



The **Burtonian**

Burton in Lonsdale
Village Newsletter

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50p - free to Residents

The Clock has lost its Chime

If you can think back to 2020, it was awful when the Church Clock suddenly stopped. Because of the pandemic we weren't able to get the repair company back for ages. But we did, and generous grants and giving from the village enabled us to replace the auto winders and get it working again.

Since then it has stopped periodically to everyone's frustration, and since it was repaired a few weeks ago the strike has stopped again! When we went up to the clock chamber to investigate we realised that something very odd had happened and the heavy weights had crashed to the floor. We cannot account for this, but if anyone has been up to take a look we would ask that they let us know what happened. Speak to Christine Whitfield or leave a message on 64875. Thank you.



NHS
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Community Defibrillation Information Session

led by

YAS Community Defibrillation Trainer, Chrissy Blakeley

14th October 2023

10 am Village Hall

Come and learn how to CPR.

How to check when a person isn't breathing

Hear what happens when you call 999, how the call is triaged and how a defibrillator works and is accessed.

Think - If a Cardiac Arrest happened where you are now, would you know what to do, where would the nearest AED be? Come to the information session. You could help save a life.

Front Cover: One of Cathy Rowland's fabulous series of photos
"The Road to Low Bentham"

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Next Copy Date: 15th November 2023

Village Diary

30 Sep	Saturday	10:00	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Village Hall
05 Oct	Thursday	09:30	Stay & Play	Church Room
06 Oct	Friday	10:00	Coffee & Chat	Village Hall
07 Oct	Saturday	14:00	Jumble Sale*** for Village Hall Funds	Ingleton Community Centre
07 Oct	Saturday	19:30	Film Night : <i>The Banshees of Inisherin</i>	Village Hall
12 Oct	Thursday	09:30	Stay & Play	Church Room
14 Oct	Saturday	10:00	Defibrillator Training	Village Hall
19 Oct	Thursday	09:30	Stay & Play	Church Room
19 Oct	Thursday	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
21 Oct	Saturday	14:30	Concert&Cakes : <i>Hercules Jazz Duo</i>	Church
21 Oct	Saturday		<i>Jim Berry & the Dots</i>	Village Hall
26 Oct	Thursday	09:30	Stay & Play	Church Room
03 Nov	Friday	10:00	Coffee & Chat	Village Hall
04 Nov	Saturday	10:00	PALS Book Cafe	Village Hall
04 Nov	Saturday	19:30	Film Night: <i>The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry</i>	Village Hall
16 Nov	Thursday	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
18 Nov	Saturday	14:30	Concert&Cakes : <i>Rosamund Brass</i>	Church
18 Nov	Saturday		Music Night Fundraiser " <i>Sicknotes</i> "	Village Hall
25 Nov	Saturday	10:00	All Saints Church Advent Fair	Village Hall

*** Please deliver jumble to the Village Hall between 12 and 6pm on Friday 6th Oct.

The Multi-Use Games Area - MUGA - Help needed fundraising

The MUGA will be 26 years old this December. It has well well-used over the years by Burtonians and many others from surrounding communities.

The playing surface is now well past its design life and needs replacing to make the MUGA viable for sports use in any weather conditions, bar snow, and severe frost.

Over the years and particularly more recently, volunteers have maintained the MUGA. But the major challenge at the moment is to raise enough money to replace the playing surface, This will cost around £35000.

We are looking for a willing volunteer (or volunteers), who has the experience and skills to look to the various sports and community bodies that potentially can help provide the finance for a new playing surface. If you wish to help then it would be great to hear from you.

Please contact Ian Parker, Chair of Burton Community Sports and the Parish Council Recreation Committee

at 07786977861 or email ianparker1947@gmail.com

Coffee- and- Cake for the Red Cross - Jeny and John Keen

The Coffee and Cake morning at John and Jeny's house raised £550 for the Red Cross.

The money will be used to care for destitute asylum seekers, who have had to escape from their own countries .

John and Jeny are very grateful to all the helpers and to the guests, who contributed so much to make the morning such a success

From Teena and Malcolm Taylor

We would like to offer heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with their move on July 27th.

We could not believe that 15 people gave up their time on a miserable day to help us, lifting heavy furniture and walking with loads of stuff to our new home.

