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Reader's LETTERS

Dear Sir/Madam

English Nature

I was disappointed to read "An Opinion", page 18 of *Burton News*, April 2004. The article makes a series of comments about the English Nature funded Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund project which over the last year has provided more than one hundred thousand pounds to improve the environment in Burton and Holme Parishes.

As the English Nature officer responsible for overseeing and managing our grant in the two Parishes, I consider that the article is inaccurate, its tone exceptionally negative and it appears that the anonymous author has not made much effort to get the facts straight.

The so-called underspend, as reported by *An Opinion*, was nothing of the sort. Through successful partnership working with Forest Enterprise, the project fully delivered its aims at a lower cost. The money 'saved' was simply ploughed back into the project allowing us to deliver more local environmental improvements. No grant was returned unspent. Obviously English Nature can not fund bus shelters or car parks our role is to champion the conservation of wildlife and geology.

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.

As an officer responsible for employing and managing the Project Officer I would like to express my admiration and thanks for all his efforts. He has been professional, efficient and positive throughout the year of the project. *An Opinion* wonders what his role has been; I can answer that "central in delivering the project aims and in making a positive impression on those who provide grants".

A number of individuals within your villages have given up their free time to apply for project funding and to successfully manage and deliver a package of works which make a real difference to the environmental quality of your Parishes. Through their positive approach we have delivered much together. It is unfortunate that through *Burton News* an individual who has not contributed to the project chooses to make such negative and ill informed comment.

Yours faithfully
Simon Webb
Conservation Officer
English Nature, Kendal

Dear *Burton News*,

Retiring Parish Councillors

I notice that several of our Parish Councillors are retiring or leaving. I am aware that they give their time generously for the benefit of the local community and with no financial reward.

I particularly appreciated their efforts at the time that the proposals for the extension of Holme Park Quarry were a critical local issue.

Many Clawthorpe residents will wish to join me in thanking the councillors for all their work over the years on the community's behalf.

Yours sincerely,
John Garner
Hill Crest
Clawthorpe



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These children will never be able to thank you personally so, on their behalf, please accept the grateful thanks of everyone at the NSPCC.

Jack & Barbara Winrow

Correspondent for Gazette & Guardian

In Joyce's absence, the current correspondent until September is Kathryn Smith, to whom any copy for inclusion in the village news sections of either of the above newspapers should be sent.

Kathryn may be contacted at Pipers Barn, Clawthorpe, Carnforth, Lancs. LA6 1NX, or by tel. 782198 or e-mail smith@pipersbarn.fsnet.co.uk.

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Alternatively you can drop a line to the Parish Clerk. Consultation period ends on the 28th June.

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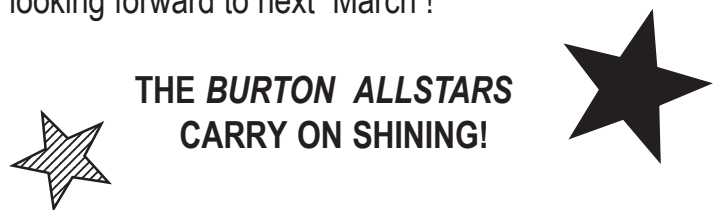


The **BURTON ALLSTARS** would like to thank everyone who supported their latest concert. It was a great success, and the band had a brilliant time as usual. Local charities benefited, and we have donated £400 to research into Alzheimers, which could affect any one of us.

We are planning on doing another two day event next year, and will be starting rehearsals in September. We are short of a female or two, so be brave, and help us even out the sexes! Any age from 18 to 80! Vocal coaching given free if required or needed. We'd also like to thank the ladies who helped with the door, and the clearing up, we couldn't do it without them, and of course, George Isherwood for donating his time to do the lights.

We are hoping there will be a video and DVD of Saturday night's concert on sale soon. All proceeds after expenses will be used to continue to buy vital equipment for the band and for the village.

Any group or organisation in Burton needing to use the PA system, can contact Mo on 781447, or Bill on 782049. Thanks again everyone, we are already looking forward to next March!



**THE BURTON ALLSTARS
CARRY ON SHINING!**



MEALS ON WHEELS

Following recent changes to the policy of Cumbria Catering in respect of their school meals service, it is no longer possible to obtain freshly cooked meals from Burton Morewood School for our *Meals on Wheels Service* in the village. Very many thanks are due to Sandy Jackson the school cook and her helpers, Sue Shipherd and Helen Dawson for providing excellent, nourishing dinners for some of our most vulnerable villagers over many years.

We have been very fortunate that the Kings Arms Hotel has stepped into the breach and is now providing meals for our new extended *Meals on Wheels Service*. Meals are delivered on 3 days a week, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and also continue throughout the year except for Bank Holidays.

