  
Milnthorpe, Cumbria, LA7 7DH  
Tel: 015395 63694**

The oracle has spoken! The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister has announced that we will have the opportunity to vote for - or against - North West Regional Government. The Referendum will probably be on 14 October.

A North West Region would consist of Cheshire, Manchester, Merseyside and Cumbria with a population of over seven million - higher than Scotland - and a land area greater than Wales. There would probably be 52 Assembly Members (A.M.'s). But Cumbria would probably have only 2 A.M.'s. We might, therefore, be often outvoted by the Urban Metropolitans whose interests are different to those of our rural, sparsely inhabited area with its economic backbone of tourism and agriculture.

If we opted for a Regional Assembly the existing Local Government structure would disappear. South Lakeland District Council and Cumbria County Council would be replaced by new Unitary Authorities.

Unitary Authorities have some points in their favour. Most people are confused about which Council does what, i.e. County - education;

District - waste collection. Unitary Authorities would run most local services - with far fewer councillors. At present we have 52 District Councillors and 18 County Councillors in South Lakeland. Under a Unitary Authority there would be only about 40 Councillors for a much larger area - so the chances of the electorate and councillors knowing each other would be worse.

The Deputy Prime Minister has decided that if we want a Regional Assembly we will have two Choices of Unitary Authority 1) all of Cumbria. 2) Morecambe Bay consisting of - Lancaster, Morecambe, South Lakeland and Barrow.

Both choices could be difficult for us. Having represented a County Division 65 miles from the County H.Q. in Carlisle I believe that Cumbria is too large for effective local government. But to link South Lakeland with Barrow and Lancaster would be as spread out. East - west, Garsdale to Barrow must be 60 miles apart while south - north, Forton to Dunmail Raise are almost as far apart. More importantly South Lakeland is demographically different from either Lancaster and Barrow which have high unemployment and some of the highest urban deprivation in the kingdom. One of my Christmas books "*Crap towns - a survey of the 50 worst towns in Britain*" insultingly judged Barrow as the 47<sup>th</sup> worst and Morecambe as the 3<sup>rd</sup> worst! Although this unscientific and biased 'judgement' is ludicrous (probably) it might make the point that our part of old South Westmorland has little affinity with

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our two urban neighbours. More certainly no one has suggested that the new Unitary Authorities and a Regional Assembly will save Tax Payers money. We only need to look at the cost of the Scottish Parliament to see that changes can come at a very high price. So, perhaps, to vote for No Change might be the best option!

To add insults to local government injury Whitehall's grant for next year's County expenditure has been announced. As in previous years the grant which covers two-thirds of expenses is above inflation. But 84% of the £16.4m government increase is 'ring fenced' for education. This leaves 'only' £2.7m for other categories - so if we wish to keep current expenditure on highways at the real cost the balance will have to come from increased Council Taxes. So far the Local Government Minister Nick Rainsford has not retracted his statement in October that Council Tax will go up by at least 7.5%. Council leaders from all parties fear a worse rise.

Just before Christmas I attended an interesting conference about home energy costs and the connection between warmth and health. There are 20% more deaths in the winter months of which 16% can be attributed to cold. I made the point that many (often older) people who need extra heating have incomes just above benefits level. But I was told that if a household income is under £14,000 p.a. some help might be available for people over 60 and other vulnerable people. Moreover, if a member of a household has an attendance allowance heating help is more easily available because attendance allowances are not means tested. As regards really local issues I'm chasing up a welter of highway issues and pressing for a quick start on the Main Street pavement repairs. In the meantime keep warm - and remember Spring is not too far away. A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



## Editorial...

It's "New Year's Resolution" time once more and no doubt many of you will be resolving to make changes in 2004. Good Luck to you and we hope you keep to your resolutions a little longer than is usual (past January 2<sup>nd</sup> ????)

Here at *BN*, as we celebrate our 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday, we too are in the throes of change and you'll see more to come in the following issues. Did anyone find our first 'Closeup' item? Find out on page 10 what it was and the next one to ponder over. We're still waiting for your Sales & Swaps for the new column, but are delighted that we have some new contributors again this month.

On a more serious note: There are major changes afoot in the way the county is to be governed (see Roger Bingham's *Council News* opposite), as well as dividing and merging the existing administrative areas! What are your views on these quite radical proposals?

Next an apology: The Christmas Holiday Waste Collection Schedule printed in *BN* last month was incorrect. This was supplied in good faith, however when the Council notified us that **they** had got it wrong *after* we had gone to print there was nothing we could do about it. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused our readers.

