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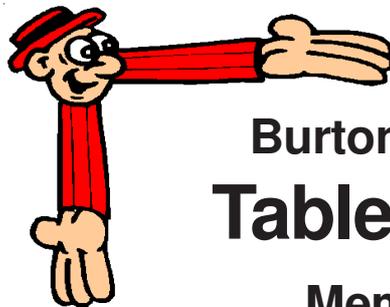
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Readers'
LETTERS

Dear *BN*,

Thank you for your sympathy

I wish to thank everyone for their support and messages of sympathy following the tragic loss of my beautiful baby granddaughter, Gemma Tegan, born 10th January 2006, died 11th January 2006. Much awaited and longed for, perfectly formed but born eight weeks too soon. David and Erin are heartbroken as are all the family. Gemma was "our little miracle", wanted so very much. Thank you all once again.

Sylvia Dickson,
10 Drovers Way, Burton

Dear *BN*

Damage to Verges

The surface quality of roads around Burton has long been a cause for concern. The A6070 south of Burton is particularly poor as any cyclist would agree. However, those who negotiate our local lanes will be aware of a more recent menace; tractors seem to be making a horrible mess of grass verges and roadways in the local area. Farmers, please try to avoid churning up the verges as you go in and out of your fields. Thank you

Name & address withheld

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Dear *BN*

Salt Bin Arrival

Just so other residents know, a new council road salting box has been placed next to the sub-station at the top of Morewood Drive. After the slipping and sliding on black ice at the end of last year it was welcome.

I imagined perhaps naively that they might of informed us of its arrival - silly me. Feel free to apply as required around the roads/pavements - instructions not supplied!

Mike Riach
18 Morewood Drive.

Thank you Ian Hunt & the Kerry Hooligans

BN wishes to thank Ian Hunt and the Kerry Hooligans for their generous donation from the proceeds of the Irish Night. It was a wonderful surprise and a welcome boost to *BN* funds.

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Ken Ray

Kerry Hooligans

The recent Irish Night with the Kerry Hooligans was a great success raising a total of £900 for the following causes: Burton Youth Club, Milnthorpe & District Junior Football Club, Table Tennis Club, Boys' Brigade, Tennis Club, Bowling Club, Burton News, and towards sound equipment for the Hall.

Thank you to all who supported a great night and weekend.

P.S. Donal Shine, the lead singer in the band, missed the plane home! Need I say more...?

Ian Hunt

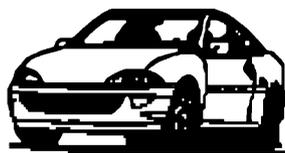
DR HAROLD H. GUNSON

Following the funeral and in memory of the late Dr Harold Gunson, who died on the 16th October 2005 - *Burton First Responders* received donations amounting to £812.87.

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S.H.

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Charlotte Atkinson

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Atkinson - 29th March - Happy Birthday Charlotte
Love from Nana Hill

Charlotte Atkinson - Happy Birthday (29th March)
Love from Auntie Jan & Uncle Charlie

Thanks!

Burton Pre-School would like to say thank you to all who donated something towards our Christmas Fair, we raised over £950. In particular, we would like to thank our parents and our local supporters: the Kings Arms, Burton Butchers, Mitchell's of Lancaster, the Station Inn and Usbourne Books.

Future fundraisers include the 1st Burton Ball on Saturday 1st July (all welcome - watch out for details!) and we are currently planning a children's Easter event (again, watch out for details).

If anyone has a favourite recipe they would like to donate to our fundraising recipe book, please send it in to the Pre-School. These could include children's recipes, puddings, veggie dishes, dips etc. We are hoping to have the book ready for sale in the summer term.

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Kerry Hooligans do it again!!

What did they do? Bring the house down once more at a terrific fund-raising concert at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 18th February!

The first session was the usual mix of ballads which didn't get many folks waltzing - apart from one man who seemed determined to dance with every girl in the room! Every song he was scanning the crowd, and although not every girl accepted he wasn't without a partner for any dance. We all wondered who he was, not anyone from Burton that we recognised.

After the interval it was all made clear, he was part of the band in the second session. And what a harmonica player he turned out to be! Definitely added a whole new dimension to the Hooligans! Not only that but he was pretty nimble fingered on the accordion, and did a fair impression of a 'Wobble Board' plus various other sound effects.

Suffice to say that the whole room was either up and dancing or jigging in their seats as one rocking number followed another till past 1am.

Will we be going to the next one? Just try keeping us away!!

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Rehearsals get underway on 12th of March so there is still time to join us. The play has been cast but we are in need of a prompt, if you feel you can oblige come along on the 12th, main hall BMH or phone me, Alyson Yates, on 781498.

Following on from last month's *Confessions of a Tree*, one of our members confided that at school she had played "WALL"! It wasn't just any old wall though, it was a Shakespearian wall, consequently she is now our stage manager, the bricks and mortar of all Am Dram groups!

A.Y.

