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There might seem to be an excess of articles about the Parish Council this month but it is a busy time on that front. By the time you read this, our long-serving Parish Clerk will have retired and there are the four yearly elections for councillors on the 5th May. The Parish Council does a lot in and around the village and needs support from you all to guide them as they decide how to spend your money.

Do think about standing as a councillor or applying for the part-time paid job as Parish Clerk. But be quick, nominations for the elections close on the 5th April and applications for the Clerk's job close on the 12th.

On a lighter note (literally), the clocks have sprung forward and we are looking ahead to better weather and longer days. More time in the garden or out walking (see pages 9 & 19).

And, more good news, B4RN is now fully funded (see page 13) with enough subscribers and will be going ahead. Perhaps some of us will be able to watch iPlayer without buffering in the not too distant future.

As always, please keep your comments and articles coming, they are the backbone of the Burtonian.

David & Marilyn

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The various Websites and Facebook pages for lots of Village Organisations are listed on the LINKS page of the Village Hall Website.

www.burton-in-lonsdale-village-hall.co.uk/links

Burton in Lonsdale Parish Council Recreation Committee—10th February 2022

Attendees were Ian Parker (chair), Mike Illsley, Stuart Handley (as PC member), S Gregory and Coun D Taylor, as an observer.

In the past volunteers had been requested to oversee the Pavilion & MUGA, Heather & Keith Watts have volunteered as well as Ian Thompson. Mike Illsley has agreed to take on inspections from IT; and there was a lot of discussion about costs, meter readings, water & electricity usage.

The biggest discussion was about drainage and flooding, starting with the MUGA as it is necessary to sort this out before any consideration of a new surface there. It was agreed that the problem lay at source and that no amount of drainage would sort the MUGA unless there was a way to get the water away. The solution should encompass the road, the footpath and the cart track. Investigations to be done.

The issue of storage of football equipment was raised and it is proposed to build an extension to the existing pavilion for this purpose. There were misgivings about spending a large sum on what amounts to storage for an outside club. It was agreed to put in for planning (at no cost) and take it forward if funding could be secured in the form of a grant.

The fence between the playground and the carpark (long discussed and agreed) will be installed imminently. Ian P asked if we had enough money and SG replied that there was £29k (Covid money) allocated to the area although this had not been approved by councillors. It was mentioned that Burton Community Sports has funds in the bank.

There was some discussion about the installation of the replacement boards around the MUGA, looking for volunteers. Apparently this will amount to about 240 man hours, not a trivial job.

Hire Fees - The standard charge is £10/hour for residents and £12 for non-residents. But the junior football club are currently paying a promotional rate. And, they are using the kitchen to raise funds. Ian P said this needed to change.

Burton in Lonsdale Parish Council Meeting – 24th February 2022

The meeting was chaired by Coun Tate in the absence of Coun Handley.

Coun Tate was appointed Vice Chairman until the elections on 4th May. The casual vacancy on the council was filled by the co-option of Pete Thompson. A discussion ensued regarding the recruitment of a new clerk brought about by the retirement of the present clerk on 31st March. A special PC meeting will be convened in the near future to finalise these arrangements and the role will then be advertised.

PLANNING

Other items on the agenda concerned the request to remove temporary holiday accommodation restriction on two properties on Barnoldswick Lane enabling them to be offered for sale as residential properties on the open market, which had been rejected previously by Craven DC planning dept. After lengthy discussion the PC agreed to support the application.

The PC had no objection to an application to remove a tree at Thornton House near the track to All Saints Church.

MAINTENANCE AND FLOOD ISSUES

There was a discussion in relation to works proposed down at the recreation field, including replacement of broken bollards and additional gravel to the car park. It was felt that this was work that was necessary and the council gave the go ahead for this. Still at the recreation ground, the subject of poor drainage was raised. This is an ongoing issue which is being looked into and no decision on how this will be addressed has yet been made. It was also felt that the re-surfacing was resolved as this had an impact upon the maintenance of this facility.

There is a big problem with flood damage to the footpath leading to the sports field and also to the footpath on the cart track at the community orchard. Repairs have been made several times and a large drain installed but this has not prevented more flood damage. The highways department have been contacted regarding this but as yet no response has been received. It was resolved to chase this up as a matter of urgency. The subject of replacement bollards at the riverside land was discussed and a quotation for this work was approved and accepted.

PLATINUM JUBILEE

The sub-committee set up to facilitate village celebrations for the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee in early June requested the permission of the PC to arrange a classic car event on the village green. The sub-committee pledged to rectify any ensuing damage to the grass that this may cause but also agreed not to hold the event if bad weather had rendered the grass to be too soft. This was agreed by councillors.

B4RN – An arrangement had been made for the pavilion to receive free broadband from B4RN in exchange for B4RN being allowed to put a HUB on the riverside land. It was felt that free broadband would be much more beneficial to the village if it were available at the village hall and so an approach is to be made to B4RN to ask if they would consider this instead.

Parish Council Meeting - 24th March 2022

The meeting began with a statement from Coun Tate, a full version of which can be seen on page 15 of the Burtonian.

