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Winter is here it would seem, and comes as a bit of a shock after such a mild Autumn, what are the odds on a white Christmas I wonder?

We received a larger than normal post bag for this edition of the Burtonian and just about managed to fit everything in, so apologies if some pages appear a little crowded. There are some very heartwarming stories to be enjoyed of several successful fundraising events and messages of thanks, which underline yet again, how supportive and generous a community we live in. It is great news too that we welcome back Concert and Cakes in the New Year (page 3) an event that has been much missed. Also, don't forget the Jazz in the Village night on 18 December in the Village Hall (page 21), and the event which most of all marks the beginning of the Christmas season, the Carol Service at All Saints on Sunday 19th.

We would like to wish each and every one of the Burtonian's readers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

David & Marilyn

burton.news@gmail.com

Support for All Saints Church

The grade2* listed church is such an iconic landmark in the village and can be seen from many miles around, but the few regular worshippers are regularly faced with high bills. If there is any one in the village who would like to help to maintain the building and grounds with regular donations we can set up systems for you to pay a small amount monthly, quarterly or annually. If you are a tax payer and are happy to add gift aid to your donation, this will help us even more.

The Parish Church is open for many village occasions in addition to regular services. Baptisms, weddings and funerals, Concert and Cakes, exhibitions, carol services, Remembrance services. The church room is available for anyone local who may wish to use it and there is a small kitchen so light refreshments can be laid on.

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The Emmeline String Quartet
Saturday 19th February 2022

Yes, we are back! Concert&Cakes is delighted to announce that we will be welcoming the Emmeline String Quartet to present an hour of beautiful music at All Saints Church on Saturday 22nd February 2022.

Concert&Cakes showcases emerging talent in classical music performance. We pick ensembles who have all been students at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, where Burton in Lonsdale resident, the late Dr Chris Rowland, was the first Head of Chamber Music. Chris's legendary teaching means that the RNCM remains the top UK conservatoire for chamber music training. The students love coming to perform in the church where Chris worshipped, and we get to hear the next generation of classical music stars first.

The Covid-19 pandemic has been especially hard for musicians. Thousands have been out of work or obliged to train and perform online. So we very much hope for a full house and a super warm Burton in Lonsdale welcome for the Emmeline String Quartet in February.

To go on the mailing list contact concertandcakes@outlook.com



A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Bull Farm apple juicing day.

Due to popular demand, we hope to repeat the event next year. Please watch for further notices.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE WIRRAL

Dear Burtonians

I am writing on behalf of my father, John White, who, following the death of his wife, Joyce, has been overwhelmed by the support and kindness of you all.

He has been staggered by the number of cards and calls he has received, and very much moved by the sentiments conveyed. Amongst the sadness of the situation, much comfort has been taken from your words about Joyce.

The funeral, at All Saints Church in the village, took place yesterday, and my father, like the rest of the family, was grateful to all who attended, and more importantly, supported us all. Many thanks must go to the two ministers, Roger Fox and Stephen Caddy, who conducted the service together, and a special mention for the soloist, Cathy Rowland, who sang beautifully - how my mum would have enjoyed the rendition of 'Be still for the presence of the Lord...'

Finally, on a lighter note, the cakes, pastries and meals, left on the doorstep by kind neighbours - very much appreciated, and I'll be booking father in to WeightWatchers very soon!!

Paul White,

son of Joyce and John.

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

Looking Forward to 2022

By Notsodimus, our resident Astrologer.

Here are some of the headlines that we are unlikely to see next year, but some may come true. Can you tell which they are?

Queen's Sapphire Jubilee - village/street party exceeds expectations.

Burton P.C. produces an innovative plan to solve the parking problems on High and Low Streets.

Waitrose make a bid for the Village Shop, "we need a foothold in the North West" - spokesperson.

Village pub to open seven days a week.

Boris Johnson voted 'most effective' European leader.

Methodist Chapel re-opens in time for Christmas.

'Insulate Britain' protestors, "it took Police three days to realise we were blocking access to Greta Heath".

Refugees decline offers of accommodation in Bentham.

Adele concert on the recreation field cancelled after supply of tickets exceeds demand.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Thank you

Thank you to all who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning this year. Through the generosity of all who contributed we are delighted to have raised £720 !

It was a great morning, busy throughout and a lovely atmosphere. We had an enthusiastic team of helpers who are keen to do it all again next year so watch this space!

