



# The **Burtonian**

Burton in Lonsdale  
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## **EDITORIAL**

As we emerge from the winter months to longer hours of daylight, improving weather and a lifting of restrictions, Burton is tentatively taking steps back to a modicum of normality. One or two village events are planned and hopefully they will be well supported.

Included in this edition are a couple of brief reports from recent Parish Council Meetings, which we hope to make a regular feature. Items discussed at these meetings do have a bearing on village life and from the next meeting (May 27) they will return from ZOOM to their home in the Village Hall, so do make a point of attending if you have any interest in such matters.

The Agenda and dates of meetings can always be found on the village web site

[www.burton-in-lonsdale.net/parish-council](http://www.burton-in-lonsdale.net/parish-council)

I'm sure you will agree that the village has looked particularly attractive these last few weeks with an abundance of snowdrops, daffodils and crocuses heralding better times ahead.

*David & Marilyn*

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**A number of events and meetings are now being planned.**

**Keep an eye on the Village calendar at**

[www.burton-in-lonsdale.net/coming-events-in-burton](http://www.burton-in-lonsdale.net/coming-events-in-burton)

**And do look up the various Websites and Facebook pages for lots of Village Organisations. They are all listed on the LINKS page of the Village Hall Website.**

[www.burton-in-lonsdale-village-hall.co.uk/links](http://www.burton-in-lonsdale-village-hall.co.uk/links)

## Parish Council Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

This is a report on the meeting which was held specifically to discuss the planning application for 12 houses at the site of the former Thornton School.

The meeting was held via Zoom and was attended by the Clerk, six parish councillors, two County Councillors and six members of the public.

A representative of the developer, Mr Pratt, was also in attendance.

**Item 1** on the Agenda was, as always, to record any Councillor's Discloseable Pecuniary Interests relating to the Agenda and Ian Thompson took the opportunity to say that he has an interest in the school development as a councillor but emphasised he has no pecuniary interest.

**Item 2** concerned statements by the public attendees, it was agreed that members of the public could speak at any time during the discussion.

**Item 3** was the matter at hand, the planning application for 12 houses and it was divided into categories inspired by question raised by residents.

- A.** Questions about the number of houses & provision for parking. It was noted that the entrance is within the 20mph limit but that there should be no parking on the road outside as this would obscure sight lines for traffic. Some people thought the number of houses was too dense but if there were less, we may lose the affordable house provision. Also, Mr Pratt explained that the plan was based on the preferences expressed at the public meeting in the village hall. The affordable houses would be for rent, or shared ownership, occupiers to be allocated by Craven.
- B.** Waste disposal. Some concern about the provision for waste generated by the houses as there is no public sewer in that area. Mr Pratt explained that there would be a "package system" that would just disgorge clean water into the public drains. The Parish Council will ask Craven to confirm how this will work.
- C.** A question about room sizes. Mr Pratt stated that they are 20% larger than standard.
- D.** Local occupancy. The homes to be sold will be on the open market but the Parish Council would make a point to Craven about the number of holiday lets. Allocation of the affordable houses depends on the funding for them.
- E.** Questions had been asked about Utilities / solar PV generation / water supply. Mr Pratt assured the meeting that their engineers had confirmed there was sufficient water for the houses. The houses were designed to a price point and there was no provision for solar PV panels.
- F.** There was much interest in the actual school building. The original deal presented at the village hall meeting had gone away but the developers were hopeful of another, similar arrangement. Work on restoring the building is almost complete.

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*A priest, a pastor and a rabbit walked in to blood donation clinic. The nursed asked the rabbit, "What is your blood type?" "I am probably a type O," said the rabbit.*

**Item 4** was the section 106 agreement, whereby the developer makes a contribution to local infrastructure. Craven have asked the Parish Council how it would like the money to be spent. It has to be attributable to open space, play, sports pitches and/or civic spaces within Burton in Lonsdale. The Recreation Committee of the PC had met the previous week and suggested that the drainage of the sports field, storage at the Pavilion and refurbishment of the MUGA (multi-use sports pitch) would be suitable. A suggestion was made that the children's playground and the Village Hall might also be suitable candidates.

## BURTON IN LONSDALE PALS WITH TROWELS

### SPRING PLANT AND BOOK SALE

SATURDAY, 15 MAY  
OUTSIDE AT THE VILLAGE HALL.  
10am -12 noon

There will be a selection of quality, locally grown, flowering plants, vegetable plants and shrubs on sale, together with a table top sale of second hand books.

Weather and COVID restrictions permitting, refreshments will also be available.

We are looking for donations of plants and books to help with this vital fundraising event. All monies raised are 'ploughed' back into the upkeep of the open spaces and flower displays within and around the village.

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## Television Aerials – Who Needs Them?

By N. Sercante

I don't know if anyone else has noticed but a news item that was tucked away on the inside pages of my Sunday paper seems to have bypassed the attention of all but the most assiduous news followers. It seems that all the traditional TV aerials must be removed from our rooftops. Satellite dishes are acceptable for the time being but by 2030 they too will be consigned to making car parts via the recycling bins of district and county councils.

The legislation for this comes into effect at the beginning of April but we will be given a month's grace to get rid of those bits of metal on our chimneys.

I imagine that some people will be upset by all this. Personally I think it's a great move. We have all these listed buildings about the place, some of which are desperately in need of renovation but which owners, for years, have been prevented by planning regulations from installing so much as a modern window. Yet the overall appearance of these houses, along with all the modern ones, has for decades been ruined by those bits of bent wire adorning the tops of our houses. Not only that but in many cases there are cables from these aerials clinging like overgrown worms to the roof tiles and walls of houses. Not very pretty and the sooner they are gone the better I say.