Local Elections 5 May 2022 – It was hoped that people in the village interested in becoming a Parish Councillor would apply. A flyer has been distributed to every house encouraging an interest.

Lych Gate – A member of the public raised the question about the maintenance of the Lych Gate, which until very recently was deemed to be the responsibility of the PC and has been in a poor state of repair for many years. Discussions followed concerning future responsibility of this much loved village feature.

Bus Services – There will no longer be a direct service to Lancaster from the village, this service will now have to be accessed from Kirkby Lonsdale.

Planning – Permission granted for the change of use for the Methodist Church into two dwellings.

Clerk's Vacancy – Adverts have gone out for the position of clerk to the PC following the retirement of the existing clerk on 31 March. Any interested parties for this paid role should apply asap.

B4RN – Consideration was given to the siting of free B4RN connection and usage – should it be the Pavilion or the Village Hall. It was decided unanimously that the Village Hall was the most appropriate place for this.

Recreation Field and Flooding Issues – a very long and comprehensive discussion took place concerning several issues surrounding the deterioration of the MUGA all weather facility and the need to replace the whole surface at considerable cost. Whilst there is no question that this needs doing there are considerations surrounding poor drainage to the whole area which it was felt should be addressed before any serious money is committed. Last week Councillors Biles and Taylor together with the clerk, met with a representative from Highways and a local landowner to consider the wider problem of flooding of the whole area including the footpath, the orchard and the MUGA and Bowling Green. There is no easy solution and further investigations are needed.

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Tree Planting – It was proposed and approved that the WW1 memorial tree be planted on the village green close to the existing memorial, that 2 trees be planted by PALS at the recreation ground to replace those felled last year a Crab Apple tree in memory of Tom Dodgson also be planted in the same area.

The final item was a report commissioned by the Councillors into the actions of the PC surrounding the issue of Harris Garth last year and earlier this year. This report was intended to highlight where mistakes had been made and to be put on record so that similar mistakes do not happen again.

The meeting closed with thanks to Sue Gregory, the retiring clerk and Councillors wished her a happy retirement.

These reports are only intended to be a brief outline of the meetings concerned and a much fuller version can be found by reading the minutes which are published on the village web site.



BOOK CAFÉ



The next Book Café will take place on Saturday, April 9th from 10am – 12 noon in the village hall. As usual, there will be loads of tempting cakes served with tea or coffee and a selection of books to browse and borrow. We like to provide a good choice of interesting, quality reading for you to enjoy so please do bring along any up to date, recent novels or similar to add to our selection. Please don't bring old books in poor condition as we have limited storage space and no way of offloading them.

We look forward to seeing you all again and please see below details of two competitions being launched by PALS at the event.

Calling all Burton children (and mums and dads)!

Burton Pals with Trowels are holding two exciting competitions this summer:-

Come to the Book Café in the Village Hall on 9 April to find out about two exciting competitions.

There will be a sunflower contest: height and size of flower and a potato contest: heaviest and biggest. The judging will take place on the day of the Produce Show in September.

You can collect your sunflower seeds from the Book Café, take them home and plant them in a large pot with some good compost, water, feed and watch them grow.

To enter the potato contest we will provide you with a seed potato and a bag to grow it in. You will have to provide your own compost and water!

See you there.

W I BENCH

We have a lovely new bench in our village which overlooks both the orchard and the river. This has been beautifully made by Stephen Tyrer, from a design by Luca Dodgson, a Yr9 pupil at QES. Stephen has given most generously of his skill and his time, not only producing it but also installing it. It really is a lovely addition to the area.

The bench commemorates Burton in Lonsdale WI, 1949 to 2021, see below the new bench and Plaque dedicated by Past President Jill Peel and members of Burton WI.

Burton WI and Pals



Settle Ingleton & Bentham Mobile Rural Watch

In March, The Settle Ingleton Bentham Mobile Rural Watch have been helping to protect the rural communities in the area for the last two and a half years. Formed by volunteers in September 2019 and recognised as the only police approved Rural Watch Group covering the eight Craven District Council Wards of Bentham, Hellifield & Long Preston, Ingleton & Clapham, Penyghent and Settle & Ribblesbanks, the volunteers act as the eyes and ears for the police, communicating directly with them via a WhatsApp Group. Members report directly to the Police on any suspicious activity they see day or night and can take part in joint Police and Rural Watch Patrols throughout the area. The group are making a real difference to rural crime in our local communities; we have been instrumental in passing on key information about suspicious activity to North Yorkshire Police, which has led to a number of arrests and recovery of stolen property. A Steering Group made up of members and a Police Sergeant run the group, which now has an office at Ingleton Police Station. Each member going out on a night patrol is equipped with a Kit Bag of essential equipment. For safety reasons, another member working from home monitors each night patrol. These monitors follow and track via computer, the movement of members and are in constant radio contact, ready to respond to any request to report or record any suspicious or unusual activity to police. We do not need to monitor members travelling around during the day as they are at less risk and they can report directly to police via the WhatsApp Group on anything suspicious.

We work to a Police approved Code of Conduct and had permission to continue to patrol throughout the lockdown period, when instead of working in pairs, the majority of members patrolled solo. Our area is large and we are now seeking to recruit more volunteers especially from the farming community, as these are often the target of the travelling criminals, but anyone over eighteen with good local knowledge, a mobile phone, and preferably a car, can join.

