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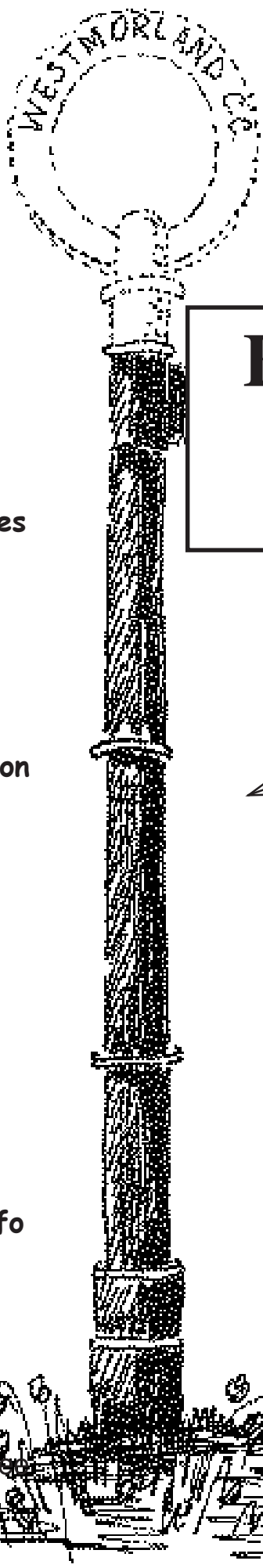
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Reader's LETTERS

Dear BN,

FIRST RESPONDERS

It is not generally known that angels wear yellow waistcoats, but after our experience of the eleventh of January this year I am now convinced of the fact.

Not for the first time we were facing the trauma of heart-attack, but ten years ago the procedure was rather different. The practice then was first to call the G.P. who then came and made a diagnosis before calling the ambulance. This time, scarcely had I 'hung-up' after calling the emergency services as instructed, when a group of three Responders glided silently into our home and swiftly and calmly applied their expertise to the situation - to the relief and comfort of patient and carer alike. By the time the ambulance arrived the First Responders had already made their initial assessment and ministered appropriate treatment, saving the paramedical crew valuable time. To all of these, together with the WGH for the excellent follow-through caring, we owe a debt of gratitude.

Once again we are keenly aware of the many blessings of being a part of our caring community. Thanks are also due to many others: to the kindly neighbours who wasted no time in coming forward with offers of help: to our loyal and long-serving

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helpers in the house and garden; to friends for help with transport and visiting; to those who, putting our interests before their own, were prepared to 'stand-by' just in case; and to old friends who, like ourselves suffering the restrictions of age and failing health, nevertheless gave moral support with their fellowship of feeling. Thanks too to the owners and staff of our village shops; ever ready to help out with a delivery when getting to the shops proved difficult. Above all may we commend the work of that 'angelic' group of yellow-waistcoated volunteers - *The Burton First Responders*.

Celina and Stanley Dawson, Ending Rake, Burton

Dear BN,

OUT OF FOCUS!

Anyone who did not go to see Peter Gordon's comedy, performed by the revived *Burton Amateur Dramatic Society*, missed a real treat!

My wife and I went to the first performance on the Friday evening and the cast had us chuckling all the way through from start to finish. Pauline Walton as the pushy Brown Owl Miss Beever was hilarious, so too was Yvette Humphries who played the vicar's wife Evonne Duckworth.

The rest of the cast were brilliant and the action romped along at a rollicking pace. I think the audience reaction must have spurred the cast on because the laughter was so loud sometimes that we had to listen very carefully in case we missed a line. If this is an example of what we are to expect in future, I foresee great things for the *BADS*.

May they go from strength to strength!!

Will Docwra,
Milnthorpe



Thanks!

Thank you to everyone for your cards, good wishes and prayers during my recent illness. Your kindness has been overwhelming and very much appreciated.

John Long

Thank You

May I express my heartfelt thanks to all who were so kind and helpful before, during, and after my recent major operation. Your cards, phone calls and prayers are much appreciated.

Thank you one and all.

