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Readers' LETTERS

Dear Sirs,

Eccles Family Connections

I write in response to your article, Eccles of Clawthorpe, (Aug BN) after a Burton-based relative recognised my family connection and sent me the *Burton News*.

Thomas was my father. He did farm service, served in the Great War, and worked for many years as Foreman on the River Board. He settled in Galgate after he married my mother, Bessie, and they had five children: Desmond, Thomas, Allan, Ada, and me, Hilda. Ada died in infancy and I'm the last survivor, now almost eighty. My father died at my home in Galgate in 1957.

The writer mentions her great aunt, Ruth Richards, who was my aunt. We corresponded regularly and she stayed at my home in Morecambe whenever she was on a visit from Canada. She was partly-responsible for drawing up the family tree which is framed on my wall. Thomas has five surviving grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Please feel free to pass my address to your Maryland correspondent if she wishes to meet up on her trip over here.

Yours faithfully,
H Barton (Mrs), Morecambe, Lancashire

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Dear BN,

Cherry Plums

I have gather *Prunus cerasifera* (cherry plums) from my garden hedge every summer for 24 years. This year's crop was an abundance. They are a lovely fruit and so good to eat!

Yours sincerely,
Sylvia Dickson,
Drovers Way, Burton



Dear BN,

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Please accept my donation in appreciation for the online *Burton News*. In 1973 I was fortunate to be able to spend a college semester in England and part of the program allowed me to live in Burton-in-Kendal with the Willan family of Burton Park. I look forward to the *BN* as each edition brings back fond memories of a very enjoyable time in my life. Keep up the good work!

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Dear Editors,

Silver Wedding – Thanks

Having just celebrated our Silver Wedding with a party at The Memorial Hall, we'd appreciate the chance to thank so many members of the village through the columns of *Burton News*.

The buffet supper provided by *Jan's Pantry* was superb in every respect. Many of our guests said how much they had enjoyed its wide range of tasty and attractive dishes, served with such professionalism. The level of service, care and cooperation by Jan and her team was of the highest order both before and during the event, which caused them a huge amount of work! Every detail was attended to, including beautiful decoration of 'the cake'.

We really are fortunate to have such an excellent facility as the Memorial Hall in the midst of our village – and to have it supported by such willing and cooperative folk! Thanks to Helen Dawson for her help in arranging our booking and access to the hall, to George Isherwood for so willingly volunteering to sort out lighting for the band and the body of the hall, to those who kindly vacated the car park on a Saturday night for our benefit and to the Management Committee for making all this possible!

And finally, our thanks for the good wishes received from so many fellow members of the village. It's great to be part of such a first rate community!

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Pavements

It is nice to see something actually being done about the pavements in Burton (see photo below), well done to my Mum and to Cllr Roger Bingham and the Parish Council for instigating it in the first place.

Edward Ellis, Main St, Burton



Thanks!

John and Barbara Wood would like to send sincere thanks to the *First Responders* who arrived before the ambulance when John was taken ill - they were wonderful, so efficient and kind. Grateful thanks also to friends and neighbours who offered help, support and prayers. We were overwhelmed by their kindness and all the cards.

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Once again B.A.D.S. is in rehearsal for our next play, *Is there any body there?*, by Anne Knight, for Friday and Saturday 24 & 25 November, 7.30pm in B.M.H.

It's a play which requires a strange assortment of props from ballgown to coffin, leathers to sledge hammer. It is billed as a comedy and as I watch our own group laughing in rehearsal I can foresee our audiences enjoying themselves enormously.

B.A.D.S. revival has been accompanied by an increase in our equipment needs to meet our rising standards. Over the last three years we have acquired new stage flats so we can now "do a proper room", access steps to the side of the stage to maximise our entry and exit points and rostra to help give height on stage where appropriate. We are in the process of applying to the National Lottery for help with the purchase of a mobile lighting system. This would enable us to not only improve our lighting capabilities but give us scope for using different venues. The latter may prove useful if and when the hall undergoes its expected refurbishment. So please keep your fingers crossed for us and hopefully I will have good news in November.

Do come to our play, but also do come and join us. We always need more people in lots of capacities, and any budding "lighting" people could have an excellent new system to experiment with.

Alison Murphy, Chairman, 781007



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Recent articles in the national news have highlighted the wide range of materials used in packaging: from paper bags to cardboard boxes, polythene, foil trays, polystyrene and plastic bags. This can make it difficult for the consumer to work out how best to dispose of the packaging whilst minimising any damage to the environment.

Many people are now familiar with the phrase 'Reduce Re-use Recycle'. Firstly we would suggest choosing products that are not over-packaged, so reducing the amount of waste that has to be dealt with. Secondly we would encourage consumers to re-use carrier bags wherever possible. This could be by taking your bags back to the store to use again, using them as bin liners for example, or taking them to one of the plastic banks for recycling.

Due to the wide range of materials used it is best to check the packaging for disposal and recycling guidance. It can be difficult to tell the difference between a food tray made out of plastic, which could be recycled, one made out of polystyrene, which cannot, and a tray made out of potato starch, which could go in your home compost bin. More information about packaging is available at www.recycle-more.co.uk

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PADDLING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

On August 27 (just too late for *BN's* September deadline) Bryn Jones and Chris Plevy paddled their canoes the last few yards of their thirty-mile voyage up the Preston-Kendal canal from Bilsborrow four miles south of Garstang. Picture the scene at Tewitfield, where the canal is culverted and they could go no further. Bunting had been strung across the water, a hooter blared, and six teammates from Burton Thistle welcomed them with cheers, and some ribaldry no doubt. It had taken them ten hours, including an hour-plus of stoppages for swigs of water and Lucozade. Their supporters had stopped for a few at the Plough in Galgate - and gathered £170 in their collecting bucket. The sum raised for prostate cancer research came to £1700 and the whole thing was backed by Mitchells via the Royal at Bolton le Sands.