Anyone wishing to join our voluntary group would have to agree to abide by the Code of Conduct, our policies in respect of Radio and WhatsApp communications and complying with the Data Protection Act. If you or anyone you know are interested, in joining the Settle Ingleton Bentham Group or a Group in the Upper Wharfedale or South Craven area please email leigh@localwatch.co.uk for more information.

Rural Watch Supervisor R8353

Coordinator Settle Ingleton & Bentham Mobile Rural Watch

BUS SERVICE

There is to be a new bus service to replace the 80/81.

It will be provided by Kirkby Lonsdale Coach Hire. Keep an eye on <https://klch.co.uk/> and look for bus service number 583.

News From Bentham Medical Practice – February 17th 2022 Minutes - Summary

By Danny Conroy (dsconroy44@gmail.com)

(Full minutes of the meeting can be viewed on the Bentham News webpage: thebenthamnews.co.uk)

There was a discussion in the role of the PRG in current times especially with all the changes that will be introduced in the coming years. It was felt that patients wanted care but were not really concerned with the politics and organisation of the region until it affected them. It was suggested that the PRG group needs more of a presence in local publications apart from the minutes. One suggestion was publishing the practice Newsletter (Whatsup Doc) would increase the profile of the group. Both these points will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Lorraine suggested that we invite the chair of the Morecambe Bay Trust (Mike Thomas) to attend the next meeting and hopefully explain all the major changes that will be taking place over the next few years in our area - this would be made public.

There was no report on Covid, the vaccination programme or a practice update as Jonathan was not able to attend due to a last minute emergency at the practice.

Lorraine reported that the Trust is currently heavily involved in patient safety and the quality of care after recent reviews. There were a lot of recommendations and these are being met by the trust. The role of the governors is to make sure that those recommendations are being reached and maintained. The people that did the reviews are coming back some time later this year. There are still patients in hospital with Covid and conditions for the staff and visitors are still the same. The hospitals are still at 95% bed occupancy and last weekend this was 100%.

There was a short discussion on the MyGP app and what is possible but this will be placed on the next agenda as Tony was not able to attend the meeting.

In AOB there was concern over the bus service to Ingleton being cancelled and perhaps we need to send a letter to the appropriate company in order to explain the importance of a reliable bus service for patients in the Bentham and Ingleton areas.

BURTON VILLAGE SHOP.

As everyone is aware, prices are increasing, and with the current situation, it is out of our control, but we are doing our best to be as competitive as possible and thank you for your continued support

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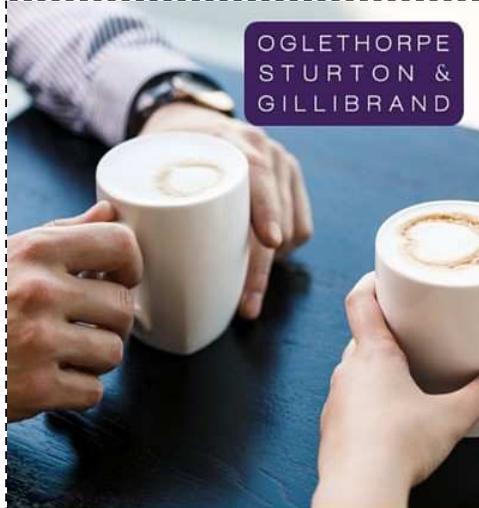
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GARDENING WITH GUNTHER



Gunther is now back from his world cruise and is raring to go!

Spring has sprung – officially! We look forward to longer and warmer days, perfect for getting out in the garden Here are some suggestions for jobs you could be getting on with: -

APRIL

Sow hardy annuals such as love-in-a-mist and pot marigolds as well as native wild flowers in gaps in the border

Protect the new shoots of hostas, delphiniums and lupins from slugs and snails

Deadhead spring bulbs and bedding so they don't waste energy setting seed

Prune hydrangeas, cutting back the old stems to a healthy shoot lower down

Reinvigorate mature clumps of hardy perennials such as hostas, asters and day

lilies by dividing and replanting

Repot houseplants with fresh compost

MAY

Prune spring shrubs such as forsythia and camelias after flowering to keep them compact

Plant out dahlia tubers and cannas after all risk of frost has passed

Tie in new shoots of climbers including clematis, wisteria and honeysuckle

Plant up hanging baskets but keep in a greenhouse or porch to establish before putting out when all risk of frost has passed

Apply liquid feed to tulips, daffodils and other spring bulbs to encourage a good display next year

Remove spring bedding such as wallflowers and forget-me-nots once faded and add to your compost bin



HAPPY GARDENING!

Burton Film Nights

We have been asked by a growing number of people if/when the Film Nights are being re-started. Therefore, in order to take this forward we are looking for some new volunteers to join us to inject some fresh ideas and help plan these evenings, which before Covid struck, were a very popular social event in the village. If anyone would like to join us please get in touch, you can email Marilyn:- sandgrown girl153@gmail.com or tel 015242 64944 for more details.