Thanks again. It's so positive to be able to continue what Jill Peel has been doing for many years and to keep supporting such a worthwhile charity.

Caroline Hastie & Lynne Lawson (and team!)

Book Cafe

Burton in Lonsdale Pals with Trowels, would like to thank everyone who came along in large numbers to support our 4th Book Cafe. The event was a great success and all the hard work paid off. Proceeds of £118 will go towards our work in and around the village.

Also, a HUGE thank you to everyone who has bought our village Christmas Card, the response was better than expected and they are now sold out. Special thanks must go to Heather and Mick at the Punch Bowl for allowing us to put a box of cards in the pub for people to buy, they sold out in no time - and also to Chris Whitfield for helping out by selling cards at All Saints.

The next Book Cafe will be Saturday 5 February 2022. We would be grateful for any good quality, recent novels to replenish our stocks and provide a wider choice of reading material. Please bring any books you wish to donate/swap on the morning.

The 3 Dads Walking came to Burton-in- Lonsdale

If you were following BBC Breakfast or the newspapers in October, you will have heard of the three Dads. Andy, Mike and Tim are three fathers who over 15 days in October walked 300 miles from Andy's home near Appleby, Cumbria to Tim's home in Norfolk via Mike's home in Manchester.

What the three Dads have in common is that very sadly they have each lost a daughter to suicide. Their daughters Sophie (Andy), Emily (Tim) and Beth (Mike) were between the ages of 17 and 29 when they took their own lives.

The Dads decided to do the walk in order to raise awareness of young suicide which is now the biggest killer under the age of 35. And also to raise money for a suicide prevention charity, Papyrus through which they met. The charity had helped them all following the deaths of their daughters offering support in many different ways.

Following an online appeal for help, I approached them via their website and offered them free accommodation on Night 2 of their walk at Tatham Lodge on Low Street, which they eagerly accepted. On that day, Sunday 10th October, Andy, Mike and Tim walked from Kendal via Kirkby Lonsdale to their finishing point at Wennington. They arrived there to a small group of well-wishers and we picked them up to bring them home for a well-earned shower and hearty meal.

In the morning after breakfast and with packed lunches in their rucksacks, we returned them to Wennington where they resumed the walk, that day finishing in Dunsop Bridge. They were great company and full of tales of the people they had already met on the journey so far.

People had sought them out to talk to about their own loss, to support the Dads and to donate to Papyrus. This continued throughout the whole walk across the country only going to show that suicide is a nationwide problem and that more support is needed.

At the beginning of their challenge, the Dads had a very small fundraising target in mind. The main aim was more about raising awareness that there is help out there for people who are going through bad times in their lives or contemplating suicide. Papyrus has a Hope line which people can phone if they need to talk to someone.

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However, the story captured the nation and the fundraising target rocketed, finishing at around £800,000, including a £10,000 donation each from the actors Daniel Craig and Nicole Kidman. The Dads never expected this amount of money or the national and international media interest in their challenge.

They are now in talks about a future book and possibly a documentary.

It was a privilege for us to meet and host these three fantastic men.

If you would like to donate to the 3 Dads Walking or read their stories including their blog from the walk please go to www.3dadswalking.uk

You can also donate £5 by texting PAPYRUS to 70085

Teena D Taylor

Keep an eye on the Village calendar at
www.burton-in-lonsdale.net/coming-events-in-burton



Burton is a very pleasant place to live; this is due, in no small part, to the many, many jobs done by volunteers, particularly since March 2020 (remember that?).

A big Thank You to the following:

The people working in the Village Shop – a huge asset for the village.

The volunteers helping to run public buildings and areas: the churches, the Village Hall, the Recreation Field and Sports Pavilion.

The people gardening around the Village: the Orchard (the picnic area was well used again this summer); the Village Green and War Memorial are most attractive; the Village entrances are enhanced by the entrance signs and accompanying planting.

The land at Bridge End kept neat and tidy over the years by a local resident. Grass cutting along Leeming Lane.

The litter pickers and other people for maintenance items (eg seats and footpaths maintenance) which keep the Village and outlying areas well-looked after.

Last, but not least: thanks to the *Burtonian* Editors: you do a great job!

Undoubtedly, there's a lot more going on behind the scenes not mentioned here; they all add to the quality of life in Burton.

Thank You!