To Marilyn and David for inviting us for a delicious tea on moving day and Rebecca for helping all day even in the pouring rain and to Ian Thompson who answered our earlier call for help without hesitation, we appreciate it so much.

We are overwhelmed. We really are lucky to live in such a wonderful village.

Thank You

Jumble to collect now? Please phone 07971487363 for details.

Burton in Lonsdale Village Hall Committee are holding

A Jumble Sale

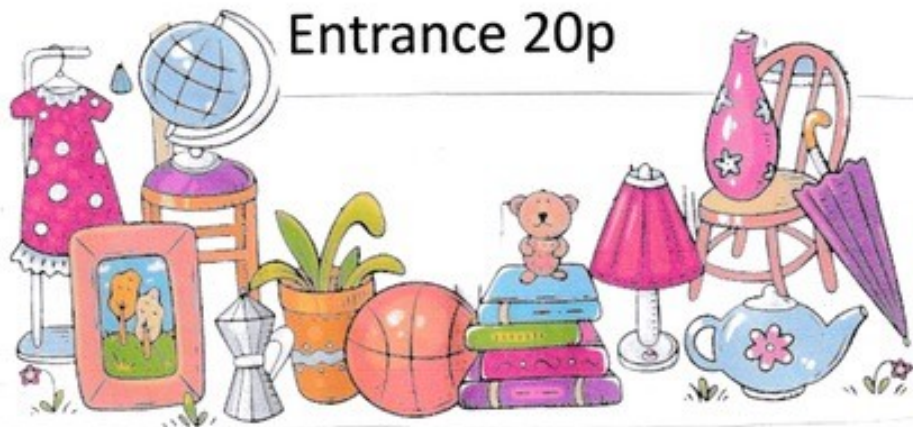
Ingleton Community Centre

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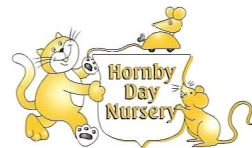
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Can we get a Walking Football group set up?

Walking Football is a small-sided ball game created by John Croot in 2011. It is a sport for all skill and fitness levels and playing should help improve these as well as participants' wellbeing.

Check out more information at www.EnglandFootball.com walking football.

We would use the MUGA (all-weather pitch) at the recreation field and if you are interested in participating/helping please contact Ian Parker at ianparker1947@gmail.com or <tel:07786977861>.

Lunesdale Probus Club October meetings.

2nd October Sarah Drake will talk to us about **The Work of Cancer Care** at Slynedales Lancaster.

16th October Roger Jump of the Lancashire Beekeepers Association will talk on **Bees and Beekeeping**. This will include information on the valuable environmental contribution of beekeeping.

Guests always welcome, 10.15am at the Hornby Village Institute.

For further information please contact - Roger Carter. 015242 22283



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All the artists we bring are classically trained musicians, either recent or current students, from the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester. This is where the culture of getting together as a group – Chamber Music – was first nurtured into the world-renown department it now is by the late Dr Chris Rowland, Burton in Lonsdale resident and violinist.

On Saturday 21st October we have the Hercules Jazz Duo, presenting a programme of jazz and blues with Cuban and Brazilian influences.

On Saturday 18th November, we are thrilled to welcome back Rosamund Brass, with a new programme of music and fresh from winning the audience prize at this year's Chris Rowland International Chamber Music Competition.

On Saturday 17th February we have the superb Talland String Quartet and on Saturday 16th March we have MalletSquared, our first percussion duo, and judges' winners of the 2023 Chris Rowland International Chamber Music Competition.

All concerts start at 2.30pm and take place at All Saints Church. If you'd like to help, or go on the email list, contact concertandcakes@outlook.com

Burton in Lonsdale Village Hall

Coffee and Chat

Friday October 6th

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10am -12 Noon

BURTON-IN-LONSDALE VILLAGE HALL PRESENTS:
AN EVENING OF VARIETY

Saturday 21 October 2023

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Notes from an Unintended Naturalist

In a short time, we have changed seasons and the extreme heat of the late Indian summer, has given way to high winds and heavy rain. If we humans find this a challenge, it is so much greater, for those we share our land with.

The gathering swallows and house martins, that chattered to each other only a matter of weeks ago, have now long gone, on their journey to Africa. Our gardens have slipped into autumnal colours and the insects will have sought safe places to rest. Wonderful creative bug “hotels” are now popular, but piles of logs and dead wood are also perfect places of sanctuary for our insect life.