“It’s Good to Talk.”

In 1988 the wonderful Maureen Lipman starred in a BT advert shown on tv entitled “It’s good to talk” in which she telephoned her grandson to find out how well he had done in his exams. She was decorating a cake for him, whilst he was sitting on the stairs. Bob Hoskins followed up in 1994 with a similarly themed ad.

Today we e mail, message, snap chat, whats app and tik tok each other. Picking up the telephone to talk to someone is an unusual pleasure but there is another means of communication that is even more satisfying. Actually talking face to face is best, something we could not do during lock down due to social distancing!

In the June-July 2019 edition of The Burtonian an article appeared from All Saints’ church which detailed their vision for making the north side of the church more attractive to visitors and locals, and allowing access through to the Garden of Remembrance from the church door, by taking down the large yew trees and levelling the area so a path could be laid. Nobody talked to anyone from church about these proposals, yet some complained when the yew trees were taken down in January 2020. We had been planning these changes for years.

All Saints’ church and churchyard belongs to us all, it is our village church and we need to hear from you how you feel when you have been in to church or spent time in the churchyard. Talking face to face is so important, we have missed conversation and discussion over the two years of pandemic and lock down. Let us know if you would like to be involved, if you would like to see change, if you feel disappointed or let down by something or even if you have enjoyed something!

It’s good to talk. And, actually, let’s not just talk about our church. Let’s talk to each other about everything!

And along the same lines below.....

BURTON COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Burton Communications Group is responsible for the production of the *Burtonian* and maintaining the Village Website. We have not had an AGM for a while, for obvious reasons. But we are holding the next one on the 21st April at 19:30 in the Punchbowl.

Anybody who is interested and would like to contribute is welcome to come along.



*How do you drown a hipster?
Throw him in the mainstream.*

“Brides of Burton”

**Do you still have your wedding dress?
Would you like it to be part of our exhibition?**

We are going to put on an exhibition of wedding dresses in All Saints Church to celebrate the Queens’ Platinum Jubilee

Dates: Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th

Times: 10am to 4pm

Refreshments.

Please continue to let **Jennifer Sedgewick** or **Christine Whitfield** know if you would like your dress to be part of the exhibition. Also we would like photos & information about you and your wedding! If you don’t have your dress, please let us borrow photos so we can produce an exhibition showing “7 Decades of Weddings from Burton in Lonsdale”.

Photos of different weddings within the same family would be especially welcome!

Do you have a spare mannequin (!) dressmakers dummy, coat hanger, broom handle, large plastic plant pot, tissue paper or light coloured material for our exhibition. We need your help here.

We also need help to set up and man the exhibition over the weekend.

Finally: Do you know anyone who has been married for 70 years?

We look forward to hearing from you.

Contact Jennifer on 61361, Christine on 64875, or leave a note in the shop.

WANTED

Old TVs or Monitors (both flat screen only) computers, photocopyers, laptops’, Phones, tablets, printers etc. that are no longer needed, even if broken.

A new refugee-run project in Lancaster hopes to train refugees in repair and maintenance of such equipment, and offer renovated items for sale cheaply.

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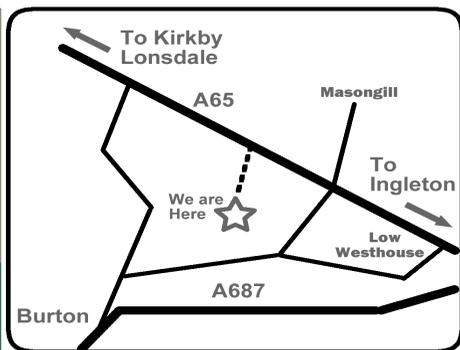


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GREAT NEWS!

B4RN FULL FIBRE 1000MBPS BROADBAND IS COMING TO BURTON IN LONSDALE

The B4RN4BiL project has now been running for about two and a half years. Thanks to support from the local community, I am pleased to inform you that the project is now 100% funded, meaning we can start to build our network.

We are now able to turn our attention to the final route planning. Each household will be sent a letter regarding the detailed routing options, including provision for those households that don't want B4RN at this time. Please discuss the routing options with your neighbours and your Zone Champion or myself.

B4RN will be responsible for appointing contractors to install the Cabinet in the village and to lay the ducting along the primary routes into and around the village.

As a Community we will need to come together to form a Community Workforce; working together to organise the installation of the secondary routes, helping one another to install ducting to each property, fitting house kits, blowing fibre and making connections live. Training for undertaking this work will be provided.

If you haven't already done so, you can still request B4RN for your property, a Dig Grant (worth £150) is still available with each request. This will not be the case forever! You can also invest in B4RN through the b4rn.org.uk website and will receive a free connection if you invest £1500 or more.

If you have not already done so and would like to join the Project Status WhatsApp group or the Community Workforce group, or both, please scan the QR codes below.