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Boys' Brigade News

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Congratulations to Simon Gregory, Alistair Jones, and
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February and played against the 2nd Consett
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An excellent result, and thanks to Chris Jones for
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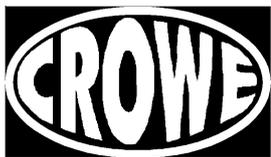
Is there a better lowland centre for walks than Burton? True, we lack sea-coast and major river near at hand. Apart from that the variety is wonderful. Field paths take off from the village itself and lead out into open country. The canal towpath runs north and south for miles and is lifted up enough to bring into sight the great cirque of fells from Black Combe eastward round the compass to Shap. Farleton Knott, 'the Gibraltar of Westmorland', runs its ridge between the coastal plain and Lunesdale, mounting to a fine rock summit that commands the broad vale with the Kent to the north and Whitbarrow beyond - that last berg of limestone before Lakeland volcanic crags rear up.

All this spread out around me on an hour's late-winter walk south from the road beyond Clawthorpe. The woods on Lancelot Clark's Storth have been asleep since they lost their leaves in November, and will be for another month, although hazel catkins are now hanging long and luminous. Bare grey ash branches shiver and rattle in a rising north-westerly. Tatters of russet bracken fidget round the feet of hawthorns. Animals lie low. Those scurrying brown creatures are not voles or fieldmice, they're withered leaves of oak, sycamore, and hazel. All morning just one woodpigeon flies over, and a pair of carrion crows.



The way twists between gnarled boulders, one sprouting a dwarf yew. The roedeer, which I've tracked in snow, must be lurking in the trees. The plod uphill through forest from the gap in the dyke breaks off south at last, heading for my favourite stretch, an acre of limestone pavement sculpted by millennia of water into fantastic beauty. 'Fantastic' meaning both 'like some extraordinary dream' and 'fabulous, brilliant'. Solution channels snake in all directions, branching and deepening, flowing together like a river-system in miniature, hollowed in little cups. At the foot of the deeper ones, buffered against frost and wind, straps of hart's-tongue fern glisten green when all other plants have withered. The surface of the rock is so grooved that you feel your own skeleton and muscles squirm with delight as your brain reacts to the intricacy of the three-dimensional patterning.

From the oaken seat above the pavement - in memory of 'B.A.P. 1894-1986' - the vista round more than 260 degrees of the compass could keep me satisfied for hours - although the wind is trying to blow my cap off. Down the coast the Heysham nuclear power station is, mercifully, invisible in haze. To the west along the head of the Bay all is shades of grey, headland beyond cove beyond headland, the most distinctive being the whale-profile of Humphrey Head, one of many places where 'the last wolf in England' was shot. Just one place is spotlight - wouldn't you know it? - the tall white face of Whitbarrow Scar, which we call Fox's Cliff because George Fox, who founded the Quakers, saw its gleaming as a hopeful sign when he was fleeing



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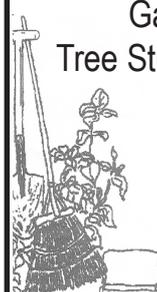
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desperately north from soldiers, constables, and squires' bullyboys in the 1650s. His offence? To dissent from the Established Church, for which you could be imprisoned or transported. People in power - they're nearly always right bastards, aren't they?

Every fifty yards hereabouts has memories for me now, as I coast downhill through the peaceful and tender region between the eastern boundary wall of the Storth and the pheasant woodland. A very old trackway makes a shallow curving channel. Here I had a chat about safari parks with the gamekeeper, who was trailing a rowan sapling behind his tractor to thrash down the bracken and let the grass grow up for pheasants' grazing. Further on, shaded by dense whin coverts, I saw a slowworm, smooth brown-gold, and it froze for long enough to let me photograph it. You walk through layers of time here. The miles of drystone dyke will have been built by great-grandfathers of Burtonians still living hereabouts - unless they have scattered off to New Zealand, Australia, Canada. The stone they used was reft from limestone reefs laid down in warm seas 350 million years ago, a span of time we can barely imagine. The single boulders were hefted into place by glacier ice a mere ten thousand years ago, when humans were already well-established in regions like East Anglia. Will birds and other animals live on for longer than us humans, here in the north?

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An Opinion...

Comments on the goings-on of the Parish Council

'HER INDOORS' LEAVES IT TO THE LADS

It was a very sparse meeting this month. There were apologies for absence from three members, as well as from the Chairman ('Her Indoors'), who was at 'another function' we were told. So the Vice Chairman, Paul Rogers, took the meeting. Later one PCllr excused himself as he had other business, which left four PCllrs. Despite this, or perhaps because of it, it seemed to A.O. to be a good, constructive meeting. But first - well, nearly first. I'll miss out the Chairman's Announcements. As usual they went on too long while members of the public were waiting to have their say. It's a mystery to A.O. why these announcements have to come before the Public Forum, and almost a discourtesy to the public that the Parish Council represents. Having to hear of meetings and committees attended by PCllrs surely serves only to impress with an air of self-importance. And so WPC Casson had to kick her heels while the dreary notices dragged on - possibly for ten minutes or so, but it seemed like a lifetime.

Police Report

This covered a two-month period, during which the offences reported were by and large minor, though it may not have seemed so to those involved. No-one was arrested or charged, and only one warning was given. And although the police arrived only minutes after reports of trouble, all was quiet when they got there. It seems builders threatened a householder after they'd completed their work. The police issued a warning to them. Intriguing.

Most serious, possibly, was the breaking into a mobile phone mast, and the least serious was minor damage done to a front door. Though if you were the person who received a malicious phone call, you may have different ideas about the above classification.