The corvids have become ragged black shapes, buffeted in the strong winds. The jackdaw family, who live in the chimney pot of the house opposite, cling on to their familiar territory, before flying off for food.

My pond, here in Burton, is home to many small amphibians and insects. The quiet surface belies the numbers of small creatures which will be diving in the murky bottom, over the coming months. The grey heron still visits, for fish. I have been more concerned to encourage our native newts, frogs and toads than to preserve imported fish (beautiful though they are) and so I was never going to discourage the heron, by covering the pond with netting. With its huge, six feet wingspan, the heron languidly moves its wings; with that huge eye, watching for any movement, it swoops down to pick up morsels, in its long beak.

I once lost count of the number of nests in an oak spinney in mid Wales, where so many pairs of herons set up their straggly and untidy nests in social proximity. It was the first time I had seen a heronry. Situated near the mouth of the Dyfi Estuary, the herons will have found ample food over the summer months.

It is in the winter that they would struggle with scarce resources: on a winter visit to Ediths Wood some years ago, I saw a beautiful, but haggard heron, which would have surely have died of starvation.

The heron family include Little Egrets. In the last couple of decades, these small and graceful, pure white, birds, with slender black beaks and yellow feet have re-established, after centuries of near extinction. They were hunted in the middle ages for their meat and their soft white feathers, prized for fashion.

They weigh only 12 to 19 ozs. Upwards of 700 pairs are now breeding successfully in the UK. I have seen some on our River Greta, as well as the wetlands and estuaries of Morecambe Bay. The larger, heavier Great Egrets, are also gradually settling here. But it is the Little Egret - with its equally graceful scientific name, *Egretta Garzetta*, that is such a joy to see.

Earlier in September, I was walking up the garden on a warm summer evening. The sky was a heavenly blue, mottled with a glorious pattern of tiny white rounded clouds- a perfect “mackerel sky”. I remarked on this to the visitors, staying next door who were also enjoying this early evening light. We were all looking up and saw a golden glow on the underside of a pure white Little Egret, flying directly overhead.

The yellow feet were visible trailing behind the small but distinctive form and we gazed up, in silence, at this little silhouette before it disappeared into the clouds.

It was a special moment - which somehow marked the end of summer.

Let's hear it for the VOSCY Mike Biles

Did someone ask, "What's that?" Good question. The 'VOSCY' refers to the old closed churchyard that borders Chapel Lane. It is an acronym for 'Very Old and Separate Churchyard', a moniker awarded long ago by someone who presumably thought alternative labels were too simple, or not long enough. Other churchyards are available, but one difference is that responsibility for maintaining the VOSCY rests with the Parish Council (don't ask why) whereas the others are the responsibility of the Church (Parochial Church Council). So now you know.



So far as I'm aware, the VOSCY is Burton's oldest identified burial ground. It lies close to the historic heart of the village, where the old chapel of ease once stood, before the brand-new church was built in the 1870s. Some folk make it part of a regular circular walk. It is a lovely, peaceful, spot and the views are terrific. It is always open, via the black iron gate off Chapel Hill, or from the graveyard on the southern side of the Church, parallel with Leeming Lane. If you haven't visited lately, have a stroll

through.

The regular reader knows that the PC has resolved to do a better, more consistent, job of maintaining VOSCY. It is, after all, a community asset. Plans include keeping parts of the area regularly mowed and, this year, planting some wildflower seeds for next year. But, we have a problem. The work is being done by volunteers and a combination of bad weather and sick strimmers has meant

we are behind programme. We desperately need a couple of additional people with robust strimmers to join the team and also need people prepared to rake grass, trim stuff, mow and so on. The more people on tap, the more we can achieve and the easier the job becomes. So, if you think you can help, please drop an email now to mike.biles1@btinternet.com



Village Produce Show

Teena, Rebecca, Loretta, Christine & Julie



The village produce show on the 9th September proved to be a wonderful occasion with an amazing 200 entries across 30 classes!

The judges had a really difficult task in choosing winners from all the amazing entries of paintings, photos, cakes, bread, jams, chutneys, vegetable of all shapes and sizes and an array of beautiful flowers.



We were delighted to introduce a cup, to be awarded annually, in honour of the late Peter Kitching. This is awarded to entrants who gain the most points across classes. Congratulations to Jane Burns who was awarded the Adult Cup and Ted Sedgwick the Junior Cup.