P.S. If you'd like to volunteer for maintenance work around the village, even only one item, contact the Clerk, Sue Gregory, on 62863 or email bilparishcouncil@btinternet.com .

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The impact is much worse, however, on the lives of peoples in the global South. The homes of the nations of low-lying Pacific Islands are already disappearing under the sea. Millions of people in Asia, Africa and South America are being driven from their lands by floods and droughts that cause the loss of homes and the failure of harvests followed by famine.

Governments and industries have important roles in leading on changes to address this crisis but each one of us has our own part to play in caring for each other and in saving the world for the future.

Burton was once known as Black Burton. Some say this was due to the black smoke emitted by the potteries, though others say it described the locals! Burning coal has been a major cause of this global warming. Now we are facing the environmental consequences of the years of use of fossil fuels and of our current lifestyles. Can we make the changes that are desperately needed? Can we adjust our lives so that we prevent further damage? Can we start to create a Green Burton?

If you want to start by thinking about your own carbon footprint and what you can do, there are some websites that help you do this using a quiz such as:

<https://climatehero.me>

<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk>

There are many others sites that you can find using a search engine; these are only a suggestion, not a specific recommendation.

In the near future, I hope to run Climate Fresk workshops. These are fun, interactive sessions giving people time to think about the causes and consequences of climate change and to consider personal and community responses. They are designed for groups of 6 people, take 3 hours and are free. If you are interested in helping to arrange one, please contact me.

Gwen Harris

The dossier that was written for the North Craven area, and available on Compass, is in need of updating. All of the 130 or so organisations need to be contacted and the references updated. I do not have spare time this year so would love to get some help to update the dossier. Call me on 61124 if you feel able to help. *Andy Ive*

All Saints' Church News

Sunday Services in December 2021 and January 2022

December	5th	8am Holy Communion 11 am (Family Christingle Service with a Nativity Theme)
December	12th	11 am Advent Communion
December	19th	8am Holy Communion 11 am (Morning Worship) 6.30 pm Village Carol Service
December	24 th	4.30 Children's Activities in All Saints Church 5.30 pm Carols around the Christmas Tree 11.30 pm Midnight Service in Church
December	25 th	11 am Short Family Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion in the church room
December	26 th	9.30 Service at St Oswald's, Thornton in Lonsdale
January	2 nd	8am Holy Communion 11 am (Morning Prayer)
January	9th	11 am (Holy Communion)
January	16th	8 am (Holy Communion) 11am Morning Prayer
January	23th	11 am Sunday (Holy Communion)
January	30 th	11 am Morning Prayer

Other Services and Events in December and January

Stay and Play

The group for preschool children, including all babies and Parents/Grandparents and carers meet in the church room every Thursday morning from 9.30 am. All are welcome and adults who would like to help on a rota will also be welcome. Contact the church wardens on allsaintscw@gmail.com

Stay and Play Christmas break follows Christmas party on 16 December.

Friday Prayers

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.

Village Carol Service Sunday December 19th. We are hoping to be able to hold the village carol service as in pre-covid years, depending on any Government restrictions at the time. Start thinking NOW if you would like to take part with individual singers, instrumentalists, poems and readings all possible!

Thursday afternoon Craft, coffee and chatter sessions are suspended until the New Year – watch for posters in the village

Best wishes

Catherine and Christine, Church Wardens at All Saints

And from Vicar Denis..

One of my favourite contemporary carols is entitled Mary, Did You Know? The author, Mark Lowry, wrote "I tried to put into words the questions I would have if I were to sit down and have coffee with Mary such as what did you know and what didn't you know". The song invites the listener to contemplate the relationship between Mary and her new-born Son even as her faith and understanding begins to grow. The song has been criticised for lack of theological depth on the grounds that Mary had far more understanding than the song suggests. Luke records how Mary treasured the words of angels and shepherds, "pondering them in her heart".

For so many last Christmas was very difficult. Many ways of marking the season in a traditional way were denied to us. This year I hope and pray that so many of the familiar experiences that help Christmas come alive return to our homes and community. Whatever else December brings, it will offer us an opportunity to enter more deeply into the joyful mystery that lies at the heart of Christmas: God becoming human in the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a challenge to each of us to ponder in our hearts as Mary did, what the extraordinary events of the first Christmas might mean for us now and in the years ahead.