This extension to the service is only possible with a team of helpers so my thanks to Judith Green, Julie Gregory, Norah Hayhurst, Pat Johnson, Branwen Kilburn, and my deputy organiser Joan Stafford.

Stephanie Micklethwaite
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OUTDOORS

Two fine walks, only three weeks apart in mid April and early May, were typical of that exhilarating change from season to season which I wrote about last month. With Anne I walked down the right bank of the Kent from the roadside between Staveley and the level crossing, went over the river by the bridge at Hagg Foot upstream from Cowan Head, and came back up the left bank through a bluebell wood. Not long before, I'd gone to Longsleddale with my climbing partner Chris, hoping for our first rock-climb of the season. Weeping drizzle and low cloud ruled that out so we walked up to the head of the dale, where the path goes over the Gatescarth watershed to Haweswater, and struck up west towards High Street. At once you're threading through a maze of old bridges, parapets, hushings, quarried holes, and ruined sheds where they mined for lead until the Great War. Gulches gaped where the course of the Wren Gill had been blocked or altered by spoil from the drift mines. Grey stone piled up or lapsed away on every side. Grey cloud trailed across the summit ridges of Kentmere Pike. Last year's rusted reeds shivered in the breeze. No buds of blossom or leaf were showing on the rowans overhanging the beck. On the boggy slopes and above five hundred metres on the saddle, we walked in a world without colour, without flowers or birds - not even a raven or a ring-ousel. It was sheer refreshment, wandering along in a wintry element with the knowledge that spring was on its way in the dale below, in the domes of jade-green buds on the huge sycamores at Sadgill, for example,

where I bought damson curd from the farm porch forty years ago.

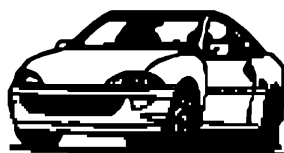
The season stirs and comes to life, temperature and pressure rise, clematis and flowering cherry light up gardens everywhere, and in the wood called Beckmickle Ing between Staveley and Cowan Head the bluebells created a more brilliant shimmer under the hazels, oaks, and ashes than we had ever seen. It was like walking through blue sky. The colour of these flowers seems to hover in the air like some wonderful web of petals, or like sheets of spreading water. When a cloud blew across from the north and shadows dappled the woodland floor, the flowers became more purple. When the sunlight brightened again, their full blue returned. In the garden the half-wild bluebells are a bit of a menace, overwhelming the snowdrop bed, the lily-of-the valley, and anywhere else they can colonise. In nature there is no more inspiring facet of the new, bright season now unfolding round us.

Anne had noticed the path when we were bowling at Staveley on April 30. Two swifts flew over that evening - our first of the year - and on our walk a few days later swallows were fly-catching between the tall trees flanking the river, while a brown dipper flitted downstream low above the water. Burton's first swifts arrived on May 5, a day early. A fortnight later they're slow to build their numbers and I've seen no more than seven racing and screaming above the rooftops and casting momentary shadows on the bowling green. There should be at least twenty of them once the tribe is complete.

DAVID CRAIG



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BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

Job Vacancy - Clerk to the Parish Council

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The Clerk is responsible for managing the day to day business of the Council, providing advice and implementing the Council's decisions

Applicants will need to be computer literate, able to prepare council agendas and record minutes, have an understanding of book keeping and be able to correspond with external organisations on behalf of the Council. The role includes that of Responsible Financial Officer.

Working hours are approximately 7 per week and the salary will be in the region of £7.00 per hr. The post holder will be expected to work from home.

Formal training and plenty of help and advice will be available.

Interviews will take place towards the end of June with a view to the successful candidate being in post in July.

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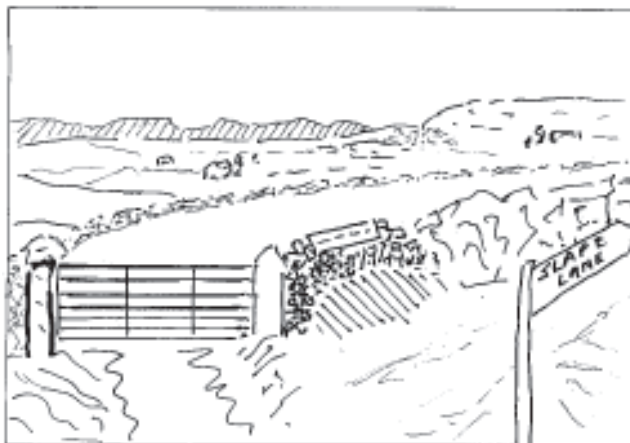
The Burton Jubilee Panorama

At last! As mentioned in last month's *BN*, the plans for a **Panoramic Viewpoint**, at the start of Slape Lane, to mark the **Queen's Golden Jubilee** are finally coming together - but the last piece in the jigsaw is perhaps the crunch, and is where **YOU** come in - the funding!

