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Election Time is Near

Perhaps not the most exciting issue for most people, but this year it's different for Burton.

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Reader's LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Once again councillors find themselves at variance with the views expressed in your regular feature "An Opinion".

1. If the Parish Council precept is through prudent spending underspent, the remaining money is carried over into the following year. The term "handed back" is not merely misleading it is simply untrue and should not have been used.

2. Tradition of the press is that opinion and reporting are separate things. Your columnist has made clear that your feature is merely her opinion. Your feature carries the unambiguous heading "An Opinion" and yet a great many Burtonians view it as a report on what happens at the Parish Council. Perhaps the time has come for a different title, a different approach closer to tradition. Perhaps your Editorial Committee should consider the matter.

3. I am one of a surprisingly large number of Parish Councillors retiring at the time of the June elections. The Parish Council needs to encourage new members to offer themselves as councillors at the election. One wonders whether potential new members might be put off by the monthly inaccuracies and pillorying of this column.

Yours faithfully,
Ken Thorp, Hangings Barn, Burton

Please would readers note that letters for these pages must include a valid name & address. This can be with-held from publication on request. We will not publish any anonymous letters, or material which, in the opinion of the Editorial Committee, is of an offensive or defamatory nature. BN reserves the right to edit letters & articles in the interests of magazine space.

Dear Editor

I would like to take this opportunity to correct some of the inaccuracies in last month's "An Opinion" column. It was stated that any money not spent from this year's Parish Council budget would be 'handed back'. This is totally and completely untrue. Any surplus is carried forward into the following year. Nor does it mean that next year's precept will be cut, this is set by the Parish Council.

June's incoming Councillors will find (yes, because of good housekeeping), a healthy balance, which will enable them to fund necessary items such as playing field repairs or any other projects with which the Parish Council feel they should become involved.

We feel that both the tone and content of this article to be outrageous, carrying with it as it does, implications of mis-spending. This Council is the only branch of Local Government not to increase its budget for the last three years, which means it has not contributed to any increase in Council Tax.

Yours faithfully
Burton Parish Council

[Editorial Note: Whilst accepting that mistakes were made in last month's "An Opinion" a verbal apology was given to the PC at its April meeting and is printed in BN (see page 7). To clarify, "An Opinion" did not allege mis-spending it stated non-spending. "An Opinion" is not nor has it ever claimed to be a report of the PC meetings. Readers are reminded that the PC minutes are posted on their notice board outside the BMH. BN reserves the right to edit all submissions for publication in the interest of space and articles are accepted on that basis. If Mr Thorp feels that there have been "monthly inaccuracies" the BN committee requests that he detail them so that corrections may be made.]

Letters continue on page 21

BN on Tape!



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

Please contact Judith Ellis on 781057 for further details.

Election Day June 10th

This year sees a large number of our long-serving parish councillors standing down and the election to find their replacements will take place on Thur 10 June. The Government has determined that this will be an all postal pilot ballot in our area.

What does this mean?

There will be no polling booths as in previous elections. If you wish to cast your vote you must fill in and return the postal ballot forms that you will receive through the post before 10 June

Why is it a Postal Ballot?

The Government decided to run pilots of a postal ballot system in several areas of the country, and the North West (covering Lancashire & Cumbria) is one of the four regions selected.

What are we voting for?

The election will be for the European parliamentary members (MEPs), the district councils and - most relevant to *BN* - the Parish Council.



What if you're away during the election period?

Anyone who knows they will be away from home from the time the ballot packs are being sent out through to election day may ask either that theirs be sent to them at an alternate address, or may appoint a proxy to fill in and return the relevant papers on their behalf. (For anyone planning to be overseas this may be a sensible option in view of postal vagaries outside the UK.)

What is the timetable for the election?

It is a very tight schedule. Nomination packs for anyone wishing to stand should be available from SLDC or the Burton Parish Clerk from 1 May and will need to be returned by 11 May (dates subject to possible change, check with SLDC Electoral Services).

In early May all electors on the Electoral Roll should receive a card advising them of the forthcoming ballot. On 25/26 May the ballot packs should be sent out to all electors (if not received by 31 May, contact SLDC Electoral Services). Ballot papers and the Declaration of Identity should be completed and returned to arrive by 10 June.

Who can be a candidate?

Any citizen of Britain, the Irish Republic, the Commonwealth or any member state of the European Union who is aged over 21 years, and who has either lived or worked in the parish (or within 3 miles of its boundaries) for at least a year before being nominated, or who is a registered elector on the Electoral Roll on both the dates of nomination and election. Certain people are disqualified from standing, these include: anyone who works for the council to which election is sought, or who has been adjudged bankrupt, or who has been sentenced to prison for 3 months or more within the last 5 years.

What happens if no-one stands?

The short answer is there would be no Parish Council! However, if only one or two people stand the PC would be inquorate and could therefore do nothing - not even co-opt new members to make up a full council. If this were to happen then a second election would be held by SLDC at a further cost to the PC. If there are between 3 and 9 candidates there is no election as the nominations would be deemed to fill that number of vacancies and the Parish Council could fill the remaining vacancies by co-option. If there are more than 9 candidates an election would take place on 10 June, with those polling the highest number of votes being elected to the new PC.

What will it cost to be a candidate?