The Christmas story is that the God of love sent us his only Son to be with us at all times and all places so that we never have to feel lost in those confusing moments of life but can trust that he walks with us. This continues to give us comfort and consolation. We are not alone in our journey of life. The Christmas story casts a light on the deepest desires in many hearts. This is the desire that God would personally break into the world and bring meaning to life. We need to let God be who he wants to be to us. There are those who try to keep God at arm's length, not allowing Him to touch their lives as He longs to do. We need to make room for Him to be with us. Christmas is the renewed invitation to allow him, who loves us more than we can understand, to accompany us as we walk the journey of our lives.

The birth of Jesus can stir up hope again; God becoming human, a saviour born for us, Jesus Christ, here before us in a baby lying in a manger. Can it be that because of, and through him, the whole world can have a fresh start?

May God Bless you and yours this Christmas season
Denis

BURTON VILLAGE HALL

After a couple of years of discussion, we have at last applied for planning permission for the toilet extension on the village hall. Chris Phillips the Architect has been very patient with us, and very generous with his time and he gets grateful thanks from the Committee. The next stage will of course be fundraising, so any grant ideas would be very welcome. The design is similar to the ones shown in a previous edition of the Burtonian, and may be viewed on the Village Hall web site.

It is lovely to see the Hall being used again on a regular basis, and some maintenance is pending, such as a new water tap for the kitchen boiler and a general drying of the walls.

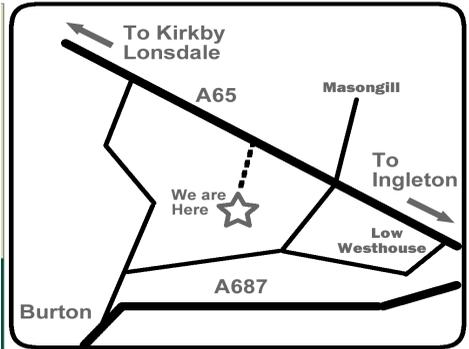
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Christmas without cards.

Michael Lavelle

I have finally decided enough is enough, I shall not be sending any Christmas cards to anyone in the village and if you are thinking of sending me one, please don't. This decision is partly in deference to Scrooge, a much misunderstood man, prior to his changing his mind about Christmas in particular and life in general, and it's a small contribution to the reduction in waste paper. I shall donate the saving I make to my favourite charity. Merry Christmas everyone.

Bowling Club Jumble Sale

Burton Bowling Club made a profit of approx: £700-00 from their Jumble Sale held on Saturday 16th October in Ingleton Community Centre. A huge thank you to all who donated, bought, baked, and helped in any way. The money raised will be used for improving facilities, along with ongoing maintenance work (electricity will soon be installed). The Bowling Club is there for all ages and is an excellent sport for maintaining good physical and mental wellbeing. The Club plays in three leagues, friendly fixtures with other local Clubs and fun bowling on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. The green will be open again at the beginning of April 22. We are a friendly bunch, so if you wish to give Crown Green Bowling a go, members will be only too pleased to help you get started. *Jane Burns.*

Breast Care Unit Jumble Sale

We just want to say a HUGE thank you to everybody who supported our Jumble Sale for the North Lancs & South Cumbria Breast Care Unit on 18th September. Although it was our third attempt it was certainly worth the wait!

We were overwhelmed by the turn out and support we received and raised a total of £1,350 on the day. This included the incredibly generous donation of £248 raised by George and Hilary from the sale of George's beautiful flowers.

Combined with other donations and eBay and Facebook sales along the way we are delighted to have been able to hand over a total of £2,000 to the Unit. This is in addition to the £1,300 we donated last year following Steve's Shrewsbury 10K.

Thank you to everybody who has contributed in any way. It has been a wonderful team effort and we are truly touched by the response.

Please remember the message to stay Breast Aware, get any changes checked and attend invitations to screening. It may be nothing to worry about but no trip is ever wasted and early detection really can save lives.

Caroline & Steve Hastie

'Preparing our Burton Shop for the coming years'

Everyone is justly proud of our Community Shop. Having such a reliable facility on our doorsteps is a vital service, providing our supermarket, Post Office, newsagent, dry cleaners and so much more. It's both a commercial and social hub as well as an employer too! It came into its own especially during the pandemic, supporting all of Burton's residents at a vital time, not least the delivery service that we operated for many in that difficult period. We have a dedicated band of staff and volunteers, willing to give the Shop and therefore all of us living here, their time and energy. A huge thank you to all who have pitched in at various moments over the years.