- Simon

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All Saints' Church News

Sunday Services in April, May and Easter

April	3th	8 am (Holy Communion) and 11 am (Morning Prayer)
April	10th	11 am Palm Sunday (Holy Communion)
April	15 th	11 am Good Friday (Service with the Cross)
April	17th	8 am Easter Day (Holy Communion), 11 am (Holy Communion)
April	24th	11 am (Holy Communion)
May	1st	8 am (Holy Communion) and 11 am (Morning Prayer)
May	8th	11.00 am (Holy Communion)
May	15th	8 am (Holy Communion) and 11 am (Morning Worship)
May	22 nd	11 am (Holy Communion)
May	26 th	7.30 pm Ascension Day Service for all parishes in the Ingleborough Team area. Location to be confirmed.
May	29 th	11am Family Service

Other Services and Events in April and May

All our services are open to everyone in the parish and we would love to see you either at a service or to join us for coffee after the Sunday morning service at 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. The group will break up for Easter after the meeting on 7th April, resuming on 28th April. 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 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.

Pancake Party on Shrove Tuesday Thanks to those who came to enjoy pancakes in the Village Hall. Over £150 was donated and will be sent, from the village, to The Children's Society.

Best wishes

Catherine and Christine, Church Wardens at All Saints

And from Vicar Denis

A number of people have approached me, in recent weeks, to ask me is it true that I am retiring. The answer to that question is yes... but read on because nothing will happen for several months. My 69th birthday has now passed and the Church of England has a firm policy that Vicars should retire at 70.

The Vicarage is what used to be called tied accommodation. In other words it goes with the job. Once I finish being Vicar I have to move out of the village. This would also mean that I could no longer remain on the Parish Council. Despite one villager suggesting that we could move to a different house in the village I doubt that we could afford to and the Church of England frowns on this because a new vicar might not like the old one sitting in front of him every Sunday!

We have very mixed feelings about retiring. In many ways we don't want to go because we have made some very good friends and it has been a tremendous joy to serve God and this community in this beautiful part of the world. It will be a wrench to leave so many good people after nearly 7 years. However, both my wife and I have had health issues in recent months and we look forward to time with our grandchildren (all 9 of them) while we still can.

The phrase, invented by Chaucer, that "All Good Things Must Come to an End" is a well-known statement but it is far too pessimistic. The central message of the Christian faith is that of resurrection. Not just the resurrection of Christ, although that is the core, but resurrection in life-that we move on to new things, facing new opportunities and yes challenges but succeeding in life with His help. We are not just retiring from something but to something in a new place. After 6 months retired vicars can become visiting clergy but not in their old churches. As one Bishop told me "Vicars never stop being vicars they just keep going on and on and on...."

We have been blessed during our time here and we will miss you all. Thank you all for your support and friendship.

Bentham Area Refugee Support Group

Members of Bentham Area Refugee Support Group gathered on 19 March in Bentham in opposition to the Nationality and Borders Bill, which returns to the House of Commons this week. We held orange heart banners and wore orange badges in support of the national campaign 'Together with Refugees'.

We were delighted that so many members of the public signed a letter to Julian Smith MP asking him to oppose the bill. This is the final push in a lengthy campaign to prevent refugees being criminalised on arrival in the UK, and their right to claim asylum being denied if they arrive independently - contrary to the Refugee Convention to which the UK is a signatory.

Maggie Bruno





The Lune Valley Swimming Pool March 2022.

LVCS Trustees are pleased to report that despite Covid restrictions we have experienced a highly successful trading year.

Tributes must go to the pool staff and all our supporters for achieving record breaking figures during these most difficult times.

Further details from the AGM and the annual accounts will be published shortly on our Website.

However, in common with all of us the Hornby pool is now facing ever rising energy costs and we must undertake an energy efficiency review and consider capital improvements.

But in the short term we are organising a campaign fund to support current operation and short-term grants.

Our first event is a fundraiser night at Arkholme Village Hall on Saturday April 2nd. All profits for the newly launched Lune Valley Swimming Pool Energy Fund. This will be a night of nostalgia with vintage live rock & roll pop music by The Jetsons. This dynamic 4-piece rock and roll band, specialising in the music of the 1950s and early 1960s, perform songs you can sing with words that you can hear and understand! Their retro-repertoire celebrates the great classic British and American Rock pioneers.

Enjoy the party, sit back, sing along or let your hair down and dance to this lively music from the good old days. Re-live the golden age of Dreamboats and Petticoats at Arkholme Village Hall on Saturday April 2nd- We would love you to come along and join us. All profits to the LVCS Hornby Pool 'Energy' Fund.

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Currently the organising committee for the Jubilee weekend consists of 25 people, of whom 15 are ladies, nine of these 15 have full time jobs. They are clearly very accomplished people, though they would probably deny this, 'we're just women'.

The programme for the weekend.

Thursday June 2 nd	9.45	Lighting of the Beacon with Piper
Friday June 3 rd		Bridal Gown Display, All Saints' Church, for four days.
Friday June 3 rd		Classic Car Display, on the village green
Friday June 3 rd		Disco, 7.30 Village Hall, music from 1950s onwards
Saturday June 4 th		Village Party, Low Street, noon onwards including - Live Band Food - Jacobs Join
Sunday June 5 th		Children and Adults Sports from 1.00 Recreation Field

All subject to cancellation or change.

All of the above, except the bridal exhibition, require able bodied men to assist in a number of ways. So ladies, can you galvanise or shame your men into action? Or even, gentlemen, would you like to volunteer your services?