Thank you to all who supported the show in numerous ways. We hope to build on this year's success and make it a permanent event in the village calendar, so look out for next year's classes in the spring edition of the *Burtonian*!



BURTON-IN-LONSDALE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW.

Memories of Jane Burns (nee Brown)

I guess my first memories of Show Day are of being entered into the Fancy Dress parade and competition, along with my twin sister Anne and brother Frank.

Mother Clara was a talented needlewoman and craft person, so each year she had to think of outfits to make.

My favourite costume was a Rose. Anne was a Daisy. The idea was taken from my picture book 'Flower Maidens', which I still have. All the costumes were made from everyone's must-have material (crepe paper).

I guess it was about 1950, when we would be around five years old.

My earliest prize cards are dated 21st August 1954, the year that the show moved to Richard Thornton's School. I was aged nine.

There were only four Children's classes in 1954.

Class 65 Best collection of Wild Flowers in a 2lb jam jar for children under 10yrs
I won 2nd prize!

Class 66 As above, children over 10yrs and under 15yrs.

Class 67 Handicraft for children under 15yrs - 3rd prize.

Class 68 Needlecraft for children under 15 yrs - 1st prize.

Other Children's classes followed, "A Miniature Garden", Art, Collage, Knitting, "Collection of Wild Fruits", "Decorated Paper Plate", "An Imaginary Animal"(using Vegetables, fruits, nuts), Baking, "A Named Collection of Leaves", A Photograph, and, of course, Handwriting from a submitted poem printed in the schedule. Oh what a challenge that was, how often I just got to near the end, when a word was spelt wrong or there was a blob of ink on the paper, and I had to start again. Sometimes, the waste bin was almost full of screwed up paper.

The Annual Show was the highlight of the Village year, with everyone looking forward to receiving their schedule and marking off the classes, that were of interest and deciding if your flowers and vegetables were of a high enough standard for the show bench.

There were sections for Vegetables, Pot Plants, Floral , Floral Art, Fruit, Eggs, Domestic, Handicraft, Children's, Art, and Photography. Over the years, different sections were added or deleted from the schedule.

Having staged the exhibits, a bell rang, the School was vacated and the judges arrived. After judging, a lovely lunch was given to both judges and stewards.

At 1-45pm the Show was opened by the Show President who, for many years was Dr T.L. Dowell. He was accompanied by his wife, Dr Elizabeth Dowell.

Mr Roy Vickers succeeded Dr Dowell, and the last President of the Society was Mr Cliff Humphries.

It was then time to see if you agreed with the judges allocation of prize cards, rosettes and trophies.

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BURTON-IN-LONSDALE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW.

Memories of Jane Burns (nee Brown) (continued from previous page)

Giggleswick & Settle Brass Band or Kirkby Lonsdale Brass Band played during the afternoon, there were sports and the Committee provided wonderful refreshments.

The Fancy Dress Parade, in earlier years, was in the evening. The trophies were presented by the President on the Village Green, and the day closed with a dance in the Village Hall.

1971 was the last year that a Dance was held. In 1974 or 1975 the Fancy Dress competition moved to one o'clock and the trophies were presented at the School. I joined the Committee in 1968 and the last year I served was in 1994. I was not on the Committee for all that time but I did serve for about fourteen years!

In later years, the Committee organized both Spring and Autumn Shows in the Village Hall.

The last *Burton-in-Lonsdale & District Horticultural Society Show* was held in the Village Hall in August 2004. Over the years fashions and people's interests change. The School was no longer available for outside use.

But what a legacy was left! Friendly rivalry on the show bench, exceptional skills, talents and creativity, all brought together by hard working and dedicated Committees.

When the Society finished, the show tables were given to the Village Hall and money in the account was used to purchase a seat for the School.

After the School closed, the seat was moved to ground by the River Greta. It has a brass plaque, saying it was donated by The Horticultural Society.

The 2023 Village Carol Service

It seems far too early to begin talking about the annual village Carol Service but, like many things the planning and preparation for it begin to happen as soon as the summer is over! So this is just to bring to the attention of everyone who might wish to come to it, that this year, the village Carol service will be taking place on the evening of **17 December 2023** in All Saints Church. As usual there will be a village choir rehearsing something special for it from the end of November on the Sunday afternoons leading up to the 17 December. A notice will go out about this at the beginning of November ...

