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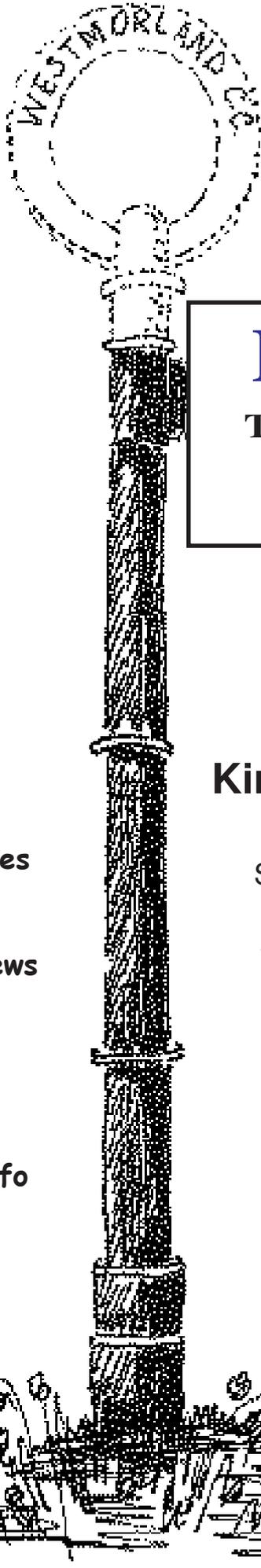
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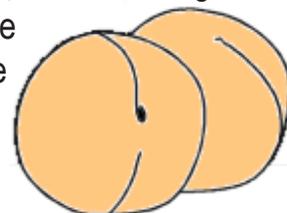
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Burton News Gets The Plum Job!

The August meeting of the *BN* editorial team was enlivened by the presence of a visitor bearing a small plastic box which, on investigation, was found to contain several examples of locally grown wild plums.

The fruits were found growing in the hedge at the rear of the Boon Town playground, and advice was sought from Dr Taylor of Hollowrayne, who consulted another eminent authority, Dr Geoff Halliday [author: *The Flora of Cumbria*] as to their identity. It turns out that the fruits were of the genus *Prunus cerasifera* and that this area is around the northernmost limit of their growth in the wild.

The editorial team greatly enjoyed sampling the fruits and we all expressed the hope that the hedge will not be lost as a result of the planned redevelopment of the Boon Town playground.



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Update On The Proposed Affordable Housing Development At Boon Town

Once again as spokesperson for the Burton Playing Field Preservation Group I attended, and spoke at, the meeting of South Lakeland District Planning Committee on Tuesday 25 July. We again opposed the grant of consent for affordable housing, particularly, in the location which was proposed. If planning permission for the revised layout had been granted then the majority of the relatively level area would have been taken up by the houses and their car parking areas.

Brian Barden, a planning consultant from Kendal, spoke on behalf of Impact Housing. He quite naturally criticised the Group's position and commented that my claim that Impact Housing's refusal to speak to the Parish Council was wrong, for Impact Housing have no need to consult the Parish Council for they are not the Planning Authority.

Fortunately a majority, albeit a small majority, of those voting on the matter agreed with my suggestion that no decision should be taken until a site visit had been made.

I shall suggest to the Group that once a date for this visit is scheduled we should, using some sort of demarkation, mark out the area that Impact propose to take in the hope that that will sway the members of the Planning Committee into supporting our view.

I must make it clear, however, that planning permission in principle for the development of 7 houses on this site was given in December. Our hope now is that Impact Housing will agree to relocate the houses well away from the level area or better still will withdraw all interest from the site.

For the purpose of clarity I must make it clear that the Group are not opposed to affordable housing, they support it whole heartedly, but not on the playing field. Indeed an offer was made at the meeting for the Group to meet with Impact Housing to discuss alternative sites that we believe are very much preferable. We fight on.

Malcolm Brownsord

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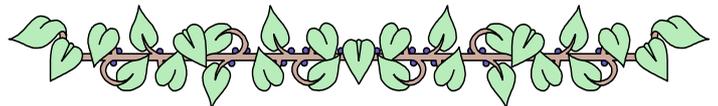
In recognising the need for change let's be proud of what we have so far achieved purely on the back of the efforts of unpaid local volunteers: a floodlit all weather multi games area suitable for tennis, football, netball etc, one of the best crown bowling greens in the area, pavilion facilities and car parking plus an area of land available for further development; all of which were built utilising a combination of grants and locally raised funds and which are now owned by the Burton Recreational Trust.

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The village owes a deep debt of gratitude to the members of the Executive Committee, most of whom have been doing the job for quite a few years and who have willingly helped to keep the show on the road. But there does come a time when change and new ideas are necessary. This is particularly so now

as both our Treasurer and Secretary have resigned, the Chairman would like to relinquish his responsibilities as soon as a replacement comes forward and we have vacancies for committee members. We also desperately need some younger committee members who can bring a fresh mind and energy to bear.