To the candidate, nothing, as expenses for electioneering are reclaimable up to a total sum of £242 + 4.7p per candidate for every entry in the register of electors. Expenses cover the cost of promoting the candidate's campaign, e.g. having leaflets printed, adverts in local press, mail shots, postage, phone calls, etc.

Where can anyone wishing to stand find more info?

Nomination packs and further information will be available from SLDC Electoral Services at South Lakeland House, Kendal, tel: 01539 797536 or 797535, or from the Parish Clerk Janet Alderson on 01524 781149. General information about being a candidate is available online from the Electoral Commission website at www.electoralcommission.org.uk

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Thanks!

Thanks!

To my dear family, friends and neighbours, a big thank you to all who sent cards, gifts, and good wishes on the occasion of my 50th birthday. The party was great and I hope a good time was had by all!

Also many thanks for your support, cards and flowers during my recent stay in hospital. It was very much appreciated.

Hazel Hutchings, Clawthorpe Cotts.

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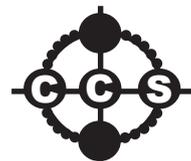
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THANK YOU

The Guides and Brownies would like to thank the Gentlemen of the Kings Arms for everything they did for us to raise so much money at the recent Daffodil Show. Particular thanks go to John and Molly Long and Mike and Barbara Earl for their hard work on the day and to Mike and Zoë for hosting the event for us. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by us all.

Our thanks also go to everyone who came along and supported the event.

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OUTDOORS

As I write (April 18), we're welcoming the first unfolding leaves on the loganberry canes, the full orange flush on the breast of male chaffinches, the first rooks and jackdaws with twigs in their beaks, and young leafage looking like green mist amongst the drooping wands of willow trees. And the first swallows - sighted on April 10 as they dodged and dipped above the Royal car-park. Are they descendants of the birds which used to nest each year in the barn end of Royal Cottage? One west-facing window space was half blocked up and the swallows flew in and out all summer. Now that the building is a house from end to end and the swallows' window is glazed, they must find somewhere else at this end of their 7000-mile flight from South Africa via Botswana, Zambia, Congo, Nigeria, Algeria, Gibraltar, Spain, and France.

Without these markers of the seasons, we would be half-blinded. I well remember how strange it was, living for two years in Sri Lanka, to have almost no such calendar. It's near the Equator so the sun sets a little after 6 o'clock, century after century. There are seasons of a sort. The dry season runs roughly from December to June. Then the cooler, wetter monsoon sets in. In my first 'dry season' a rainstorm brewed up on many afternoons. In the middle distance it sounded like surf as the deluge clattered and hissed on the banana palms. Then every tree and hill became invisible behind grey torrents. In my second year almost no rain fell for

six months and by 3 in the afternoon you had to stand in the cold shower until you felt normal again. Termites overran the garden, plastering red soil on the sticks supporting the tomato plants, then eating them from inside until they flopped over onto the parched red clay.

What was weird was that it became difficult to say when something had happened. An event was at a random point in the continuous flow of sunshine. You couldn't say 'Remember when we went down to Colombo as the days were drawing in' or 'When the leaves were turning,' because the days drew neither in nor out and the leaves stayed green on the trees forever. The exception was the rubber trees - an incomer from Brazil in the 19th century. Their leaves fell seasonally and made a thick brown mulch. Leeches thrived in it. If you stopped for a breather at the roadside, you could see them looping towards you, shiny and black, hungering for your blood.

Although our seasons have their harsh side - long winter nights, bare trees from November to April, the mournfulness of autumn - I still prefer them to the comparative monotony of the tropics. Right now, it is lovely to be rejoicing in the rising arc of the sun, its glisten on new leafage, the bright patterns of birds' plumage, the sheer changeability of everything - from the sky (soon) alive with swifts to the woodland floors no longer washed-out brown but yellow with wild daffodils and primroses or halcyon with bluebells.

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An enthusiastic crowd watched the first singles final between father and son - Martin and Alan Gilpin. Alan took the early initiative and built a comfortable lead over his father. A bad lead bowl into a corner by Alan allowed Martin in to win the end. Martin using all his knowledge and experience took his son into the corners and drew level at 15 all. By this time Alan had lost his length and Martin went on to eventually win 21 -17.

In his semi-final Martin overcame last years winner Gavin Parker 21-9 whilst Alan narrowly beat villager John Campbell 21-18. The losing quarter finalists were Barry Casson, Ken McQueen, Mike Ellis and Alan Stewart.

Sponsors Jonathan Barker of Mitchell's of Lancaster and Mike Nelson landlord of the Kings Arms Hotel, Burton, presented the prize money.

Results

Quarter Finals: Barry Casson 20 Martin Gilpin 21; Gavin Parker 21 Ken McQueen 11; Mike Ellis 10 Alan Gilpin 21 and Alan Stewart 12 John Campbell 21.

Semi Finals: Martin Gilpin 21 Gavin Parker 9 and Alan Gilpin 21 John Campbell 18.

Final: Martin Gilpin 21 Alan Gilpin 17.