Please email me with a name and availability, joining the committee is not compulsory. Thank you.

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Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Yorkshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris



ROTARY CLUB OF LUNESDALE TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE OF INCREASING "THE GREEN CANOPY".

In keeping with Rotary International's focus on environmental issues and in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Rotary Club of Lunesdale will be enhancing the "Green Canopy" by giving away 100+ tree saplings to be planted throughout the Lune Valley. Parish Councils have been approached for ideas of where to plant..

John Clare, President of Rotary Club of Lunesdale stated, "we are very keen to have local schools and community groups involved in the planting of the saplings and we are delighted to have already provided several Crab Apple tree saplings to a community group in Tunstall where a community garden is being created."

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NOTES FROM AN UNINTENDED NATURALIST March/April 2022

It was a gloriously sunny start to today; the long dreary days of winter seem to be behind us and a sense of expectancy and energy is in the air. However, this morning, I couldn't get outside quickly enough and decided to watch activities in my pond before breakfast. I grabbed a magnifying glass and a waterproof to sit on. The past few days had shown frenetic activity and there were deep immodest throaty amphibian sounds from the laying female frogs and toads. Large air bubbles caught tiny prisms of light on the pond surface and to spend time to just sit and observe today was going to be a treat.

The numerous large floating masses of frogspawn, transparent miniscule jelly cubicles with a black dot of living organism in each swayed with the light breeze across the pond. I sat down on the waterproof and gazed into the water. It didn't take long to be drawn into this magic world of skittering pondskaters and tiny water organisms that I can't yet put names to. A dragonfly nymph terrifyingly dragon-like seen through a magnifying glass, stayed motionless for a minute or two. The frogs had dived for cover beneath the milwort and other vegetation at last showing some growth in the dark water.

It was puzzling that even though my stillness could not have been threatening, there was at times little sound from the frogs. The dog of a distant neighbour was keeping up an impatient bark and the rumbling stop and start of the council refuse and recycling wagon in the village was a backdrop to the cooing of the collared doves and the occasional croak of overhead crows. But the pond was quiet. I waited.

Truthfully I had hoped to add to my repertoire of frog and toad sketches but none were coming out of the depths except one who hung motionless from exhausted spawn - laying in a dark corner where visibility was poor.

My neighbours' pond is not far away and I took the generous opportunity they give me of seeing what was happening in their pond. It is a lovely shallow expanse of water with a different layout to mine and delightfully frequented by newts and toads as I saw earlier in the week but was all very quiet today. Strands of toadspawn with their straight neat rows of tiny black eggs as if threaded on an Art Deco necklace were seen briefly yesterday but not visible now but every day will bring new changes.

The bright yellow knots of underwater roots and deep crimson heart-shaped leaves of water lilies were gently moving in the wind casting a thousand tiny sunny ripples over the water surface. In the dark miniature caverns created by the folds in the pondliner, a flicker of a movement. I waited and watched. A limb extended from the dark recess and moved a fraction. It was slow motion footage; the leg and head were definitely belonging to a toad. Bufo bufo. Who was in no hurry to do any more than move infinitesimally slowly. As it was still early I can imagine the water was still very cold for the occupants.

I recalled an actor playing an elderly arthritic man in a wonderful tableaux decades ago in a Lancaster production of, I think, Lark Rise to Candleford. The actor made the slow process of painfully struggling to put on his working boots ,a fine study that was wordless.

And whilst other tableaux and scripts were enacted , none of other details I cannot recall, this figure remained focused on donning his boots. It was a masterclass of empathy. It seemed a long time before the whole body of the toad emerged with that pace that is associated to those not in the springing energy of youth. The head and forelegs moved little by little and then the whole dark bumpy olive-umber form was out of the dark fold of the ; pondliner. The slow kick of one extended backleg; then slowly the other and gradual progress to the area beyond the small dark fold was made. A cloud obscured the earlier sunshine and the toad was still visible but Cheshire cat-like gradually disappeared into the darkness of the murk below. It was not exactly a gala performance but still mesmeric I was totally absorbed by being an observer to this microcosm of a world. I got up to stretch my legs and noticed a dark smoothish long black spraint near the hedge between my neighbours and my garden. It was far too big to be a hedgehog dropping and I went into get a ruler and to take a photo to identify it. I went through the possibilities of its owner. 8 cm and nearness to the pond suggested the possible mammal.

Otter. *Lutra lutra*. More detective work needed there.

Another morning after a glorious full moonshined night. And today more spawn, more activity and the subtly different frog and toad calls. The amazing bead necklace strands of toadspawn in one area on top of the jellied frogspawn. So much promise of new life. Meanwhile the warm sun brought out my first sighting of a small tortoiseshell butterfly drying out and warming on the grass by the pond. It was a moment to celebrate and reminded me I had a cardboard aeriated lidded box with one in that had gone into dormancy in late autumn. I went into the house , found the box in a dark recess, took it out to the sunshine ,laid it on a warm stone by the pond, and opened the lid to allow the folded butterfly to feel the suns warmth if it still had the capacity.