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Eccles Family History

In the Aug issue of *BN* a letter from Helen Saum of Maryland, USA, inquired about the Eccles family of Burton & Clawthorpe. Local historian, Kath Hayhurst, has dug through her archive records and found more about the Eccles boys mentioned. She found an undated newspaper cutting which said "Private Herbert Eccles of Burton was wounded on or about the 23 April. He is now in hospital in Sheffield and is reported to be doing well. He went out with the battalion from Sevenoaks. He was a gardener at Walton Hall, Durham, but came home to enlist, realising the call of duty. He has 3* other brothers serving with the army." In a Parish Magazine in 1917 the Roll of Honour for Burton gives that Herbert served in the Kings Own Royal Lanc Regiment B.E.F. He was later married to Gwen, sang in the church choir and was a signaller on the railway at Milnthorpe. One of Herbert's brothers was Driver Thomas Eccles of Cocking Yard - a Corporal in the Army Service Corps. He married Bessie and lived at Galgate, whilst the other brother was Private (later Corporal) Henry (known as Harry) Eccles of the East Lancashire Regiment who was also married and lived at Preston. The fourth boy was their cousin, John, an army Private, whose photograph shows him wearing two good conduct stripes and badges indicating he was a regular and a 1st class shot. Kath also kindly provided a copy of the Eccles family tree which will be forwarded, along with copies of photographs, of the Eccles boys, to Helen Saum.

* Kath believes this should be 2 brothers not 3.

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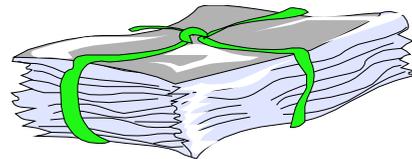


It is now almost three years since the Kerbside Recycling Service was first introduced in South Lakeland collecting paper, glass, cans and green waste, and the service now covers over half the district. As well as making it easier for more people to recycle as part of their daily lives it has affected the use of Recycling Centres in the area.

We are now reviewing the provision of these facilities and would like your views on the services provided. During the coming months and years we would like to ensure that the right banks are provided in the right places and we would like to hear your views on the facilities in your area. We are hoping to install more plastic and cardboard banks, and this puts pressure on the space that we have available. Therefore we would particularly like to hear about potential new sites that could accommodate a Recycling Centre.

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OUTDOORS

How is it that summer has no sooner got into its stride than we begin to see the daunting signs of wildflowers way past their best, birds leaving, gardens fading, the damps and chills of autumn starting to set in? Maybe it's just me. And yet - how quickly it all streams past, the wonderful flood of flowering from snowdrops to crocuses to daffodils to blackthorn to may-blossom to laburnum to roses to bell heather to dahlias to Michaelmas daisies to ling heather to apples and damsons ripening. Now, already, hayfields are being mown for a second yield of silage, dew is moistening the grass at daybreak, and wormcasts are coming up on the bowling green. It's all too speedy, too poignant a reminder of our own horribly short life-spans.

Early last month, a hundred yards north along the canal from the entrance near Glaneils Kennels, I stood one evening on the footpath in the midst of a little fragrant jungle of flowers, many as tall as myself. There were at least thirteen species: meadowsweet, common willow herb, rosebay willow herb, purple vetch, tansy, knapweed, scabious, buttercup, dogrose, red clover, bramble, thistle, nettle... As I write, they are mostly drooping and fading towards their seedtime.

A day or two later we were puzzled by the muddied brown of the canal water and by the great green swathes of weed that lay drying on the bank, as though a giant mermaid had had a drastic haircut. To the north, towards Braithwaite's Bridge, a chug-chug sounded, like an ageing helicopter. A squat craft came into sight, driven by two paddles. It was mowing along the rushes and irises of the opposite bank. A metal scoop rose and fell at its bow. The canal was being tidied up, by Water Plant Ltd. of Poplar Farm, Wimborne, Dorset, according to the lettering on its cabin. A bulky man was steering it, with florid cheeks and a mane of greying hair, like autumn incarnate. Soon his scoop hoisted a length of sodden carpet out of the water. He shook it like a dog shaking a rat, it wouldn't fall off, and when I signalled, *Should I lift it off the steel teeth?*, he signalled back, *Go on then*. No words could be exchanged because he was wearing ear-muffs against the clatter of the engine.

The masses of weed he lifted out were prodigious. No wonder this narrow waterway can sustain so many birds: swan pairs with a dozen cygnets each, mallards with six or seven ducklings, and coots and moorhens with three or four young ones (and two broods each season). These families have all shrunk since May. Most of the coot, moorhen, and duck parents have just two fledglings still paddling along beside them. Pike (and mink?) will have gobbled up the rest. Another sign of the year maturing and life growing up and passing on under our very eyes.