Barry Morgan
(Burton News Co-Editor/Burton Tech Support)



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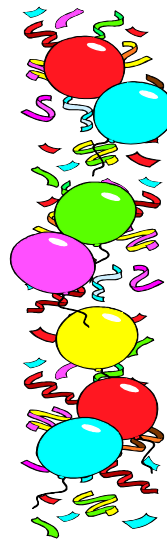
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Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to Emily Yates who was 6 on the 6th of February and Katy Yates who was 14 on the 28th February.

Also Happy Birthday to Nicola Yates who is 18 on the 31st of March.

Have a great day, loads of love from Mum, Dad, Sarah, Nicola, Katy, Emily, Daisy and Henry xxx



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Happy Birthday Charlotte (29th March)
lots of love from Nanna, Grandad & Penny

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Happy 3rd Birthday Charlotte,
love from Nanna Hill

Happy Birthday to Charlotte Atkinson on 29th, love from Auntie Jan & Uncle Charlie

Congratulations!

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Burton Amateur Dramatic Society

Thank you!

Thank you Burton for supporting B.A.D.S. recent production of *Out of Focus* - you made our efforts worthwhile. You not only turned out in goodly numbers but your laughter helped our "green" cast to blossom and you have given us the confidence to try again.

As you know, our re-formed company had lots of pre-performance dramas to contend with, but despite the odds it was reassuring to see what a good standard they could produce on their first outing. However we must keep all this enthusiasm going and build on our initial experiences.

We are in the process of selecting another play, so if you would like to enjoy ourselves by joining us, give me a ring so I can keep you posted on meeting dates etc.

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		Leader: Helen Nixon	
Thur	25 th	Stainton area*	1.00pm
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This year the theme will be Olympic countries and we hope to attract a colourful procession of "decorated wheels."

YOUTH CLUB NEWS

Burton Youth Club meets in Burton Memorial Hall 7.30-9.30 on Friday evenings during term-time for Secondary School children up to 16 years old.

On most Fridays there's table tennis, board games, table football, pool, football at the Burton Rec ground and, most importantly, the chance for the youth of the village to get together.

In the past 6 weeks we've had an evening of waffle eating thanks to Briggita Rogers; and a very popular trip to Holgates swimming pool followed by burgers and chips.

Forthcoming activities between 27th Feb & 26th Mar:
19th March - Kendal Climbing Wall (with professional instructors) - see consent forms for timings.

(NO other Youth Club activities)

26th March - Fashion Show & Youth Club

We rely on parents to support the village's youth and to give them the chance to get together away from home and school. WITHOUT PARENTAL SUPPORT WE COULD NOT HAVE THIS FACILITY.

If you can help or want to know more please drop in on a Friday or contact Roger Chaldecott on chaldecott2001@yahoo.com

Outdoor Activity Day

Saturday 24th April is the Burton children's outdoor activity day, open to any child from school year 7-11. If you are interested then please call into the shop and give your details. The numbers are limited and the cost is £10 per child.

Want to know what the BB lads get up to...???

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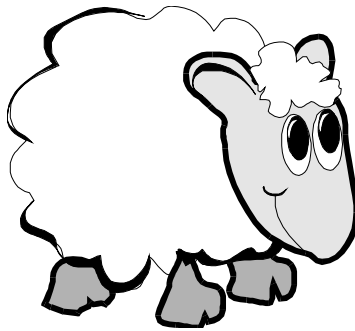
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OUTDOORS

One of the most beautiful things for miles around has just been made at the eastern end of Farleton Fell. Its makers would probably laugh at me for calling it that. What other word is there for the drystone dyke that now winds along the verge of the rocks from the Holme Park track to where the limestone scar starts rising to serious height? I came across it when I was walking on the fell with Jim Crumley, the Scottish wild-country writer. I hadn't been up there for months, or climbed there at all in 2003. Now, 'suddenly', a line of chunky limestones snakes northwards from a new gate on the track. So it will be possible to prevent the sheep from moving either west/east, from the boundary with the fields up onto the higher pasture, or east/west from the hill down to the low ground near the farm boundary.




The beauty of the dyke is in its sinuous line, linking outcrop to outcrop, and in its detail, for example where a few stones have been wedged in a crevice between natural, rooted rocks. At times the line looks wayward. Instead of heading straight from one section of natural barrier to the next, it wriggles. In places it shrinks from a four-foot wall to a single line of stones, placed along the crown of an outcrop where the drop is big enough to thwart the sheep.