Finally, Happy 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday to *BN* and a very Happy New Year to all our readers, contributors, advertisers, distributors and to Tim & Elaine at the newsagents (for being our collection point) from all the *BN* Committee.

AN & BJM



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# Bowls

## Burton Bowling Club

On November 17<sup>th</sup> the club held its Annual General Meeting in the Memorial Hall, the meeting, attended by 18 members of the Bowling Club was chaired by Mr Jonathan Barker the Vice Chairman along with Mr Adrian Steele - Treasurer and Mr Hedley Stephens - Secretary.

The Vice Chairman presented the report of the retiring Chairman - Mr Malcolm Brownsord who was away on holiday, he thanked the officers and members of the club for their support during his 4 years as Chairman, he also thanked the sponsors of the 2 open competitions which the club organised in 2003.

The Secretary gave his report on the activities of the club in 2003, the internal competitions, the South Lakeland Rural League and the Kendal and District League in which the club were 4<sup>th</sup> division champions, and the end of season David Skidmore Floodlight competition in which Burton were defeated in the final by Kings Arms-Hale.

The retiring Treasurer gave his report on the club finances which have been boosted by the increase in membership fees, income from the open competitions and the newly formed "100 Club". The club now has a sound financial footing to take it forward in future years.

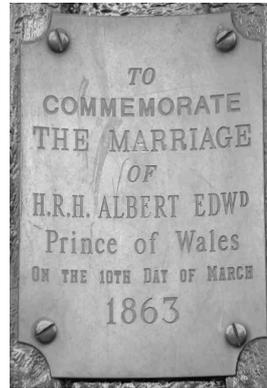
Ms Margaret Siverns was elected as the new

Treasurer with Mr Arthur Metcalfe and Mr Dick Gott as new committee members, the position of Chairman was not fulfilled at the meeting.

The club also held its annual Dinner and Trophy Presentation at the Kings Arms Hotel Burton on Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup>. the event was attended by 29 members and guests.

The "100 Club" December prize of £500 was drawn after the dinner, winning number 45 was Mr J Barker.

## CLOSEUP



The full size image for the previous 'Closeup'

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## 1<sup>st</sup> BURTON BROWNIES

1<sup>st</sup> Burton Brownies. Would like to thank all who supported their Christmas Hamper fundraiser. We raised £114.00, Jane Mitchell was the lucky winner of the hamper. We would also like to thank all those people who gave very kindly during our night of carol singing around the village on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> December, we collected an amazing £107.00, we were all very cold but still managed to sing our hearts out! Thank you for your generosity. We are very grateful to all who have supported us over the years.

**THANK YOU!!**

If any girl aged 7-10 years old is interested in becoming a Brownie please ring Jacqui Earl on 781723.

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## **BURTON NEWS A HUNDRED YEARS AGO**

### **JANUARY**

In its last hour the old year was tolled out on the Church bells with a 'peal Duke of York'. On the stroke of twelve 1904 'was issued in with a crie de jeu de joie'. On New Year's Day 'Carnforth Band attended the town'. At the Choir Party 'the vicar and Mrs Carpenter were assiduous in providing for the comfort of their guests'. There was a display of May Pole dancing at the National School Prize Day. Three cheers were raised for the Vicar for giving a Lantern Slide show. Reportedly there were 21 local convictions for obscene language in 1903.

### **FEBRUARY**

May Pole dancing was again in the programme at the Band of Hope concert which also featured an anti alcohol Cantata 'Stronger than the Strong'. - 'All characters were well sustained and evinced the confident training they had received in the hands of Mrs Carpenter and Miss Burtholme'. At two special Church services £6:11s was raised respectively for 'Waifs and Strays' and 17 shillings for the 'Colonial and Continental Church'.

### **MARCH**

Mr Burtholme of The Park died. He had founded the Burton Ringers Association in 1882 and was a noted artist. 'He was an ardent mountain climber and rambler on the fells and many of his pictures depicted the scenery which he so much loved'. In a sensational Cruelty to Children case Thomas and Alice Fergusson of Holme were sentenced to six months hard labour for causing the death by neglect of a baby girl. Dr Cosgrave, of Burton, had 'found the baby suffering from starvation'. He had ordered 'a water mustard bath and hourly milk but to no avail'. The Fergusson's four other children were also 'verminous and in a dirty state'. The mother pleaded that her husband had only given her six pence that week for food. He had 'drunk the rest'.