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Some of this is happening faster in this new age of the Earth's warming up. Flowers wither sooner into their seedtime, birds breed earlier. Some creatures are more abundant. There have been at least as many swifts as usual (contrary to what I wrote in July), sprinting across the sky and racing down the canyon of Main Street. On August 8 I saw all twenty-five or so of the Burton population gyrating in a swarm so high up in the southern sky that it was only just possible to identify them. That was at sunset, towards 10 o'clock. Next day - none. They have gone off to Africa again, much earlier than they used to (August 20 or thereabouts). The theory is that warmer summers have bred more insects, so the swifts can fatten up sooner (gaining a quarter of their body-weight) for the gruelling journey across Biscay and Spain, where I've seen them criss-crossing the face of the Rock of Gibraltar, and on to Morocco and beyond. It will be blank above the garden and the chimney-pots until they reappear in the first week of May and the whole dizzy cycle repeats yet again.

DAVID CRAIG



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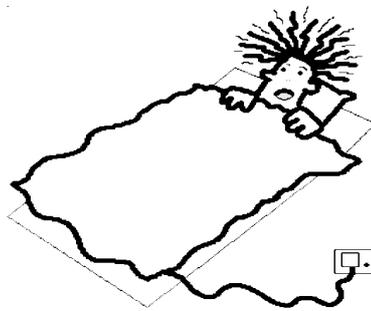
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GOING GREEN

Diary of an Eco-Worrier

1st September 2006 - from a field somewhere in Sweden

Holiday-time but no air miles for us. Our green, lean, household policy means eco-friendly travel and holiday activities. Carbonlite went on a mission to find a suitable destination, poring over maps and becoming over-familiar with tourist information in a range of countries. He emerged triumphant from the bedroom he had turned into Holiday HQ, and thrust a map of Scandinavia in my direction. "Sweden", he announced, already there in his head. "What's in Sweden?" I asked, the only Swedish delights I could think of were ABBA and Sven. "Meatballs, saunas and blondes!" he said, folding the map, "and if we go by ferry - very low emissions."

We took the car as far as Newcastle with the bikes piled high on the roof - even these emissions Carbonlite found hard to offset in his conscience. But at least we weren't flying. Carbonlite tells me if carbon were rationed it's predicted a flight to New Zealand would emit as much carbon as our household for an entire year. Instead we would go by ferry, by bike and by canoe up the west coast of Sweden: a month of low-emission living.

But not exactly low-cost. Carbonlite choked on his beer when he found out how much it had cost on the ferry crossing. And as the Swedes and Norwegians settled in the restaurant, the English huddled in the bar while a giant

furry parrot crooned "We are sailing" to the assembled crowd. We wondered if we'd be dining on crisps for breakfast when the eldest Carboncopy won the bingo during a break in the singing. We retired to our cramped cabin in steerage, looking forward to our smorgasbord the next morning.

As we cycled off the ferry, stuffed full of pickled herring and salami, we felt like we'd pedalled into a greener world. Family cycling wasn't a freakshow here, everyone was out and about on bikes. We crossed the city of Gothenburg without having to cross a road, on an intricate network of cycle paths. But we hadn't gone unnoticed: outside tourist information we were collared by the Press, doing a feature on tourism in the city. As Carbonlite bored them in pidgin Swedish about eco-travel, the photographer snapped away at us all on our bikes.

We made our way down the coast, pottering in and out of sandy bays, while local kids plunged from wooden jetties into the sea. On publication of the tourism feature we were greeted with enthusiasm by the Swedes, beers in hand that we couldn't afford, admiring the double-page spread of us on our "human-powered transport" as we travelled past.

In this country there was a definite pecking order: at the bottom of the pile was us Brits, with our low-value pound and bicycles. Then the Swedes, in their campervans with awnings the size of our house, and their smart Volvos. Then at the top, the Norwegians, cruising through in their yachts, rich on the profits of oil. While we were definitely the greenest, a touch of it may have been jealousy!



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But we'd soon join the Norwegians on the Swedish lakes in our two big family-sized canoes. "Put the baby at the front", we were advised, "then if she goes overboard the person at the back can hook her out as they go past." Thankfully this was unnecessary, and much to my dismay I began to get hooked on this human-powered transport. It was peaceful and got air into my lungs and power into my muscles. I worried that the idyllic lifestyle there would have a negative impact on my life in the UK. If cycling and canoeing could get us around so cheaply, efficiently and environmentally soundly, would I feel obliged or pressured into ditching the car? (Carbonlite had already spent too much time hanging around chip shops discussing the benefits of alternative fuel.) I tried to sabotage the experience by getting a puncture or hoping for rain, but it was not to be. The roads, and the skies, were as clear as the beaches.

As we stopped for a lazy ice-cream and a swim one hot Saturday afternoon, a stream of people trooped out to ask where we were from. While now used to all the attention, even Carbonlite was surprised by the volume of enquiries. It was when several members of a wedding party came to ask about our nationality that we found out the source of their curiosity. On the back page of the weekend newspaper was a prize crossword, with a picture of us splashed across the centre. "What nationality are these cyclists who appeared in last week's edition?" one of the wedding party translated. "We thought you must be English", said the groom, "the Swedish prefer to drive around Sweden." He took his bride's hand, jumped into the silver wedding Volvo and sped off to a smorgasbord reception, leaving us to pedal on with zero emissions and a green, clean conscience.