### The Settle Area

**Swimming Pool**, which like pools across the country has been closed since early January due to the coronavirus lockdown regulations, hopes to open again from April 12, however this is still subject to the government confirming the next steps in its roadmap to normality. If we are able to open it will, once again, unfortunately, be on the basis of limited admissions, strict social distancing and pre-booking. It is hoped that on line booking will open on April 3- see Settle Swimming Pool website for details.



We also hope that our charity shop in Duke Street, Settle will open on the same day. Meanwhile, thanks to a substantial grant from Craven District Council, we are able to take the next steps in our long-planned major rebuild project that aims to add a new dry space suitable for health and well-being activities, such as exercise classes, modernize the changing rooms and create a larger reception and viewing area. We will shortly be issuing tenders for the building work and hope to start in May, with completion in the autumn. You can see more details, together with an artist's impression of the new build on the pool website and there is a model of the building in the window of the pool charity shop. Thanks to everyone for their continuing support for the pool.

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### All Saints Church 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

We hope you all received a copy of our leaflet advertising the calendar of events to celebrate the postponed anniversary! Spare copies can be found in church or in the shop.

On Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup> we are holding a Songs of Praise service in church at **11am** (now not at 6.30pm) and welcome you to attend. If you have a favourite hymn you would like included, please let us know. Leave a message in the shop or in church-which is still open at the weekend for you to visit.

Cathy, Christine & Denis.

# All Saints' Church News

## Sunday Services in April, May and Easter

**All Services and activities at All Saints are subject to change if conditions dictated by the Corona Virus change. No service of Holy Communion is planned for the next 2 months except on Easter Sunday**

April	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11 am Service of the Cross, United Benefice Service for St Oswalds and All Saints to be held at All Saints
April	4th	Easter Sunday 11 am (Holy Communion)
April	11th	11 am (Morning Prayer)
April	18th	11 am (150th Anniversary Songs of Praise Service)
April	25th	11 am (Morning Prayer)
May	2nd	11 am (Morning Prayer)
May	9th	11am (Morning Prayer)
May	13 <sup>th</sup>	Ascension Day – services to be arranged
May	16th	11 am (Morning Prayer)
May	23 <sup>rd</sup>	11 am (Morning Prayer)
May	30 <sup>th</sup>	11 am (Morning Prayer)

## Other Services and Events in April and May

**Stay and Play**, no sessions are planned yet

Our **Good Friday Service** will be held in All Saints' Church at 11 am on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. As usual the cross will be placed on Castle Hill but there can be no procession to the hill to conform with Covid regulations.

We are so lucky to have had access to health care and the covid vaccination in this area and as a thank you the congregation and guests at All Saints have donated to the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine to support their work with hospitals in Africa, now facing huge challenges as they deal with the pandemic.

At All Saints we continue to hold services every Sunday at 11 am, with strict social distancing in place, all are welcome. If the services change from those planned (above) we will put notices around the village. If you wish to contact anyone at church, please email Denis ([revden@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:revden@hotmail.co.uk)) or the church wardens on [allsaintscw@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintscw@gmail.com).

As the lockdown begins to be eased we are delighted to host a wedding in church in May – it will make us feel that normal life is returning.

## And from Vicar Denis ...

Right now I have rather long hair. I call it my lockdown hairstyle. In fact it is nearly as long as it was in the 1970s when it was all the fashion. I am waiting to get a haircut as both my daughter and my wife are loath to touch it because they don't want to make it worse as I do online services and can be seen around the world (well you live in hope!). In the meantime I am waiting, as we all are, for life to resume in something like a normal way. We are indeed blessed to live in such a place as Burton and I sometimes think of those who live in much less pleasant places because the lockdown has for some, come to be almost like a form of house arrest. In whatever circumstance you might be in, waiting is never very easy.

Personally I can hardly wait to be able to travel and see my children and grandchildren and even go on holiday, and I really miss not having the pub quizzes. However I recently received a communication from the Arthur Rank Rural church which outlined how many individuals are unsure about resuming a more social form of life. We have heard the call to stay home to protect the NHS and save lives. Our homes have become where we have not only eaten and slept but where we have worked and socialised. We may have to relearn how to be with other people. Zoom and similar technologies have been very good for some but is no substitute for being with people. In Psalm 84 the Psalmist writes about his yearning to return to the courts of the Lord. This should be a place where you feel safe and where God's love builds you up from strength to strength as you share in worship and receiving from Him. We are approaching a time when we can leave our homes to meet with one another. You may have worries about this. Easter tide is a good time to acknowledge this and offer our concerns to God. The Apostle Peter wrote "God cares for you, so turn all your worries over to Him"

With my thoughts and prayers.

Denis

### **THE VILLAGE SHOP.**

Spring is in the air and hopefully we can see light at the end of a very long tunnel!  
We would like to thank all our customers for your support through these difficult times and hope to continue to serve you going forward.

We still deliver daily and also take any special order.

We have a small selection of Gluten free and Dairy free products and are happy to try and source any special requirements you may have.

We have a large selection of greetings card, with some new ranges recently added.

We are still collecting for the pop-up pantry in Bentham and all your contributions are much appreciated.