The **Open Gardens** scheme on Jubilee Day raised a launch fund of £111 towards the estimate that we now have, of £1605. The Parish Council has applied for Grants towards this, but such Grants always stipulate a local contribution as well.

So we are aiming to raise another £400 within the Village, after that £111 as a start. Dare we hope that plenty of you will be willing - happy, even - to contribute

towards this tribute to our Queen? Kind donations may be by cheque made out to *Burton Parish Council*, or of course in cash - and sent to the Parish Council Clerk, Janet Alderson - at 18 Vicarage Close; or put in the box at the Post Office Counter at the Shop - to whom our thanks for their co-operation!



Let's see if we can raise it all by the end of July..... we will report progress!

Bill Willink

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

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http://www.geocities.com/first_burton/

COUNCIL NEWS

From South Lakeland District &
Cumbria County Councillor

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Mainly Learning and Recreation

I created a minor sensation while chairing one of the Learning and Recreation Scrutiny Panel meetings. I hadn't suggested abolishing SATS Tests (as might be happening in Scotland and Wales), increasing teachers' pay and reducing their hours - or even (one of my hobby horses) getting more British and Local History taught in Cumbrian schools. No: I suggested that at our next meeting when we will be investigating School Meals that we Councillors should have a School Dinner - either by going to a school or by having a 'container' meal brought in. Despite memories of gristle, frog spawn, chocolate concrete and kitten's coffins (Heversham Grammar School's name for corned beef 'Cornish' pasties) my colleagues agreed. But we have yet to find a host school.

I ate school dinners for over 40 years as a pupil and a teacher so I know the pains and pleasures of the repast. Currently I am scrutinising the effectiveness of new arrangements which have delegated school meals provision to most Cumbrian Schools and also finding out how many pupils are having a school dinner. So far 50 schools have requested a new kitchen. Nine kitchens were created during the Easter holiday - and others are being provided in the next



few months. We expect to see an increase in demand in schools with an on-site kitchen because a home based cooked meal is more popular than a transported meal. One school has reported an increased demand from 60% to 90% since it got its own kitchen.

Queen Elizabeth and Morewood school meals are popular but I would still like to know what you think about school meals in general - or even if they should be provided at all.

School Milk is also making a come back. Cumbria now provides funding for a third of a pint for every child taking a free school meal but school governors can decide to use the funding elsewhere in the school.

Personally I can see difficulties in being discreet about a child's free meal status if the child is given a bottle of milk which is not provided for other pupils.

A more complex educational issue concerns the relationship between Cumbria LEA and the Learning and Skills Council. The LSC now funds all post 16 education including VI forms and recently prompted a big row in Carlisle by suggesting that the city's 11-18 schools should lose their VI forms so that a VI Form College should be created. A more general worry for other areas might be a loss of 'democratic control' on VI form and further education as elected Councillors are not on the LSC and so unlike on the old Education Committees (abolished four years ago) members cannot publicly debate local concerns.

After, (in my view) years of neglect the County is

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boosting its Youth Service (run by 'Connexions') with an extra £350,000 p.a. for our South Area. Some of the money is going to our district's youth centre at Milnthorpe and also to our popular local Duke of Edinburgh Award. Unfortunately, despite my protests, a request for £350 for Burton Skiers was refused but it is, I believe, be forwarded to the Neighbourhood Forum which hopefully will make the grant.



collect rents in cash when we pay e.g. electricity bills by other means our collectors are valuable as they also collect the news and views of our tenants. Our quick filling of voids are "well on the way to being the best in the land". But we need to provide more information about "response maintenance" - even though most tenants seem satisfied with the repair service. Also we need to have a more detailed 'equality' policy.

CONGRATULATIONS to QES pupils (including Burton actors) who won the local drama competition with *BED BUGS*. They will now be compete for a national award at The Olivier, National Theatre, London, on 13th July. I hope to be there - IF I'm allowed to miss a *BADS* rehearsal of 'Let's Pretend'.



Finally this is the time when along with other trustees of the Grundy Charity I allocate funds to people with special needs. These can include contributions to house repairs or other purposes like, in one case, a grant so that an 80 year old grandmother could visit her family in Canada. You do not need to be old or on the bread line to be eligible for help so contact me if you think I can help. Names of recipients are not published and will be known only to the trustees and auditors. In the meantime let us enjoy the summer time.