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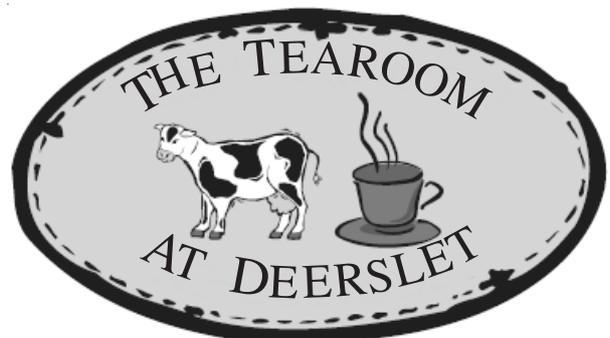
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HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE by Roger Bingham

New Light on the many 'ages' of Dalton-in-Kendal

Dalton's settlements seem to be an enigma wrapped inside a Russian Doll; as each archaeological layer is unearthed another more baffling strand appears to send the 'experts' off in different directions. In previous 'footnotes' I have referred to the stones and earthworks near Russells Farm, which are usually asserted to be prehistoric. Which prehistoric age is debatable - New Stone Age -10,000 B.C. through the Bronze Age to Iron Age 500 B.C. On the other hand they might be post Roman c. A.D. 500 or date from the Angles and Saxons (who coined the name 'Dalton') of c. A.D.700 or possibly Viking c. A.D. 1000 - or they might be Medieval - up to A.D. 1500 or later still. As the area has been occupied for most of these 'ages' the land probably will show features derived from the entire period. Another confusion lies in the shifting nature of the Dalton settlement. The current hamlet which adjoins the possibly pre-historic stone works dates mainly from the nineteenth century - and indeed most of the houses are 1940's forestry and agricultural workers' dwellings.

For over a thousand years most of Dalton lay either around Dalton Old Hall or a quarter of a mile north near the entrance to the Old Hall drive on Dalton Lane. These areas have recently been researched by our County Archaeologist, Richard Newman, who is following on investigations made by his predecessor Tom Clare in c.1980. Tom provided documentary and groundwork evidence that the Medieval Dalton was

still existing in 1694 and had not been deserted as a result of the Black Death of 1334. Dr. Newman has looked closer at the remains near Dalton Houses and believes that there could have been a planned village around a large green, which is a settlement pattern common in north Westmorland. He has also investigated two stone circles clearly marked on a Dalton estate map of 1694. These might not be prehistoric as has been previously been supposed but could be medieval stock compounds of before c.1300. Sheep and cattle folds were necessary to secure stock not only from human bad neighbours and the Scots who ravaged these parts under Robert the Bruce around 1320 but also against wild animals such as wolves, which allegedly survived here until the 1500's. Similarly nucleated villages around a green are said to have been planned for defensive purposes.

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a common arable field connected, also, with another settlement part of which still existed in 1694. Some abandoned farms are remembered in field names such as Mark farm, Noble farm, Tofts and Townjon. But, yet again, enigmatically most seemed to have been abandoned much earlier possibly around 1372 when John de Croft was given licence to enclose for a park 300 acres of wood and 200 acres of arable within the manor of Dalton. Though the Black Death might not have caused a total abandonment of early medieval Dalton the reduction in population by up to a half meant that less cultivable land was required so a lord of the manor could have room for a park. Indeed the creation of the beautiful Dalton Park, though it now lacks its deer, is a happy consequence of the biggest human catastrophe to hit our area. Even so the historical debate continues. If only the old stones could talk!



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An Opinion...

Comments on the goings-on at the Parish Council

'Arf a Minute!

Unusually, discussion arose about a queried omission in last month's minutes. It concerned a phone conversation which the clerk reported to the PC, in which he informed them of a discussion he had with an official of Impact Housing ("winners" of the Boon Town affordable Housing contract). This discussion had arisen as a result of suggestions the PC had made, hopefully to improve the alignment of the houses on the site. (In fact the Clerk had apparently made little headway with Impact, who later submitted their plans to the Planning Committee with no alteration.) Both *BN* and *Westmorland Gazette* referred to the clerk's report and subsequent discussion.

A.O. raised the matter with the Clerk, as she felt there should have been some mention of it in the minutes. Now *BN* readers may think this was futile of A.O., and so it proved to be. The Chairman of the PC, and the PCllr who initiated the whole business, claimed no decision was made, therefore no reference was necessary. Voting then took place, with 4 PCllrs voting in favour of amending the Minutes, and 4, including the Chairman, against. The Chairman then cast his deciding vote against. So, no information in the Minutes for those intrepid Burton punters who are keen enough to look at the soon-to-be-improved PC notice-board.

Oh dear! Can it be that A.O. has finally sunk in the morass of local politics? The above paragraph will no doubt be of little interest to Burtonians. But you may like to be reminded that the PC's efforts to improve the siting of Boon Town affordable housing met with little sympathy from Impact. For their own reasons, some of the PCllrs preferred this item to be omitted from the minutes.

Here's the Police Report: (PC Suart was unable to be present. His place was taken by PC Nick Almond.)