At heart Bryn does it for the relaxation: "I love the water, I fish a lot. And you lose yourself for an hour or two, nobody's bothering you." He also likes to see the birds along the waterway. He and Chris trained for ten weeks, mainly in five-mile stints between Carnforth and Tewitfield. They saw kingfishers several times. On this voyage the commonest birds were swans - "the aggressive males had their wings flared up, protecting their families" - and herons, one of them standing in shallow water hunting for a fish, which it caught and swallowed before flying off.

There was some traffic on the canal. The canoeists travel at 4 to 5 miles per hour, the motorised boats at 3 to 4, so Bryn and Chris would wait till they were acknowledged, then overtake on the left as the boats pulled over to give them room. The weather was fair: "The heavens opened

after twenty minutes, then it was blue skies, with just a shower at Bolton." If it had rained most of the time, they wouldn't have cared and carried on, wearing their cagoules. The canoes have spray-decks (waterproof 'aprons' which fit round the paddler like a kilt and also fit over the cockpit rim), and anyway, I suppose in that water-world it hardly matters if the liquid is coming at you from above or below.

Their boats are touring canoes made of polyplastic, which can 'bounce off rocks'. This isn't a problem on the canal but Bryn went recently to see salmon leaping up the waterfalls in the limestone gorge of the Kent just downstream from Sedgwick and marvelled at their lithe power. He fancies shooting the falls and rapids in a short white-water craft which can burrow through the waves like an otter. Or he could try the fast stretch of the Leven between the south end of Windermere and Backbarrow, where two of my children used to have great times in their fibreglass slalom canoes thirty years ago.

D.C.



1st Burton Rainbows

Burton Rainbows starts again!

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OUTDOORS

Not only out-of-doors but outward bound and far, far out - that's where we went last month, to the Outer Hebrides. They are called 'the Western Isles' now, in weather forecasts and ferry timetables. Outer Hebrides has a finer ring to it, with its nuance of 'as far out as you can go', beyond everything, out there, on Great Britain's last fragmented bulwark against the Atlantic.

We were on our way to two events in the first-ever Hebrides Book Festival, called Faclan. The islands have enthralled me ever since I first went over there from Aberdeen more than fifty years ago. Each one is different, mountainous or fertile green or peat moor gemmed with lochans. The sea and the land mix with each other so closely that every view is striking, luring you on to the next landfall, and the next... The terrain is so bare and the settlements so small and few that the whole life of the place feels to be open to you, not covered up. When I was blown off Benbecula by a gale and my young family were crouching in a shredded frame tent, wondering if their end had come, the farmer on whose land we were camping suggested we pack up and drive, fast, to the next island, North Uist: 'The MacDonalds at Cnoc na Luib may be able to help you.' Which they did, to the extent of putting us and our gear into their Land Rover and driving us to a spare house of theirs by the shore. We spent an idyllic fortnight there, stacking peats, cooking over them on an iron range, and eating buckies (winkles) as big as snails which we



gathered in handfuls off the rocks... such is the helpfulness of the island people.

This time the trip was all too short. We did get to something I'd been wanting to see for years, a cloud-chamber called 'Hut of the Shadow/Bothnam Faileas', built by the sculptor Chris Drury and the waller Seumas Campbell. It's a beehive hut made of drystone with a turf-and-timber roof, on a bare rock a few yards from the sea at Lochmaddy. You get to its heart by a curling passage like a snail. Gradually out of the darkness an image glimmered into sight. On a patch of roughcast the seascape outside is reflected through an aperture in the walls by mirrors and a lens. Skerries are scattered over the water, each with its band of brown seaweed, grey rocks, and green herbage. The blue sky is patched with clouds. In the foreground something darkly moves and slowly pulses - the sea. A woman told the sculptor that she could hardly believe that it was what you'd see outside: 'it was more like a memory from childhood, a soul-catcher.'

On our way back from Stornoway on Lewis, not far south of Harris, three gannets appeared against the sky, brilliant white with meerschaum heads and wing-tips dipped in Indian ink, the epitome of powerful beauty. Three more flew over half an hour later, and later again three more - clearly the same ones, quartering the sea, like an omen in a ballad. We had turned west by then and were making for Berneray, yet another island which has been linked to the rest by a causeway. We tacked along on a course marked all the way by buoys and beacons. Each time we left the red one to port, the green one starboard. Here



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was none of the bleakness of open sea. We were in touch with land the whole way, skerries, islets, and the middle-sized green islands which once grew ample corn and were perfect for whisky distilling. This was a staple of the Highland diet, a necessity in a damp and blowy climate and used as such until the government saw they could make big excise money out of it and banned the cottage industry.

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Burton Bowling Club FINALS DAY



The club championships were played on Sunday 27th August, the games were played in mixed weather conditions with a few interruptions for rain showers.

Eunice Jamieson won the singles defeating David Craig 21-15 in the final. Alex Jamieson won the Tom Burton Memorial Trophy (for the over 60's) defeating George Clarke in the final 21 -15.