I had the privilege of taking over from Nigel Whitfield as Chair of our Shop's Management Committee nearly 6 months ago. Nigel had successfully led the team for the last 5 years and, fortunately, I took over from him with things in a healthy state, not least financially.

Improvement Plans

Our challenge is to build on those successes, learning from others and avoiding any of our own past mistakes! We want our Shop to serve this community well for years to come, securing its position at the heart of Burton in Lonsdale life.

With significant cash reserves built over recent years, supplemented by a one-off Craven Council grant to support people and businesses through Covid, we are in a great position to improve our Shop for the benefit of our residents and customers. Our Committee agreed 4 aims and objectives:

- providing an up to date community shopping facility with an improved environment for customers, staff and volunteers;
- sympathetically retaining the character of the Shop whilst upgrading and re-organising Shop fittings, lay-out and décor;
- implementing an infrastructural hardware/software system (which we envisage happening after those improvements) to give us improved stock control/analysis, allowing us to run the Shop in a more efficient and automated way; and
- maintaining and preferably enhancing the capital value of this important community asset.

Underpinning those are several aspects: making sure we spend money wisely for our community; providing improvements that will sustain for the long term; building on our quality customer service (eg. our use of local suppliers and promotion of ethically-sourced products); and improving the environment we operate in.

A final crucial element is to understand what you would like to see from this project.

Please speak to any of us on the Committee and tell us: Sarah Salrein our Shop Manager, David Gillibrand, Maggie Bruno, Sue Cross, Sue Bibby, Ian Macdonald or me. If it's easier please e-mail the Shop: burtonvillagestores@gmail.com, using 'Burton Shop Improvement' in the subject line, or drop a note into the Shop, similarly marked. Of course we can't necessarily promise to meet everybody's preferences, but it will be helpful to understand this wider thinking.

So what's happening now?

We are underway but remain at an early stage. We've engaged with 3 experienced Shopfitting companies so far, all chosen with our type of outlet and project in mind. Although we want to provide them with a relatively 'blank canvas' to work from, we'll ensure they work towards realistic design options for us based on our objectives and budget. Shopfitters will expect to deliver a full end-to-end project service for us, which we want too, thereby minimising cost or time overruns, business disruption to the Shop and cross-supplier responsibility risks.

We have talked with 2 company leads so far, to describe our initial thinking on potential designs and existing constraints and to ensure they understand what we want to achieve. Those conversations have been encouraging, covering what can be achieved and when, thinking about better layouts, improved access, more modern and attractive units/shelving for the presentation of products, better and more energy-efficient lighting and so on.

How can I help?

We would welcome your help and support in the work we have now kicked off. That might just be by continuing to use the Shop, or volunteering to help us or letting us know what you would like to see in these improvement plans. I hope we can all look back in, say, 10 years time and think this was time, effort and money well spent for our important community asset.

Seb Beck – Chair & Treasurer, Burton Village Shop

LOST BABY TOYS!

I would like to thank the person who found a pink handbag full of baby toys in the street and took it to the shop. It belonged to one of our guests who had inadvertently left it on the roof of the car. I am pleased to say they have been reunited with their owner. Thank you so much

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During October Club members have enjoyed a Fellowship meeting which provides an opportunity, when we do not have a speaker, for members to enjoy having a meal together and then relax and catch up with personal news. We did have an excellent talk by Alistair Richards and his colleague Charlotte Ellwood from North West Cancer Research. Alistair explained that the priorities are to tackle the cause, improve the care and to find the cure of this dreadful disease. Charlotte's job is a community fund raiser in Lancashire. There are occasions also when some members are away attending meetings at other Rotary Clubs within our localities. Occasionally you know from previous reports that sometimes clubs link up for a special event using the Zoom facility so we certainly have variety.

On 20th October we had an event at Hornby Institute which was about how we as individuals can do something to mitigate climate change. Speakers from Lancaster University.