A few of the stones are small brown gritstone boulders, such as you can see littered all over the clints hereabouts - debris from the time when the glacier centred on Sca Fell was shovelling its mixed litter down into the dales of Cumberland and Westmorland. Most of the stone in the dyke is unshaped, hefty, quarried pieces which look difficult to work with - no level faces to stack in layers. Some older laterally-split stones have been pieced in in places. I was lucky enough on my second visit to be walking with Alan Duckett, late of Holme, who knows everyone and everything that has happened in these parts for the past sixty years or more. He remembers the original dyke here which I'd never known about. He pointed out little remnants of it and recalled the farmer who had taken away the last of it to re-use. He also explained a thing I'd half-

noticed, between the track and the quarry rim, beside the new gate: a straight stretch of mossed stones. This was the start of the dyke. Alan recalled playing as a boy on the reefs which used to stretch right across to what is now the 'island' in the middle of the quarry - a harbour for peregrines and brown hair-streak butterflies. Now, of course, the crag between the track bank and the island has been eaten away and turned into aggregate and the like.

If the new dyke had been built in a gallery - by Andy Goldsworthy, say - it would be admired as a fine sculpture. Now, when it's still new, the unweathered stones show white and luminous against the blackish natural rock. The dyke dips and rises, sinking out of

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sight, surfacing again like a sort of moonlit, many-jointed reptile. Its pattern of crevices and wrinkles, lips and facets, is infinitely varied. It would take a brilliant designer to create it as an abstract pattern. The first time I was there, the younger of the two wallers was building while the other was having chat with a passing walker. He revelled in the wild life they'd been seeing as they worked. A brown stoat had come out of a hole in a dead ash and scampered down to the ground. A white stoat had showed briefly against the upper tier of the crag. He had the usual sporting respect for the jumpy ways of sheep. 'A man said to me, "What would you think if a sheep jumped over the dyke?" So I said, "I'd think it was time to sell the bugger!"'

DAVID CRAIG



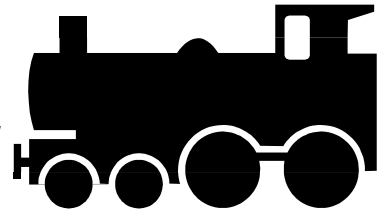
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The club enjoyed a successful 2003 season with events such as the sweet pea rally, club open days and "playdays" where members relax from maintenance jobs and run their own locos without the public being present.

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2004 sees the 25th anniversary of the founding of the club, the exact date not being known as records of the precise date have been lost.

A celebration sometime will no doubt be held.

We hope to open to the public for rides again at Easter at Cinderbarrow

Harry Carr, Membership Secretary
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COUNCIL NEWS

**From South Lakeland District &
Cumbria County Councillor
R.K Bingham
The Smithy, Ackenthwaite,
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Tel: 015395 63694**

On February 4th I was at an Emergency Planning Seminar during the worst Lake District floods for 50 years. I felt I would have been better employed filling sandbags but I would not have been allowed to do so under Health and Safety regulations. Yet, next day occurred the ghastly Morecambe Bay cockling tragedy. I had just been told that 'human rights' require teachers not to shout at their pupils. Ironically, at the same time virtual slaves were squelching towards their death only a few miles away. What human rights did they have? Cumbria County Council is largely responsible for Emergency Planning with help from District Councils, Utility Companies etc. A new Civil Contingencies Bill aims to clarify arrangements and give Local Authorities more direct control. But, we don't yet know if Central Government will meet Local Government's extra costs. Further information can be obtained from The County Emergency Officer, The Courts, Carlisle, CA3 8LZ, (tel. 01228 815700). Our Chief Constable Mike Baxter met District Councillors just before the February Council. He told me that the financial costs of the 'cockling' tragedy will devolve on local authorities; so Lancashire will pay most as the victims were found within its water lines. If any victims' bodies are washed into the Cumbrian part of the Kent Estuary we would have to liaise between

the two Counties. So we need yet more plans! Cumbria Police do not control migrant labour which comes under the Home Office Immigration Department.