*Best Wishes*

*from All at The Village shop*

## Voices from Myanmar

As you will know from the news, a military coup took part in Myanmar on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021. The country was run by the military from 1962 to 2016, at which point a democratically elected government took power. Having worked in the country as a VSO volunteer supporting educational improvements between 2015-2020, I was able to witness the changes and improvements in the country. When I first arrived, few people had encountered foreigners and the country had had very little investment. I remember the terrible roads and the chanting of students who learned everything by rote. After being shut off for years, people were desperate to engage with the outside world. Gradually things began to improve for the better -communication with mobile phones, the internet, infrastructure and travel, education. While things were not perfect in that the military retained much power, people were generally happy and optimistic about the future. The NLD won an overwhelming majority in the 2020 elections, promising greater democracy. The military rejected this and took over, but the protests from the people have been almost universal. They are unarmed but the army and police are reacting with extreme violence. Opposition politicians and journalists are being kidnapped and killed. The people I know are all terribly frightened, sad, upset and depressed.

For information about the situation and ways of showing your support there is a UK campaign

<https://burmacampaign.org.uk>

On a more personal level I have set up a blog with others, which has contributions from people in Myanmar about their experiences. This will have regular future feeds so please 'follow' it if you wish to receive the updates.

<https://voicesfrommyanmar.wordpress.com>

## Stay & Play.

We have missed all our families. We held our last session in March a year ago and have only been able to meet up a few times down at the playground. If the weather is fine, we will meet up there on **Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup>** from 10am to make plans for the summer term.

Please let friends know who do not live in the village.

Meanwhile there will be another village Easter Trail for families on Easter Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting from the shop! Watch for posters, and enjoy!

## Burton in Lonsdale Heritage Group

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## NOTES FROM AN UNINTENDED NATURALIST SPRING 2021

This year the change of season feels particularly special; the increased daylight, the rise in temperature, whether cloudy or wet, windy or still: the feeling of natural renewal after all the man-made restrictions of the past year, it literally puts a spring in ones step.

The scrappy untidiness of skeletal winter hedgerows is gradually greening. The snowdrops are almost over. Some years ago, I visited the gardens of a galanthophile. The owner had over decades become more than just a lover and collector of snowdrops and there was a little medieval nook where I could explore the literature on the subject of *galanthus nivalis*. At the time my late aunt was suffering from Alzheimers and it was an education to read of the properties of the this winter flower in relation to cerebral functioning, and then walk out in the February thin sunshine amongst carpets of snowdrops.

Now in mid-March, the celandines are coming into flower—together with primroses, they light up the woodland floor with sunshine. The bursting little suns of coltsfoot and tiny white violets near the delightful Burton Orchard, sparkle amongst the promise of more species to follow. Though not all hedgerow is straggly; I have been admiring the hedgelaying on the Ireby Road for some time and noting the skilled cutting of the slim trunks near the ground to expose the heartwood which is carefully cut leaving a hinge for the new lateral positioning of the branches. There are regional variations in practice—my father had pleaching tools and I wish I had paid more attention when I was a child. (A universal regret, I acknowledge.)

Dark velvet-tipped ash buds, ochre hazel catkins and my favourites, the common blackthorn and hawthorn; tiny tight buds are now bursting into miniature fans of infant leaves. I used to associate hawthorn with yellowhammers in my youth, whose song suggested the phrase “a little bit of bread and no cheese.” Oak, hazel, holly, beech, hawthorn, elder and alder; the more species the older the hedge be (whether still laid or not.) A favourite daydreaming is looking for prehistoric “creatures” in the elder. The gnarled knobles and sprouting twigs look like whizzened little slit-eyed faces watching as you pass, or living miniature ogres or heraldic phantasies. Stare long enough and deer or crocodilian reptiles will appear and if the elder has long been associated with having magic properties, it somehow is credible looking at the forms. It is similar in the natural ancient formation of stones in a dry stone wall—or out in the fields where erratics lie like sheep who graze nearby. When I first moved out of teaching in London up to the North-West, I watched a shepherd of a certain age, Tom, shearing with long-used clippers in a stone byre and did an etching. I include it as a tribute to the dedicated farmworkers of the past and present for whom I have such respect. The stones of the walls were as if they too were sheep.

By April the fizzing creamy whorls of blackthorn blossom will be coming out. Some birds already are gathering nest materials. The crow flying past me with a sizeable twig in its beak yesterday, was focused to add to his nest and even if corvids have not the soft appeal of the tiny beloved garden birds, their high treetop dwellings are carefully woven with twigs and lined with softer materials. The siting of their nests used to foretell the coming season's weather. Higher nests would guarantee a good summer.

I heard from a local nurseryman here, who was brought up on a Lancashire farm half a century ago how his farm had a sort of mutual beneficial agreement with nesting birds. The farmers in Bashall Eaves, near Clitheroe, used to plough their fields in large circles leaving the corners unploughed so the birds could nest there. Curlews were plentiful and their ground nests were

untouched by the farmer's activities. Although the nurseryman did say he took an occasional speckled egg from a nest-but was told-only one- mind you, so there was still a clutch for the female to incubate.

Now to hear and watch curlew is a rarer joy.

A book published in 1956 is entitled "Ask the Fellows who Cut the Hay." George Ewart Evans preserved the aural records of the old farmhands he spoke to, who were, as he puts it "survivors from another era." The rural culture of the earlier twentieth century was an extension of farming practice which had gone on since medieval times. And in recording the old ways, these are not painting a rosy sentimentalised past but the harsh realities that no modern farm worker would wish to return to. But the organic nature of the way people used to work the land passing on their knowledge from generation to generation seems lost. We should support and value our farmers much more.