A Burtonian's wallet was stolen, - in another part of the country; two faulty burglar alarms went off; there

were four minor RTA's and a lady walker collapsed near Tarn Lane.

Mud on Roads

WPC Casson gave information about this: If farmers, in the course of their work, leave roads in a muddy state, they have a duty to clear them within 24 hours. BUT, if the state of the road is so muddy that it is hazardous, then it must be cleaned straight away.

PCllrs asked her about the condition of the A6070 at the junction with Holme Park Quarry. They said they had received a number of complaints about this. WPC Casson expressed concern about the comments, as the condition they described could be dangerous particularly to motorcyclists and cyclists.

Inland Waterways Diamond Jubilee

A member of the public drew the attention of the PC to the *National Trail Boat Festival* which this year is to be held in the area from 15-17 April. This a prestigious event. Attractions will include a "virtual cruise" down the canal from Tewitfield to Kendal. Burton PC is a member of the Canal Trust, and PCllrs showed interest in the event.

Planning Applications at the Kings Arms

A Burton resident living close to the pub had been deputed by other residents to ask about the plans:

- a) the residents were concerned about the traffic exit on the plans.
- b) they were concerned about the position of the new extractor fans, and whether they would be a nuisance for Chester Terrace residents.
- c) would any windows in the proposed new extension overlook Chester Terrace properties?
- d) Questions rose about the repositioning of the toilets.
- e) Some felt that the plans for resurfacing the courtyard would spoil its historic character.

The PCllrs were able to reassure the representative on some of these points, and undertook to make further enquiries about the extractor fans.

End of Forum

The Memorial Plaque at BMH

An estimate of £660 for this was accepted.

The Parish Plan

These are suggestions for future projects in the Parish:

1. Waymarking. This has already been done, and thanks were given to the PCllr who had seen to getting the work carried out.
2. Lengthsman. 10 parishes, it was reported, are interested in having one. A bid for £20,000 has been put in by CALC for a pilot study for this. Holme is also keen, and it is thought that Holme, Burton and Beetham might make a viable area to share one lengthsman. The Project looks hopeful.
3. Cobbles. A suggestion that cobbles should be restored in The Square received only lukewarm support.
4. The School Nature Walk. The school has already received a substantial grant towards the cost of this, PCllrs were told. While being supportive of the project, they felt that further consideration of the cost should be undertaken, and they decided the matter should be put on next month's agenda.
5. New Footpaths. Two extensions to existing public footpaths were suggested, and a possible off-road footpath part-way to Clawthorpe, on the A6070, beginning at Church Bank. All depend on farmers' goodwill, and further discussion will be necessary.

Other Matters

There followed a discussion about whether Burton qualified as a "sustainable" village (it has already failed, apparently, to meet this criterion). Everyone was rather vague about what the concept actually means. Yet again, abstract nouns get in the way of any practical use. Except, of course for making vast salaries for lawyers.

Dog-Poo Bins

Now here's a really down-to-earth topic. But these bins have to be paid for by the parish. and then a charge is made by SLDC for emptying the things. Out of the question for Burton. And that was unanimous on the part of the few PCllrs who remained by this time.

A Letter from "Her Indoors"

Not unanimous was the decision not to publish a letter by the Chairman on behalf of the parish council, though of course she can write it off her own bat, as a PCllr. A.O. was requested not to tell you what the letter was about, so you'll just have to guess, if it doesn't get published on these pages elsewhere.

Hot Topic

Sadly, as usual, this turned out to be a cool topic. Seven punters were in favour of a youth shelter, with five against. It was suggested from the floor of the meeting that PCllrs might talk to QES students on the two school buses about what they themselves felt their needs were. The subject of youth needs in Burton doesn't arise too often in PC meetings, except, usually, as a mild irritant.

The Annual Parish Meeting

PCllrs were reminded that the parish holds its Annual Meeting on 16th March. The Project Manager for the Gateway Project will be giving the address, which may well be of interest to Burtonians.

It's possible the meeting ended somewhere round here, this being the point when A.O. woke up when she fell off her chair. Only a joke (possibly), as in fact this was an interesting meeting with plenty of positive points made.

A.O.



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The Vicar Writes...

No Justice for Billie-Jo?

Last month (Feb 9th) Sion Jenkins walked free from court after the jury in his third trial failed to decide whether he was guilty of murdering his foster daughter, Billie-Jo, in 1997. Sussex police now face an unsolved murder and people have been expressing concern over the possibility that her killer may never be brought to justice. The thought of justice not being done appals us. But we needn't worry for we can be certain that justice will prevail. The Bible says that God has set aside a day at the end of history when he will judge the world with perfect justice - the Day of Judgment.

As strange as it sounds, God's judgment is a consequence of his love. The Day of Judgment is God's pledge to hurting humans that he hears our cries for justice and one day will bring his justice to bear on every evil act. It's because he loved the six million victims of the Holocaust that he promises to punish those responsible. It's because he loved Billie-Jo Jenkins that he will bring her killer to final justice even if they escape earthly justice.