1. The major item was the report of thefts from local vehicles parked on their owners' driveways. PC Almond pointed out that sadly the trusting days of yore have passed away; the owners hadn't secured their vehicles, so it was open house for the pilferers. The thieves appear to be familiar with the locality, so it's possible they may try to pass on items stolen to locals.
2. Criminal damage was reported on a vehicle parked overnight.
3. Two vehicles left on the Royal Hotel car park have been removed, PC Almond was informed by a PCllr. It would be nice to add that this had improved the general appearance of this woeful space, but the slow disintegration of the carpark goes on and on...

PC Suart goes on the run

Well, on the walk, to be more accurate. A jolly note added to the report was that PC Suart took part in the 10 mile sponsored walk with Dallam School on 19th July to help raise funds for local community youth projects. He was congratulated by PCllrs, and A.O. would like to add her congratulations too.

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Public Forum

1. The Memorial Hall

The Chairman of the Memorial Hall Cttee, put forward his plans for 'renewal' of the Hall. His stand is that it would be more economical to rebuild the Hall completely, rather than fritter away money on very expensive maintenance which is on-going. He hopes that funding will be available for this. His project is ambitious and impressive, and the PC wished him well with it.

2. Plans for Hutton Roof Logging Concern

The Chairman of the newly-resuscitated Hutton Roof PC showed plans for the extensive development of the Hutton Roof woodyard. His PC feels that the increase in heavy traffic to and from the yard will be massive, and have a serious impact on surrounding settlements. Both Whittington and Kirky Lonsdale have lodged objection to the plans. Poor old Burton PC hadn't been sent a copy, but PCllrs seemed concerned about the effect such a large development would have. The Clerk is to request a copy of the plans, though it's thought that the Planning Cttee will sit to consider it before the next meeting of our PC.

3. The (non-existent) Footpath to Clawthorpe

A member of the public - our footpath expert, as a matter of fact, raised the question of this suggested path, which was rejected at the last PC meeting. She pointed out that it didn't have to be a fenced path, thus avoiding the expense. She emphasized how

much safer it would be for the ever-increasing number of pedestrians. She had been in touch with the relevant officer at Cumbria CC, who was familiar with the road and who agreed that it was unsafe for pedestrians. Without surfacing it would be a "humpy-bumpy affair", opined one PCllr.

PUBLIC OR PERMISSIVE?

After discussion, the PC agreed to consider a Permissive footpath (at the discretion of the landowner). It's perhaps not exactly what was first envisaged, but it's better than nothing. One PCllr still maintains that if the roadside hedge was cut back, and verge tended, there would be room for pedestrians. He must have very narrow feet!

Council business (at last) not as world-shattering as the Public Forum. So briefly:

1. Quality Status

Congratulations to the PC on receiving Quality Status. The PC was very modest about this, it didn't get a mention, and the only reference was a black Q at the top of the Agenda. Time will show what difference Quality Status makes to the achievements of the PC. Of course if ALL PC's get Quality Status it will end up like everyone getting an 'A' at A-level.

2. Lengthsman

CCC is putting funds towards giving this idea a trial run. 19 PC's have applied. 6 applications will be accepted, of which A.O. understands 3 will go to rural areas and 3 to towns. Will Quality Status stand Burton in good stead for this application? Eyes lit up at the

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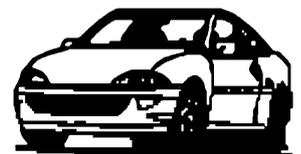
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prospect of telling this poor lengthsman what tasks to perform. Hopefully he won't collapse with overwork.

3. NHS Public Consultation Document

The PCllr reporting on this appeared to think the closure of the Coronary Unit at WGH was inevitable, together with the (already restricted) A&E Dept. From a range of options, the PC was asked to decide which they preferred. They opted for "To keep all possible services for Westmorland General". As a student nurse, A.O. was privileged to work in theatre with Mr Emery. He was a wonderful teacher and surgeon. A humane man and idealist. He played a major part in setting up WGH, and it was a sad day indeed when he died an untimely death, probably from overwork. Such dedicated people are rare indeed and in his memory it is to be hoped that in some way WGH will survive this hard fight that it's having to put up. Good Luck, WGH.