### **APRIL**

There were altogether 68 Communicants at two Easter

services. The Easter Offering for the Vicar amounted to £8:11s. After the wedding of Miss Alice Maud Read of Hutton House to Mr Nicholas John Sibley, Surveyor of York, 'the happy couple set off to Carnforth amid showers of rice and old shoes en route for Askrigg. The presents were numerous and costly'. A week later, at Rochdale, Dr. Cosgrave married Miss Emile Jackson who 'favoured a cream de point d'esprit Limerick lace veil and carried a bouquet of orange blossom the gift of the groom'.

### **MAY**

May Pole dancing did not feature in the May Day Primrose League festival staged by the Conservative and Unionist Party at Dalton Hall. Miss Wakefield announced new rules for her 'Musical Competition Festival'. The Pope and other Church leaders condemned Cremation as a pagan practice. At the Whitsuntide Hiring Fair farm labourers wages for the half year were 'First Class men £16-£18, Second Class £10-£12, Lads £4-£8; women £13-£14, £10-£12 - girls were scarce'.

### **JUNE**

Burton Gala and sheep dog trials were spoilt by rainy weather 'but the sports came in for a great patronage and there were 130 show entries and 24 for entries for sheep dogs'. Mathew Pattinson a labourer on the Thirlmere 'pipe track' (currently being dug through Burton) was caught rifling a 'child's drop in box' by the Landlord of the Station Inn, Mr. Thomas Henry Johnson. On being searched by the Police 'a half crown and a two shilling piece fell out of one boot and another two shillings was found lodged in the heel of the other'. Mr. Johnson 'could not swear to the whole money, but he could to the half crown as it had a special mark on it'. Pattinson was remanded to Lancaster Castle, pending trial by jury.

### **JULY**

A Vicarage bazaar in aid of the Church Missionary

Society and the English Zenara Mission raised less than usual 'owing to the unpleasant state of the weather'. There was fine weather for the annual 'Children's Picnic' to Morecambe which included a trip to see the Docks being built at Heysham. The Burton and Holme Ambulance classes presented Dr. Cosgrave with two volumes on 'Operative Surgery' - 'in recognition of his kindness in undertaking the necessary lectures'. The next week it was reported that Dr. Cosgrave had set the badly broken ankle of Sarah Crisp from Holme.

## AUGUST

By far the longest Burton News story of the year concerned a 'Dispute about an Orchard, a Hen House and a Stock Drake which had aroused considerable interest in the neighbourhood of Burton, Holme and Milnthorpe'. The plaintiff was Colonel Walker Jones of The Manor House, Burton, and the defendant was Thomas Pennell of The Globe Hotel, Burton. The Colonel claimed rent for an orchard occupied by Mr. Pennell and also for damages to his tennis court after the defendant had kept his poultry on the court. In retaliation Mr. Pennell claimed damages for a drake allegedly killed by the defendant's son and also for harm caused to his strawberry bed after the Colonel's servant had thrown wire netting over the wall on to his garden. It was also alleged that Mr. Pennell had taken 10,000 gallons of water from the Colonel's supply and not a mere 30 buckets full which he admitted. The evidence from many witnesses filled a whole column of tiny print in the Westmorland Gazette and included a sworn statement from Mr Atkinson, the landlord, who lived in New Zealand. After a full day's hearing the magistrate ruled that the complexity of the claims and counter claims for damages was 'well beyond the powers of the court' but found for the plaintiff as regards trespass and ordered the defendant to pay £6 back rent. Finally it was stated that the area of land in question was 'about the size of a large table cloth'.

## SEPTEMBER

Six otters were killed along local becks and in a 'Crusade against Foxes' 10 shillings were offered as a reward for killing a full grown fox and 5s for a cub. Special services were held following the death of the Bishop Carlisle, Dr. Bardsley.

## OCTOBER

'Lectures, On Monday the first of a series of lectures "Horticulture" was given in the Morewood Memorial Hall by Mr. Murray lecturer for the Cumberland and Westmorland County Councils. The subject, "Soil, its kind and its management" was ably treated by the lecturer and attentively listened to by a very fair audience'. On Wednesday 'Mr Shorland-Ball presented a lecture on the Russo-Japanese War (waging in the Far East) illustrated by oxy-hydrogen limelight views'.