At the club Zoom meeting on October 28th we received an inspiring talk, using the Zoom facility, from Ann Van Hine. Ann lost her husband, a New York City firefighter on 9/11. She explained that he lost his life when he was believed to be on the 40th floor of the South Tower when it collapsed. Since her tragic loss Ann has devoted much of her life to speaking about experiencing personal loss amid a national tragedy. She leads tours of the National 9/11 memorial and showed us the places where her husband's name is recorded on the memorial. She has become a well known figure for her work and participated in a hearing of the European Parliament. Her story will be recorded in a Netflix documentary - Turning Point 9/11. She has written a book "Pieces Falling" which is widely available online. Members were intrigued by Ann's story told without anger or rancour. We were delighted that she had been able to speak to us.

On Saturday 6th November the club hosted a Rock n Roll concert with music provided by the hugely popular quartet "The Defenders". The venue was the main hall in QES which was packed with an audience delighted to hear some of the great songs and music of the Sixties. It presented a real opportunity to let your hair down, put all thoughts of the past 20 difficult months aside and dance with abandon. Those of you who were there will remember the 3 youngest members of the audience who showed us how to do exactly that and danced every dance! All the profits from the concert will be donated to the North West Air Ambulance. A big thank you to everybody who supported the event.

By the time you read this our Children in Need collection and some of our Christmas traditional collections will have taken place however we shall have a static collection point with the sleigh at Bentham Mart Christmas Fair 10th December and then at the entrance to Booths store in Kirkby Lonsdale 18th December 9am-7pm. Collections are always generously supported so I offer, in advance, a big thank you from all the club members plus we also thank you for your continued support during a certainly different and at times a worrying past year.

On behalf of Club President John Clare and all the members of the Rotary Club of Lunesdale we wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy, Happy and Successful New Year.

Lilian Barton

Burton in Lonsdale Parish Council meetings

Since the report in the previous issue of the *Burtonian* there have been three Parish Council meetings, one on the 23rd of September, one on the 6th of October and one on the 25th of November. Minutes of the first two meetings are on the village website, draft minutes for November will be there soon. It had been a point of contention that minutes had previously only been published once approved, some two months after the meeting. This has now changed. www.burton-in-lonsdale.net/parish-council

The 6th October meeting was of the Recreation Field Committee. There is too much detail to include here but the minutes are worth reading as a lot of work goes on at the Recreation Field. Some of the items are mentioned below.

The other two meetings were full PC meetings and were dominated by a dispute between the Parish Council and the owners of Harris Garth adjoining the village green as well as residents concerned about what the Council was doing, apparently on our behalf. This was the same issue which resulted in the exclusion of the public from the August meeting as previously reported.

It is a complicated legal issue which probably never needed to come to the pitch it did, but the legal issue has now been resolved except for one vital part which is the costs of the exercise. This is still ongoing. However, it has left several unanswered questions with regard to how we got there. You can see from Ian Thompson's letter that there has been deep discontent within a number of residents of the parish about the conduct of the parish council in this matter. The PC is supposed to act in an open and transparent manner and it has not done so here.

Other items at the September meeting included the **Felsteads** affordable housing in Bentham. In the Planning section, there was a brief discussion about the proposed housing development at the school, it is for 12 houses with two designated as affordable. There was to be a planning meeting on the 27th September. (I understand that permission has now been granted subject to certain conditions.) The Recreation Field is now being used by Lonsdale Terriers JFC but Lonsdale Archers are moving to Queen Elizabeth School. It is proposed that an extension to the Pavilion be built to store the equipment used by the JFC. This would need planning permission and might cost around £20k. It is expected that a grant of up to 75% might be obtained. The Bowling club is to obtain an electricity supply from the Pavilion. The Multi Use Games Area requires improvements to drainage and will also require a replacement playing area. This could cost £30k but again a 75% grant may be available.

Other items on the agenda of the November meeting included the granting of the honorary freedom of the parish to Kath Salrein who had been a Parish Councillor for 41 years until her retirement earlier this year. Unfortunately Kath could not be present but it was arranged that a formal presentation would be made sometime in the spring.

There was a request that the PC take on organizing a celebration of the Jubilee next June. And a discussion of the recent power cuts.