Adrian Steele, Competition Secretary

'100 Club' draw

March winner Number 92 Mrs Mary Steele £30

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Hedley Stephens, Club Secretary

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Apology

I would like to formally apologise to the Parish Council for some sentences in my piece in *BN* for April. In particular I was under the misapprehension that any surplus from the budget would be returned to the County Council. I now know that this was not the case and I'm sorry if readers were misled by this or any other inaccuracies or factual errors in what I wrote.

An Opinion

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**R.K Bingham
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Firstly CONGRATULATIONS on the Green Front. In the last year Burton Parishioners deposited 17 tons of bottles in the Memorial Hall bottle bank. This is equivalent to 20 pounds or 13 kilos per person. If they were all wine bottles it would work out at about 80 bottles per person p.a. Half a ton of cans also went into the recycling bin. As the Land Fill tax is £14 per ton Burton has, therefore, saved £245 - not much but it all adds up! Furthermore in the Burton SLDC refuse collecting area 1000 tons blue of box material and 400 tons of compost has been collected. If you have any worries about the collection/recycling service please ring the Help Line 08 450 50 4434.

Another bit of good news is that CAPITA (the company which took over the County's Highway responsibilities) after much pressure by myself and the Parish Council are going to install a field drain to cope with the flooding of the A6070 at Clawthorpe. Most of us believed they only had to unblock the old drain but at least it's a step in the right direction. More positively the new road signs for the Tanpits Lane, Vicarage Lane junction 'are on the way' and the thorough resurfacing of the Main Street pavements is 'on the list'. CAPITA is also investigating whether flooding near the canal aqueduct has been caused by field culverts being inadvertently blocked.

I have been very busy recently with Lakes Housing. This is the new Arms Length Management Company (ALMO) which replaced SLDC's housing department. In common

with most other housing authorities South Lakeland has devolved its housing management to a new board which came into operation in April. So far we have appraised our 'Council House' servicing and stock. An independent audit found that South Lakeland had successful tenants participation schemes, quick transfer of tenancies and satisfactory levels of repairs and rent collection. There are weaknesses in the maintenance of council built estates and 'Diversity' and 'Equality' policies need developing. Clearer forward planning is needed. I have also contributed to a Cultural Strategy for South Lakeland highlighting our musical tradition, access to old buildings including our churches and the preservation of dialect. You may recall that I corrected an official reference to 'alleys' in Kendal as the local term is 'ginnels'. If we are not careful we might get Farleton 'cliff (knott)', Burton 'moor (fell)' and 'lake' (tarn) lane.

As a former long standing member of the disbanded Community Health Council I was pleased that local councillors are being consulted about the proposed 'Hospital Trust' which will run Furness General, Westmorland and Lancaster Royal Infirmary. By and large I think our area by changing to a trust will get extra provision while a new University teaching hospital might help the recruitment and retention of doctors etc. Every household will be circulated about the schemes so if you have views please make them known.

On the County Council Learning and Recreation Panel (which I chair) we are considering a new Youth Service Plan in conjunction with 'Connexions' which runs services for young people between the ages of 13-19. The main difficulties are caused by diverse needs for e.g. young people in 'socially deprived' areas like parts of Barrow and the needs of our own young folk who are cut off from

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urban facilities and for instance may see few people of their own age between 3.30 on Friday evening and 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

Finally -'lollypops': you may have seen reports of my objections about a directive from on high that 100 of our School Crossing Patrol signs have to be replaced at a cost of £4000 'as the red band round the sign is too narrow'. I am continuing to protest in the hopes that what I see as a flagrant waste of our money might be averted. As with recycling every little helps - so lets hope that common sense prevails.

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ANNUAL DAFFODIL SHOW

The Annual Daffodil Show was held at The Kings Arms Hotel, Burton-in-Kendal on Easter Sunday. The judge was Mrs Judith Ellis. After the Show the entries were sold by auction and the sum of £610 was raised, £510 was given to Guides, and Brownies, with a £100 donation to MacMillan Nurses. The selections for May Queen, Attendants, and Rose Buds was also made. They are: Rose Queen – Becky Hartley; Attendants – Nicole Brown, Claire Lawson; Rosebuds – Kerry Street, Sarah Allan.

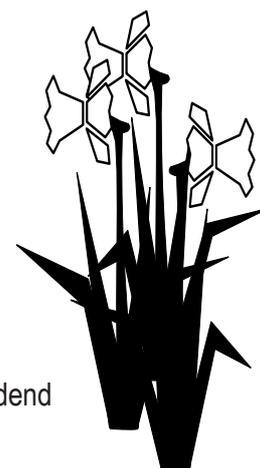
came to the Show, and gave so generously in order to help raise such a magnificent sum of money. Thank you to our judge Mrs Judith Ellis for giving up her time and skilfully judging the entries. Thanks to Mike and Zoë Nelson for their support and the use of the Kings Arms at this their first Daffodil Show. Our grateful thanks also go to Les Bratby for his generous donation of £102 to the Daffodil Show, raised at a Kings Arms Fishing evening.

Please can we express our sincere thanks to all who entered exhibits, donated auction items, all those who

Thanks also to Paul Rogers, Graham Wilson, David Harbach and their willing band of helpers for their assistance in portering items to the Auction.