Roger Bingham

On village matters the long running saga about the missing road signs at the bottom of Vicarage Lane might be coming to an end as I, and the Parish Council, have been promised that they are on the way. There have been complaints in other areas about the Mobile Library - but I have had none so I hope that this aspect of my Learning and Recreation duties is satisfactory in Burton but as always **please let me know**.

As a board member of Lakes Housing which runs our Council Houses I was delighted at the Auditors Report which gave us a star rating and (to quote) called us the "Manchester United" of housing providers in our service to tenants. Particular praise was given to our rent collectors. Although it seems old fashioned to

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YOUTH CLUB NEWS

FASHION SHOW - An enormous "Thanks" to everyone who helped to make this a superb success. The young models were especially good.

Activities

7 May - 23 members went to Holgates for swimming, burger & chips

21 & 28 May - Circus skills evenings

31 May - Sports Day Parade and demonstration of Circus Skills

4 June - NO YOUTH CLUB

2 July - BBQ for year 6 + all Youth Club members

Non-members

Some non-members are abusing the visitor system and, reluctantly, we may need to ask their parents to either ensure their child joins the club; or that they stop their child from hanging around BMH or the school on a Friday evening.

Thanks to all the Parents who help on Friday nights. Membership has increased to 55 with 40 youths coming most Friday evening.

Committee

A small committee of parents runs the *Youth Club* but as children get older and interests change from *Youth Club* we lose some of that support. We are hoping to recruit 2 new adult committee members. The most arduous task may be 2 weeks back-to-back Fridays, and checking there's enough food in the tuck shop. Unless you volunteer for other roles like secretary,

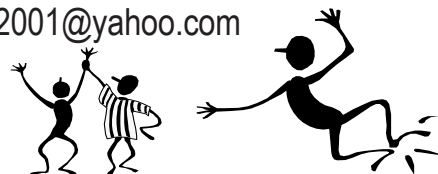
treasurer (please is there a book-keeper in Burton?) etc.

BYC meets in the Memorial Hall 7.30-9.30 on Fridays during term-time for Secondary School children up to 16 years old. BYC is for the youth of the village to get together to "hang out", play table tennis, board games, table football, pool, football at the Burton Rec ground or BMS. We try to organize an activity evening away twice a term.

MEMBERSHIP - Guests (£1) must be signed in by members and can visit up to 3 times. Membership is open to youth of Burton and nearby villages.

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



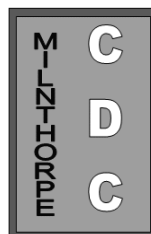
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The fact is that bellringing as we know it is peculiar to Britain, or, more precisely, to England. There are few places in Wales, Scotland and Ireland, and fewer still outside the UK that ring in the same manner that we do. Here in Burton we have six fine bells that a handful of dedicated ringers keep going in the traditional manner, the same way as generations of others have before us. Now is the time that we must address the number of ringers we have in order to secure the future.

You too could partake in the rewarding challenge that is change ringing. This calls for a combination of hand eye coordination and mental agility. Be sure that brute strength is not called for, whatever the common misconceptions have led you to believe. But change ringing bears little resemblance to any other form of music making, and no other percussion instrument needs 60 foot ropes to operate it! Ringing bells is a unique pastime. Interesting and stimulating in its own right, to those who get hooked, it becomes a way of life and even a passion.



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HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE by Roger Bingham

"A Boring Match" at Clawthorpe in 1842

The Quarry has played a prominent part in recent local history in view of the amount of time many of us have spent on Holme Park's planning applications, traffic regulation orders and environmental protection. I am, therefore, surprised that there are very few early references to quarrying which - (now that the water mills are no more) - after agriculture is our longest surviving industry. Quarrying limestone either for building or, later, for burning probably started at least a thousand years ago. Some of the 12th century masonry in the Parish Church tower undoubtedly came from the Fell - though much of the walls are constructed of field stone found nearer to the site. Until recent times larger building blocks like lintels and quoins and also gate stoops came from Clawthorpe. The 'rock faced' stones on my house at Ackenthwaite were hewn from Clawthorpe in 1868. Last year I obtained some 1860 lintels originally from Milnthorpe Gas Works for some new windows I had put in. They had also come from Clawthorpe and so they matched those already in situ. I paid over £100 each for them - the original price would have been five shillings for a lintel and half a crown for a gatepost. In 1880 a quarry labourer called Balderstone from Clawthorpe was said to be earning 'good money' as he was getting '18s-20s depending on weather'.