Another aspect of God's love seen in the concept of Judgment Day is this: God does not "pay back" every time an injustice is committed. (Who of us would be left standing if he did?) Instead, he mercifully holds off his judgment to give us all an opportunity to receive his gift of salvation before he hands out the full force of his justice. As one New Testament writer states:

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise [to bring judgment] as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)

So God's promise to console us with his justice is also his plea for us to make use of this merciful delay he is allowing before that final and decisive Day of Judgment. Most of us have a built-in mechanism that assures us, "I'm all right. I haven't done anything really bad." Unfortunately, we tend to forget that the Bible says more about hate than murder, and more about selfishness than stealing. The hatred that leads some to murder is the same hatred that encourages others to gossip and tell lies about others. It's not just the big acts of evil that God sees. He sees the evils much closer to home - the evil in our hearts.

I'm glad that God intends to right all wrongs - it's good to know that those who do evil against others will not escape. But I'm also glad that he delays this judgment so that we can receive his forgiveness - for not one of us is blameless. We need to make the most of the delay God gives us and turn from our sin and trust in Christ's death as the just and loving payment for our wrong.

Paul

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HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE by Roger Bingham

Burton in the 1920's "The more things change; the more they stay the same"

This heading certainly seemed to apply to the very first entry I looked at in the Burton Parish Council Minutes of 18th September 1919 when it was resolved to reply to South Westmorland Rural District Council which had sought help in finding sites for 'working men's cottages' - what we would now call 'affordable housing'. Most Burton parishioners believed there were no suitable sites and, moreover, there was no need for new cottages as there were several about to become vacant and the RDC would be better advised to spend ratepayer's money on improving 'unfit' dwellings. A subsequently regularly-repeated resolution in 1923 was 'that this council desire to record the very unsatisfactory condition of the roads in and adjoining the village of Burton and strongly condemns the present method of road repairs including the form of patching which appears to be wasteful in labour'. More of the same includes: 'the need to repair the parapets' (pavements) in the Main Street and the bad state of the footpaths in the Square, the filth on the road and roadsides, too high curb stones near the National School on Church Bank, the 'bad state' of Dalton Lane, and 'large pot holes in the main road'. The water company was also 'advised about several dangerous manholes in the village' and the poor repair of the sluice on the water tank on Burton Fell. Later a heifer was drowned in the tank when the workmen mending the sluice left a gap in the fence.

Flooding was noted constantly especially 'large amounts of surface water and flooding at Clawthorpe'; but, despite a 'delegation to Westmorland County Council' in 1928 the road was flooded again for which, probably, the current County Councillor Mr. J.T. Gregory of Brookhouse, Holme, would be blamed! In 1927 a special rate of one shilling was levied on 47 houses to pay for flood damage on Slape Lane. An underground stream from Boon Town Field also gave trouble by flooding the Main Street until a new culvert was dug under the Square. Similarly, Dalton Lane was regularly immersed until a culvert was diverted onto Tarn Lane. Down at Leypitts Farm sewage from a leaking cesspit contaminated a footpath.

Mains water had been laid on in the early part of the century from the Manchester Corporation's Thirlmere pipeline, which ran through the parish. Apparently Burton had to pay for the link as in 1922 the Parish Council was reluctant to allow water to be piped to Curwen Woods (which was just into Holme), as 'we cannot allow outsiders to reap the benefit, Burton having paid'. In 1922 Parish Councillor Mr Heath resigned when he 'accepted the office of Water Rate and Sewage attendant'.

Sanitation was mainly provided by earth closets (privies), which caused trouble in 1927 when 'privy tins from Church Bank Cottages had been washed in the clear water trough in the field'. About the same time there was bother over persistent rubbish in 'Gas

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Works Lane'. As the gas works was at Crofton Lea was 'Gas Works Lane' Neddy Hill or Drovers Way?

There was no mains electricity until 1928, seven years after the Parish Council had petitioned for 'Electricity to be brought through the village'. By the mid thirties most village houses were wired up but Clawthorpe had to wait until 1940 - though some residences like Farleton Rise and Curwen Woods had their own generators. Gas powered streetlights were always troublesome and expensive - so much so that in November 1921 'Mr. Woof proposed that the street lights be not lighted this season'. As he was not seconded they were allowed to be lit until March, after Mr Semple had agreed to light them for £5 for 'the season' and to fit new mantles also for £5.

Ancient rights were often on the agenda. In 1923 'Mr. Scott had enclosed a large part of common land on the Fell' and the footpath from Parkhead to Clawthorpe had been obstructed. Next year a new iron gate was put on the entrance to Slape Lane at Clawthorpe.

No one as yet thought of environmental protection and so in 1924 it was agreed to let the right to collect 'rockery' from the Parish allotment for £30 pa for five years. Commoners rights were championed in 1929 after 'a parishioner who was getting stones off Slape Scars, Clawthorpe Fell, was ordered off by a servant of Mr Wilkinson of Curwen Woods and it was agreed to ask the District Council to inform him that the parishioners of Burton had the right to take stone from that part of the Fell'. The old order also prevailed

when, as Burton lacked a magistrate, the council agreed to ask the 'Lord Lieutenant, Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinct (of Underley), to nominate the Squire, Charles Windham Leycester Penrhyn-Hornby Esq., as a Justice of the Peace'. Also in 1924 it was agreed not to sell the village Pinfold but to let it for 2/6 pa to Mr Pemberton who was already using it.