It is a whole village event and all are welcome. If you have any constructive feedback from previous village Carol Services or fresh ideas for this one or just want to help with it in any way then please let us know by contacting me catherine.c.r.rowland@btinternet.com and sharing your reactions and ideas... preferably soon please as the planning is beginning now!!! So note the date... and come and sing and enjoy....!!!

You don't have to dig! - Bob Moore, Ingleborough Archaeology Group

Those of you who have watched Meet the Ancestors, Time Team or more recently Digging for Britain, will have the image that archaeology is just about people with unusual hair styles and jazzy sweaters kneeling in mud, trowel in hand.

Certainly, the excavation of possible archaeological remains is an important aspect of research. As a member of Ingleborough Archaeology Group (IAG), I have been privileged to take part in many excavations over the past few years. During last year's excavation we discovered a Bronze Age flint arrowhead in the site of an early medieval (6th to 10th century) shieling (a hut for seasonal pasture) site at Clapdale. Research by the group and with members also taking part in the Stories in Stone project, has thrown new light on the early medieval occupation of the area around Ingleborough. IAG has completed the shieling project with an excavation at Clapham Bottoms in July.

Excavation can only be justified if it is a means to answer specific research questions. Prior to excavation and as an alternative to it, there are many other activities IAG members are involved in from documentary research, to field walking and surveying. A major project currently being run by IAG is the surveying, measuring and recording of various Cairns ranging from the Neolithic to the Bronze Age. Looking at aerial photographs as well as LIDAR images often prompts research. LIDAR shows in detail many features not visible from the ground that can then be verified by fieldwork.



Of course not all members of the group either can or wish to spend time in fieldwork, so for all members IAG has an autumn and spring series of talks, with summer walks and visits focused on giving a better understanding of archaeology. Our walk in May followed a talk in January on Roman Roads and in September we will have a guided tour of the Raikes Road Burial Ground following our April talk on this.

If you are curious to find out more or already have an interest in archaeology, check the IAG website ingleborougharchaeologygroup.org.uk where you will find regular updates of our programme, online copies of field reports and other links. You can also email IAG at ingleborougharchaeologygroup@gmail.com. Talks and walks are open both to members and to visitors who are welcome for a £3 entrance. Talks are on the third Monday of the month at Ingleton Community Centre starting at 7.30pm. Autumn talks begin on Monday 18th September.



Himalayan Balsam

is a tall plant with pink flowers.

It is a major invasive, non-native flower. It often grows by water, where it crowds out indigenous flora and when it dies back in the Autumn, it leaves bare soil which is easily eroded. It is in two places on the Greta, just upstream from the bridge. It is also on the little beck near Longber Farm.

There are various ways to deal with this flower: you can bash it, break off the flower before it seeds, pull it up and leave it on the bank to dry or take it to a recycling centre but tell them what it is. The RHS site has lots of information.

'Once upon another Camino!' Cathy Rowland

In the light of last year's rather amazing number of people who wanted to hear about my 2022 walk and who nobly squashed themselves into my little cottage to do so, I have decided this year to hold several evenings instead, each with the same photos but with less people at each (I'm thinking about 8?) so that each evening can be tailored to the aspects of my 2023 Camino Portuguese that the people present are particularly interested in.

So...if you are interested please contact me directly:

catherine.c.r.rowland@btinternet.com and we'll find a suitable date. Likewise if anyone is planning to walk one of the Caminos themselves and wants to talk about any aspect of it then please feel free to get in touch.

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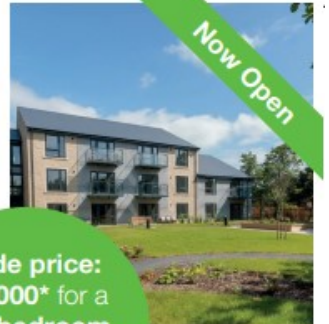
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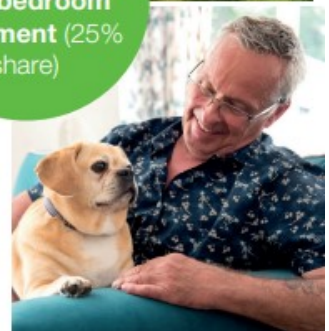
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Each year we welcome a young conductor from the graduate conducting course at the Royal Northern College of Music. This year's conductor is Maria Camila ("Maca") Barbosa, a pianist and conductor from Columbia, who has already an impressive CV with conducting appearances in Bogotá, Sao Paulo, Florence and Manchester – and even an earlier cameo appearance with Settle Orchestra!