I am fortunate to have a pond in my garden and in my desire to know what best to do each season to make it thrive, I sought advice from a Crooklands nurseryman ,who suggested interfering as little as possible .Now four years on, having taken that to heart, each season I am delighted that my pond is flourishing.

Today being overcast, the feverish activity of the past few days has abated. The small male frogs in breeding colouring, showing bluish -white throats and eyes bulging ,swim breast stroke slowly across to the sides. To describe the scene earlier in the week, the croaking and explosive activity might be too much for some gentle Burtonian readers!

The shallows of the pond are bubbling with gelatinous clumps of spawn that in by early April , will hopefully be teeming with tadpoles. The transformation from wriggling little black creatures to froglets, is as fascinating to me now as it was when I was a child and brought some taddies from a local pond home in a jamjar.

My neighbour's pond, interestingly, has toads, whose knobby skin contrasts with the smoother occupants of my pond. The spawn when it is fertilised looks like slender long strings of ticker tape. These have had a darker mysterious folk -lore attached to them, rather undeservedly I think.

Last year I saw newts which are still only just coming out of hibernation on land in crevices and log piles and leaf litter that I have learnt not to disturb. When they are ready to breed, the males , distinguished by bright yellow to orange markings all down their underbellies, will be totally water dependent and just watching their long lizard-like bodies of up to 10cm and tiny limbs ,is to marvel how the earliest ancient animals adapted from water to become terrestrial The metamorphosis is amazing. It isn't until two or three years old that these adult land-based amphibians will take to the water to breed . They slough off their skins as they grow from larvae to adults and last year I found a couple of strange ghostly skins by the edge of the pond.

The natural cycle of the year is visibly unfolding . The speed of our modern culture has had to slow down it seems. The silver lining for those of us privileged to live in rural spaciousness is to appreciate our surroundings and care for our soil even more.

There is a very ancient Welsh saying ; "Aur dan y rhedyn, Arian dan yr eithin, Newyn dan y grug."  
"Gold under bracken

Silver under gorse

Hunger under heather."

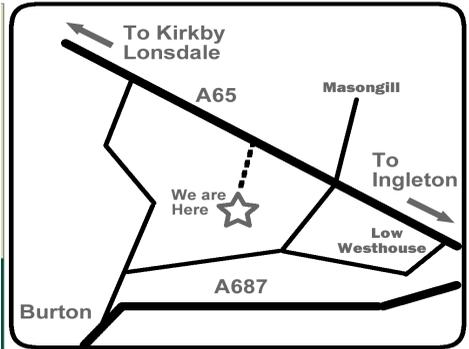
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***Please see photo on page 25***

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## Trying again!

On Saturday 5th July we will be holding a jumble sale at Ingleton Community Centre to raise money for the Lancashire and South Cumbria Breast Care Unit, based at Lancaster Infirmary. This was originally booked for June last year so we are really hoping that restrictions will be lifted in time for it to go ahead!

As I reminder, we're fundraising to say thank you for the wonderful care and treatment I received from the team there in 2019 and for their follow up support and surveillance program. We also hope to raise awareness of the importance of attending screening, after reading in clinic that too many women don't take up their invitations.

Steve, did a 10K run last year for which we received fantastic support, raising £1300 for the unit. However our resolve to double our original target of £1000 has been made stronger by the diagnosis and treatment of friends and family during the past year.

We know that many other people locally have also been touched by the unit at some stage and may also want to say thank you.

So we are a looking for donations of jumble, cakes, raffle and tombola prizes! Donations can be brought to Ingleton Community Centre on the morning of July 5th or left with us at 6 Duke Street, Burton in Lonsdale. We have limited storage but we can take it from you sooner if you need it out of your way! Please ring or text Caroline 07794353054 /62681 if you'd like us to collect. Please don't put off an invitation for screening or a concern about a change. Most things will be fine but early detection can make a big difference. Staff at the unit are glad to be able to put minds at ease and never consider a visit to be a waste of their time.

***Caroline & Steve Hastie***

## Recreational Field - Play Park Area

### New Picnic Table

By the end of the Easter School Holiday we are expecting that the latest addition will have been installed.

Over the past few years there has been several improvements to enhance the play park which have proven a great success and we are sure that after all the Covid restrictions have been lifted we will see more and more families using the area.

The latest item will be an eight seater picnic table, made from recycled plastic as opposed to timber, to promote the use of this material. The benefits are that it is guaranteed for twenty five years, is extremely robust and will not require maintenance / further preservative treatments etc. We are keen to utilise this material to ensure that we, in the village, are supporting firms who are making products from recycled waste items. The table weighs 120kg. so you can imagine how many waste plastic bottles etc. have been re-used to make it.

We are sure that everyone will enjoy this new addition to the play area.

*Recreation Committee*

## Settle Photographic Group

### Annual Competition

In March, Settle Photographic Group held its annual competition, which was judged by Colin Wilson, a well-known, experienced judge within Yorkshire, who was, until recently, President of the Yorkshire Photographic Union.

We thought you might like to see the winning entries.

#### Winning images (clockwise)

Short-eared Owl - Brian Blinkhorn

Suck it and see - Sue Hadrill

May Moorland - Margaret Smith

Out for a Walk - David Crutchley

Kingfisher - Brian Blinkhorn

Roundabout Reflection - Chris Chandler



### Up and Coming Events

Mon 19 April 2021 19.30 Zoom Meeting

#### **Virtual Meeting: Annual General Meeting**

After a belated AGM last year, we return to our traditional timing this year. The AGM will be followed by a review of the "Night Scenes" and "My Month - March" galleries.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 19.30 online Zoom Meeting

#### **Virtual Meeting: Demonstration**

Photoshop/Lightroom Practical Demonstration led by Rod Smith.