The village was responsible for many services but in 1929 a contract was made with Carnforth Fire Brigade which included: 'Fire Engine per hour £2 - 5/- afterwards, Captain 16/- for first hour, 3/- for every extra hour, firemen 10/- for two hours and 2/- for every extra hour.'

In 1919 the Burton and Holme Nursing Association was revived to provide both villages with a District Nurse paid for by subscription. A nurse was quickly appointed. (I can remember two of them, Nurses Forester and Turner, in their old age). But there followed a ten-year long legal dispute with Miss Peel of Holme who refused to release funds from an earlier Nursing Association. Worries over motoring were already to the fore. The Parish Councillors agreed to ask the County Council 'to open the space between Morewood School and the village to be marked as a Public Parking Place for Motor Cars'. They also asked that the Square to be taken over by the County 'as it was used by motorists' while New Mill Lane was considered to be unsuitable for heavy vehicles. Also, dust was being thrown up near Holme Park Quarry! - So, 'the more things change; the more they stay the same'!

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OLYMPIC HOPES FOR BURTON SISTERS

An Interview for BN with Two Budding Water Polo Stars

The outstanding standard of Alex and Bryony Rutledge in the sport of Water Polo has resulted in their selection as part of a group of players who will train with the *2012 Olympic Squad* in London. They are both members of the *Manchester Water Polo Club*. Alex is the youngest member of the Great Britain Junior and Senior Club, and Bryony has played for the Great Britain Junior team. Both play midfield positions, and compete at an impressive level, in competitions throughout Europe.

Last year Alex played with the Great Britain team in Stockholm, when they competed for the Nordic Cup, and was a member of the GB Juniors in a tournament in which they played Slovakia, Croatia and Serbia. For the past three years the sisters have been chosen to attend the prestigious Annual Water Polo Academy at Millfield School, in Somerset. When asked how they came to take part in the sport, they told me that their father is a keen swimmer, and at one time used to swim at County level. He is able to help and advise them, and both have been swimmers since the age of 4.



Seated side by side on the sofa, one of them holding a single rose (it was Valentine's Day), the girls were modest about their successes, which are too many to be listed here. "How do you fit all this in with your studies at QES?" I asked, feeling rather priggish. They told me the school is supportive of their situation, and provided the work gets done, allowances are understandably made.

Water Polo flourishes particularly in the North, they explained, and most of the top players are recruited from there. It is played in an all-deep 25m pool, with 13 players in a team, though only 7 are in the water at the same time.

"Is it true it's a pretty rough game?" I asked. The girls agreed that it could be. It's played with a ball about the size and firmness of a basket-ball. Players can get bloodied noses, black eyes, and scratches from finger nails. They told me nails have to be checked before the game, to make sure they're not too long!

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Looking at these bright, fresh faces, it was hard to believe their owners took part in such an apparently ruthless sport, and that they were so strong that they could endure the demands of a game that requires toughness as well as skill.

Such dedication means the whole family has to be committed to it. Alex is learning to drive, but until she passes her test Mum and Dad take the girls to training sessions, often two or three times a week. Though the sisters' high achievement brings its rewards, it also comes at a cost, not the least of which is financial.

This year Cumbria County Council and SLDC have given some assistance, but there's still need for help towards the cost of kit and travel. Is it possible that in some way Burton could sponsor these remarkable girls, who have lived all their lives in the village?

A.S.

HOT NEWS!

Just as BN was going to press we had this great news from Alex and Bryony's Mum, Julie:

"Alex and Briony have just been to Manchester during half term for GB Junior training and they have both been picked to play for the GB Junior team travelling to Portugal at Easter to play in the *Six Nations Tournament*. Teams competing are GB, Portugal, Spain, France, Germany and Italy."

Congratulations to both girls on their selection and we wish them and the rest of the team success in the Tournament.



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Children's Sports Day 2006 It's World Cup Fever but... "You don't need to have balls to take part"

Here's a thought to brighten even the darkest of days - it's less than 16 weeks until the fantastic BURTON VILLAGE SPORTS DAY! Just think of dressing up, racing round the school field and eating burgers - what else would you rather be doing on Bank Holiday Monday?!

The theme for Sports Day this year will be "Countries of the World Cup". Don't worry, this doesn't have to be football orientated, each street will be given a country and after that you can let your imagination go wild! Once again, the Sports Committee will be offering free booze to the street with the best float on Sports Day. Last year was a great success with lots of people entering into the spirit of things. Please help to make this year even better with every street doing a float.

We will be holding an official World Cup Countries draw to determine which street will be linked with which country. Please could someone from each street or anyone interested in doing a float attend? The draw will be held in The Kings Arms on Wednesday, March 15th at 8.30pm and even more exciting, a local village celebrity will be making the draw!

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Money Matters

Budget time is here - but unfortunately *Burton News* deadline is before the Budget Councils so, as I write, nothing is settled officially. Despite heartfelt cries of anguish (which I share) the 2006-2007 budgets seem to be no worse than most previous years for all four Council Tax authorities. The percentage increases for each authority are Cumbria County Council 4.97%, Cumbria Police Authority 4.92%, South Lakeland District Council 4.9%, Parish 2.7%.