## NOVEMBER

Wages at the Martinmas Hirings were: 'Best men £13-£15, Second Best £9-£11, Boys £3:10s, Women £10-£12 and Girls £5-£7:10s - with full board and washing'. It was reported that local farmers were using sea weed as manure. Captain Bagot M.P. addressed a crowded meeting of Unionists in the National School. Burton Magistrate Mr Shorland-Ball fined a youth eight shillings for riding a bicycle without a lamp.

## DECEMBER

The Primrose League held a Christmas Ball at Burton House. 'Dancing to the strains of Caton's Quadrille Band were suspended at 9.30 for a meeting at which Major Hornby proposed and Mr. Shorland-Ball seconded 'an expression of confidence in His Majesty's Government and in Mr. Balfour, the Prime Minister'. 'Supper presented an appetising appearance with the tables loaded with many good things. Afterwards many returned to the dance floor, whilst others sought a quiet place for a comfortable rubber' (!).

*Roger Bingham*



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**January 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

**January 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

**January 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Notice:**

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**From the Parish Registers:**

Funeral and Burial  
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5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2003



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11<sup>th</sup> Jan Judith Ellis & Alison Flanders  
18<sup>th</sup> Jan Arthur & Margaret Prady  
25<sup>th</sup> Jan Jean & Andrew Hardwick

1<sup>st</sup> Feb Sheila Brownsord & Hugh Miles

**Church Cleaning rota:**

4<sup>th</sup> Jan Sheila Brownsord & Margaret Prady 6  
11<sup>th</sup> Jan Molly Long & Alison Flanders 7  
18<sup>th</sup> Jan Barbara Ludlam & Anne Guy 1  
25<sup>th</sup> Jan Tom & Cath Johnson 2

1<sup>st</sup> Feb Judith Ellis & Norah Hayhurst 3

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*The Vicar writes...*

## Some Things Never Change

As we enter another year and journey further into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, politicians, academics and scientists tell us to expect many changes in the years ahead - social change, political change, climactic change and scientific and technological advances which will change the way we live and relate to each other. They may well be right, but according to the Bible two things will never change:

The nature of man - a sinner in need of forgiveness and reconciliation to the God he has rebelled against.

The nature of God - "**God is love**" (1 John 4:8) and He "**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)

The truth of the Gospel is eternal and will not change: "**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.**" (Heb. 13:8) This is the truth that has been preached at St. James for a thousand years or more - the truth that Jesus is Lord; that He died in our place on the cross to take away the sin that separates us from God; that He rose again, is alive today and is alone the way, the truth and the life and the only way to God.

Christians don't put their hope in technological change, scientific advance and human achievement, for that is false hope. No, we put our hope and trust in the

unchangeable Jesus who remains today: the crucified and risen one. Son of God and Son of Man, both Saviour and Judge of the world, friend of sinners and Lord of all, present now and yet to come - Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever. His willingness to pardon our sin never changes. His purpose for our lives never changes. Therefore, an eternity in God's presence is guaranteed for all who put their trust in Him.

What a great God we have! What a wonderful Saviour He has sent us! What a glorious Gospel He has given us to proclaim! Because our God and His Gospel never change, the lives of those lost in sin can be changed forever - today!

Happy New Year everyone.

*Paul*

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# A Catty Tale...

It all began back in Guiseley in Leeds, where we used to live before we moved up to Burton. We have two cats, one grey and white (Pippin) who does not venture much further than the end of the road (she's a timid little soul), and a second larger ginger and white cat (Henry). This one likes to wander and often has "trips out", being of the sociable variety.

We moved into Renton Avenue, and it was our first house together. It was off the main road, so perfect for cats. The top of Renton was the "posh end" with stone built detached and large semi-detached houses. We alas were at the other end! The cats seemed happy with their new surroundings.

About a year later, we noticed that we started to see very little of Henry. Indeed we would only see him for about 30 seconds on a morning for his breakfast and 30 seconds when he was fed at night. Hmm we thought, was someone letting him in? Then one night a lady knocked on the door and cradled in her arms was Henry. "Is this your cat? She often visits, we call her Corky". I replied, "Well she is a he, and he's called Henry, and yes he is our cat." Poor cat, he'll be getting an identity complex I thought. "Well you know where he is if you can't find him". I tried my best to explain to Christine (she very kindly introduced herself) that he was our cat and we would appreciate it if they didn't let him in. Not thinking anything more of it I shut the door.