SLDC welcomed the Chief Constable's news that 70 officers have been recruited to the Local Police Teams (LPC's). Each ward will have its own officer but he or she will not necessarily live there: so it's not quite the return of the village bobby. As yet there has been no extra grant for 70 more LPC Police vehicles. Burton's Community Police Officer is Stephen Helmsley (tel. 01539 722611). Serious crimes like burglary have dropped but fear of crime remains high. Low level - but very distressing- disorder often by young people has increased. Extra paper work has slowed down the imposition of 'Anti-Social Behaviour Orders' (ASBO's). These, for instance, ban persistent offenders from visiting certain areas or from being out at night etc. They have been successful in big cities like Leeds but are much harder to enforce in rural areas where offenders generally do not roam compact areas like housing estates.

The County Budget is not looking too bad. Cumbria's Council Tax may rise by about 4.3%, one of the lowest increases for a shire county in the kingdom. A B and D property valued between £68,000 and £88,000 will pay £927. It is estimated that a similar property in Lancashire will pay £977. But in a dear property area like ours band D is hardly an 'average value' home. Burton already has many band G houses at £160,000-£320,000 with a few in the highest band H at over £320,000. I believe there should be an even higher

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band for properties over £500,000 as it seems unfair that e.g. Holker Hall (Cumbria's largest house) should pay the same rate as a village family house. South Lakeland's share of the Council Tax should be in line with the Government's aim of being below 5% - and might be lower! South Lakeland will also get a bonus of £800,000 revenue from Second Homes which now pay 90% of the Council Tax and not 50% as previously. Much of this sum is to be used for rural purposes including roads. Incidentally 1.3% of Burton's dwellings are classed as Second Homes compared to 5.0% in Holme, 2.4% in Milnthorpe and 26% in Cartmel Fell.

The disappointing Budget news is that SLDC will not gain from government grants to areas with many people on Housing Benefit. Even worse the Police Council Tax is likely to go up a massive 25% or £32.68p per band D house compared to SLDC's increase of £6.80 and Cumbria's increase of £37.87. So far the Fire Service tax is not known but it could rise by £10-£20 for band D. Altogether a band D property will pay £1,174 made up of Cumbria 76%, South Lakeland 12%, Police/Fire 11% and Parish 1%.

The County has quickly filled two key posts. John Harwood, formerly Chief Executive of Oxfordshire, is to be temporary Chief Executive until 30th September. Stephen Wilds, currently director of Northamptonshire Social Care, has accepted the permanent post of Director of Cumbria Social Services. I've been told that their salaries are in the 'lower quartile' for such positions but I haven't heard the exact figures. When



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Litter - Though we have few resident litter louts the litter problem seems worse just now as we can see in the leafless hedge bottoms accumulated debris thrown from passing vehicles. The District Council is mainly responsible for litter clearing, with the Highways Agency looking after the Motorway. SLDC's mechanical sweeper cleans Burton's gutters and gullies 'once every 14 weeks'. Many Parishes like Milnthorpe also employ their own cleaner paid for out of the Parish rate. Burton and Holme are discussing using some of the environmental fund from Holme Park Quarry (which we arranged as part off the last



planning consent) to employ a joint village cleaner. South Lakeland's responsible officer is Chris Cooke. Chris is arranging a litter pick as part of a new Street Scene team which will also clean street signs etc. If you know of and bad patches please let either Chris or me know.

Sadly the Council says that the Clawthorpe Salt Bin is not their responsibility - but I'll try and get them to service it for next winter.

Bob Bingham

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An other Opinion...

Comments on the goings-on of the
Parish Council

My annual visit to the Parish Council brought a pleasant surprise: the Council seems to have developed a welcome appetite for more action and less discussion.

The first action point concerned a very old subject: the regular flooding of the A6070 at Clawthorpe. Councillors had personally examined the problem during the recent wet weather, and found at least two causes. Cumbria County Council is apparently failing to clear the debris from blocked drains. Councillors themselves valiantly cleared some of the debris, resulting in a drop of 8 inches in the water level in just 20 minutes! Even more seriously, the Highways Agency (the infamous Capita is involved in this somewhere) is allegedly failing to maintain the ditches alongside the M6 as it should. The result is that the water table is rising, killing off the trees which were originally planted to screen the noise from the motorway. Apparently whilst one branch of government is effectively killing off the trees, another branch (no pun intended) is dishing out hefty grants to plant more trees. So much for joined up Government!