Several of my stones reveal the method of quarrying as they show a cylindrical 'bore hole'. Explosives were rarely used until the 20th Century except to bring down large quantities of stone. Otherwise brute force was the order of the day. The 'boring' nature of the work is revealed by this extract from *The Lancaster Gazette* of 12 February 1842:

"Of all the matches which have been matched in this singularly matching age, one which came off on Clawthorpe fell, near Burton in Kendal, on Tuesday last, has, we believe, few parallels. This was a boring match between Robert Armer, of Holme, and Samuel Airey, of Kendal, laborers (original spelling) for one sovereign a side; and the contest in hand was, whether the two could bore 12 holes in solid limestone in the least time. On the day and hour appointed both were prepared for work, and the singularity of the contest attracted the attention of upwards of two hundred spectators. Samuel was seconded by a few of his friends from Kendal, who confident of the qualifications of their man offered several bets on his behalf, a few of which were taken. Bob on the other hand knew his own boring skill too well to require any seconds in the case. All being in readiness to work they went like good 'uns, but it was soon manifest that the Kendalian had reckoned without his host. After

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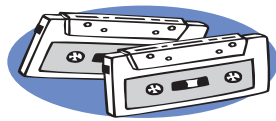


having wrought for some time, victory appeared in favour of Bob, who had bored seven holes whilst his antagonist had bored only five. Seeing no chance of success, Bump resigned the palm to Sir Robert, exultingly repaired to the stake holder, and received the reward of his victory'.

Incidentally it's interesting to see the modern officialese 'stake holder' being used in an older form. Recently school pupils have been called "education stakeholders" - BORING!!!!



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Bible Myths

"Religion is fiction. I've read the Bible. It's a great book, but it's a novel." So said actress Winona Ryder recently. It's probably the most common view of the Bible - a book you respect but don't trust. Many people warn us not to believe the "myths" in the Bible. The interesting thing is, the real myths are the ones about the Bible and not in it. Here are four of the most popular:

"It's real meaning has been lost in translation. The Bible was translated from one language into another, then another and so on. By the time it was translated into English its original meaning was lost." This is a common argument. Most Bibles today, however, are taken directly from the original languages (Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek). Modern knowledge of these languages is more precise than ever, meaning that translations are more accurate, not less.

"It's been changed. The scribes who copied and passed on the ancient Bible documents changed the stories to suit themselves." The problem with this view is there is no evidence to support it. Without any evidence of what a scribe is supposed to have wilfully changed, it makes no sense to argue he did so. That's speculation based on bias rather than evidence.

"It contains accidental mistakes. Perhaps the scribes didn't make deliberate changes but in their copying they made errors which, with the passing of time, were overlooked and changed the original meaning." The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947 throws down a weighty challenge to this argument. Among these scrolls were large sections of the Bible dated at about 2000 years old. When these were compared with modern Bibles the accuracy was breathtaking. What we read today is indeed what was written thousands of years ago. The ancient scribes did their job very accurately. So anyone who argues that mistakes in the copying process makes the Bible unreliable, really needs to think again.

"The Bible is just a well preserved lie. OK, the scribes did a good job, but how do we know the original authors were telling the truth to begin with?" In response to this objection let's take the accounts of Jesus' life, death and resurrection (the Gospels) as a starting point. If Jesus did not say and do the things recorded here then Christianity is a sick joke. Let me give two main reasons why I believe these are true accounts. Firstly, these four books (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) are based on eyewitness reports. Secondly, many of these eyewitnesses were either executed or imprisoned for proclaiming what they'd seen. This begs the question: If it was a lie and they knew it, why did they die for it? Dying for something you believe in is one thing, but no one dies for something they know to be a lie. The disciples believed it was true.

The Bible stands up to the most rigorous scrutiny. If you're someone who is suspicious about the Bible why not do something outrageous. Read it for yourself. The best argument for the Bible is the Bible itself. Mark's Gospel is a good place to begin. If there's bits you find difficult or don't understand come and have a chat - I'd love to help.

Paul

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6-30pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at Burton

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This was the glorious theme of the first **Northern Men's Convention** held in Manchester on 15th May.

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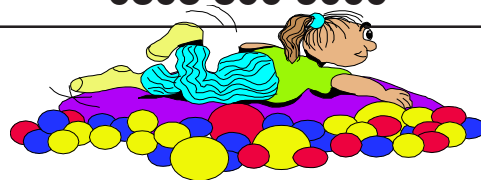
In a number of seminars we explored how the sacrificial love of God in Christ impacts our responsibilities as men: to our wives, children, parents, colleagues, churches and world.

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Burton PC Retiring Councillors

This month sees five Parish Councillors standing down. Between them they have served the village for more than 80 years. *BN* asked them about the highs & lows of their terms of office & why they were going.