Its a tiny thing . Here on the edge of North Yorkshire I am so aware of my privilege to live in freedom in a place of beauty.

The example now of the democratic Ukrainian citizens living in desperate terrifying circumstances of President Putin’s war are bravely resisting to being crushed and setting an example to all the world how to continue to live in the very best of human dignity.

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NEWS FROM HORNBY

Hornby Institute:

The Grand Craft Fair held on the 5th of March was a great success. It was lovely to see so many visitors returning to the The Institute after the pandemic. We haven't got the final figure raised but it should be in the region of £700 - £800.00.

Our raffle of silver jewellery, which has been donated by Anna France of Annakin Silver, Manchester got off to a good start but there are tickets still available should you wish to purchase one. They can be bought from the Institute, 015242 22227, the village shop or at the Art and Craft exhibition.

In Hornby Institute:

Saturday and Sunday 9th & 10th April: 11.00 am - 4.00pm

'The Lune Valley Art and Craft Exhibition '

This will be a wonderful display of Arts and Crafts from the Lune Valley and the surrounding area. We have ceramicists, jewellery makers, textiles, paintings, hand crafted furniture and much more. Bring your cheque book or credit card as there will be much to see, fall in love with and of course purchase. Refreshments in the Institute and light lunches in Hornby Tea rooms

The Gardens at Hornby Castle will be open as will Coach House Antiques and our local shops.

21st April Hornby Flower Club

We meet in the Institute at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of each month. We are very privileged to have, not one but two NAFAS demonstrators in March and April. On the 17th March is Joan Bentley whose Her theme is 'Inspiring designs on a budget ' and on the 21st April Anne Morgan with an up to the minute 'surprise' theme.

Sunday 24th April: The Long Nights.

For the first time in Hornby we are pleased to host a concert by the well respected group '**The Long Nights'**

They are a Lancaster based band known across the circuit for their old -time folk, bluegrass and Americana. Banjo, guitar, fiddle and double base. Close harmonies and stories of romance witches, religion and MURDER.

Tickets cost £6.00 obtained from the Institute 015242 22227 . Bar open 7.00pm
Concert at 7.30pm

*I got my daughter a fridge for her birthday.
I can't wait to see her face light up when she opens it.*

*Why did the frog take the bus to work today?
His car got toad away.*



Melling St Wilfrid CE Primary School

This week we have been very excited to meet our new Vicar Revd Jane Lee and are looking forward to getting to know her. She explained about Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday and brought ashes to show us. We have lots of exciting things planned with Rev. Jane and are looking forward to working together.

Our infants thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Clitheroe Castle. They investigated swords and dragons. Finding out all about life in a castle in times gone by.



As spring time is beginning to appear the infants have been

able to enjoy a woodland walk. Learning all about 'The Wild Woods'



An amazing effort was made by families and staff for world book We spent the day sharing books, having a book fashion parade, exploring book sticks outside and making bookmarks. The Samba band on the first Monday afternoon back in school was great to get us going for the week!

Mrs Ip Headteacher



Tatham Fells CE (VC) Primary News

‘Roots to Grow, Wings to fly, Faith to flourish’

We have enjoyed book week with some fantastic costumes and the children could all talk about their book characters. It also gave us the opportunity to share books

with our friends and tell others about the books we like.

Just before half term we held a Wedding Breakfast in school as our KS2 teacher was getting married. We dressed in our party outfits, had afternoon tea, danced, had speeches and raised a toast to the happy couple. We wish Mr and Mrs Kay a happy future. We even got



wedding favours to take home and the Y6 children were Master of ceremonies, photographers, videographers and event organisers.

As part of the Kings and Queens topic our Infant class enjoyed a visit to Clitheroe Castle finding out all about dragons and the way people used to live in castles. They practised slaying dragons and explored the castle. After Easter we are opening our Nursery class up for full day care from 8am- 5pm on Monday and Tuesdays.

Mrs Ip Headteacher



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It has not been used for some time and the Parish Council are looking for volunteers to get it back into use. Training will be provided.

Please contact the Parish Clerk. bilparishcouncil@btinternet.com

The Rotary Club of Lunesdale collection for Ukraine.

Rotarians collected at the entrance to Booths store in Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday for the people of Ukraine. The response from Booths customers, who mainly come from villages throughout the Lune Valley, was incredibly generous. Lots of people had a chat with the Rotarians telling us that they had wanted to give help but were not sure of the best way of doing so. The collection provided that opportunity.

The amount raised was in excess of £2,450 and money.

A huge thank you to everyone who put a donation in our collection boxes.

Lilian Barton

The Rotary Club of Lunesdale

Club members have enjoyed a very varied past few meetings. At the meeting on 24th February a quiz was on offer. Richard Parsons Club Secretary asked the questions and competition to win was fierce however, despite this, friendships remained intact! On 3rd March Club President John Clare gave an interesting talk to the club about the job he did in his working life.