After a long, hard fought match the doubles final was eventually won by Alex Jamieson and Carl Jackson, beating Russ Coates and David Craig 21-14, the winners coming back from an 11-2 deficit. A special thanks to Carl Dobson for organising the day and presenting the trophies.

Alex Jamieson, (Hon Sec)

Photo: left to right shows
Alex Jamieson,
Eunice Jamieson
& Carl Jackson



B  **wls**

Going Green

October 2006

I found an entry in my diary in Carbonlite's handwriting. 'Fri 4pm. Meet Tim Farron, Sedbergh.' I tracked down Carbonlite to the utilities room, labelling the new recycling crates he had begged from the County Council. The room was starting to look like Booths Car Park; at any moment I suspected the Salvation Army to turn up with a skip for clothes. "Who's Tim Farron?" I asked. "Your MP," he answered, putting the top back on his felt tip. "I knew the name was familiar. I seem to be spending Friday afternoon with him. Any idea what that's about?" Carbonlite put down his pen, grabbed my shoulders and grinned, "Saving the planet of course."

"I'm not doing it." The idea of me lobbying an MP about anything was ridiculous. "I can't. I don't know anything about the climate. Anyway I'm already doing my bit. I'm recycling everything, look at all these crates for heavens sake." Carbonlite logged on to a Friends of the Earth website and showed me the screen. "You don't need to know anything. It's all in there," he said. I sat down, defeated, to read about the biggest campaign Friends of the Earth have ever run. As part of *The Big Ask*, Friends of the Earth are requesting constituents to visit their MP in person to lobby for a Climate Change Bill. This would commit the government to making year on year cuts in carbon dioxide emissions. According to the website instructions, I was to ask Tim Farron to write a letter to Tony Blair and David Miliband, asking for the bill to be included in the Queen's Speech for the next



Diary of an Eco-Warrior

parliament - "We need to take this message to where MP's hear it the loudest - in their own constituencies," it said. The campaign included full instructions on how to contact an MP, briefing notes, and a pep talk for the nervous, "Don't be intimidated by your MP, they meet with constituents all the time and they're keen to meet with you. After all, they want to make sure you'll vote for them at the next election, so they will be nice to you." "Ok, I'll go," I told Carbonlite, switching off the computer. "But you're coming too."

Tim Farron stood in the doorway of his advice surgery, smiled, and gestured for me to come in. I was the last in a long queue. "I'll just bring the rest of the gang," I told him, scooping up a biscuit covered Carbonbaby off the floor, and calling Carbonlite and the Carboncopies to action. We crowded into the office where our MP apologised that he was running late and could only give us a few minutes as he had an evening engagement with the WI he daren't be late for. He asked what he could do for us. "Oh just the small issue of climate change." I replied, as the eldest Carboncopy took his brother's neck in a head lock.

I embarked on my speech, forgetting the name of the Environment Secretary, and fumbling the name of the bill I was asking to be included in the next parliament. Tim Farron sat opposite, listening intently, and stopped me as I got to the bit about the Queen, "Actually, I think I'm ahead of you there. I've already written the letter," he said. I stopped mid sentence. What was I supposed to do now?

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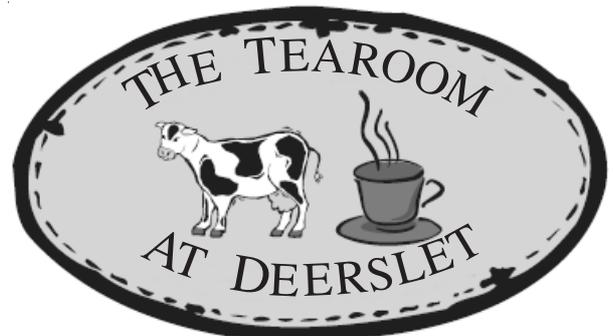
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I emerged into the afternoon sunlight feeling rather pleased with myself. I was now a lobbyist, an environmental activist, the kind of mother who sits in trees to save the countryside instead of sitting in a coffee shop to save on washing up. And if the Queen's Speech includes a Climate Change Bill I'll have achieved something bigger than my family; beyond my experience, beyond my own back gate. For a moment I thought of all the new appointments that Carbonlite might add to my diary. What if he tried to send me on a climate camp, or to power station protests? What if he made me sit in trees on a regular basis? The Carbonbaby let out another cry. Her nappy was now the most pressing environmental hazard on my radar. Saving the Planet would have to wait.



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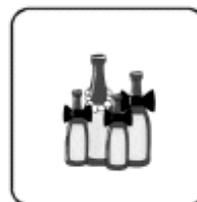
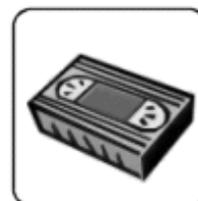
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HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE by Roger Bingham

Helping the stones speak: Medieval Records of Burton and Dalton

History may be defined as 'the story of the recorded past'. Its sister art is archaeology. In September's Historical Footnote about the archaeology of Dalton's 'stones' I mentioned a record of 1372 allowing John Croft to enclose Dalton Park. Subsequently, I have been looking again at Dalton's documentary evidence, which indicates that John de Croft 'of Dalton' was the son of Roger de Croft. Roger appears to have died in 1349 (the year of the Black Death) for in that year John de Deresflet (Deerslet) held land at Beetham 'with reversion to the right heirs of Roger de Croft whose heir is John de Croft'. Earlier, in 1332 Iseult de Croft granted her son John de Croft the fulling Mill in Beetham granted to her in 1290. Also in 1332 John Croft paid a 'subsidy' (a sort of income tax) of thirty shillings 'in goods'. More precisely, 647 years ago this month on 10th October 1359 both John Croft and another Roger (possibly his son named after his grandfather) witnessed a transaction between Anthony son of Roger de Burton and Robert son of William de Horneby of lands, rents and services in the vills of Burton in Kendal, Hutton Roof, Mansergh and Lupton 'to hold for life, rendering a rose at Midsummer for the first three years and 20 marks each year after'. In 1389 John de Croft 'of Yheland' granted £10 out of his lands in 'Dokker' and other neighbouring parishes to John de Berwyke. It is just possible that the John Croft of 1332 was still alive in 1389 but more probably they were related namesakes.