RESULTS

CLASS	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
1 One Daffodil	Molly Long	Robert Burton	Cath Bell
2 Three Daffodils	Trevor Boldy	Molly Long	Joyce Bye
3 Nine Daffodils	Natalie Jackson	Robert Burton	Molly Long
4 Easter Cake	Pauline Hartley	Margaret Burton	Andy Bailey
5 Chocolate Egg	Linda Wilson	James Burton	
6 Tray Bake	Joyce Bye	Lilian Earl	Lilian Earl
7 Fruit Pie	Joyce Bye	Rose Burton	Andy Bailey
8 Flower Basket	Molly Long	Barbara Earl	Molly Long
9 Pot Plant	Molly Long	Linda Wilson	Mike Earl
10 Loaf of Bread	Hilda Boldy	Joyce Bye	Andy Bailey
11 Rhubarb	Mike Earl	Mike Earl	Mike Earl
12 Toffee	Linda Wilson	Molly Long	Charlotte Bell
YEAR 6 and UNDER			
1 Easter Basket	Pascal Ainsworth	Aisha King	Kim Street
2 Sweet Necklace	Rachel Dawson	Rebecca Mayne	Zac Bailey
3 Decorated Egg	Aisha King	Georgia Wilson	Chloe Bates
GUIDES			
	Hannah Rigg	Rachel Dawson	Natasha Woodend
BROWNIES			
	Claire Lawson	Molly Warburton	Emily Morrish



YOUTH CLUB NEWS

Burton Youth Club organised a fashion show in the Memorial Hall which was attended by approximately 80 people.

Clothes were supplied by *Aquatic Sports* and *Brand X* and modelled by past & present members and also potential members from the primary school.

During the interval two local youth bands, 'Frixion' and 'Off Task', entertained the audience, followed by a raffle. Almost £200 was raised for Youth Club funds to subsidise activities and buy new equipment.

Thanks to Sue Shipperd for steering the event and Paulyne Hartley for her ever-cheerful encouragement, Linda Green for hair, all those who kindly donated raffle prizes and all those who helped in so many ways.

The lady from *Aquatic Sports* said it was the best fashion event she had ever taken part in. A credit to the young people who took part!!

The Youth Club are now looking at an active summer programme which will include circus skills, ready for the village Sports Day, so watch out!!

Burton Pre-School

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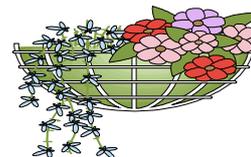
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Burton Children's Sports Day

Bank Holiday Monday 31st May



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Children's Races - BBQ - Family Disco
Throw a sponge at familiar Burton faces

11.30am Procession gathers at Green Dragon Farm
12.00 Procession to start - Family Disco 7-11pm

If any Burton organization or group would like to have a money-raising stall on sports day, please contact Val Still on 781161... All welcome

Competitions

Years 3-6 and 7-11 ~ A poem about sport
Reception-year 2 ~ Sports picture
Pre-school ~ Olympics collage

Closing Date Saturday 29th May. Please give all entries to Tim in the Post Office by this date.

REMINDER!

Please hand last year's Sports Day trophies back to Tim in the shop as soon as possible. Thanks!



Let's Pretend - by Vanessa Brooks

Our next production is under rehearsal and is set to be staged on 23rd/24th July, so mark your diaries and calendars now!

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HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE by Roger Bingham

Burton National School 1885-1916

12 May 1912 "Today a child brought the copy of a 'Traffic Ballard' composed by W.D.C. Nubra Ignoles of St. Louis N. America relating to an incident on Clawthorpe Fell that may have been handed down to residents of that district by their ancestors". This is one of the curious entries in the Log Books of Burton National School.

I have been looking at entries between 1885, when the head teacher recorded that Poems to be learned in April were "Casablanca", "Inchcape Rock", "Deserted Village" and "Julius Caesar", and 14 April 1916 when the school closed as its 50 pupils would be attending Morewood School from 1 May. In the earlier years there were nearly 100 pupils though the inspectors commented that when three classes numbering 72 pupils were being taught in one room 'conditions were cramped'. Attendance incentives included badges, book prizes and a free pencil for a 'full week's attendance'. Nevertheless by modern standards attendance was poor - partly because education beyond Standard IV (aged 12/13) was not compulsory until 1902 and the leaving age was not raised to 14 until 1918 - though the school did cater for voluntary pupils up to about 15. Indeed when in September 1895 attendance peaked at 97% (the required average percentage in 2004) the girls were rewarded with a whole holiday and the boys with a half holiday.

Then as now boys were more likely to 'play at truant'. 33 boys were absent in October 1885 when there was

'battue' shooting in Dalton Park. Half the pupils were absent on 2 April 1886 when a fair visited the village, while a year later 17 truants visited 'Bostock's Menagerie'. In January 1887 'when hounds met in the village to hunt a stag G. Bainbridge played truant to go to watch the hounds'. The following year most of Standard V was away for the same reason. School was regarded as an optional extra by farming families. On 4 October 1895 'several children were absent today; the excuse given that they are wanted for work'. The next year most of the older pupils were absent 'on account of hay time'. On their return 'compositions on haymaking were not well done'.