On a bitterly cold Saturday, 6th March, throughout the day from 9am till 6pm Rotarians collected at the entrance to Booths store in Kirkby Lonsdale. They were collecting in support of the people of Ukraine. Customers to the store were so pleased to have the opportunity to make a donation into our collection boxes. The total collected on the day was in excess of £2,550. Since then further donations pushed the total above £3,000. It is fortunate that we have a direct contact with the Rotary Club of Lublin Centrum (located about 40 miles from the Ukraine order) to which the donation will be transferred. We shall request that the money is used to support the setting up of a reception centre for the blind children from Ukraine and for the direct support which that club is giving to help the refugees. A big thank you to Ben Cross, Manager at Booths, for allowing the collection and to all those customers of Booths who made a donation.

On May 14th the Club will be pleased to welcome back, by popular demand, the Rock 'n Roll group "The Defenders". Posters with details of ticket sales will be appearing at the beginning of April.

Keep safe, keep well.

Lilian Barton

PARISH COUNCIL DATES

Don't forget that the deadline for nominations to stand for the Parish Council is the 5th April and to apply to be the next Parish Clerk is the 14th April. These positions are important in maintaining village life. Another date for your diary is the Annual Parish Meeting when all the various groups around the village have their say about what they are doing. This year it will be on the 26th May, at 19:30 in the Village Hall

The Rotary Club of Lunesdale.

Now that restrictions have been eased we are able to hold face to face meetings once again and members can enjoy the fellowship which is an intrinsic part of Rotary. People often ask "What is Rotary?" Here are some facts which answer that question. Rotary was begun in 1905 by Paul Harris in Chicago. Since then it has grown into a global organisation with over 1.2 million members in over 200 countries. In Great Britain and Ireland there are 1,700 clubs and 40,000 members who use their time and talents to tackle challenges at home and abroad. Each Club is part of a numbered geographic District of which our club is District 1190 encompassing Cumbria and Lancashire.

All clubs donate considerable time, effort, experience and expertise to support the 7 worthy causes which define the role of Rotary. These are 1. Promoting Peace, 2, Fighting Disease 3, Providing Clean Water, 4, Saving Mothers and Children, 5, Supporting Education, 6, Growing Local Economies, 7, Promoting the Environment. The last one has only recently been added but, because of its vital importance plus the need for immediate action, all our members are committed to finding ways to reduce their own individual carbon footprint and to take every opportunity to spread the word wherever and whenever possible.

We are looking forward to our District 1190 Conference on 19th March at the Grand Hotel in Grange - over - Sands. This will be an opportunity to meet up with fellow Rotarians from across the District. Speakers will include Amanda Owen the Yorkshire Shepherdess, Emma and Mike Clayton who took part in the 2018 Thailand cave rescue, Adam Day from the Farmers Network and Paul Littlewood from The Woodland Trust. Speaking of which club members will soon be occupied in planting over 50 tree saplings - a direct connection with promoting ways to improve the environment.

We continue to enjoy speakers one of whom was Rebecca Porter who talked about the Sunbeams of Bentham and the progress the group has made helping local families who have a child with a disability eg autism.

If you would like to know more about the Rotary Club with a view to becoming a member then please tel. 015242 73166. We would welcome your call.

Stay safe, stay well.

Lilian Barton

Our New Council Sets its Priorities

Our Local Government Correspondent

It may have slipped under your radar but in April next year Craven District Council will cease to exist. What will this mean for us in Burton? Well we did have the opportunity to become part of the finest county in England, Lancashire, but unfortunately that ship has sailed. Information about the changes is available on the County Council website. You will doubtless be pleased to note that the new County Council will be known as North Yorkshire Council.

However, I can find no mention of the, long overdue, formation of a new department, the Department for Road Naming. How will this affect us in Burton in Lonsdale? As we are all aware, walkers, cyclists, horse riders and owners of old cars in particular, there are two hills in Burton. The one on Manor Close, which is a continuation of the one further to the east, and Burton Hill/Chapel Lane. All this means that the main road (A687) sits atop a ridge. 'So what?' I hear you asking. What is the relevance for the Department for Road Naming? Allow me to explain. The A687, currently known as High Street will become The Ridgeway as this better reflects its topography. The Department for Road Naming has taken the opportunity this change presents to re-name other streets in the village so they will be more in keeping with their situation. For example, Low Street will become High Street, obviously because that's where the highbrows, the intelligentsia live. Manor Close will be Swampy Close, Chapel Lane will be Slight Slope and Burton Hill will be Steep Slope. A nod to the number of musicians living there gives Duke Street its new name, Strauss Street. Whilst Twinge Walk so accurately reflects the gait of those who live on, what is now, Twine Walk. Bridgend will be, more aptly, known as Burton Bottom and Brookland will become Luton, so named for the last place ever built. Of the remaining streets only one matters, as that road joins the junction of Slight Slope and Steep Slope then it becomes obvious that Leeming Lane should be renamed Slippery Slope.

There may be more to come, watch the website.

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Rural Bulletin

www.rsonline.org.uk/

Craven District Council

www.cravencd.gov.uk/community-living/get-involved/community-news-newsletter/

Northern Gas Networks

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Allerton Waste Recovery Park

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Do stay in touch by email on concertandcakes@outlook.com or look out for further information in The Burtonian, via Facebook or [www.https://www.burton-in-lonsdale.net](https://www.burton-in-lonsdale.net)

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