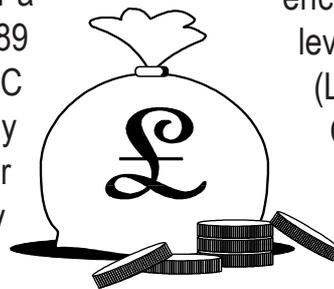
This will mean overall that Council Tax for a band D house in Burton will rise from £1,289 pa to £1,353pa or £1.20 per week. SLDC levies and collects the Council Tax but it only spends 12% of what we pay. The other authorities' shares are: Cumbria County Council 75%, Police 11%, and Parish 2%. Council tax only pays for about a third of Local Government expenditure. Council receipts for services cover some other costs. Thus SLDC's Council Tax budget is £13.5m and the District spends over £30m but services like planning are almost covered by application fees etc. and car parks make a profit.

The bulk of Council spending is, however, still

covered by Central Government grants. This year Whitehall has given Councils a higher increase than the 2.2% inflation figure. Our 4+% increase arises through wage rises of 2.9%, disproportionate increases in pensions (which are blighting every employer and employee in the land) and rises in costs especially in Social Services and Waste Disposal. For instance Social Care expenditure for looked-after children especially regarding Fostering are, as I mentioned last month, very high - often over £1000 per week per child while Older Adults expenditure is increasing because we are all living longer. One source says that there will be 700 more Cumbrians over 85 next year, most of whom require some support from Social services.

Waste Disposal

Waste disposal is more costly because in order to encourage recycling the Government has levied a Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme (LATS) Tax on every ton. For the first time Cumbria has succeeded in avoiding this 'tax' by stepping up recycling schemes which, however, have cost almost as much as the fines would have been - but at least we are 'helping save the Planet' as well as meeting Government targets. Other cost increases have arisen from the demands made by the Disability Discrimination Act which has involved adapting many of our buildings to be 'DDA Compliant' for wheelchair users and other people with special needs. Cumbria still, also, has some residual costs caused by the 2005 Carlisle floods which apart from the cost of uninsured repairs meant that 3000



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properties in Carlisle did not pay 'rates' for a year. Some are still not re-occupied and so are still not paying Council Tax.

About half of Cumbria's £540m budget is spent on education. Though CCC will be able to spend 5.3% more on education this year the Increased Government grant is both ring fenced to education (which means it can't be spent on anything else like roads) and is also strictly geared to specific criteria. This year extra expenditure is being directed towards tackling youth deprivation with an increase in 'personalised learning' for children with special needs or who have 'challenging' behaviour. Inevitably, therefore, schools with more children in these categories will get more money than those whose pupils come from less 'deprived areas'. While I, like most of us, would think this is fair I am trying to widen the definition of 'social deprivation' to include factors like rural isolation. Some of our south Cumbria pupils do not see another child from 3 o'clock on Friday until 9am on Monday. Therefore, it is crucial for schools and the youth services to provide extra curricular activities and out of school recreation for them, which is costly. Also I'm enquiring about whether old-fashioned social indexes like car ownership carry extra weighting. It would not surprise me if two car families were regarded as indicating wealth whereas most of us know two cars are generally essential for both parents in a rural family to earn a living.

Library Changes

Despite budget difficulties there are some

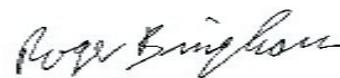
improvements in services. On my County 'Cultural Front' I have started a review into how we can widen access to Library Services. I would like to have more Library Links in shops etc and to re-examine our popular but often underused Mobile Library Service. Our first review will be of Cumbria's 20 smallest libraries. No pre-decisions have been made - so I was startled when I saw a newspaper placard announcing 'Milnthorpe Library Closure Threat'! The same placard might just as accurately have announced 'improved library services possible'.

Free Bus Travel

An SLDC improvement is that Travel Vouchers for people over 60 will now provide FREE bus travel after 9.30am to all parts of Cumbria and into Lancashire. So older Burtonians could travel nearly 100 miles to Silloth for free - except that we've all paid for these concessions already in our taxes.

Thank you!

Finally THANK YOU on two counts. Thanks to all local people who joined us on the anti Ward 4 Closure walk on 21st January and special thanks to those who have responded to my enquiries about whether we would like a Cumbria postal address rather than a 'Via Carnforth' postal address for Burton-in-Kendal. So far it is two to one in favour of Cumbria but I've had one impressive statement saying that the Carnforth address is much more efficient for business deliveries. But as always please let me know what you think. Best wishes



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Westminster Words

Tim Farron M.P. writes it the way he sees it...

Firstly, I would like to thank the editors of *Burton News* for making space for me to write a few words. Columns like this are an important means for me to find out about the issues that matter to everyone, not simply a vocal group who readily pick up their pens to write to their MP.

When I was elected one of my key campaign issues was the creation of affordable housing for small communities like Burton. It is a major problem that young people are being driven out of the area because they cannot afford somewhere to live. This sorry state of affairs is the result of a number of factors ranging from the low average incomes in the area to the simple fact that we live in one of the most beautiful parts of the country and a lot of people want to live here, which drives up housing prices.

We are making progress, the only new building that will be allowed in the National Parks will be for affordable housing, but there is still a long way to go. Particularly, in areas like Burton that lie outside the National Parks.