Kath Unsworth

Has been a PCllr for 36 years, holding the chair twice and seeing seven Parish Clerks during her time on the council. Kath has seen many changes over the years, including an additional 2 seats when the council was amalgamated with Dalton, and a large increase in the paper work. However, perhaps the most amazing fact was that she was the only female PCllr for many years! Those 36 years have been a rewarding and interesting time and Kath has enjoyed them all, with the quarry traffic ban and replacement of footpath signs particular high points. Her only disappointment was the failure to acquire the Glebe Lands for a Village Green. After a long service Kath felt it was time to move on and allow someone else to hold the reins of PCllr. As an interesting anecdote it's worth mentioning how Kath got to be a PCllr all those years ago. It was her neighbour at the time who put both their names forward, only telling her after the event. Kath was elected, her neighbour was not. The rest, as they say, is history!

Bob Mason

The only PCllr to have been born within the parish, Bob has been on the council since 1983 and has held the chair once. Over his time in office the thing that stands out most is the community spirit in Burton. With a little prompting from the PC, folk have rallied around and the PC were able to get things done that would otherwise have taken time to organize through official channels and added extra to the precept! Items such as the signpost at the corner of Station Lane and Tanpits Lane, plus the playing field (where the whole PC has turned out at times to lend a much needed, and voluntary, hand) in particular but there have been many others. Bob has no regrets over anything that PC was not able to achieve but finds that the length of time it takes now to action things through official channels very frustrating, especially in the age of the computer when you would have thought it to be quicker. He is standing down this year to allow younger folk to have a go.

Ken Thorp

Following 6 years on Urmston UDC and then moving to

Burton, Ken became a PCllr in 1991 and in those 12/13 years has seen a large increase in the complexity of council dealings. Whereas decisions could be made and enacted within a single meeting it now takes many meetings to get anything at all done. The rules around disclosure of interests have become much stricter too, although it was always common practice to declare such interests as and when the need arose. Of all the actions the Parish Council has taken Ken particularly feels it did well to uncover the quarry expansion plans and then succeed, with the combined efforts of other area councils, to have the worst aspects set aside. This limited the environmental damage and reduced the effect the full expansion plan would have had on Clawthorpe residents in particular. He has no regrets over his time in office but now finds the amount of work involved with council affairs to be too taxing for an octogenarian so is standing down to let a younger person in.

Kath Hayhurst

Co-opted onto the council in 1993 when the approach to village matters was more 'hands on', if something needed doing then they got villagers together and it was done. Now the whole process is more formal and has to go through the Parish Clerk who has to contact the relevant organizations. Then the PC has to wait for those to respond before going to the next step. In particular the state of footpaths and stiles in the parish is of concern to Kath but, being out of their remit, all the PC can do is keep on raising the matter with Cumbria CC and/or SLDC. However, despite all the 'red-tape', things do get done and during Kath's period of office she feels particularly proud of the Boundary Walk to commemorate 100 years of Burton Parish Council. Also the Millenium Map which was her idea to begin with and which she was able to guide to completion. She is standing down after 10 years to let others have their turn but will still keep up with Parish affairs through the 'Open Forum' part of PC meetings.

Paul Rossi

Has been on Burton PC for 2 years but prior to that was on Salford Council for 12/13 years and oversaw a budget of some £400 Million, a far cry from the Burton Parish Precept! However, in the brief time he has held the position he has seen a large change in the ability of the PC to apply for, and obtain, extra funding outside the precept, the Aggregate Levy Fund in particular being a memorable high point. All this has led to improvements in village amenities, though perhaps the many smaller changes haven't been as widely known as they could have been.

The lack of affordable housing for Burton young folk is a sore point with Paul and, although the PC themselves do not have the funds to tackle this issue, he regrets that they haven't had as large an input as they could have in

the decision process at higher level, e.g. SLDC. Perhaps it was his time at Salford but Paul now finds he lacks enthusiasm for council life so has decided to allow someone else to take up the mantle of office.

The Incoming Parish Council

So that readers know who will be their new representatives, *BN* asked each of the nine candidates for the Parish Council to introduce themselves in 50 words or less... this is what they said:

Janet Alderson

After serving the Council for almost six years as Parish Clerk, I now look forward to viewing things from the 'other' side. For most of my working life I have been involved with administration/secretarial work, apart from a short interlude when I ventured into the world of fashion.

Richard Boddy, age 69

Is married, and moved to Curwen Woods in 1966. A former Chairman of the Memorial Hall Management Committee, and of Cumbria Tourist Board. He was High Sheriff of Cumbria in 1994/5. and was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant in 2000. He is a non-executive director of the Morecambe Bay Hospitals NHS Trust.

Jane Hopwood, born Helme Chase 1954

Director of a Building Services company in Kendal. Lived in Burton for 15 years, former member of BADS, Sports Committee and Recreation Trust. A Parish Councillor for 4 years and representative on the Quarry Liaison Committee. Chaired the Local Enhancement project and is currently formulating bids for Phase 2.