Official holidays comprised a month's holiday in July (not August) with a week's break at Easter, Whitsuntide, October and Christmas. The school reopened immediately after Christmas and was often in session on New Years Day when there was a special service. There were also children's services every day in Holy Week. Single holidays were on Ash Wednesday, Ascension Day and on Royal and National occasions. These included two days for Queen Victoria's Jubilees in 1887 and 1897. Patriotic observances noted included '9 Nov. 1906. The King's Birthday; opened the school with the singing of the National Anthem'. '6 May 1910 His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII died at 12.45 p.m.'. (N.B. in fact HM died at 11.45 p.m.). '11 May King George V proclaimed. The children assembled at School at 6.15 p.m. and proceeded to

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march to the Market Cross for the proclamation'. On Empire Day 24 May 1909 'at 3.45 p.m. the children proceeded to the Market Cross to salute the flag and sing the "Empire Song" and the National Anthem'.

Bad weather, a century before the school car run, often prevented children walking to school. Snow stopped children going to school as early as 1 October in 1886. Heavy snows were also recorded in February 1887, December 1892 and in March 1897. In 1899 *'the children from Priest Hutton could not attend as the road was blocked by snow'*. Rain also caused problems as on 3 August 1887 when *'owing to the wet during the holidays the attendance has been very poor during the past week with many staying away for the berry picking'*. In 1894 several children stayed overnight at school because of *'heavy storms'*. The annual August *'pic nic'* to Morecambe also was regularly ruined by rain.

Recorded epidemics included measles in 1886, 1887, 1896, 1897, typhoid 1887, chicken pox 1892, quinsy 1892, scarlet fever 1892, 1897, 1900, 1907 *'when books of children affected were burnt'*, whooping cough 1894, *'mumps at Clawthorpe'* in 1900 and diphtheria in 1910 when *'the school floor was scrubbed with "Gemicene" (liquid soap)'*. Following an outbreak of Cholera (!) in 1893 *'handbills were given to each pupil by the Vicar and Dr. Craven'*.

Inspectors' reports were generally satisfactory with extra praise being given for Religious Education and for *'Tonic Sol Fol'* singing. Pupils first performed in Miss Wakefield's music competition in 1895. Recurrent weaknesses were in arithmetic and composition. Special lessons were noted on the chemical

composition of water, analysis of soil, parsing of sentences and Greek and Latin suffixes while, in 1906, *'Mr W. Houldershaw of Newcastle gave a lesson on the heart and on how it is affected by alcohol'*.

In an era of *'spare the rod and spoil the child'* punishment was meted out to *'M. Cornthwaite for shaking a desk when others were writing'* (1885), Jane Robinson *'for making play upon words during repetition'* (1886), F Greave *'for coming without his slate'* (1886), P. Scott and J. Skirrow *'for throwing a snowball at a person passing the school'*, P. Cornthwaite for *'insolence'* (1888), several boys *'for interfering with wires that hold the telegraph poles'* (1891), and *'Bryan Moss for pelting his teacher with sods as she was going home. This is not the first time that this has occurred'*. Rare leniency was shown in 1886: *'I saw Geo. Bainbridge attempting to steal food from R. Garth's bag. I showed how wrong it was and punished him lightly'*. The Bainbridges remained troublesome and in 1902 *'Miss Fell was spoken to about striking F. Bainbridge with a ruler'*.

The school buildings were extended in 1887. Subsequent improvements included four pupil's chairs and *'buff blinds'* in 1900, a new stove in 1902 and a teachers' pitch pine desk in 1913.

Water Closets were installed after a disaster in April 1910 when *'about 2 o'clock the short wall between the adjacent old property and the Boys urinal suddenly collapsed as a result of disintegration of ancient plaster and intrusion by rats'*

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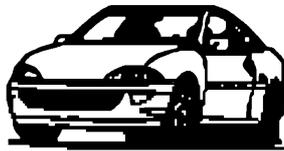
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Paul Baxendale (on behalf of the team)



The Vicar Writes... returns next month

May Services

Services at St James' Burton and Holy Trinity Holme

2nd May

- 9:30 Holy Communion (ASB) at Burton
11:00 Holy Communion (ASB) at Holme
80th Anniversary of the Mothers Union
6:30 Evening Prayer (BCP) at Burton

9th May

- 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

16th May

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

23rd May

- 9:30 No Memorial Hall Service at Burton
9:30 Family Service at Burton
Annual Boys Brigade Celebration
11:00 Morning Prayer at Holme
6:30 Holy Communion (BCP) at Burton

30th May

- 10:00 Joint Family Service at Holme
No Service at Burton
6:30 Evening Prayer (BCP) at Burton

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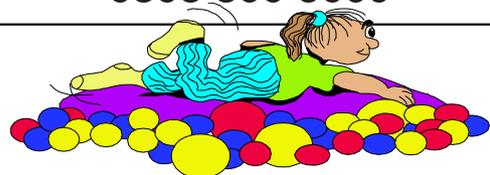
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Cumbria Police News

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The criminal will travel great distances to commit this crime and change his appearance accordingly to avoid identification by his elderly victim. When access has been gained to the property, and the resident is distracted by the criminal - perhaps showing him where the stopcock is etc., an accomplice will enter the property via the door which has been discreetly left open for him, and he will search other rooms and bedrooms, stealing cash and whatever else he can usually conceal about his person. When the accomplice has finished, he will signal his partner, perhaps by mobile phone or a walk past the window etc, and that person will leave, the crime being complete. Very often, the victim is unaware that they have been subject to crime at that time.