4. School Report & Road Lines

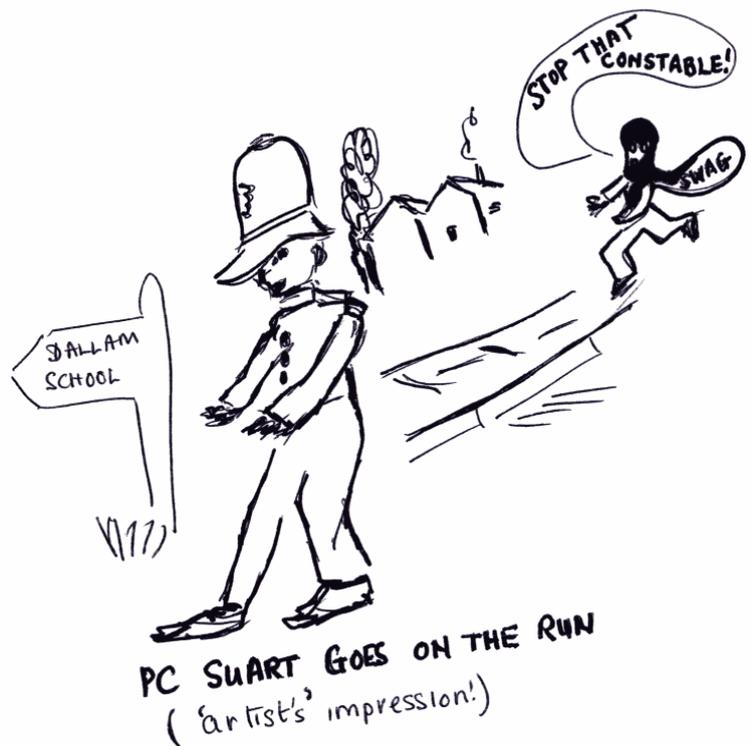
The PCllrs expressed satisfaction with the white lines now in situ on the road beside the school. They like the green railings too. Not quite so much satisfaction for the SLOW signs now on the road at Clawthorpe, though. One is up the wrong way, and the siting isn't right. All expressed amazement that the task was completed unnoticed. Suggestions that all was accomplished in darkness were frivolous, but made a nice diversion.

That's almost the end. This was an impressive month

for hearing caring members of the public putting their views before the PC. When A.O. first wrote this column, some years ago, there was no Public Forum, and no Police Report. Surely things slowly, slowly improve?? The Public Forum even gets the occasional mention in the Minutes, now!

A.S.

Footnote: A resident of Hollowrayne recently chaffed A.O. for referring to us as 'villagers'. I suppose he can't deny he's a Burtonian, so the question is, does he regard Burton as a village or as a suburb? Is he a suburbanite, possibly? I might doff my cap or pull my forelock next time I meet him!



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Focus on...

Burton Clubs and Societies

Burton Memorial Hall 200 Club

This is one of the oldest of our village clubs, formed in 1971 and one where the members do not necessarily know each other but nevertheless have provided a useful and charitable function for over 35 years. The 200 club was originally started as a fund-raiser to help pay for an extension to the village hall and the first prize was a Mini or £600 cash twice a year. The car was never taken as a prize, the cash always being preferred, though there were times when the committee had their fingers and toes crossed as the price of the mini quickly rose to £800. With the basic cost of a new BMW mini car now standing at £10,995 that option is, not surprisingly, no longer on offer.

To boost funds even more, a ladies' committee of the 200 Club used to organise dances every month with the Hall decorated in various ways. Mrs Jo Lamb was the brains and artist behind these dazzling affairs. She would produce templates of her ideas and these would be reproduced by willing helpers and hung from the ceiling with tables decorated in the same theme. Brilliantly painted and decorated paper peacocks were used to spectacular effect once, and another time Chinese lanterns were made. For Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee Ball in 1977, a long covered table was set up the length of the hall laden with delicious food and a large white meringue swan formed the centre piece. Cath Curwen and Sue Crayston have fond memories of those meetings,

discussing the possible themes, making the decorations and helping to deck the hall. These occasions were very popular, as recalled by Liz Ray and Alice Olive amongst others, and raised substantial additional sums towards the upkeep and maintenance of the building.

The cost of being a member of the 200 club in 1971 was 25p per week and it has remained at that, except that now the £13 is collected annually. However, the number of prizes has been increased and there are now monthly prizes of £20 and £10 plus £50 three times a year. In addition in February and September there is a draw for the Big One when £500 is yours if your number is picked out. These numbers are always drawn at one of the larger functions at the village hall where there are plenty of witnesses! and the club still makes a very welcome donation each year to the Hall.

At the time of writing the club is around 15 numbers short of the 200. If you are new to the village, or just haven't thought of joining, what better way to feel involved without taking on too onerous a task if you are busy with work and family. It takes three months from joining to be eligible for the Big One but eligibility for the small draws starts from the following month. But, more importantly, you will be contributing to the care and upkeep of your Burton Memorial Hall which forms the hub of Burton village life. If interested in becoming a member, please contact Stephanie Micklethwaite on 781073.

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Soccer: On the football front, you name it, we did it: coaching in ball control, passing and shooting; coaches v kids games, world cup games, dribbling, penalty, six-second shoot-out and Golden Boot competitions and the World Cup Final itself with two close and tense finals! Italy came out on top in the junior section and Spain triumphed in the seniors.

The grand finale was our awards ceremony, buffet and coaches v parents game on Thursday evening when, for the second year running, the parents held the coaches to a 1-1 draw. So, all in all, we had a true footballing extravaganza. It was so pleasing to see the children learning and then using and developing their football knowledge and skills in the matches, which were played in a brilliant spirit. Well done everybody! After all the cheating, diving and gamesmanship of the World Cup in Germany it was great to see wonderful sportsmanship in Burton.