There was also a mention of the North Yorkshire County Council reorganisation and the "20s plenty" proposal that all urban roads should be designated as 20 mph. The PC agreed to support that. There was also mention of the imminent demise of the bus service number 80 from Ingleton to Lancaster and the efforts of Lancashire and North York-

shire County councils to replace it. On finance matters the council agreed to formally adopt the grass cutting at the Orchard and the village entrance signs; and they also agreed the finance committee recommendation that the precept for 2022-23 be maintained at £17,500. It was stated that the bank balance stood at £57k but that included the most recent precept of £9k and £29k in Covid grants, the usual contingency reserve is £21k. From a member of the Parish, the view was expressed that more of this money could be spent in the centre of the village. As mentioned earlier there had been a Recreation committee meeting and this had been concerned with drainage around the northern part of the recreation field in particular around the multi-use playing area and it was agreed that two quotes should be obtained for the necessary work.

As always, this report can only ever be a brief summary of the discussions at PC meetings. If you want to know what the PC is doing for you, please go along and participate. If you can't attend, do look at the minutes to see what the PC is doing for the village.

David Taylor

An Open Letter to the residents of Burton in Lonsdale

The Parish council meeting of 25 November 2021 was well attended by those wishing to discuss why the council had objected to a resident's application to the Upper Tribunal Lands Court. They considered that the council had acted improperly by not following its own Standing Orders. They were also concerned that they had not received replies to their emails enquiring about the matter.

As chairman of the council, I take responsibility for its actions, which were undertaken in the belief that we were acting in the best interests of all residents of the parish. I have therefore tendered my resignation as a councillor.

Ian Thompson

Councillor 26/1/2012 – 26/11/2021

The Future of Burton in Lonsdale Parish Council

Above, there is a letter from Ian Thompson resigning from his position as Chairman of the Parish Council. Another councillor has also resigned so there are now three vacancies on the Council. You may not be aware of the PC but it does a lot of good work in the village, mostly behind the scenes, and it is important that the resources of the parish are spent properly within the parish. I originally started writing the reports on PC meetings to raise the profile of the Council. It would not be a good idea for Burton parish to be absorbed within Bentham as we would not then be in control of our own destiny.

We do not want to lose it.

The Council now has just four Councillors – dangerously close to the minimum of three required for it to function. There will not be notices going up inviting people to apply to fill the vacancies as it is a short term until the full elections take place next May. But you can express an interest in being co-opted to the Parish Clerk. Please consider whether you would like to contribute to the parish and make sure that Burton continues to be a great place to live. The PC meets one evening every two months.

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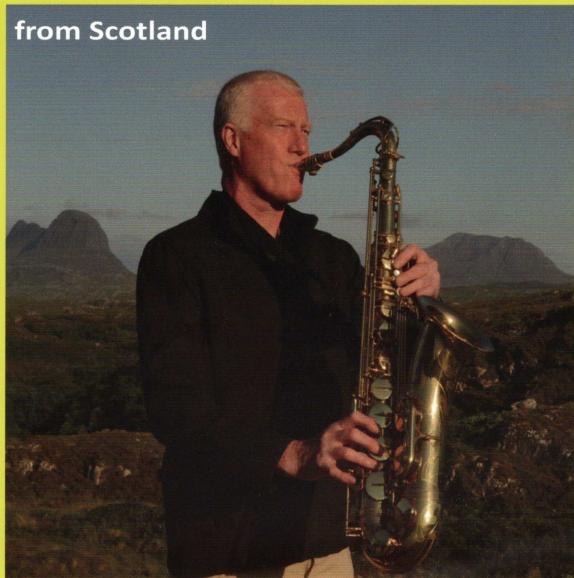
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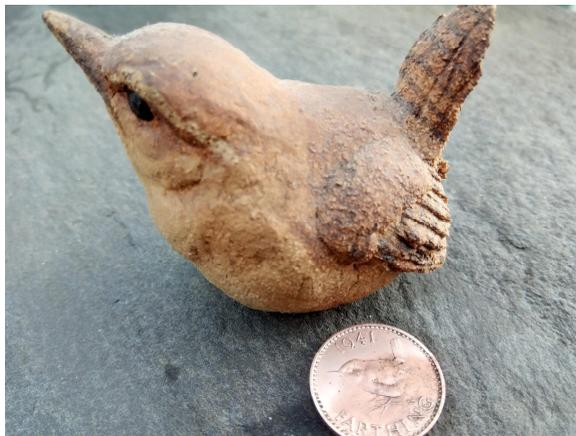
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NOTES FROM AN UNINTENDED NATURALIST November/December 2021

I used to watch a little wren in my garden boundary stone wall searching for its insect food source in the crevices ; whilst the wall is being skilfully rebuilt ,the wren has obviously had to relocate. Fortunately as I write, the November days have been pretty mild and the garden still has the ice-lolly orange blooms of marigolds in the vegetable patch by the dark green brassicas . There will still be plenty of tiny insects for the wren elsewhere in the garden. His name troglodytes



troglodytes –such a long name for a tiny bird, which comes from the Latin for cave dweller. Such a plucky little bird whose ancestral origins go back millions of years.