The Council seems to have learned a trick or two about handling bureaucracy. Rather than just write another letter to an office in Carlisle, they are using "direct action" by mounting a publicity campaign in the local

press. In these days of accountable government nothing gets action like a good dose of bad publicity. Let's all wish the Council luck in its campaign.

The second action point involved the future use of the Clawthorpe Hotel site. The Council had wanted the site to be used for housing, but this had been vetoed by SLDC. A local business had brought forward proposals for it to be used partly for a builders yard and partly for offices. The Council had invited the owner of the business to the meeting to discuss his proposals in more detail. The possible concerns of neighbours were aired and assurances given, resulting in the Council giving the project its enthusiastic support. In previous years I suspect the Council would simply have aired the possible concerns and left them hanging as potential objections. This sign of growing maturity on the part of the Council is very welcome.

Another mature discussion concerned the possible provision of a Youth Shelter somewhere in the village. This would give those of our youth who do not want to take part in organised activity somewhere to "hang out" safely, but away from adult supervision. In the past this discussion would have degenerated into an attack on modern young people, so a discussion which recognised that these youngsters are part of our community and do have needs was most welcome. It was noted that these groups will always find somewhere to meet, not always where we would want them. Currently they are using the newly-named Caterpillar Lane (AO had actually walked down this lane that very day, so knew what they were talking about!), which is causing some problems with litter

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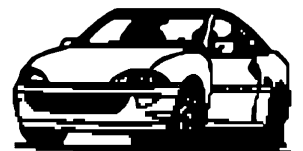
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and damage to an adjoining wall. Various possible sites for a shelter were discussed, none of them totally satisfactory. It was even suggested that the local Youth be consulted, although the difficulty of consulting what is by definition not an organised body was recognised. No firm conclusions were reached, but at least seeking constructive progress on this perennial issue remains on the agenda.

The Council seems to be adopting a much more organised approach to securing funding to bring improvements to the village. There are at least four Government agencies which can provide funds for local projects. Rather than treat applications on an ad hoc basis, the Council has drawn up a "wish list" of projects, which it regularly updates. This is used to bid for funds from each organisation as they become available. There seems to be quite a lot of work going on round the village funded by these sources, and the planned approach now being adopted by the Council seems set to bring in welcome funds for a lot more in the future.

AO was left with the feeling that the Parish Council has, at last, grown up and found itself a real role. A hearty "well done" from me to these volunteers for actually getting things done rather than just talking about them. Three long-standing councillors are stepping down later this year, so if you want to play a part in the future development of our community the opportunity is there.

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Morecambe Bay is the geographical feature which has most influenced our history. It provided the way in for our 'illegal migrant' ancestors like the Celts and the Vikings. Later it was a crucial trading communication via the ports of Lancaster and Milnthorpe which served Burton. A splendid Flanders coin of c.1634 found recently by a metal detector at Dalton could have come from one of the Bay's seafarers while mounds of cockle shells found when digging a trench in the Royal Hotel car park were almost certainly culled from the Sands. Inevitably in the sad days following the Chinese cockling tragedy the media and local people have asked me about other disasters. The highest loss of life was 25 people drowned when a Morecambe sailing boat the 'Matchless' capsized just off Jenny Brown's Point at Silverdale in 1894. According to a survivor the disaster happened just at the moment when the pleasure trippers were singing *"We are out on the ocean sailing to our home beyond the tide"*. Almost exactly a year later the boat jetty at Morecambe's Central Pier collapsed under the weight of 50 people packed on a 15 foot by 15 foot platform. A reporter described the scene as *"men, women and children desperately struggled for life the majority in their confusion rushing towards the steamer thus rendering their rescue more difficult. Amazingly only 3 people were drowned...."* Even more 'amazingly' no one was blamed for either

disaster though the coroner did suggest to the 'Matchless' boatman (who survived) that in future seats should be provided for all passengers as people being forced to stand might have caused the boat to capsize.