George Isherwood

Has lived in Burton for 25 years and has two children. He's been a Parish Councillor for four years and Chairman for two. Is a school Governor, is in Burton's First Responder Group, and Burton Bowling Club. Hobbies include Golf, Swimming and Drinking but not necessarily in that order.

Tony Jolley, born in Carlisle 1960

Lived until 1969 on Vicarage Lane with father Arthur, mother Rose, and sister Janet. Attended Burton Morewood and QES Kirkby until 1978. College at Preston 1984-7. Worked at Milnthorpe, Kendal, Holme, Burton, Chatsworth, Jersey, Twickenham, Woodford,

France and Aylesbury. Voluntary worker for *Liberal Democrats*.

Francis Mason-Hornby, age: 42,

Landowner and Businessman. Married to Charlotte, three children, William, Indigo and James. Educated locally followed by Eton College and the Royal Agricultural College. Founded *Marquees over London* 1988, sold the business and moved back to Burton-in-Kendal, January 2002. Established *Westmorland Marquee Hire* whilst running the Dalton Hall Estate.

Ken Ray, age: I'm 65 going on 15,

Company Chairman & Managing Director (makes the tea & sweeps the floor). I'm not a political animal & thank heaven I have no craving to alter everyone else's opinions, nor do I have a need to express my own views *ad nauseam*. I am however, extremely interested in the welfare of Burton.

Paul Rogers, age 51,

Self-employed. Born in Sale, Cheshire. Studied Dentistry at Manchester University; qualified in 1975. Served 16 years in Army. Has had a house in Village since 1986, moved full-time to Burton in 1993. Practised dentistry in Milnthorpe and Ulverston. Childrens' Sports Committee member, Chairman Recreation Trust, Governor QES and Parish Councillor.

Bill Willink, age: 72,

Retired banker. Grandfather, Great-Grandfather. Westmerian born, Bill and his wife have lived in Burton for 23 years, after working up and down the country, and briefly overseas. Parish Councillor for 16 years, Treasurer as the Recreation Ground was built, first Treasurer of the Tennis Club. Interests: travel, photography, gardening, music.

An Opinion...

Comments on the goings-on of the
Parish Council

An Opinion's Attention Seriously Distracted

This was the last meeting and AGM of the Parish Council before the new lot take office. They arranged themselves neatly for *BN's* resident photographer, and with luck you may recognise their faces in this issue. Five of them will be taking their places on the new Council - because Janet Alderson, the present Clerk, will be among them, and so will Bill Willink who has decided to stand again and withdrew his resignation.

A Police Presence - Talk

Once again, the sturdy Police were called into service because the speaker originally invited couldn't attend. He gave good news: Two police officers, PC Ian Stuart-Pearson and WPC Dominique Casson will be making regular patrols in Burton. They will be based in Milnthorpe. Only three crimes have been reported in Burton since March. Some discussion followed. Off went Sgt Murphy, after being thanked for his talk by the chairman. Next came:

The Chairman's Annual Report

George Isherwood had given time and thought to this, and it covered everything the Council had been up to over the last year, more or less. This included the introduction of wheelie bins, The Parish Survey, and

Action Plan. He thanked PCllr Mason for his work with volunteers, on the playing field, and the professional help given freely by Richard Duckett. Thanks were also offered to those who had served on PC Committees and reported on them. He reported that 17 projects had been undertaken, and particularly mentioned the work on Plain Quarry, and the part played by Paul Rogers, Project Manager, and a member of the Parish Council. He closed by thanking all the retiring Councillors who between them have served on the Parish Council for over eighty years. Footnote: The mirror wasn't mentioned at this time, though it did come up later.

Serious Attention Deficit by A.O

It was somewhere around here that A.O., your clearly inadequate reporter, noticed the moustache. Being the investigative reporter she is clearly expected to be, she made enquiries: "Has he always had it?" and a reliable source replied, "Yes, of course." But why hadn't she noticed it before? Sad to say, A.O.'s attention became riveted. The moustache is silvery white, perfectly manicured, distinguished, and a perfect foil for the neat dark beard below. It seem to A.O. that it portrays the exact image of its owner, though it has done grave disservice to A.O.'s column, which began to fall apart at this point.

A jolly strand that also enlivened the meeting was provided by wine, as this was the AGM, and, for some Councillors, their last-ever attendance. It was of

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course, taken in extreme moderation. Nevertheless, during the evening a wine glass was kicked over, a bottle and several glasses had an accident which sounded worse than it was, and a senior councillor stumbled over his words and claimed he couldn't take his wine (his joke, I don't believe him!)