Finding the space to create housing that people can afford and finding ways through the compromises necessary to keep the housing affordable are just some of the issues that need to be thought through.

You may be aware of recent applications to build some affordable housing in Burton. I would love to

hear as many views as possible on the issue of affordable housing in this part of the world and these schemes in particular. Is affordable housing an issue in Burton and if so what do you think should be done about it? I really need your thoughts.

Write to me here at Tim Farron MP, Yard 2, Stricklandgate, Kendal LA9 4ND or email me at tim@timfarron.co.uk.

Of course for other issues that you would like to contact me about then you can also reach me through these addresses.

Thanks for your support
Tim Farron

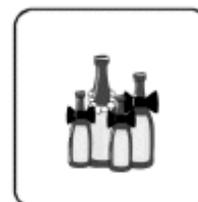
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"Okay, but how about when winter comes and the nights are long, not so convenient then", they said. Mmm, I thought, time to check out what is happening in the village hall. Plenty going on, the difficulty is in choosing what to do. I chose B.A.D.S. Or was it the other way round! I walked in the hall feeling nervous when a voice from somewhere said, "Ooh a new member, what's your name, where do you live, what's your telephone number and what can you do?" To cut a long story short, I never imagined in my wildest

dreams that I would spend time designing something that looked like a goldfish, moved like a goldfish, but wasn't a goldfish. Trust me, slices of carrot do not a goldfish make! I spent time painting scenery, went up ladders and used strategically placed fishing wire to hold props in place. Never seemed to stop laughing. Two minutes from home, so convenient.

"Villages too close knit, not very convenient for making new friends" they said. My neighbours, always a cheery hello, new friends met through B.A.D.S. Fellow walkers always ready to pass the time of day. Local amenities, pub, post office and shop, hairdressers, doctor's surgery, mobile library, and much more, so convenient.

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L.J.



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The Lindisfarne Gospels

A Miracle of Anglo-Saxon Art

Mr Hugh Cantlie gave a very erudite, well-illustrated and stimulating lecture to the *Lunesdale Decorative and Fine Arts Society* on the remarkable artistry of the Lindisfarne Gospels and how they came to be written. They date from a time when Northumbria was the most civilised part of England, and indeed of the whole of northern Europe. They were mainly the work of a monk named Eadfrith, who had studied at a scriptorium in Jarrow. Here he came into contact with two great bibles from Italy, and their Italian and Byzantine influence can be seen throughout his work on the Gospels.

When Cuthbert Bishop of Lindisfarne died, his remains were buried on the islands out to sea, but when his coffin was brought back to mainland Britain it was opened & found that Cuthbert's remains had not deteriorated. He was immediately sanctified, and Eadfrith, who had loved the old monk dearly, made the great book of the gospels in honour of his name. It was never really meant to be read, but was to be carried in procession on Holy Days.

It was written on vellum, probably made from goat or sheepskin, & all the colours came from local dyes. The intricate illustrations were drawn with graphite on the reverse and pricked out so that they could be copied accurately on the correct side. Very little gold was used.

The intricate patterns are all Celtic or Saxon. The gospels, written in Latin, together with the body of St. Cuthbert, were transported round the countryside evading the many Viking raids, and at one time the great book fell into the sea and became damaged by water.

The gospels, with Cuthbert's body, eventually came to rest at the great white church of Durham (later to be transformed into Durham Cathedral under William the Conqueror) where a monk wrote the Anglo-Saxon translation of the gospels between the lines of the original Latin text. On one of the pages of the gospels, he also wrote a history of how and why and by whom the gospels had been written.

Fanny Leech, LDAFAS, 015242 72009

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The Burton Memorial Hall management committee is planning a week-long celebration of the hall's Golden Jubilee, between 8th and 15th July this year. All hall user groups have been asked to take part, and a wide range of activities will be offered: taster sessions at many sports, dances for all age groups, a historical exhibition, art workshops, cream teas, and even a publish a page for *Burton News* session!

BN will bring you details of the events as they are finalised, along with a full-listing in the July issue. Any group which hasn't yet decided what they want to do to celebrate this anniversary are asked to bring their ideas to the next meeting of the Jubilee group, on Monday 27th March, at 7.30pm in the Club Room. Please do come along and support the hall committee and help us plan a great week of activities and fun for the village.

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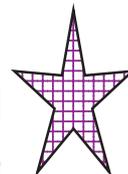
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Editorial...

Dog Mess

Yes we know this subject is brought up time and time again, and most owners do clean up after their dogs, but now we have a case of a child with a serious eye infection that is linked with dog mess. Perhaps the chances of a fine may be remote, but would you like the thought of your dog being responsible for a child going blind? There may be no way of proving it was your dog, but then again there is no way to prove it wasn't. So please clean up after your dog and if it is being walked by someone else make sure they too have the necessary items (a plastic carrier bag and some kitchen towel is all you need) and use them.

Golden Jubilee

This time it's our very own Burton Memorial Hall that has reached another milestone in its history. This is a perfect excuse for a celebration and there is a whole week of events being planned. Watch out for more details in *Burton News* but the Hall is going to be buzzing all week long with special events and 'taster sessions' by many groups. BMH is the most used hall in the area, if not in the country, and it is fitting we mark this momentous occasion.