For further information about the group look at our website at

[www.settlephotos.org](http://www.settlephotos.org) or contact the secretary at [secretary@settlephotos.org](mailto:secretary@settlephotos.org)



## Parish Council Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

This is a report on the regular bi-monthly meeting of the Parish Council. It is not meant to be a complete record of everything discussed, for that please see the Minutes when they are published on the Village website (or attend the meeting!).

The meeting was held via Zoom and was attended by the Clerk, five parish councillors, two District & County Councillors and three members of the public.

**Item 2 (Minutes).** There was an extended discussion about the Minutes of the previous meeting and the submission by the PC to Craven DC and whether that included the concerns expressed at the last meeting concerning housing density, drainage, trees as well as traffic at the site entrance and on the access road. Also about the future of the school building.

Councillor Handley said he would raise these matters with Craven.

**Item 4 (reports).** The only significant discussion was about the proposed re-organisation of North Yorkshire into either one Unitary Authority (excluding the city of York), or two Unitary Authorities, the West and the East (including York). All speakers expressed a view that the West/East split would be better for local services.

On the matter of the S106 proposals (from the previous meeting) a comprehensive reply had been received from CDC with an indication where the money might be allocated.

**Item 9 (Recreation Committee).** There was a discussion about the future of the Multi-Use-Games-Area (MUGA) as it needs some £25k spending on it. The surface has lasted 23 years much more than its scheduled life of 15 years. Burton Community Sports which holds the lease of the area has not got the resources for this and, at the next meeting, a decision will be taken on whether the MUGA should be directly managed by the PC. *(also see the separate item in the Burtonian)*

**Item 10c.** The annual inspection report on the Very Old and Separate Churchyard had not been completed but apparently no complaints had been received from the tenants.

**Item 12 (Future Meetings).** These will be listed in the *Burtonian* and on the Village website and are open to all to attend.

## VIRTUAL OPEN GARDENS

Just a reminder to all gardeners that in the absence of an Open Gardens Event this summer, the date for submitting your pictures of your SPRING garden for inclusion in the next edition of The Burtonian and also on the Village Web Site, is the end of April/early May. Please limit it to no more than 3 photos if possible!

Please mark your email 'Virtual Open Garden'

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## **A round of applause goes to..... Pals with Trowels**

No doubt almost everyone in the village is aware that the voluntary group Pals with Trowels has done a great job creating a delightful picnic/leisure area next to the river, near the Recreation Field.

Recently a couple of visitors (taking a socially distanced coffee!) asked that their appreciation of the amenity be conveyed to the group. This is the latest in a long list of people expressing their pleasure in such a lovely amenity. No doubt it will get longer this summer (weather permitting!!).

The work is voluntary; if you can help in any way, please contact:-

Marilyn - sandgrowingirl53@gmail.com

Sue - susan.cross17@yahoo.co.uk OR any member of the PALS

**Thank you Pals with Trowels - and carry on the good work.**



## **SNOWDROPS.**

Snowdrops ( Galanthus ) have never looked as spectacular as they have this year, especially by the river Greta.

These small delicate flowers are the first to push their way through cold hard ground. Snowdrop means Sympathy, Innocence, Purity and Hope.

In the Churchyard is planted a beautiful circle of white flowers, Snowdrops being the first to appear followed by crocus and then tulips. This circle of white flowers has been planted in loving memory of all children and babies who have died and are buried in the Churchyard.

There are 20 Species and around 2,500 named varieties.

As there are so few potentially pollinating insects in winter the snowdrop has developed a different approach to reproducing. Bulbs split when dormant and begin to produce more flowers, and they also have the ability to produce their own heat enabling them to melt snow around them. Snowdrops also have a naturally occurring substance called Galantamine and is sold as a medication to help treat the symptoms of Alzheimers disease that goes under the name of Reminyl.

Just a few snippets about these beautiful delicate winter white flowers.

Daffodils to follow.

Jane Burns.





Spring is at here at last bringing new hope and colour to the garden. Longer nights and bright mornings give us more time to enjoy our gardens and the surrounding countryside.

It's a busy time in the garden with lots of rewards as bulbs and plants start to blossom and thrive.

Here are some tips of what to do over the next two months



## April

Buy annual plants such as begonias, geraniums for summer bedding, pots and hanging baskets. Be careful to protect them at night as frosts can still occur until the end of May. Greenhouses need to be given a spring clean with hot soapy water to get rid of pests and to let in more light for the season ahead

Time to spruce up garden/patio furniture by cleaning or repainting.

Tie in any climbers to train them along supports

As daffodils and tulip flowers die, deadhead them but leave the foliage to die back naturally so that all the goodness goes back into the bulb for next year.

Keep weeds under control as they will be growing very fast at the moment. Make sure you remove as much of the root system of perennial weeds.

Add goodness to perennials, trees and shrubs with a leaf mulch or well-rotted manure

Protect blossom from late frosts using fleece

Scarify the lawn to remove moss which may have become prevalent after the wet and mild winter.

Sow new lawn seed if necessary or repair bare patches, keeping it moist while it establishes. Make sure the first mowings of the season are on a high cut.

Sow hardy **herbs** for example chervil, chives, parsley, borage and fennel.

It's a busy time in the veggie garden if you haven't already, prepare a vegetable bed with compost and well-rotted manure. Many seeds can be sown this month, such as salad leaves, chard, radish, carrots and peas. Remember many of these can be grown in containers if you are short on space. Plant onion sets, protecting the tops from birds!