At our end of the Bay the biggest disaster was the Sandside Ferry boat sinking in 1907. The ferry crossed the Kent and Bela estuaries between the Ship Inn and Foulshore. Unfortunately the ferryman John Pearson overloaded his shallow boat with a party of heavily built trippers. They had refused John's offer to make two trips in a bigger boat as they were in a hurry to catch the train from Sandside Station to take them home to Hollingworth in Yorkshire. On setting off from the shore the incoming tide swept the boat up and out into the Bay. A moderately sized wave soon engulfed the boat which in the resulting panic capsized. The water was so shallow that one of the victims 54 year old Mrs Littlewood was seen standing up with her voluminous Sunday best skirts floating round her shoulders. But another wave toppled her over and she along with six others including two children were drowned.

As often happened the Bay did not give up all its dead for some time. The tale is still told of how a party of rescuers were recuperating in the Ship Inn when a

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watcher burst in crying "there's a head floating in the tide." Immediately the well lubricated rescuers commandeered a boat and rowed out into the Bay only to rescue a turnip.

Further back in 1723 John Lucas in his *History of Warton* described how some cross Bay travellers saw in a collapsing sandbank the body of a man dressed in the clothes of a hundred years earlier and "with his horses whip still securely gripped in his lifeless hand". More to the point Lucas warned of the treacherous nature of the Sands at low tide: "Where one day is a fair ford is perhaps the next day deep and impassable: and where it may to all appearances be safely rid there frequently appear deep-places which are always dangerous and sometimes fatal". He also stressed how the tidal bore came in so fast that no man and few horses could out pace it. Perhaps if the lesson of history had been learned 19 lives would have been saved.

Roger Bingham

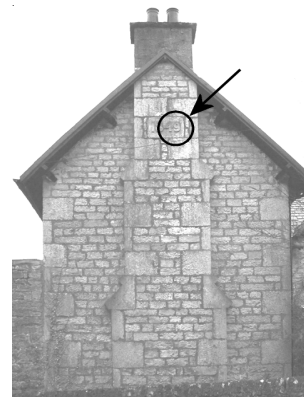


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Remember it's only once a year, and all profit after expenses goes to benefit various local charities.

SEE YOU THERE!
The Burton All Stars



The full size image for the previous 'Closeup'

Old Burton School is the place where the closeup was taken from.

This month you'll need to look a little closer at a popular Burton location, but that's all the help we can give.



Answer and a new 'Closeup' in a future *BN*. How many of you have been getting these 'Closeup's - drop *BN* a line to tell us !

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The Vicar writes...

Mad, Bad or God?



In his Gospel account, Mark records how one day, four men bring their paralysed friend to Jesus. Jesus decides to do the very best thing in the world for this man who cannot walk. He says to him: "Son your sins are forgiven!"

Some religious leaders are in the room and they get very angry. They think to themselves: "Who does this Jesus think he is talking like that. Only God can forgive sins."

Jesus knows what's in their minds. So He says to them: "OK. I'll prove I have authority to forgive sins. Watch this." Then He turns to the paralysed man and says: "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." And that's just what the man does. Everybody is absolutely amazed. They say: "We have never seen anything like this before!"

The outraged religious leaders rightly saw Jesus' statement "Son, your sins are forgiven!" as a claim to be equal with God. "He's blaspheming" they say. "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" On numerous other occasions, Jesus makes the same claim. He clearly says that He is God come to earth in human form. Many people struggle with this. They say: "I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God."

C.S. Lewis, Professor of English Literature at Oxford

University and author of the *Narnia* stories famously pointed out the inconsistency of such a view of Jesus. He writes: "That is one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would be either a lunatic - on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon, or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God. But let us not come up with any patronising nonsense about him being just a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to." (C.S. Lewis "Mere Christianity")

Given the things Jesus said about Himself, we have 3 options. He is either mad, bad or God. I'm one of millions of people in the world who believe He is Lord and God. What do you reckon?

Paul

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Services at St James' Burton and Holy Trinity Holme

March 7th

- 9-30 Holy Communion (ASB) at Burton
11-00 Holy Communion (ASB) at Holme
6-30 Lent Course at Holme
No Evening Service at Burton

March 14th

- 8-00 Holy Communion (BCP) at Holme
9-30 Morning Prayer at Burton
11-00 Morning Prayer at Holme
6-30 Lent Course at Holme
No Evening Service at Burton

March 21st

- 9-30 Family Service at Burton - Mothering Sunday
11:00 Family Service at Holme
6-30 Lent Course at Holme
No Evening Service at Burton