The second type of crime is the offer of work to the property, e.g. someone looking like a builder turns up at the elderly person's door, either asking for work or

informing the householder that work needs doing on the property, more often than not the roof/drive etc. They tell horror stories about how the slates will blow off and kill someone, or that they are so bad the next rain will flood the house and cause untold damage and offer to do a 'cash' job. The work is never done or is extremely sub-standard and the price is extortionate.

The same ruse applies to contacts being made by security companies, who ring offering free surveys. Thankfully there is a very simple crime prevention measure available in these cases - if the householder refuses access and doesn't take on workman of this ilk, the crime cannot occur.

Lock, stop, chain and check

Keep doors locked, making sure that the back door is locked if answering the front, fit a chain or door bar and use it when answering the door, check I.D. properly (wear glasses if needed), keep the person outside and check with their employers - don't use the contact number on the presented I.D. Card - use the *Yellow Pages* or *Directory Enquiries*. If in doubt tell them to make a written appointment and have a friend or relative with you at the appointed time.

Sounds too good to be true? It is!

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Needless to say, this is just the bare bones, if you have any queries don't hesitate to get in touch.

Terry Belshaw, Crime Prevention Officer, Kendal
Tel : 01539 818787

Burton heartwatch

Burton Community First Responders

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First of all I would like to mention the Team's gratitude for the recent letter in *BN* thanking the "*Angels in Yellow Waistcoats*". This letter was allocated a space in the *Cumbria Ambulance Service News Letter* circulated throughout Cumbria and I am sure it gave reassurance to residents of Burton that in any case of chest pain a 999 call first - before the GP could in fact save life.

To new residents of Burton who are not familiar with the *First Responder Team* - a call to your GP can involve life-saving time, especially in an evening, when you will be put through to the "out of hours service" or *NHS Direct* (depending on which GP practice you are registered with). In the case of chest pain, angina, or any ongoing heart problems then it is vital that you receive care within the first eight minutes of onset of pain. These eight minutes are impossible should you contact your GP. I would add that the Ambulance Control decide on which calls we attend. We are not called to trauma, road traffic accidents or a violent incident; other than chest pain we may be called to asthma attacks, short of breath, collapse, choking and various other complaints which may be relieved by

basic life support, rarely the defibrillator and sometimes just a little TLC. Before the *First Responder Team* was formed, it was also impossible to receive the emergency service of the Paramedics (unless a crew were in the vicinity of Burton) where an Ambulance could arrive here within that time. Therefore, under the watchful eye and ongoing training and assessments of Cumbria Ambulance Service - there are residents of Burton who respond immediately by pagers whenever a 999 call is made. We cannot "turn out" unless directed by Ambulance Control and whenever we do, a Paramedic crew are always not far behind us. By all means call your GP - but remember to call 999 first. To those who know the "system" I apologise for reminding you all - but I do like to explain our role at least annually for those residents who have moved into our village.

Earlier this month, almost all the Team were trained in the use of oxygen and we are now carrying this on all call outs. We have been supplied by the Ambulance Service with two cylinders (one in use and a spare). However, I would like to ask any resident of Burton who works near Busher Walk in Kendal if they would be willing to return an empty cylinder for us and collect a full one - this would be needed only a few times per year. To date the Team has only been called on three times in 2004. One incident has been missed, as most of the team work and are out of the village during the day and we are desperately short of regular day time cover. Interested ?

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An Opinion...

Comments on the goings-on of the
Parish Council

Talk and Some Discussion of the Code of Conduct

This talk was given prior to the meeting by Peter Smith. He is one of two members of the public belonging to the local Standards Committee whose task is to investigate any complaints about the way Parish Councillors carry out their duties. He defined this task and told the meeting that to date 275 complaints had been investigated nationally. "*Not declaring an interest*", and "*bringing the council into disrepute*" are two of the principle complaints that are examined.

One PCllr pointed out that it could be argued that Parish Councillors have fewer civil rights as a result of conditions imposed by the Code. Mr Smith seemed to agree.

The Parish Council thanked him for coming, and he left before the rest of the meeting continued.

The Open Forum

1. Pavements

The condition of the pavement in Main Street was again raised by a resident, who pointed out that "lumps of tarmac" thrust into holes had possibly made the situation worse. The Clerk is to contact Capita about this matter again.

2. Parking opposite the shop

A resident reported that other villagers had remarked to her that the "Polite Parking" notice was being ignored and should be removed. The feeling among Councillors seemed to be that if it deterred at least a few motorists from parking there it should remain, and that it gave some sanction for asking drivers to park more considerately.

3. Broadband

An impassioned and well-argued plea was made by another resident that the Parish Council should support the case that Broadband should be introduced to the area by BT. The Parish Council agreed wholeheartedly to support the campaign. (More elsewhere in this issue).

4. Apology

Lastly, the writer of *An Opinion* read out a formal apology for last month's column, admitting its inaccuracies, and, where she knew these occurred, its faults. She was told it was on the Agenda to be discussed later.

The Open Forum closed, and the PC's continued with their discussions:

The Flooding at Clawthorpe

A letter has been received confirming what was already known about the cause of this problem. One PCllr stated that the owner of the field to the west of the A6070 was amenable to the digging of a new drain.