Houseplants may require watering more regularly now and repotting/

## May

Protect tender plants by "hardening them off" by leaving them out in the day but bringing them inside at night. Alternatively keep some fleece to protect vulnerable plants from a late frost.

Harden off dahlias and sweet peas for planting as soon as the risk of frost has passed.

Divide hostas as they come into growth and trim lavender plants.

Protect hostas from slugs with homemade garlic repellent or wool pellets. Plant summer hanging baskets add slow-release fertiliser and water-retaining crystals. Protect them from late frost under cover.

Prune out overcrowded and dead stems of early flowering clematis.

Make sure your lawn is lush and green by applying a balanced fertiliser. Now is the time to lower the mowers cutting blade.

In the veg garden continue to earth up early potatoes, harden off outdoor tomatoes, pumpkins and courgettes for planting early next month. Sow sweetcorn directly outside sowing in blocks rather than rows for successful pollination. Sow more lettuce, rocket, land cress, and other salad leaves outdoors to ensure a steady supply. Thin out direct-sown vegetables such as chard, spinach and carrots.

Clip topiary as this is a lovely foil for the summer displays and it grows tighter and more compact the more you do it. Train in Clematis growths so that you get the desired effect later in the season regarding coverage of trellis etc. At the end of the month you can plant out any subjects that are prone to a cold snap such as Sweet Peas and Dahlias as now the soil is warming and they can get off to a flying start and begin strong root growth.

*Finally weather allowing sit back in the evening and relax and enjoy your garden over a glass of wine!*



### ***Lune Valley Swimming Pool - re-opens.***

The Lune valley swimming Pool re-opened on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March to provide weekly swimming lessons for local schools.

Staff training ensured that the latest lifeguarding/ first aid guidance and Covid procedures were in place..

All pupils, staff and teachers were very happy to be back swimming again.

As always we are focusing on making sure that swimming continues to be available for all.

Our next big step is for General Public Sessions which, subject to government legislation ,will commence on 12<sup>th</sup> April



Please check out our website and the revised operating guidelines and timetables when published..

Above all come back and enjoy your pool again, we so look forward to seeing you .

Website- [www.lunevalleypool.com](http://www.lunevalleypool.com); Facebook – lune valley swimming pool.

Email [poolmanager@lunevalleypool.com](mailto:poolmanager@lunevalleypool.com)

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### **Plant Sale at Tunstall Church**

**Saturday May 8th 10.30am to 1.00pm**

The Tunstall Church Trust are organising a plant sale in aid of the church on Saturday May 8th from 10.30am to 1.00pm in the churchyard. Our previous plant sales have been well stocked and the prices are competitive, so please put this date in your diary for a really nice morning at our beautiful church, with lots of plants on sale as well as a produce stall, refreshments and a raffle (Covid rules permitting).



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## The Rotary Club of Lunesdale

Meeting on line, as the club continues to do, is by no means as good or as satisfactory as meeting in person. It does however enable club members to keep in touch and abreast with how their fellow members are coping in this pandemic. Additionally at virtual meetings Rotary objectives and news from local, national and international levels can be raised and discussed. We hear from these meetings how much is being achieved both locally, nationally and globally by Rotarians despite the restrictions we are all subject to. In this digital age we are so fortunate to have several quick and efficient methods of communication to spread news during this extremely testing time. We continue to have speakers with a fascinating story to tell. On 21st January, Dave King, the Editor of our national magazine "Rotary", was our speaker. He spoke about the exclusive interviews he is privileged to have had with people who have inspiring and human interest stories to tell. Some of which were done as a series of online talks. Other speakers included Alistair Richards of NW Cancer Research whose job is to raise the vital funds to enable this hugely important research to continue. Mark Wood, a speaker with a military background, talked about some of the expeditions he has undertaken eg to Antarctica and Mt Everest. On February 11th we look forward to welcoming Dave Ellis as our speaker. He is the incoming RIBI President for the year 2021-22. Stay well, keep safe. Lilian

**My name is Craig Lyons and I am the Public Safety Officer** for Bentham based at Bentham Fire Station. Before becoming a Public Safety Officer (PSO) in April 2020 I was the Craven Community safety officer for North Yorkshire fire & rescue service, however, I decided that I wanted to be one of the first PSO's ever to be trialed here in North Yorkshire.

The Public Safety Officer is a multi-agency role which includes Police, Fire and Ambulance in the main but is not limited to just those three services. My primary function is to help with community safety issues and help communities to be safe and feel safe.

Some of the responsibilities of my role means that I am an on-call fire fighter. I have also been designated certain police powers by the Chief Constable (although I am not a PCSO) and I am an on-call community first responder. My role is about working with the community to prevent issues and from happening or help to identify where help might be needed.

Like for so many of us the last year has been a difficult one to navigate a brand-new service especially one that focuses on engagement with the public. The on-going COVID 19 pandemic has cancelled events around communities and has kept us all indoors. My hope for the next year is that normal life will slowly resume and I will be able to become more of a presence around the Bentham, Burton and Ingleton areas at engagement events and surgeries.

One of the most important aspects of my job is to promote our safe and well visits, This service gives me the opportunity to speak with people about things such as fire safety in the home, security, scams and fraud and any other local issues people may have including anti-social behaviour, parking or community speed watch. This year due to COVID 19 only the most high risk appointments have been attended on a risk assessed basis but we have adapted the visits to be carried out over the phone so people can still be offered reassurance for any concerns they may have.