We will be giving two concerts each term, one in Settle and one in Skipton. In the autumn we join forces with the Langcliffe Singers for Brahms' wonderfully moving and consoling "German Requiem", with concerts in Skipton on 18 November, conducted by Maca Barbosa, and in Settle on 25 November, conducted by Darren Everhart, a long-time favourite of local audiences.

For the concerts in spring and summer 2024 Maca has chosen some very popular and impressive works, including Elgar's cello concerto with Bob Buller, our principal cellist, Richard Strauss' first horn concerto, and Beethoven's seventh symphony.

We are always glad to hear from anyone who might like to join Settle Orchestra, or write music for us. We particularly welcome young instrumentalists and composers, and currently have vacancies for string and brass players. Rehearsals take place on Friday evenings in Settle. We sometimes need additional players for specific concerts and would be happy to hear from any local professionals interested in playing.



Why not come along to one of our concerts, in Settle or in Skipton, to enjoy an exhilarating evening, support local musicians and help keep music live? Full details of future concerts and contacts are on our website www.settleorchestra.org.uk, We look forward to seeing you soon!



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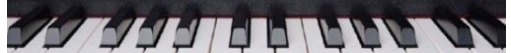
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Interview with Bill Wrathall.

Burtonian special correspondent, Kate Jurie, talks to Bill about village life and his incredible 36-year's service with the Royal Observation Corps.

So, tell us about your long association with Burton in Lonsdale Bill?

I was born in Lancaster in 1938 (which makes Bill 84 years young) and grew up on the family farm in Low Tatham. I went to the Lancaster Royal Grammer School (where I didn't get on terribly well with Latin) and then onto the University of Manchester to major in Geography. From about the age of 16 I started courting my late wife Rene, who was from the village, and also from a farming family. We were married in Burton in Lonsdale Church.

After University I started working for a bank and worked at the Lancaster, Salford and Marple Branches, the latter of which is where Rene and I lived for some years with our children Kim and Paul. When Rene's Dad died, we decided to return to the village so that Rene could take on the family farm which was her passion.

Tell us about the farm?

The farm, which occupies the land now surrounding the Mount Wellington buildings was around 30 acres and Rene started to specialise in livestock, particularly buying suckler cows in the spring – building them up and selling on. Rene's stock was well known for quality and farmers would travel a distance to come to her. I would help Rene out on the farm a lot, but I also worked in accountancy for many years to support us.

You look dashing today in your Royal Observer Corps (ROC) uniform Bill (which still fits perfectly) – tell us about your time of service?



I was with the ROC for 36 years in total, in various postings. After the second world war (WW2) it was a time of great flux leading into the Cold War; the Cuban Missile Crisis was a scary time for those who remember. This was before radar had been properly developed and mobilised and the network of WW2 'observers', stationed roughly every ten miles throughout the UK was re-commissioned to tackle the nuclear threat. We started out in small wooden huts observing the skies for enemy (or any aircraft), plotting the trajectory, height, and speed (using a Micklethwait height adjuster) and then alerting the 'Ops room' as to activity.

As the Cold War continued under-

ground bunkers replaced the wooden huts and there were 3 men stationed in these bunkers which were 8 x 12 feet, for 8-hour shifts at a time. I remember it being very cold and damp on occasion! I had observer postings in Bentham, Caton and Werneth Low (near Manchester). I eventually became a Chief Observer in 21 Group, I also achieved my long-service medal.

What do you enjoy doing these days Bill?

Very sadly, Rene died last year after a long illness. These days I still very much enjoy history, particularly history of the Pacific conflicts. I read and research a lot and really like to understand in detail how events unfolded, particularly around the Royal Air Force and aviation history, understanding who the pilots were who took part in the great battles. The story of the vanquished is just as important as understanding the story of the victor, there are always (at least) two sides to history. I also spend time tending to the sheep we graze on the land and attacking the thistles (although this is not a war I am winning).

Would you give any advice to the younger generation today?