Weighing only 10 grams a wren weighs about the same as two sheets of A4 paper and has successfully bred all over Britain; the species is widespread geographically far beyond our small islands as far north as Alaska and as far south as Tierra del Fuego.

Another wren perched on a post by a newly -laid hedge near Clifford Hall this morning. The glorious woodland was a paintbox of umbers and burnt siennas, yellows and oranges and glints of gold shone out even under the overcast morning sky.

The little wren darted shyly out of view but just seeing it briefly was enough to lift my heart. And I stayed still for a while looking at the carefully laid beech and hazel wands of the hedge. I love hedges and ditches and am still on my never- ending apprenticeship to name the many species that grow on these damp verges. The diversity so much needed is the richer for such hedge laying. The rich red berries on the hawthorn and midnight inky blue sloes of the blackthorn, occasional wild tiny crab apples and even more occasional these days, the round green plum-like bullaces , rose hips and seed heads are a winter store cupboard for so many birds .

I lament the early seasonal council mechanical hedge-cutting which apart from leaving bicycle wheel –puncturing thorns on the lanes (I write from experience!) deplete the winter store cupboard for so many small birds.

The wren being so tiny and adaptable will find food sources of minute insects and in the coldest months take shelter in between the smallest gaps of stone walls.

Stephen Moss, the naturalist , in his delightful biography of the wren, informs the reader that it was this secretive yet widespread little bird that was chosen by the Royal Mint to commemorate Britain's smallest coin with what was mistakenly believed to be Britain's smallest bird, and a radical seven hundred break with tradition, placed the image of the perky little wren on the obverse of a farthing.

The first edition of wren farthings was due to be minted in 1936 in the reign of Edward VIII who was keen to modernise the images on coins all the way up from the farthing up to the half-crown (worth 12.5p in today's money)

But the Mint's conservative advisors, including a young Kenneth Clark (later of BBC's Civilisation programme) were critical of such a move, mooting that such a radical change would be unpopular with the public. So Edward was forced to give up his plan and what is more famously remembered is that he abdicated later in December 1936.

The Mint did however eventually put a wren on the farthing with the portrait of the new Monarch, George VI on the front in 1937.

The design by quiet gentle Harold Wilson Parker caught the energy of this tiny bird with its stubby upright tail as if about to fly off the coin at any second and it continued to be minted until finally removed from circulation in 1960. I don't imagine I am alone in lamenting this.

There was a chance to reconnect our coinage with images of nature when in 1992, the new pound coin was designed. Mary Milner Dickens submitted designs of four birds, Avocet, Osprey, Kite, Roseate Tern, chosen because they had been saved from extinction in each of the four countries making up the United Kingdom. There was much approval at the Mint for the designs and it seemed British birds would grace our coins once again after the wren farthing.

But at the last moment, Norman Lamont, chancellor of the Exchequer intervened and overturned the decision. Instead we had uninspired heraldic images. The chance to link the natural world with coinage was lamentably lost.

In winter it will become challenging for our wrens to survive but their diminutive size and adaptability to improvise shelter has been observed by many naturalists. Where larger bird species fail to find enough food source, the small wren can creep under heather and gorse in the winter snows to find micro organisms to eat. It can roost in unexpected small pockets – literally as observed by one naturalist – an old coat pocket in his garden shed.

With climate change it may be that the adaptability of the wren to survive is greater than some bird species. With our awareness after at least half a century of warnings about our Western life style affecting the natural balance of our planet, we are seeing a dramatic loss of habitat and living species. Wrens may be tiny bundles of energy but creative in their survival adaptation.

There are myths and stories from other cultures, not just our own, recognising the skilful little wren. Shakespeare in the Richard 111 play, states;

“The world is grown so bad,
That wrens make prey where eagles dare not perch.”

We humans are having to take responsibility for our neglected respect for natural forces. And are witnessing the catastrophic fires and floods, extinction of animal and plant species among the global effects we have unleashed in damaging the natural balance.

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