Trees

Trees in the copse alongside the M6 have been felled in places and new ones planted. It was felt that many of these (if A.O. heard right, a total of 1700) have been planted too near the beck, and will eventually block it.

Plain Quarry

Complaints were made that motorcycles are still using the space, and are now riding into Dalton Woods.

Church Stile

New plans were discussed for this proposed housing development. There are still nine houses planned. No objections were raised.

Air Ambulance

A request for a contribution for running this helicopter, apparently based in the NE of the country, was rejected. It was thought that an air ambulance is also based in the NW, and that this would be the appropriate one if it's required.

The Panorama

This Millenium project was discussed. Holme Park Quarry has agreed to contribute the stone for it. The total cost, it is estimated should be around £1300.

An Opinion

Three letters of complaint drafted by Parish Councillors were passed round the table for discussion. A request that at least these should be shown to the Editor of

Burton News, who was present at the meeting, was rejected. Very little discussion ensued, but PClrs agreed on the contents (see *Letters* pages in this issue.)

Salt Bins

These are no longer to be provided. Salt will be left in heaps at various points for winter use.

Resignation of the Parish Clerk

Janet Alderson, who has held the post for four years, tendered her resignation. This was received with regret by all the Councillors present, who praised her achievement and conscientiousness in the post (and A.O. heartily echoes this)

Six Parish Councillors Standing Down

There are now a total of six PClrs announcing they will not be standing at the June elections.

They are: Bill Willink, Bob Mason, Kath Hayhurst, Ken Thorpe, Kath Unsworth, Paul Rossi.



This leaves standing for re-election: George Isherwood, Jane Hopwood, Paul Rogers.

A few points were raised under Any Other Business, but it was hard to concentrate after this, and when the meeting closed A.O. made her escape...

A.O.

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Burton Thistle over 35s v Millhead over 35s at Burton Thistle F.C., Clawthorpe Sunday 4th April

A fiercely competitive renewal of this charity match with some past and present players turning out in appalling conditions.

The first half was a very close match with both teams struggling to keep control of the ball in high winds and pouring rain. Burton kicking towards the Clawthorpe Hall end missed a few chances and were punished by Millhead who took the lead soon after. But with true Burton determination an equaliser was found to level things up through David Cross.

Halfway through the first half, with wind and rain still hindering the game and a few weary legs beginning to show, Millhead scored again. Some bad defending from Burton let the Millhead striker through to put the ball past a floundering Burton keeper Dave Irvine.

Burton battled on gamely and deservedly scored another goal to level things up before half time, Jonah with the strike this time.

With the second half looming, Burton changed a few players around knowing they had the wind advantage with them this half. Into the action came some of the

more "mature" players for Burton like Neil "Knocker" O'Connor, the silver fox, a very cunning player, and Trevor "Matty" Mattinson showing incredible fitness for 70 years young, and Johnny "Looks" Looker still playing with authority.

Into the second half and Burton really took the game by the scruff of the neck with some outstanding performances, along with the Burton faithful crowd cheering (or were they laughing?) Burton for the first time took the lead, a well-taken goal by one of Burton's main sponsors Robert Hughes. Burton were now in full flow and with experienced players like Alan "Shippy" Shippard and Derek "Whitey" White and Jeff "Clappey" Clapp, Burton never looked like conceding again.

And sure enough with the opposition crumbling under pressure Burton scored a further three goals to put the game beyond any doubt. Robert Hughes with two more goals to give him his hatrick (we'll never hear the end of it down the pub!) to make the final score a well deserved 6-2 to Burton.

Bryn Jones reporting for B.N.



More Readers' Letters...

Dear Editor,

I am hoping this year that I will be able to get to our family grave in the churchyard without struggling through grass, which in summer, has been over waist-high for the last two years.

I complained in 2002 and was assured that the grass would be cut at least once in 2003. This did not happen in the top corner where our family grave is. When it rains it lays the tall grass. I have to cut quite an area round our grave to stop it disappearing.

Please can something be done to keep the "forgotten area" tidy?

Barbara Neill, 8 Boon Town, Burton

Dear Editor,

The 'Sustainability Fund' report in last month's 'An Opinion' article is inaccurate and misleading. The article also hints, rather heavily, that the Project Officer has been negligent in allowing the alleged 'underspend'. It would appear that *BN's* policy of 'not to publish material which is, in the opinion of the Editorial Committee, of an offensive or defamatory nature' does not apply to its correspondents.

16 projects were given grant monies by *English Nature*, all projects were completed within the short time scale allowed. Because of careful management and good negotiating skills, significantly more work was achieved than we had originally bid for whilst still keeping within

the original budget. A report of these projects was also published in last month's *BN* under the heading 'Holme Park Quarry Local Enhancement Project'. Regrettably the list of Agencies and the names of the committee members and the bodies they represent was edited out - a great pity as these people contributed significantly both financially and in time for the benefit of the communities of Burton and Holme. One of these agencies was *Forest Enterprise*, who have spent a great deal of time and money in negotiating access rights over Dalton Craggs. This is not a 'Right to Roam' area and opening the area up to the public is not quite as simple as 'An Opinion' so naively believes and no money has been 'handed back'.