While I've been in Bentham during the pandemic I have tried to contact as many voluntary groups as possible to offer my assistance in any way I can, Whether that's to help out with the pop up pantry or deliver prescription medicine to people who are shielding.

In closing my hope is as we come out of lockdown I will be able to get out and about and help push the Public Safety Service to reach its full potential.

Many thanks,

Craig

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## A Beautiful Space???

Do you enjoy watching those makeover programmes where a 'difficult' space gets an inspirational 'makeover'?

For many people, for obvious reasons, a churchyard may be a 'difficult' space, a place that instantly evokes painful memories and ambivalent feelings of all sorts. So, maybe without quite realizing it, we avoid them so as to avoid being touched by those difficult feelings once again.

And yet...and yet...and yet....What are the possibilities for making this most challenging of open spaces a beautiful, peace-filled space for all to enjoy???

Here in Burton, near the heart of our village we have, to my mind, a quite amazing churchyard or rather several distinct churchyard areas each with their own character and history that together make up the traditional place in our village where so many people have been lovingly laid to rest.

My relationship with the churchyard really began when my late husband, Chris, suggested one balmy summer's evening about 15 years ago that we go for an exploratory stroll all around it. We began by entering that mysterious black gate on Chapel Lane that I had always assumed was locked and 'private' (it is neither). This took us into the wonderfully named 'Very Old and Separate Churchyard' where there had once been a Chapel of Ease before the construction of the current church (find the big holly tree to know where it once was). Chris took me to the highest point and I was bowled over by the panoramic view and the sudden sense of being lifted out of the hustle and bustle of the village into a magically still place...it is still one of my favourite spots in the whole village.

From there we descended the inner stone steps and down into the 'new' part where the most recent burials have happened. He then took me round it and told me wonderful, vivid stories about all his friends who were now buried there. Yes, he was sad... but at the same time he was full of a deep happiness that comes from good memories born of rich, unforgettable friendships. He recalled riotous local football matches shared, colourful characters who'd done memorably outrageous things and other people who had, quietly, just been so special to him. In the telling they came alive for me. It was a special moment between us as he invited me to become friends with those friends of his that I had not personally known in life.

We then continued past the 'wild' bit of the churchyard and out into Leeming Lane and home.

So the churchyard became a peaceful place for me...and still is... as he is now buried there himself, opposite the less tidy 'wild' bit (very appropriate!) and with a great view of the Rec where he used to so love playing football.

But then, a couple of years later I discovered that he had forgotten to show me the 'Secret Garden', yet another magical space that had been made into a garden for the Millennium...now known as 'the Garden of Remembrance' and nowadays much more obvious. But it can still be missed despite the fact that it can be reached from both the front and the back of the churchyard, if you know where to go! And, like the rest of the churchyard this little secret garden is open to everyone!

So.....we have this unique, multi-faceted eco-churchyard that is a resource for all of us...and my question to you all is "how, as a community, can we help all parts of it become even more of a special place than it is already"?

Makeovers off-screen take time, resources, vision and 'people power'. The churchyard makeover has already begun and there are plans and ideas floating around as to which bit of it to do what to next (watch this space!). There are a few people trying to make this happen on a voluntary basis (including the wonderful PALS village garden group) but 'the more the merrier'! So please watch out for notices maybe at the shop and in the Burtonian that say: "Can anyone please help with.....?"

'Beauty', is, of course 'in the eye of the beholder'. We all like different things, but as ideas are pooled and chewed over in a spirit of goodwill, generosity and with a willingness to put in the work needed, great things can happen....the Childrens' Flowerbed and the Stay and Play raised beds are examples of this co-operative creativity that has already happened on the south and west side of the churchyard.

So why not take a balmy, evening stroll and explore all the different areas of our churchyard for yourself. Try and see it with new eyes. Treat yourself to a few moments of tranquil enjoyment on one of the five benches scattered throughout it. How could it be made a more beautiful place to be in?? And, amongst the benches on offer DO look out for the newly-refurbished 'Millennium Bench' (many, many thanks to the villager who refurbished it – you know who you are!!).

And if you want to help with either one-off tasks or even (dare I say it) routine maintenance, or you have some creative ideas that no-one else might have suggested, then do please contact me on 015242 62452 or [catherine.c.r.rowland@btinternet.com](mailto:catherine.c.r.rowland@btinternet.com) or leave a note for me at my home, Pye Cottage, 19 Low Street, Burton-in-Lonsdale.

THANK YOU!

Cathy Rowland

### **The MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) – aka The All Weather Pitch**

Can you help?

We are looking for volunteers who can spare a few hours of their valuable time to help with the ongoing maintenance of our MUGA.

It is now 23 years old, and, throughout that time, it has been managed and maintained by Burton Community Sports (BCS), a charity formed in 1997 and we are indebted to all who have helped during that period.

BCS relies on volunteers to carry out routine maintenance tasks. For example, sweeping the playing surface, keeping weeds at bay, and removing litter from the MUGA and surrounding area. There are also more substantial tasks such as replacing the rebound boards and painting goal posts.

Keeping on top of these tasks will help ensure the MUGA is available for anyone wishing to use it, keep the fees paid by users at a low level and, continue to provide it free of charge for U-16-year-olds.

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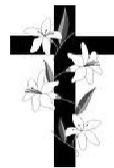
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## Another Little Lockdown Poem

When things get back to normal  
And Covid goes away  
We'll fill our homes with laughter,  
We'll sing & dance & play.

We'll hug & kiss our family,  
Make up for time we lost,  
Spend time all together  
With those we love the most.