The Flooding at Clawthorpe

Two PCllrs have teethily pursued this project throughout the year, and it is A.O.'s belief that credit should be theirs, with the backing of the Parish Council. It appears that SLDC have this problem as the next one to be addressed, and new drains will be laid or old ones cleared, and after all these years we may find the situation resolved.

The New Councillors

Some of these were present. They asked pertinent questions: Are there training courses for new councillors? What are the main issues that Burton PC should address? Is there a plan? (this turned out to be a request for a street map of Burton).

The Boon Town Playground

Inexplicably, SLDC has upped the cost of the lease of this playing field from £10, which Burton has been paying, to £50. They are to be asked about this.

The Panorama (Jubilee Project)

More funds for this may be available from grants. e.g from Friends of the Lake District.

[Editorial Note: See also elsewhere in this issue]

The A6070 at Holme Park Quarry

PCllrs seemed to disagree about the apparently increasing fallout from the quarry on the road. It wasn't clear whether a decision was made to take any action about this.

Burton Record

Once again Cllr Hayhurst produced proof that things do in fact get done from time to time, with her excellent photographic record originally compiled for the Millenium Exhibition. Since the first *An Opinion* I have taken advice never to mention a PCllr by name, But PCllr Hayhurst has been such an unassuming, knowledgeable back-up for Council affairs, that I hope she'll accept this appreciation (though I know she won't if I've got it wrong!).

Goodbye Readers,
A.S.

[Editorial Note: Copies of the photo below are available from the Editors at a small cost.]

Parish Councillors line up for the last time along with county and district councillor Roger Bingham



Left to right: (Standing) Roger Bingham, Jane Hopwood, Bill Willink, Bob Mason, Paul Rossi, Paul Rogers, Ken Thorp, Kath Hayhurst, (Seated) Janet Alderson (parish clerk), George Isherwood (chairman) and Kath Unsworth



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will be launched in the church - more details next month.

The local history society has offered to provide an exhibition at this event. While there would not be photographs during the period covered by the transcript - 1653-1837 - the committee thought it would be of interest to show any photographs of baptisms, marriages and burials at Burton church. Not many photos are taken at funerals (although there is one in our recent book) so photos of graves or gravestones would also be acceptable. Any photos - black and white or coloured - up to the present day, would be copied and returned as soon as possible. If you can help, please contact Kath Hayhurst, 01524 781613.

The book "Burton, Clawthorpe and Dalton: Photographic Memories" is available for £8.00 at Burton P.O. or no. 2 Burton Park.

In last month's *Historical Footnote* Roger Bingham wrote about the Traffic Ballard. BN has been advised by Kath Hayhurst, archivist of the H&DLHS, that Traffic Ballard should have read Tragic Ballard, and she kindly supplied us with a copy of this and a newspaper article about it. The introduction reads "A Warning to Sabbath Breakers", and says "The following lines... will doubtless be of interest to many readers as they bring back to memory an incident..."

The lines are inscribed to "The good wives and bonny lassies of Westmorland" and the author states that about the year 1813 there lived in the village of Clawthorpe a poor widow who was a cripple. She had three sons, the eldest of whom was "an idiot"; the second, Robert, met with his death as related in the ballad, and "the youngest son Joseph was slain at the battle of Waterloo".

An extract from the ballad tells how the boy Robert met his death:

*"Two village boys one Sabbath morn,
To Raven Scouts would go;
Where wild flowers all the hills adorn,
With evergreens below"*

*"They came to these romantic piles,
So lofty, bleak, and bare;
Through bracken dells and rough defiles,
By many a fox's lair."*

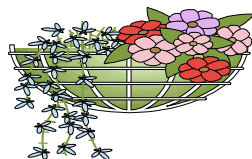
*"The dismal ravens cried "caw, caw",
Above the heights they flew.
But those young sinners far below,
No fear of danger knew."*

*"One climbed up to the raven's nest
Alas! the deed was rash;
A mighty stone rolled o'er his breast,
And fell with awful crash."*

*"And there it laid, and he beside,
No time for tears or sigh,
A piteous groan and Proctor died,
With Moreland weeping by."*

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All Change !!

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Parish Council

Lastly we should like to thank the Parish Council for all their efforts on behalf of the village. The five Councillors who are standing down are featured elsewhere in this *BN* but we hope they will enjoy their retirement from councillorship and all the extra free time they will have. We'd like to thank them for talking to *BN* this month.

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Fri	9.10 - 11.40 am	Pre-School & Rising 5's
	12.30 - 3.00 pm	Rising 5's only

Lunchtime session is optional
11.40am - 12.30pm

Children are required to bring a packed lunch.
A fee will be charged for lunchtime.

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COMMUNITY INFO

CHILDLINE

FREEPHONE 0800 1111

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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
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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