The Croft family survived locally for several more generations for on his death in 1420 'Sir John Croft held

a messuage at Farelton'. As late as the Hearth Tax returns of 1669-71 Anthony Croft, who along with most villagers had just one hearth/chimney, was living in Burton. Thereafter the family seem to have drifted to other parishes including Heversham where they were still resident in the nineteenth century.

As mentioned in the last Footnote some of the 'Dalton Stones' appear to have been medieval cattle pens. Many early documents show the importance of cattle and stock farming for our ancestors in the Middle Ages. Thus, in 1200 Roger son of Roger de Burton in Kendal, for the health of the soul of Helwise de Lancaster gave land for 'six score of sheep, eight horses or mares, and 48 goats or swine'. Interestingly one of the witnesses was Gilbert de Croft. The de Burton family gradually spread their wings for in 1265 Peter de Brus (or Bruce) granted John de Burton 'a messuage of 67 tofts, 13 bovates and four acres of land and 347 of waste land ...to hold the same by rent of six pence or a pair of gold spurs at Christmas'.

Ironically it was the agricultural wealth of this area, which lured the de Brus's Scottish descendant Robert the Bruce to ravage Westmorland and Lancashire during the fourteenth century. I have not yet found evidence of whether the de Burton's or the Crofts resisted the northern raiders. Further more I'm still left wondering where they got their gilt spurs and how valuable was a rose as rent.



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An Opinion...

Comments on the goings-on at the
Parish Council

JOLLY FROLICS PROMISED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER (aka the Memorial Hall)

"Thank you, Parish Council!" exclaimed our hardy pavement warrior. She spread her arms in a gesture of general embrace of all PCllrs. And she probably would have hugged each of them in turn, given the chance. Then they all thanked her. Everyone thanked everyone else, and rightly so, and expressed relief that the Main Street pavements have finally been re-surfaced. Now the trick is, as one PCllr pointed out, to discourage on-pavement parking, which hastens deterioration of the surface and which in any case is illegal, and adds another hazard to those pushing prams, etc.

More good news was the satisfaction, by and large, with the new road signs at Clawthorpe. Repairs to other signposts especially the 'historic' one at the foot of Station Lane are under way. A.O. notes that the new signpost at Nineteen Trees has been altered to direct traffic to Burton down Dalton Lane, and that the other arm now points to Dalton. It used to give an alternative route to Burton. At least you'll now be able to find your way to the home of the Parish Clerk, and that of last year's Chairman.

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1. Boon Town Affordable Housing
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2. The Hutton Roof Sawmill
Burton PC has now received the proposed plans for this. In principle they seemed in favour of the expansion, though they expressed some concern about the almost inevitable increase likely in heavy traffic.

3. The Park, Tanpits Lane
The PC saw no objection to the plan to convert a garage into domestic quarters for the proposed guest house.

The Proposed Footpath along the A6070 as far as Clawthorpe

This suggestion got its final clobbering. The major owner of the land, a PCllr, reported that he has now had legal advice from his lawyer that it would be unwise even to give permission for a 'permissive' footpath. All sorts of problems arise when you let people walk over your land, he said darkly. Asked if he had had such experiences he said he had, though he didn't say what they were. He added that he still believes the verge would be wide enough for pedestrians if the hedges were cut back. At which another PCllr, a farmer, added that DEFRA had circularised farmers telling them that hedges should only be cut once every two years, even at roadsides. (Hmm, thinks A.O., the Monarch butterfly does truly reign supreme.)

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That's exactly why we need a lengthsman, claimed our first PCllr. He'll be on hand to cut back the hedge. Hang on a minute, though, A.O. thought to herself, surely Burtonians aren't going to have to shoulder the cost of cutting back farmers' hedges? Doesn't the Parish Clerk write lots of letters to residents asking them to trim their overhanging branches when they impinge on roads? Is there a difference here?

Many angles have been discussed about this now-abandoned footpath, and it's right that they should be. But watching this PCllr make his points again, month after month, A.O. was reminded of how she once saw a little girl press her finger on a tadpole, and her concentration as it wiggled and squirmed beneath that finger in its attempts to get away. A.O. wasn't able to intervene before the poor little tadpole expired with a satisfactory pop. So it never had a chance to turn into the horned toad that A.O. once picked up and held in her hand on the Mohave Desert. A.O. stroked the small toad, and they both enjoyed the sensation, or so she believed. Later she learned that these creatures are very aggressive, and shoot a noxious irritating fluid, resembling blood, from their eyes when angry. OK OK, irrelevant. But you have to think of something else from time to time at these PC meetings. And by this time we'd reached the...