So Henry was back, or so I thought. After a few days it returned to the same routine of us not seeing him. Quite often he would return home smelling of this lady's perfume! It was like he was having an affair. Rob and I did laugh! However the laughing soon stopped when we realised that Henry seemed to think his home was up the road, and not with us. He had become distant, and just not our Henry any more,

After yet another week of not seeing Henry I knocked on the door of no.16 where Christine, and her husband Harry, lived. "Have you seen Henry, he has missed his vet's appointment we can't find him anywhere." Harry answered, "Ah you had better come in." So in I went. He took me through to the lounge - very nice it was too. There was Christine sat on one sofa, and there was Henry sprawled out on another, on a green silk shawl (obviously not cat people, I thought, on a silk shawl!)

"He does like to come and join us, he's been here all day. He sits on the kitchen window ledge tapping with his paw, and we can't resist letting him in, with you out at work all day". "We're not normally cat people, we've always had dogs, but he's such a lovely big cat." Well buy another dog I thought!

Looking firstly at the sofa. I said, "We don't let him on the sofa, unless he's sat on our lap, and I actually only work part time" (not that I ever thought one had to give up work to look after a cat!). "He likes to lie in the summer house too," she said, pointing out of the patio doors onto a long well-manicured garden, to

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where a large glass summer house sat at the bottom. Yes, I bet he does I thought. "You shouldn't let him in like this, he thinks this is his home, and he thinks he's visiting us. You don't feed him do you?" "Oh no, we never feed him", she replied, "we'll try not to let him in".

The only respite we got from this routine was when Christine and Harry looked after a neighbour's Springer spaniel, when its owners went on holiday. (I was quite often tempted to place a puppy or a rescue cat on their doorstep with a note saying have this one instead!) During this time Henry would be home as usual as whilst he does like to tease dogs he's not friends with them.

It was when Henry went missing for 5 days that I found out more. I went up and down the houses on the street knocking on doors asking if they had seen Henry. When I knocked on the door of no.18 the lady informed me, "Oh she's always letting him in, we never do, I don't agree with it, and she feeds him" she said nodding towards no.16 in a matter of fact fashion. (Henry was found by the way. He was trapped in a shed with 5 other cats! The house owner nearby had an old cat flap in a shed from when they had a cat. He had a happy look on his face so I don't think he came to any harm!!)

In the end we had to write a strong letter to Christine and Harry and plead with them not to let him in. His character changed completely during this period, and he was clearly confused as to where "home" was. They seemed intelligent people and I never could

understand why they would continue to let him in, when we had specifically asked them not to.

I was grateful then that we made the decision to move "back up north" and we found this lovely house with a large garden and I thought great, back to normal and Henry seemed to approve.

Imagine then my horror when it started to happen again. Disappearing all day long. "Oh no!" I said to Rob, "it's happening again". This time we nipped it in the bud (I hope).

So my message to people is please don't let him in. Yes, he's a lovely cat, but he's our cat. We feed him and pay his vet's bill'. He has loving owners who worry (sad I know) if he doesn't turn up. Henry has a collar so it's clear he has a home (with cat flap for plentiful comings and goings) and I would sincerely ask that people respect this and not let him in (even for short visits).

Karen Wright, Burton Park

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# Boys Brigade News

## 1<sup>st</sup> Burton Company

### Update on Company Activities

We are now in Competition time for the Boys, and at the recent Battalion Five-a-Side Football Competition in Lancaster our Company Section Team, aged 11-14, came first, winning the Trophy for the year, and our Junior Team, aged 8-11, fought bravely, too.

National Boys' Brigade Indoor Five-a-Side Football was held in Hartlepool, when our Boys – Thomas Hacker, Chris Rigby, Alistair Jones, Simon Gregory and Dominic Rogers battled hard against Companies from North West Durham, Hartlepool and Morecambe, and succeeded in going through to the Second Round which could be in either Nottingham or Birmingham, in January/February 2004.

Callum Stevenson, Mark Lee, Sean Fletcher, Philip Humphreys and Ross Stevenson as Seniors represented the Company in Carlisle on 22<sup>nd</sup> November for the National Masterclass (Top of the Form) Quiz Competition, coming third to Companies from Carlisle, Dereham and Morecambe. We are looking forward to having Boys from the 1<sup>st</sup> Church Company (East Lancashire) to play against us in the National Table Tennis Competition on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> January.

At the end of Half Term our Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Team – Michael Gregory, Mark Lee, John Liverance, Callum Stevenson, Maddy Jones and Becky Thornton – completed their first three-day Practice Expedition from Shap to Langdale in preparation for their Gold Assessment in the Summer of 2004.

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D. J. Mills for the BB Team  
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