It was very telling to read Tony Toubkins report in March's *BN* when 'An Opinion' was on holiday. TT seemed quite surprised about the positive goings on at the PC meeting - I can understand this - if you rely on 'An Opinion' for a PC report, it must be quite a shock to find out that the parish council actually do quite a lot for the community which they serve.

Under the conditions of the grant, all publicity must be sent to the funders - the very negative article by 'An Opinion' and the editing out of the contributing bodies won't do us any favours for the next round of bids.

What's wrong with you *Burton News*? Can we have a more positive approach please?

Jane Hopwood pp Holme Park Quarry Liaison Committee

[Editorial note: Further correspondence on this subject was received but has been held over until next month due to lack of space.]

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Editorial...



Burton News is not a charity but operates on charitable principles. No one in the team of 30 involved with the production or distribution of the *Burton News* is paid for doing it. We depend for our survival on the donations of villagers and our advertising income, which just covers the cost of printing the magazine each month. If *BN* is to keep going we need your support. Please do put something in the little brown envelope and drop it into the box in the shop, and thank you from all of the *BN* team for supporting us over the last 12 years. We hope you'll continue to do so.

We consider the forthcoming election in June to be important enough to justify a whole page about it. This is the first time *Burton* has been involved in a wholly postal ballot. These are, according to the Government, the future of elections. What do you think? Should we be abandoning the ballot box for postal votes, or even voting by e-mail, mobile phone text message, or online. Let us know what you think.

The *BN* team will again be at the Children's Sports Day - this time with some competitions and quizzes as well as lots of information on the *Broadband4Burton Campaign*, so if you've always wanted to put a face to our names why not pop along and say hello? We'll be delighted to meet you. Monday 31st May on the school field is where it'll all be happening.

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FOR SALE: Brother electronic typewriter, model AX-35, good working order. £10 o.n.o. Phone 01524 781569.

Advertising rates for both **Swap Shop** or **For Sale** is £1 per month for 3 lines (must incl. a phone number). Copy of advert & payment should be put into a sealed envelope marked *BN Sales & Swaps* and left at the newsagents or sent to our PO Box address (see back page).

PLEASE REGISTER FOR BROADBAND!

We are campaigning to have Broadband available in Holme and Burton through BT. We have 203 people pre-registered so far, but we need 350. PLEASE HELP BY REGISTERING AND SPREADING THE WORD!!!

Broadband is a high-speed Internet connection. You can be on line and still make phone calls. Businesses, home workers, school children all benefit from it. Downloading large files, emails, music clips and finding those travel offers on line is much faster.

Stephen Thexton, IT Co-ordinator at Burton Morewood School, says that the school uses computers regularly and would welcome Broadband as soon as possible. The children and teachers are often involved in doing research for school projects using the internet, and having Broadband at the school and home would speed up the procedure.

Also Broadband has an effect on house prices, The *Country Land and Business Association* (CLA) says that at a recent broadband conference in Manchester, delegates spoke of a rise in house values of 25% in one rural village where broadband was accessible, whilst people in another area who were demanding the same access, found their property values begin to fall behind.

Even if you are not interested in Broadband you can help others. It won't cost you anything and it won't tie you into any contract.

Call BT on 0800 800060 (freephone) and register your interest, or if you have a computer you can go to broadband4burton@burtonweb.org.uk and register, or contact me on 01524 782844 or by e-mail at dig.it@virgin.net and I will register for you.

Come on - help our community to thrive and join the 21st Century!

Isabel Thomas, Burton Exchange Campaign Co-Ordinator

Broadband4Burton Website

broadband4burton@burtonweb.org.uk

**Don't forget to visit the
Burton News Website
<http://www.burtonnews.org.uk>**

COMMUNITY INFO

CHILDLINE

FREEPHONE 0800 1111

KIDSCAPE 0171 730 3300

County Library Van Times

The library van will be in the Memorial Hall car park every Monday between 10.00 - 11.00 a.m. Why not pop along and save yourself a trip to Kendal?



Community Transport South Lakeland

If you need transport to hospital, doctor, dentist, optician, etc., please contact Mrs. Lynn Herd 01524 781905.

If you could spare some time as a volunteer driver you would be most welcome.

Enquiries to above or 01539 735598.

Useful Phone Numbers

Burton Post Office	01524 781828
Burton Morewood School	01524 781627
Dallam School	015395 63224
QES, Kirkby Lonsdale	015242 71275
CrimeStoppers	0800 555 111
Kendal Police Station	01539 722611
Kendal Library	01539 732815
Kendal Hospital	01539 732288
Lancaster Hospital	01524 65944

Council Switchboards

Cumbria County Council	01539 773000
SLDC	01539 733333

BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT
THE CLERK - Janet Alderson
01524 781149

REMINDER . . .

**Please don't forget
to feed the birds
now the breeding
season is here**



SURGERY TIMES

Dr MR Warren, Dr JH Gorrigan,
Dr EJ Pearson, Dr CT Darby,
Dr SJ Thornton

Monday 8.30 am - 10.30 am

By appointment only. To make appointments
please telephone 015395 63553

Child Health Clinic

1st Wednesday of each month
10.00 - 11.00 am

No appointment necessary

Health Visitor: Mrs Chris Thornton
015395 63382