Budget Proposals for 2007/8

The Clerk was kind enough to give us a copy of these. Three PCllrs had worked on the proposal, and all credit to them. To do justice to it would take another

whole article, so I'll just say that due to inevitable costs - particularly to a) a huge increase in the cost of street lighting, from £614 in 2006/7 to £1,037 in 2007/8, and b) to laying out a potential £1000 for a lengthsman, and c) inflation, the Working Party recommended the precept should be increased by £249, from £8,299 to £8,548. This amounts to a 3% increase this year, which is approx. 22p per elector. It was pointed out that the precept hasn't been increased in the last five years, till now. The PC voted to accept the proposals.

Other Matters

It was reported that the verges on Tanpits Lane have now been cut - twice, and that they look all the better for it.

Winston Collins

He may never know it, but this impressively-named gentleman, Chairman of CALC, provided the best entertainment of the whole evening. He and the Deputy Charman have written offering to attend next month's PC meeting to present the Quality Status Award. How to entertain them? A modest glass of wine at the beginning of the meeting was suggested by the PC Chairman. A cup of tea, possibly? Nothing at all? Shouldn't they, in fact, be providing the wine to congratulate the PC on achieving their new status? The meeting became the nearest it ever gets to uproarious. Even the 'Public' shouted out suggestions, against all the rules. "He shouldn't drink and drive," cautioned our pavement guru. "Take him to the pub afterwards," was A.O.'s suggestion (totally

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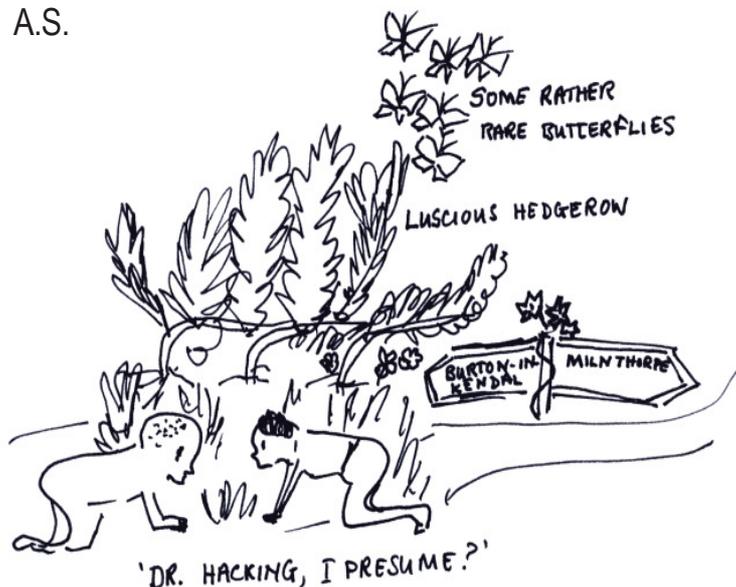
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ignored, probably rightly so). In the end, it was decided that all PCllrs present should bring two bottles of wine each, and that the public should be invited to celebrate this rise in status of our very own PC. So there you have it: 7p.m, Oct 19th All of us welcome. Nobody mentioned glasses though. But with all that wine sloshing around, there's probably enough for everyone to drink out of the bottle.

After this, everything seemed a bit of an anti-climax. And since A.O. believes most of the other matters discussed are ones that will crop up again (and again??), it seems fair to close on this light note.

A.S.



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We will have a raffle again, and if anyone would like to donate raffle prizes we should be most grateful. These can be brought on the night or dropped into the editors beforehand if you really cannot make the Quiz night.

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Focus on...

Burton Clubs and Societies

Burton Pre- School

The origins of Burton Pre-School lie in the Burton Playgroup started in the very early 1970's by Denise Dowbiggin. Denise, a Home Economics teacher, impressed by articles in the national press by Wendy Crowe - a big supporter of the Pre-School Movement - invited Glyn Harris, the educational advisor for Cumbria, to give a talk in the Memorial Hall. She let it be known that he had broadcast widely on the BBC. and this resulted in an excellent turnout and much enthusiasm amongst parents in the village.

Aided by Jean Armitage, Denise set about making the Playgroup a reality with fund-raising BBQ's and coffee mornings which were extremely well supported. Local firms were also very supportive with Storeys of Lancaster providing free rolls of carpet backing to make a safe floor area, Beetham Paper Mill contributing rolls of paper for drawing and painting sessions and Mr Boddy giving £50 which provided a water table and sand table play areas. A Wendy House was built by Denise's husband and Jean's husband built two sturdy toy storage boxes complete with padded green leatherette tops which doubled as seating.

Sessions for around 25 children were initially on two mornings a week costing 5/- (25p) per child but available to all and funding was found if a family was financially constrained. It was eventually operating on four mornings

a week and in addition to a voluntary committee was run by a rota of Mums. The Mums were very conscientious about taking their turn and enjoyed it for the friendships they made and seeing their children gaining in confidence. Kath Hayhurst and Val Holland particularly remember the fun that was had with the annual Xmas Party and the Nativity Play was always a highlight.

This tradition of the Nativity Play continues today with Burton Pre-School. In the early 1990s' Val Yeadon, Kathryn Bell and Helen Dawson continued the drive to raise funds to keep the Playgroup going by organising jumble sales etc. and the system of a rota for Mums

was still in place, but later in that decade an application was made for Ofsted registration to comply with government standards and benefit from the funding available to parents of pre-school children aged 3 years.

The renamed Pre-School now has six staff all with an NVQ3, NNEB qualification or equivalent.

The equipment is now the very latest and complies with all current safety standards and the school has charitable status. However, there is still a voluntary committee, led by Chairman Wendy Barker, who organise fund-raising events; as always a very necessary addition to income.