Smiles: Thankfully no one had to be sent home for not having any fun. We had loads of smiles with the joke telling, knobby knees and who can shout the loudest competitions, along with the ongoing banter between the coaches and children.



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Paul



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Sunday 3 September

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11.00am Holy Communion Holme
06.30pm Evening Church Burton

Sunday 10 September

08.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Holme
09.30am Family Service Burton
11.00am Family Service Holme
06.30pm Evening Church Burton

Sunday 17 September

09.30am Morning Prayer Burton
11.00am Holy Communion Holme
06.30pm Evening Church Burton

Wednesday 20 September

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Holme

Sunday 24 September

09.30am Morning Prayer (BCP) Burton
09.30am Memorial Hall Service Burton
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Roger Reports On....

Hospital Issues

"Have a Heart" has been my slogan for the latest row over the services provided by Westmorland General Hospital at Kendal. Over the years I have been in the front row of three gigantic protest marches concerned with our hospital. The first was about 20 years ago when we protested against delays, which threatened (or so we thought) to abandoned plans for replacing the old Kendal Hospital up Beast Banks. Later with our then MP Michael Jopling I, as leader of SLDC, helped hammer out an agreement which enabled a scaled-down hospital to be built. At that time I was quoted as saying 'heart attacks - yes; heart transplants - no' at Kendal. Subsequently we have had to fight scaling downs - or efficiency savings - concerned with Accident and Emergency Provision, Maternity Services at the Helme Chase Wing - ("Westmorland Babies should be born in Westmorland") which drew the biggest procession of 4,000. This January 2,000+ marched to preserve the Psychological Units. To be fair, some departments have expanded at Kendal particularly with breast cancer treatment, three times more orthopaedic work and there is a third theatre.



On August 11th a group of local County Councillors met the Chief Executives of the Morecambe Bay Primary Care Trust. Although they have a £6.5m deficit they said that the proposed changes were not finance-led. Indeed some arguments suggest that any savings will be less than £1m, a negligible sum against a £210m budget and far less than the North Cumbria Trust's deficit. Amongst many examples of extra costs is the effect of an European ruling that junior doctors hours should be reduced from 80 hours to 56 hours per week -which still seems bad enough- except (we were told) some of this time is spent being 'on call'.

Councillors particularly objected to the plan that immediate treatment for a heart attack should be in Lancaster and that the patient would subsequently be moved to Kendal which is now easier as we have a joint Lancashire/Cumbria/North West Ambulance Service as being shifted up and down the M6 would increase stress for carers and patients and would compound travel problems from distant parts like Grasmere. I also pointed out that although Burton is equidistant from RLI and WGH my experience as a member for nine years of the now abolished Community Health Council suggested that most Burton people preferred to go to Kendal as the journey and car parking are easier providing that the standard of care was comparable. Am I right?

Although the meeting was positive in tone we councillors decided to oppose a major transfer of services to RLI and to go for Option 2a which is to



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retain at WGH one acute/emergency admissions ward + one rehab ward and, in particular, leaving the Coronary Care Unit at WGH at Kendal.

Archives Update

Unfortunately I might not be able to protest on 2nd September, as I have to chair a Friends of Cumbria Archives meeting. Archives recently got another extra grant of £29,000 to conserve the records of the Cumbria Steel Industry. Bearing in mind the transfer of K Shoes records to Somerset when the Kendal Factory closed I am determined to keep all local records local.

Cultural Star Loss

Regrettably 'my' Four Star Cultural Service might be losing a star because we have failed to engage enough 5-16 year old children in sport. I am annoyed that this crucial service is assessed under Culture, as most young peoples' sports facilities in schools etc. are the responsibility of Children's Services, which are not in my portfolio.

Pavement Repairs

Hopefully by the time *BN* comes out the repairs to Main Street pavements will be nearing completion. This will be a weight off my mind, as I seem to have pestered the department weekly for years on the subject.

Overhanging Hedges

I have also received the usual autumnal complaints about over hanging hedges. Their maintenance is the responsibility of the owners or occupiers.

Enforcement by the council is time consuming and can take weeks - so a quiet and friendly word from all of us to the dilatory hedge-cutters might produce quicker results. Please let me know if this or other problems persist - that is if I'm still around - as I'm prepared to swing for it if our pavements are not done!

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Thu 7th Chairman's Evening at the Smithy Inn
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Fri 15th Lakeland Architecture through the Centuries
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Fri 22nd L&CPU Slides Year 2
Thu 29th No Meeting

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Editorial...

After the feast....

Last month's *BN* was the most packed one we think we've ever done, certainly within the 24 page maximum we try our best to stick to. This month finds your editors struggling to fill all the space - such is the vagaries of publishing! However the latest new columns certainly helped or it would have been sparse indeed, perhaps dropping to 20 pages and we haven't had to do that for some time. Two Burtonians have taken the plunge and put pen to paper for us (although these days it tends to come in by e-mail) so how about following those path finders down the trail to fame and fortune? Well maybe not fortune but fame you can have - if you can handle it!