March 28th

- 9-30 Memorial Hall Service at Burton
9-30 Holy Communion (BCP) at Burton
11 -00 Holy Communion at Holme
6-30 Lent Course at Holme
No Evening Service at Burton

Notice:

If you would like to request prayer for yourself or for anyone else, please contact Paul on 781391

St James, Burton and Holy Trinity, Holme Lent 2004 (29th Feb - 4th April)

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St James' Youth Group

We meet in the church after the evening service on Sundays @ 7:45 until 9pm for fun, food and to study the Bible so that we can discover what God has to say to us today. We chat, chill and study the Bible in a way that is relevant to our lives today. Recently we have been looking through the book of Revelation at the end of the Bible. The main thing we have learnt is that Jesus is in complete control of the world, no matter what it looks like to us. All the problems in the world that we see around us are all related to the way we ignore God and go our own way. Through everything we do we try to help each other and be there for each other as we try to live our lives in thanks to Jesus who died on the cross to take our punishment for the wrong things we've done. Everyone from Yr 9 to Yr 13 is welcome.

Steve Clarkson (Youth Group Leader)

Mower Fund

Grateful thanks are extended to all those who kindly made donations towards a replacement sit-on-mower for the churchyard. The fund has now been closed, with a total income of £2821, which includes £282 Inland Revenue refund on donations made under the Gift Aid scheme.

Heating & Lighting Fund

As the heating and lighting within the church have become inadequate, it is essential that they are upgraded as soon as possible. The PCC has, therefore opened a Heating & Lighting Fund, and hopes to begin re-wiring and to provide up-to-date heating this year. The plans include other additions to make the church more comfortable and welcoming.

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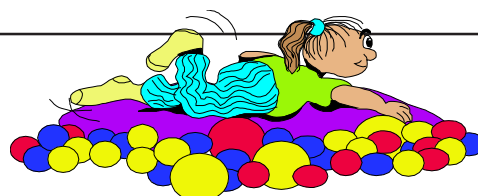


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Caterpillar Walk is officially named



The sign on the end of the lane at Boon Walks is ready for the unveiling ceremony



...and here it is !

Pupils at Burton Morewood School have played an integral part in naming a brand new footpath linking the village of Burton-in-Kendal to The Hawthorns.

Persimmon, one of the UK's largest house builders, has just completed work on the new footpath which runs alongside school's playing field. Pupils at the school were invited to come up with ideas, with the winning name unveiled in a ceremony attended by local councillors as well as Burton Morewood School's headteacher, Sue Woodburn and a group of children from the school.

After a great deal of deliberation, the footpath will be called 'Caterpillar Walk' - the winning entry was brainstormed by all the junior classes at the school,

who thought about all the wildlife they might see in the area. Sue Woodburn said: "*Persimmon are now our next door neighbours so when we were approached for help in naming the new footpath, we were only too pleased to help! The site has attracted lots of families and many of the children at The Hawthorns are pupils here. This has been an excellent example of business and schools working together effectively and the children have really enjoyed developing their ideas.*"

Mark Cook, deputy managing director for Persimmon Homes Lancashire said: "*Getting schools involved in by naming the new footpath to the development adds an element of fun to the process and everyone benefits.*"



There wasn't enough room at the Boon Walks end of the path for a group photograph so we all walked up to the Morewood Drive end and gathered there. The left hand group comprised **Ken Thorpe** (Parish Councillor) and **Janet Alderson** (Parish Clerk), **Sue Woodburn** (Head of Burton Morewood School) with pupils **James Bell** and **Andrew Clarke**. In the right hand group were pupils **Laura Clark** and **Rachel Dawson** with **Paul Rogers** (Parish Councillor), **Rachel Kemp** (Persimmon Homes), **George Isherwood** (Parish Council Chairman).

OUT OF FOCUS - THE REHEARSALS

Stage crew not photo'd: **Anne Nichols** (stage manager), **Bobbie Nunn** (costumes), **George Isherwood** (lights/sound)



Left : Alyson Yates and Alison Murphy (producer) getting ready for another rehearsal.

As are **Alison Flanders** (prompt), **Peter Flanders** and **Paula Firth** (props)

Right : Polly Gabriel (make-up) takes years off **Roger Bingham** whilst **Peter Flanders** and **David Leeman** study scripts.