We'll meet our friends for coffee,  
Dine out on lovely fare,  
Escape from all our kitchens  
To enjoy these treats now rare.

Schools will all reopen,  
The children will return,  
Eager to see their friends,  
Ready to study & learn.

We will meet again in Chapel,  
Sing praises to our Lord,  
Gather together to worship  
And hear His holy word.

Hospitals return to normal  
So operations can be done,  
Those waiting for new knees & hips  
Could once more have some fun.

We might even book a holiday  
And get away for a while,  
It really wouldn't matter where,  
Just a change would make us smile.

We'll be able to go to meetings  
All gathered in one room,  
No need for social spacing  
And not reliant on Zoom

We'll be able to do our shopping  
Not fearing who we meet,  
No need to wear a mask  
No glasses covered in mist!!

Let's hope that this can happen soon,  
We've had enough dark days,  
And we'll never again take for granted  
Things we did in the "olden days".

**Jennifer Sedgwick**



**Photo to accompany the  
article on pages 10 and 11.**

## Your Parish Council and Local Citizens Advice

I know 2020 has been a difficult time for us all, both personally and professionally, but the Citizens Advice Service has been able to continue to help people in local communities, dealing with a record number of calls and emails in 2020.



Our Ward Statistics show that for a typical Parish in North Yorkshire in 2020 we helped around 2% of the local population – that would be between 30 and 60 people in your ward. We have helped to put money back in the pockets of local people, and ensured that they get what they are entitled to and also that their debts are addressed in a manageable way.

I am happy to let you have the dashboard for your ward if you would like – simply email me at [cass@cravenandharrogatecab.cabnet.org.uk](mailto:cass@cravenandharrogatecab.cabnet.org.uk).

We want to continue with this work and intend in 2021 to increase our local engagement and presence, building on the work we have done already with videocalls in local venues. As part of this we would like to ask if you would consider contributing towards the costs of running our service (which is mainly delivered by volunteers) by providing a donation of £250.

Regardless of that, please could we ask you to promote our contact details and services in your community. A free poster is available upon request to the contact address stated above, and our Freephone number is 0808 278 7900.

Kind Regards,

Tim Tribe

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## DISCLAIMER

We have been asked by Margaret Gibson to point out that the poem in the last issue entitled 'VARIATIONS ON A THEME' was not written by her. It was passed onto her by a friend who found it on the internet. She has told us that people have congratulated her on its ingenuity and she would not wish to take credit for someone else's efforts!

## Bus 80: Ingleton - Bentham - Hornby - Lancaster

### Monday to Saturday

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<b>Ingleton</b> Community Centre	0615	0900	1135	1335	1435
<b>Burton in Lonsdale</b> High Street	0624	0909	1144	1344	1444
<b>High Bentham</b> Bentham Club	0633	0918	1153	1353	1453
<b>Low Bentham</b>	0636	0921	1156	1356	1456
<b>Wennington</b> The Green	0644	0929	1204	1404	1504
<b>Wray</b> Proctors Farm	0648	0933	1208	1408	1508
<b>Hornby</b> Lunesdale School	0654	0939	1214	1414	1514
<b>Brookhouse</b> Black Bull	0702	0947	1222	1422	1522
<b>Caton</b> Station Hotel	0706	0951	1226	1426	1526
<b>Halton</b> War Memorial	0716	1001	1236	1436	1536
<b>Lancaster</b> Bus Station	0728	1013	1248	1448	1548

### Towards Ingleton

<b>Lancaster</b> Bus Station	..	1000	1200	1400	1725
<b>Halton</b> War Memorial	..	1014	1214	1414	1739
<b>Caton</b> Station Hotel	..	1025	1225	1425	1750
<b>Brookhouse</b> Black Bull	..	1029	1229	1429	1754
<b>Hornby</b> Lunesdale School	..	1039	1239	1439	1804
<b>Wray</b> Proctors Farm	..	1045	1245	1445	1810
<b>Wennington</b> The Green	..	1050	1250	1450	1815
<b>Low Bentham</b>	..	1100	1300	1500	1825
<b>High Bentham</b> Bentham Club	..	1104	1304	1504	1829
<b>Burton in Lonsdale</b> High St.	..	1113	1313	1513	1836
<b>Ingleton</b> Community Centre	..	1122	1322	1522	1845

NS = this journey does not run on Saturdays

S = this journey only runs on Saturdays

**Between Wennington and Low Bentham this service now operates via Ravens Close Brow and Burton Road, and no longer stops at The Punch Bowl.**

Service 80 does not run on Sundays or Public Holidays.

See separate timetable for Northern DalesBus service 830 on Summer Sundays.

### USEFUL WEBSITES ....

#### Rural Bulletin

[www.rsonline.org.uk/](http://www.rsonline.org.uk/)

#### Craven District Council

[www.cravendc.gov.uk/community-living/get-involved/community-news-newsletter/](http://www.cravendc.gov.uk/community-living/get-involved/community-news-newsletter/)

#### Northern Gas Networks

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#### Allerton Waste Recovery Park

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Bentham	0603	0935	1538	2040
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Lancaster	0631	1006	1607	2114

#### Sundays (BUS)

Bentham	0718	1318	1918
Wennington	0738	1338	1938
Lancaster	0803	1403	2003

#### Mondays to Saturdays

Lancaster	0648	1046	1745	2131
Wennington	0711	1109	1809	2157
Bentham	0717	1115	1815	2202

#### Sundays (BUS)

Lancaster	0600	1200	1800
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