All quiet in Burton

It's not such a busy time of the year as far as village events go, but this is set to change soon and April sees the start of the activities 'season' once more. It's also a sure sign that spring has finally arrived.

Burton on the Olympic map?

Two youngsters from Burton are aiming for the very top of their chosen sport and you can read all about them in this very issue. How many more of our Burton youth are hiding their light under a bushel? Don't be shy, let us know what you are doing and show us that young folks have more 'get up and go' than many older folks give them credit for. Will the success of our home-grown stars inspire others in Burton to follow?



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For £10 within the UK or £20 overseas they will receive a copy of *BN* each month (11 copies per year). A great way for family, friends and former residents to keep in touch with what's happening here in Burton. Anyone interested should contact *BN* at the address on back page.



Spring Cleaning? If you find any old postcards of Burton and surrounding areas (Clawthorpe, Dalton, Farleton etc.) please do not throw them away. Local collector would be interested in buying them. Contact Colin Brown (01524) 782074

AquaJoy Premier SS Bath Lift - Almost new
Battery-operated with safety mechanism & recline
£200 (01524) 781784

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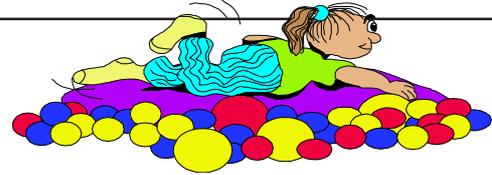
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If you need transport to hospital, doctor, dentist, optician, etc., please contact Mrs. Lynn Herd 01524 781905.

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

Enquiries to above or 01539 735598.



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?

SURGERY TIMES

Dr JH Gorrigan

Monday 8.30am - 10.30am @ BMH

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: Shirley Bennett 015395 64887

REMINDER . .

Don't forget to feed the birds now the cold weather is here. Give them fresh water too.



BURTON-IN-KENDAL **PARISH COUNCIL**

The **Parish Council** meets every month on the third Thursday in the month at 7.30 pm in the Burton 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. **Planning applications:** Parishioners are asked to ensure they notify the PC as well as the planning authority of any comments or objections they have about any planning application within the parish. **The Agenda of the next meeting and Minutes of the last meeting** are always available on the Parish Council notice board outside the Burton Memorial Hall or on the Parish Council website at <http://www.burton-in-kendal-pc.gov.uk>. On the website parishioners may also vote on the current **HOT TOPIC**, leave comments or suggestions on the **FEEDBACK** board, find contact details for the Clerk & Councillors, and access the archive of PC agendas, minutes & reports.

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Council Switchboards

Cumbria County Council	01539 773000
SLDC	01539 733333

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT
THE CLERK - Charles Dale
01524 781145

Diary and Events

This month's Events - See page 21 for more Meetings and Activities



Holme & District Photographic Society

Holme Village Hall at 8.00 pm

March Meetings

- Fri 3rd "Wildlife Photography" David Marsden
Raffle (Entries for Garstang Battle)
- Fri 10th Members Evening (Return trophies)
- Fri 17th Farm Animals Comp (Entries for Summer)
- Fri 24th Digital Evening
- Wed 29th Battle with Garstang at Garstang
- Fri 31st No meeting

Visitors welcome at all meetings

Further info: Pauline Walton 01524 782991



Burton W.I.

Meetings at 7.30pm in the
Burton Memorial Hall

Thursday 9th March

Meg's Long Bike Ride

by Meg Lee

Competition: Something for a long journey

Hostesses: Mrs H Boldy and Mrs M Carr

*Guests and new members welcome
For further information tel. 781506*

Holme & District Local History Society

Monday 20th March at 7.30pm
in Burton Memorial Hall

"Cumbria Folklore"

Jean Scott-Smith

Visitors welcome

Holme & District Flower Club



"The World of Entertainment"

Demonstration by Lynda Fraser

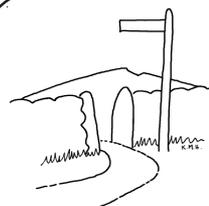
Monday 6th March - 7.30 p.m.

Preston Patrick Hall

For further information tel. Cally Lawson 781764

New members and visitors always welcome

BMH = Burton Memorial Hall



BURTON FELLWALKING SOCIETY

March Walks

Sunday 5th March 12.00 noon

Maulds Meaburn

G Crayston 782857

* Thursday 9th March 13.00 hours

Cunswick Scar

L&J Bye 781784

Saturday 18th March 09.30 hours

Langdale

H Nixon 781048

Sunday 2nd April 12.00 noon

Pendragon & Lammerside

C Horsford 782493

All walks: Meet in the Memorial Hall car park to
arrange lifts & share transport to the starting point.
(* less than 5 miles at a gentle pace)

Visitors £1.00 Membership £4 from Jan 1st yearly

Tuesday Club

Social Club for over-55's

March Meetings

Tuesday 14th & 28th

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Burton Memorial Hall

New members welcome

Please send your letters - articles - events
news - etc for publication to:

BURTON NEWS

drop them into The Newsagents, Main St. Burton
or post to BN, PO Box 86, Carnforth. LA6 1WY
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**LAST DATE FOR COPY FOR NEXT ISSUE
20th March for April issue**

Next Meeting (open to all readers)
Monday 13th March 6.00 pm in BMH