Above : Sue Dixon (Val Still) looks on as **Helen Beever (Pauline Walton)** and **Bob Enfield (David Leeman)** don't quite see eye-to-eye !

Right : Leonard Trotter (David Slater) sits and waits as **David Wright (Roger Bingham)** puzzles over something ... as a policeman would of course.



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Below : Evonne Duckworth - the vicar's wife (**Yvette Humphries**) learning that her multiple booking nightmare is getting worse.



Above : Wayne Bryant (**Peter Flanders**) in full flow whilst Linda Hammond (**Pat Lansdowne**) is wondering whether he is a better catch than Bob Enfield after all.



Above : Kath Enfield (**Alyson Yates**) asking Wayne Bryant how he managed to get into such a tangle trying to sort out a few Brownies, whilst Bob Enfield tries to hide as his secretary Linda Hammond appears on the scene. Leonard Trotter as usual looks totally confused as to what is going on.

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Below: Things all work out though and at the end of Act 1 we find the whole cast on-stage having a 'Super' time rehearsing the closing song from *Evonne's* production of the pantomime *Cinderella*.



Left: Act 2 sees the backstage antics as the pantomime gets under way. *Wayne* is Buttons, *Linda* is Cinders, *Leonard* is Baron Hardup whilst *Bob* is resplendant in his Ugly Sister costume.

Right : No production of *Cinderella* would be complete without the fairy of course, and here we have *Kath* in her Fairy Godmother outfit talking to *Evonne*.



The last scene depicts the final night party and *Leonard's* slide show debacle. However we are out of space in this month's *BN*. There will be more on the *BN* website.

[Ed: if anyone has pictures of the performances please get in touch as we would love to have copies]

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VANDALISM

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Over the weekend of January 24/25th some youths of this village brought it upon themselves to vandalise the outer veranda of the clubhouse, we have names of the probable offenders but unfortunately, we don't have the proof by video evidence etc.

The Committee and Members will no longer condone this wilful and criminal behaviour, as with the incident mentioned, we will report any further damage and trespass to the Police and further action will be taken.

Weather permitting we hope to have the green open by mid March, yes it's time to get the woods out, give them a polish, the bowling season is about to start.

Thursday March 25th is the first knock out round of our Spring Open Floodlight Competition – kindly sponsored by Mitchell's of Lancaster and the Kings Arms Hotel Burton. The following knockout rounds are on Tuesday March 30th, Friday April 2nd and Monday April 5th, with the semi finals and final on Wednesday April 7th, all 6.30 pm start. Total prize

money for this year's event, with the generous help of our sponsors, has been increased to £650.00.

As a reminder, membership renewal fees for both the *Bowling Club* and *100 Club* are due by April 1st 2004. The renewal notice will be arriving at your door shortly. Should anyone, not already a member wish to join the club, the annual fee is £25 per adult and £10 for children under 16, plus a £5 joining fee. New for this year, we have a family membership for £25 per adult with children under 16 for free. We have an ample supply of Woods and Jacks for new comers to try.

100 Club membership is £15 per year, last year we paid out £750 in prize money, we have a few numbers available if you wish to become a member.

January draw No – 39 Mr A Jackson
February draw No – 67 Mr R Kirkman.

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Hedley Stephens, Club Secretary.

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Editorial...



Parish Council

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There also appears to be a move towards consulting the youth of the village on matters concerning them. Having a recognized point of contact between the Parish Council and the youngsters of this village would seem to be the way to go. Perhaps this is the time to resurrect the idea of a Youth Council? What are your views on this?

Allstars

Once again Burton is set to rock the night away this month. We have *our* tickets but they are going fast and by the time *BN* hits the streets there may be precious few left so if you've left it till now go get yours!

Sales & Swaps

It's taken a few months but at last they are here so it looks like this column stays. Advertising in *BN* works so why not selling?

More copy required still

The editor's perennial cry it would seem, so if you have anything to say please jot it down and drop into the village shop for collection. What is very useful are articles and stories that don't necessarily have to be published immediately. You don't even have to do one every month either, just a one-off item is very welcome. We will inform the sender when we're preparing the issue that their article will appear in.

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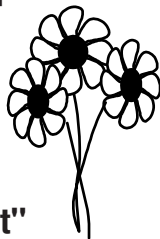
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