Are they or aren't they?

Emulating the Scarlet Pimpernel we find that teams of workers appear suddenly, dig up a bit of pavement, then spirit away into the ether to return at some random interval to deposit fresh tarmac - then once again vanish in an act that Houdini would have been proud of. I suppose after waiting for so long we should be grateful it's happening at all but how long will it take the line of cones to march up the main street? If the pavement team doesn't get a move on they may find Roger Bingham with 'Madame Guillotine' waiting for them judging by the tone of Council News!

Crime Wave in Burton!

Oh dear, if ever there was a reminder that the idyllic village life of yore is well gone it's when unlocked property is robbed. Those unfortunate enough to be painfully reminded of this will no doubt be locking up in future - those who got away with it this time would do well to take it as a timely warning to do the same. Sneak thieves just love it if you make their job easier for them - don't! There could also be repercussions on insurances too if you are labelled as not taking proper care of the items insured, if nothing else your annual premiums will jump upwards.

Autumn is here

September is the start of the clubs & societies calendars after the summer break so, if you're looking for a new interest, browse our What's On section - three pages of events again this month.

Doing "your bit"

Following on from the last paragraph, have you some spare time? Are you interested in children or sports? If so both Pre-School and the Recreation Trust are looking for new committee members - see elsewhere in *BN* for details. Giving a few hours a week or a month to a village group helps the group, expands your interests and makes you feel good too. There are lots of groups in the village who would welcome new faces, fresh ideas and more helping hands. Why not give it a try?

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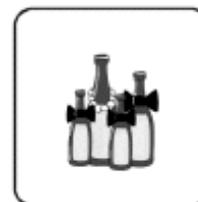
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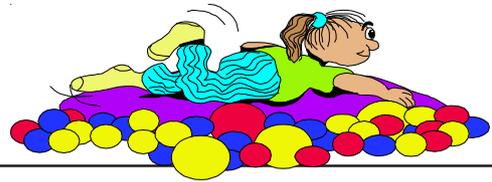
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COMMUNITY INFO

CHILDLINE

FREEPHONE 0800 1111

KIDSCAPE 020 7730 3300



NSPCC Child Protection HELPLINE

0808 800 5000

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.

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

Useful Phone Numbers

Burton News Editors	01524 781306
Burton Post Office	01524 781828
Burton Morewood School	01524 781627
Dallam School	015395 63224
QES, Kirkby Lonsdale	015242 71275
CrimeStoppers	0800 555 111
Police non-emergency	0845 33 00 247
Kendal Library	01539 732815
Kendal Hospital	01539 732288
Lancaster Hospital	01524 65944

Council Switchboards

Cumbria County Council	01539 773000
SLDC	01539 733333

Civil Registration Services Births, Marriages, Deaths

Registration of Births and Deaths is overseen by the Kendal Registrar's Office, based in County Hall, Kendal. Telephone 01539 773566 or send an e-mail to kendal.registeroffice@cumbriacc.gov.uk

Registrations may also be undertaken at Milnthorpe and Kirkby Lonsdale Libraries by appointment only, contact the Kendal Office to arrange an appointment.

To arrange a marriage contact the Kendal Registrar.

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.

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

What's On?

This month's Events - See pages 20 & 21 for more Meetings and Activities

Holme & District Flower Club

Preston Patrick Hall



"A Garden of Dreams"

Demonstration by Derek Armstrong

Monday 4th September - 7.30pm

"Another Bunch of Daisies"

Demonstration by Linda Hardman

Monday 2nd October - 7.30pm

For further information tel. Cally Lawson 781764

New members and visitors always welcome

Holme & District Local History Society

Monday 18th September

7.30 pm at Burton Memorial Hall

Lakeland Bridges

Andy Lowe

New Members Welcome

<http://localhistory.burtonweb.org.uk>

Tuesday Club

Social Club for over-55's

September Meetings

Tuesday 12th & 26th - 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Burton Memorial Hall

New members welcome



Burton-in-Kendal Art & Craft Society Workshop

"Painting with Acrylics" with Bill Evans

bring your own materials

some available for those without

Saturday 16th September

1-4 pm in Burton Memorial Hall

BMH = Burton Memorial Hall



BURTON FELLWALKING SOCIETY

September Walks

Sunday 3rd September 13.00

Cunswick Scar / Hollinwood, C Horsford 782493

Saturday 16th September 9.30

Cartmel / Bigland Tarn, J Reid 781824

***Wednesday 27th September 13.00**

The Kellets, G Titchmarsh 735961

Sunday 1st October 13.00

Cockerham, N Pullen 732873

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



Burton W.I.

Meetings at 7.30pm in the
Burton Memorial Hall

Thursday 14th September History of the Cavendish Family Janet Smith

Competition: A family heirloom

Hostesses: Mrs V Page Mrs J Read

Guests and new members welcome

For further information tel. 781506

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**LAST DATE FOR COPY FOR NEXT ISSUE
20th September for October issue**

Next Meeting (open to all readers)
Monday 11th September at 6.00 pm in BMH