Around 50 children from Burton and the surrounding villages are registered and there are daily sessions with typically about 24 children present. A curriculum guidance set by the government is followed, with a framework for each age group. Every month has a topic, be it the season, stories, food, music etc and colourful displays are put up in the hall. A noticeboard in the South entrance details a month at a time so that parents can see what their child is



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doing on any one day but as before the children enjoy learning through play and activities. On Wednesdays there is a family session where Mums can stay on with younger siblings, have coffee and enjoy a chat. Every four weeks at these sessions the health visitor will call for weighing of babies, feeding advice etc, saving a visit to the surgery. From those early days the aim of providing a stimulating environment for toddlers continues.

If you would like to feature your own organisation or group in this series, please contact me, Pat Johnson, on 01524 781277 or via e-mail at royandpat@gotovisual.com.

Lunesdale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

On The Tiles

Ms Anna Hallett BA, MA, gave the September illustrated talk to the Society on the history and evolution of Dutch Delftware tiles. I had always taken these humble ceramic wall coverings (mostly blue and white) very much for granted until Ms Hallett gave her talk. I had never queried the fact that they were mostly blue monochrome on a white ground until she pointed out that in 1602 porcelain first entered Dutch ports, and this was all blue and white. Until then, tiles had mouth-watering polychrome designs.

Tile-making had migrated from the Middle East to Europe in the late Middle Ages, until centres appeared first in Italy, then in the rest of Europe – especially Flanders and the Low Countries. Tiles were made of clay and baked in a kiln, covered with tin-glaze and finally decorated in many different colours – until, that is, the arrival of ceramics from China in 1602. The designs, all decorated by hand, were

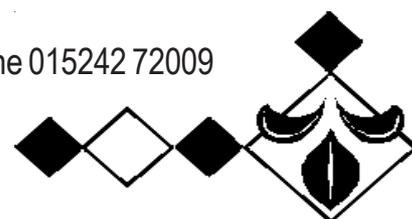


of fruits (pomegranates, grapes, oranges) and flowers (fritillaries, tulips, carnations and roses) and of craft or professions (bakers, tile makers, farmers). They were used to cover the walls of shops for hygienic purposes, to provide the surrounds of fire places, and finally, later, to be made into complete pictures for purely decorative purposes. These pictures were made up of several rows of tiles framed or mounted together. Galleons riding on the sea, hunting scenes and baskets of flowers were all favourite subject matter. These multi-tiled pictures did not really appear until the eighteenth century, by which time the craze for blue and white tiles had diminished and polychrome colours had once more reappeared.

All through the ages, whether monochrome blue and white, or multi-coloured, the corners of the tiles were decorated with very specific types of design which hardly varied over the centuries or with the change in tile fashion colours. These corner figures had delightful names such as ‘flower figures with oxheads’, ‘the Burgundian Lily’, the ‘Wan-Li’ ornament or the ‘Holy Trinity’ motif. I shall look again with more understanding every time I come across old tiles – especially to see what type of design is featured on the corners!

The next illustrated talk will be on Tuesday 17th October and is entitled “The Symbolism of Renaissance Jewellery – The Splendour of Sovereignty” – to be given by Miss Susan M Rumfitt MPhil BA (Hons). Lectures start promptly at 2.30 pm. Visitors welcome by arrangement.

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The Vicar Writes...

Who Will Be King?

If you've never played Tin Can Lurky or Capture The Flag in tall, thick bracken on a rainy wind swept hillside in the Lake District then, believe me - you've missed out. The 1st Burton Junior Boys descended on St John's in the Vale for an activity-packed weekend. The heavy rain that was forecast was a timely reminder that in this life we are not as in control as we may like to think we are, but it certainly didn't dampen enthusiasm.

We all had a great time taking part in squad competitions, donut-eating races, wide games, relays, water games, "archery" and spending time looking at the question "Who will be King". Nearby Blencathra, and the majesty of the hills and valleys brought home the beauty of God's creation, and was a reminder of the perfect relationship between man and God in Genesis 1 and 2. Here man accepts God's authority and recognises Him as King acknowledging that He has made all things and is in control. Yet man's selfishness got in the way, and we read that we turned away from God in disobedience and the open rebellion of sin, and it continues on to this day. We foolishly think and act as if we are king and in control of our lives, ignoring God and living for ourselves.

We need to ask ourselves : How can we believe that we are king when we aren't actually in control of all things. How can we think of ourselves as king and go our own way when we are answerable to a higher authority? Hebrews 9:27 clearly tells us that "man is destined to die once and be judged" – so denying the majesty and authority of God, and being wilfully disobedient will have

its consequences in that one day we all have to stand before Him and give an account of our lives! It makes you think!

Yet we are able to celebrate the good news of 1 Peter 3:18, that "Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous to bring you to God" as well as in John 3:16-21. The Lord Jesus came to this earth and died on the cross at Calvary so that anyone who commits their life to Him asking forgiveness for sin will have eternal life. He will take our sin away so that when we stand before God on the day of judgement we can do so purified and righteous. All we have to do is to make Jesus King of our lives, and allow Him to be in control.

We had a great time at St John's in the Vale, having fun and looking at that most important of questions for each of us : "Who will be King?" Sometimes the most simple of questions can be the most far reaching and life-changing of all. Who will be King in your life – yourself or Jesus?