Look at people for who they are, try not to add to their problems instead try to be helpful. You never know what can happen in life and it will be a mixture of good and bad but if you can share in the good times with others, then you are very lucky indeed!




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All Saints' Church News

Sunday Services in October and November

1 October	8 am	Holy Communion
	11 am	Joint Service with the Methodist Congregation
8 October	11 am	Holy Communion
15 October	8 am	Holy Communion,
	11 am	Morning Worship
22 October	11 am	Holy Communion
29 October	11am	Morning Worship
5 November	8 am	Holy Communion
	11 am	Joint Service with the Methodist Congregation
12 November	10.50 am	Village Service of Remembrance
19 November	8 am	Holy Communion
	11 am	Morning Worship
26 November	11 am	Advent Sunday (Holy Communion)

Other Services and Events in October and November

Advent Fair 25th November in Burton Village Hall; 10.30 – 12 noon

Stay and Play, our group for pre-school children (with parent or guardian) meets on Thursdays in the Church Room from 9.30 am until about 11.30. There will be a half-term break on 2nd November. New families are always very welcome. There are toys and other things to entertain the children and tea, coffee and chat for the adults. For further information e-mail the churchwarden on allsaintscw@gmail.com

Each Friday morning we normally meet at 10 am in the Church Vestry for a short simple time of **Prayers for the Parish**. Do feel free to join us for about 30 minutes.

Remembrance Sunday The congregation will assemble on the village green outside the church at 10.50 am. Light refreshments will be available after the service.

Harvest Festival Weekend Thank you to all who supported the Produce Show, Harvest Supper and Harvest Festival on 9th and 10th September. The weekend was enjoyed by all. Produce and harvest gifts were sent to the Food Bank in Bentham and £225 was collected during the weekend to be sent to St John's Hospice in Lancaster.

We have been asked by members of the village when Rev Denis will be replaced. There is no news on that yet but we now know that Canon Peter Greenwood will be the new Team Rector at Bentham, to be licensed on Thursday 26th October at 7pm (St John's Low Bentham).

He will then be able to progress the appointment of a Team Vicar for Burton in Lonsdale and Thornton in Lonsdale.

Best wishes Catherine, Church Warden at All Saints



And from our Church Warden....

As I write this, two tropical storms are crossing the Atlantic Ocean and forecasters are predicting thunderstorms, heavy rain and flooding over the next few days, this is after the lovely mini Indian Summer last week. We had an exceptionally hot and dry start to the year, but the school summer holidays were literally a wash out! Most people now accept that the changing weather patterns are due to the activities of mankind, particularly over the last 300 years.

Genesis 2:15 says “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it”. We recognize that all created things belong to God and that we are accountable to Him as stewards of the creation. We must manage the environment not simply for our own benefit but for God’s glory.

The PCC of All Saints Church are making strenuous efforts to reduce our carbon emissions, the aim is to be carbon neutral by 2030. Sadly the huge church, with an antiquated oil fired boiler is not an easy challenge to deal with, the south facing high roof and sloping church yards would be ideal to generate power from solar sources, but the initial costs of installing the infrastructure is at present beyond the resources of the PCC. But we can still attempt to enhance the world and, with the help we have received from the local community, we are improving the church grounds. The Boon days this year have been magnificent. Such wonderful help from the village. Next year we would like to make part of the grounds more beautiful still and introduce wild flowers, creating areas which will be reminiscent of the meadows that I remember as a child. The church grounds have many benches, which are used by walkers groups for picnic lunches, at other times people from the village just sit and contemplate.

As a village we all need to help to prevent climate change – reducing our demands for power and “things” and recycle as much as we can and whilst doing these things – continue to improve our environment by any means which we can.

Blessings to you all, Catherine

Christmas is Coming!

Yes – only 12 weeks until Christmas! Whilst on my summer holiday I bought my Christmas cards and started to think about presents for the family, but in the village Church and Chapel community we are also starting to think about the time leading up to Christmas, the time of Advent and, as we approach the festival, the Village Carol Service. The Carol Service will be held in All Saints Church, 6.30 pm on Sunday 17th December. As in previous years there will be a choir and we are looking for volunteers to join. No experience necessary – just enthusiasm to help to lead the carols during the service. If you would like to sing with us, please contact Cathy Rowland or Cathy Birtwistle (allsaintscw@gmail.com)

News from the Shop

More Improvements to come!

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