Paul

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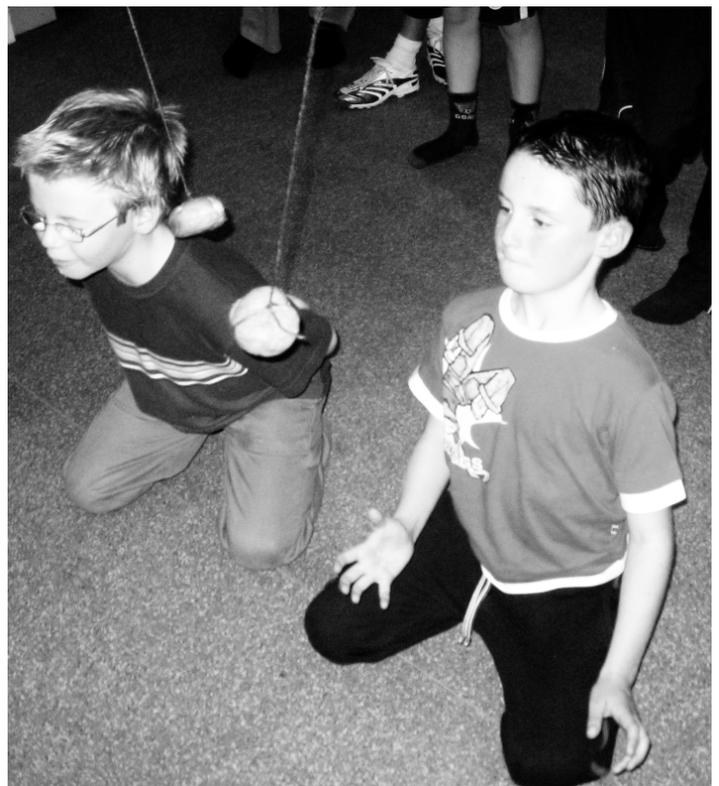
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Roger Reports On....

"What good's culture?" is a question I'm often asked as the County's Cabinet member for Culture and Communities. Generally, I answer that culture and Cumbria's varied communities are inextricably linked. Indeed there would be no distinct Cumbria if we did not have a special culture. I never cease saying that ours is 'no mere Anglo-Saxon part of England'. Not only do we have the finest landscape - not just in 'the Lakes' - but in our varied seascape and pastoral parts including the drumlin plain of Lower Kentdale. Our very language sets us apart from the rest of the country. Whether we speak dialect or 'received pronunciation' or are natives or 'off comers' we all refer to our moors as 'fells', our streams as 'becks', 'gills' or 'sykes', our lakes as 'meres' or 'tarns', cowsheds as 'shippons', marshes as 'mosses'; whilst other places have alleys, snickets or wynds our towns like Kendal have 'ghynnels'. Hence by championing our distinct culture we contribute to the County Council's central theme of 'Building Pride in Cumbria'. We also produce income through 'heritage industries' ranging from Beatrice Potter and Wordsworth attractions to the Heron Corn Mill and Theatre at Beetham. In financial terms the return (known as 'leverage') on cultural grants is impressive. In the case of Kendal's Brewery Arts or Keswick's Theatre by the Lake every pound Cumbria grants generates another £28.

In our parishes Neighbourhood Forum Grants to village halls, recreation areas and sports, voluntary organisations like youth groups, arts exhibitions and Burton Amateur Dramatics (but of course!) all help our communities to come together. All these are extra to the services provided by our 52 libraries, 8 mobile library vans, 5 archives centres and support for museums, art galleries, Prism Arts for disabled people and Arts in Education. Regarding my 'Community Portfolio' the Council's sponsoring of Voluntary Action Cumbria has helped reinvigorate rural life following Foot and Mouth Disease in supporting Rural Women's Groups, Enterprise Schemes, Village Halls Projects along with grants to Voluntary Action Cumbria, Citizens Advice Bureaux and the Cumbria Association of Local Councils. Apart from indicating why my responsibilities on 'the County' are far from trivial the above list may indicate, also, why I have to go up to Carlisle almost every day. Not that I support a Carlisle-centric approach to the County - especially since the Carlisle office fixed the September Council for the same day as Westmorland County Show! I hope that my resulting fury prevent other date clashes.

Despite my championing of 'Culture and Communities' I will have a hard job getting more finance for 2007-08 - as the Budget Process is particularly difficult this time round. Our main worries include waste reduction, Children's Services and Highways. At just one (of many) Cabinet working groups we were told of extra spending in education welfare caused by increased payments, required by law, for Child Protection; that the estimated occupancy in older people's care homes is less than is budgeted. Unavoidably this means that unused accommodation is still being paid for as e.g. if a 24 bed home has two vacancies instead of the average of one

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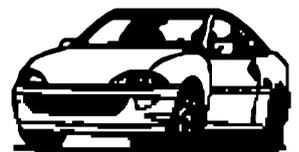
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On roads: the relatively severe winter of 2005-2006 led to increased costs. Part of the problem was caused by the gritters being sent out early in the evenings following frost reports when subsequently the temperature turned mild. We are asking for more precise forecasts. Even so, the Council must always err on the side of safety. Awkwardly during 2006-07 we have already used some of our winter maintenance funds by having to grit icy roads in April during the current financial year. Despite sensational media reports the cost of Cumbria's gritting melting tar during the July heat wave was, I'm told, 'negligible'. On waste reduction we had a fierce debate about incineration versus baling and removal to distant landfill or recycling sites. From my days as Chairman of the District Council's Environmental Health I have observed many plans for incineration which either have not got off the ground or which - as in the case of one in Sheffield - have been costly failures. Greenpeace has also warned me that incineration is adding to Global Warming. Even so a majority of my colleagues opted for 'incineration'.

Nuclear issues have been equally controversial. I have doubts about the government's Nuclear New Build programme. But, in particular I am worried about a suggestion that a local vote should be taken if a new nuclear power station is to build in an area. I want to know what is local? Would it be all of Cumbria or just the west coast near existing nuclear installations, which employ so many local people? I have not heard if Heysham power station is being considered but if it was would we who

live only 15 miles away be allowed to vote though we live in Cumbria? On these and any other issues please let me know what you think.

Finally thank you to all who braved the torrents for the Hospital March on 2nd September, and thanks also for your co-operation during the renewal work on the pavements. I know it seems to be going at a snail's pace - but at least (and at last) the work is being done.

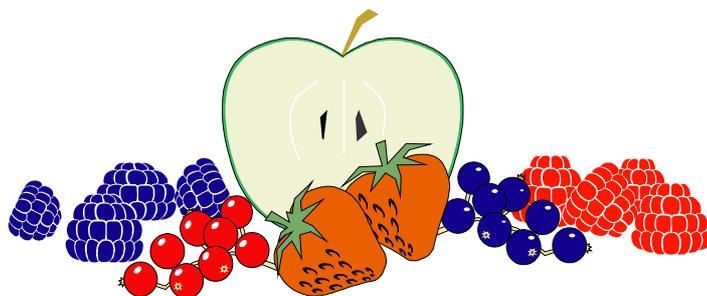
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Editorial...

Didn't they do well !

It was a long time coming, and not without some fraught exchanges along the way, but Burton now has newly-surfaced pavements - sans-potholes - at last! Well done to all involved in getting this sorted, though it's sad that the adage about the 'squeaky wheel getting the grease' is all too evident in these days of budgetary trimming.

Now to work a similar magic on the state of Station Lane from the motorway bridge to the railway bridge, which has rapidly deteriorated these past few months. Not helped by the badly-leaking canal aqueduct no doubt - again reported but so far nothing appears to be happening about a repair. Moss Lane was recently re-surfaced and that wasn't anything like as bad as this section of road, as anyone running over the large potholes can attest to.

BN reaches places others do not!

It's surprising where your *Burton News* ends up being read, whether by a copy being posted by friends or through the web site. We know it gets posted to several world wide locations as well as other places in the UK, but wherever you read *BN* in the world could you drop us a line and tell us how and where you get it?

BN tests your brain again...

But not too much, so don't think you need to be 'Brain of Britain' to have a go at our Quiz Night. The emphasis is on having fun, not dredging up some esoteric snippet of information. So come along and join us in the Kings on the 25th if you can.

End of summer & the nights draw in...

So don't forget to put the clocks back an hour on the last weekend in October or you'll miss out on that extra hour in bed. Or maybe leave the clock set and when the alarm goes off you can then snuggle down for an extra hour - lovely! Once the clocks have gone back and it's dark earlier, can we appeal for you to still clean up after your dog when you walk it - the mess may not be visible at night but it still causes problems - especially in poorly lit streets.

AN & BJM



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

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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 alongside.

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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

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Burton Post Office	01524 781828
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HELPLINE
0808 800 5000

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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. 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.

www.burton-in-kendal-pc.gov.uk

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

30th ANNUAL BURTON ONION SHOW
in The Kings Arms
Sunday 1st October

**Burton Memorial Hall
Management Committee Meeting**

Thursday 5 October
7.30 pm in the BMH

All user groups are invited to send a representative

**Burton Road Race 10K
& Fun Run**



Sunday 8th October

Details from Chris & Sarah Jones
01524 781113

Burton Bowling Club

Coffee Morning
Saturday 28 October

10.00 am - 12.00 noon
in the Memorial Hall

Admission 50p inc tea/coffee & biscuits
Various stalls

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Annual Quiz Night
Plus Raffle

Wednesday 25 October
8.00 pm for 8.30 pm start

Teams of four £1 per person
Quizmaster: David Williamson

Please come & support YOUR village newsletter!



**BBC CHILDREN IN NEED
QUIZ NIGHT & RAFFLE**

Wednesday 15 November
Kings Arms, Burton

See November BN for full details

BMH = Burton Memorial Hall

Advance Notice!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRACKER
in aid of St James' Church, Burton

Saturday 18th November
10.00am - 12.30pm in BMH

FREE ADMISSION

Auction ~ Christmas Crafts ~ Bric-a-Brac ~ Games
Sweets ~ Mulled wine ~ Cakes ~ Bacon Butties
and more!

Advance Notice!

Burton Children's Sports Committee

Bonfire Night 5th Nov
RECREATION GROUND

6.30pm Lighting Bonfire - 7.00pm Fireworks
Please note DUE TO THE CHANGE IN VENUE
we will no longer accept material for the bonfire.

70s/80's/90's Disco

Saturday 18th November - 8-12pm

BMH - Fancy dress optional

Tickets available from the Tearoom at Deerslet

Xmas Bingo 23rd November

6.30 doors open, eyes down at 7.30 - BMH

Children's Christmas Parties

10th December at BMH

2.00 - 4.30 (younger children)
and 6.00 - 8.30 (older children)

Make a note of these dates in your diary today!

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Please send us your letters - articles - events
news - stories - recipes etc for publication

Drop them into The Newsagents, Main St., Burton
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LAST DATE FOR COPY FOR NEXT ISSUE
20th October for November issue

Next Meeting (open to all readers)
Monday 9th October at 6.00 pm in BMH