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A small group has been formed to develop a community newsletter and website, funded by the North Yorkshire County Council Small Project Fund, Craven District Council Area Forum and the Parish Council. The 'Burtonian' and community website have been started to reach out to everyone in the Burton area. It can be a diary of events, a notice board - whatever you want it to be.

This is the first issue of the community newsletter which will be published about every two months. The website is 'under construction'.

Your contributions to the newsletter (and the website) will be most welcome - we'll try to include them as soon as possible, space permitting.

We are looking for budding reporters, graphics specialists and delivery people to make a contribution to the newsletter - it will be as good as your contributions!

Do you have a favourite view that would make a good 'banner' for the website? The motte and bailey, All Saints' Church, or the view along the High Street to Ingleborough or a combination? Why don't you share it and see it used on the website?

We want to include details of all community groups on the website - there are about 20 in the village. There is also the opportunity for businesses to be included (at a small charge). A diary of village events will be included and updated regularly.

Contact either **Sue Gregory** (bilparishcouncil@btinternet.com, tel: 62863) or **Marion Hodgson** (tel. 61269) for further details about newsletter items, photographs and website content.

EDITORIAL

You may be forgiven for wondering why on earth the usual picture of a village scene on the front page has transformed into a one hundred candle? Well the answer is quite simple really—this is the 100th edition of The Burtonian, and we felt we couldn't let such an occasion pass unnoticed. It isn't 100 years that we celebrate, although it may seem like that at times, but merely 100 editions, which for a small village such as ours, is no small achievement. From small beginnings in April 2004, the Burtonian has grown from a 6 page newsletter into the 28 page publication we have today. It has benefitted from enjoying the skills of a number of different editors over the years, but we should always remain grateful to those two pioneers, Sue Gregory and Marion Hodgson, whose initiative gave it life. Please read the piece on page 18, an interesting insight into the events, trivial or otherwise, that held our attention back in the day! You may (or may not) remember that in the last edition we asked for poems on your take on LOCKDOWN. We received 2 which can be found on page 26 — thank you Cathy and Janet.

That's all really, life continues to stumble on from one restriction to another, necessary we know, but hey, one day we will be free again!!!!

Here's to the next 100 and thank you for continuing to support The Burtonian.

David & Marilyn

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NORTH CRAVEN DIRECTORY

This very useful list of local groups and organisations can be found at ...

<http://www.aboutbentham.org.uk/images/Docs-PDF/Craven-Dossier.pdf>

Please let Andy Ive know if there are any updates.

andyive69@googlemail.com

Hear about the new restaurant called Karma?

There's no menu: You get what you deserve

Did you hear about the mathematician who's afraid of negative numbers?

He'll stop at nothing to avoid them.

Village Websites ...

www.burton-in-lonsdale.net

www.burtonshop.co.uk

www.burtonsports.co.uk

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

There are various village Facebook pages, the Shop, the Village Hall, Sports, Stay & Play, the Punchbowl

The Village Harvest Thanksgiving Service took place on Sunday September 13th in All Saints Church. The Methodist Church organized this year's service. The Church was beautifully decorated with stunning flowers, fruits and vegetables, along with an amazing contribution of produce that was later given to the Food Bank in Morecambe. This was the first time the Church had looked so lovely since the Christmas celebrations .

Photos show the ladies (guess who) that decorated the Church and displays of flowers and produce.

Jane Burns.



BURTON IN LONSDALE FILM NIGHTS

For those of you who might be interested in the future of our village Film Nights, here is an update on what has been happening in and around the rural communities that are part of the Rural Cinema initiative. The area covered by this network is huge and stretches as far north as the Solway Firth, across to the east coast of Yorkshire and south to the Ribble Valley and beyond, so as you can imagine there has been a lot of feedback from rural communities such as ourselves.

I took part in a ZOOM meeting last month in which several villages reported that they had taken the decision to recommence their screenings due to popular demand. There has not been such demand here, but the Film Committee took the decision to give it a try anyway, having put into place all recommended safeguards with advance ticket sales ensuring that the audience numbers were manageable under Covid regulations. Our feeling was that if there was little interest then we would call it a day and shelve any plans to resume showings. However, the decision has been taken for us. With the cases of Covid escalating by the day we feel that the time is not right for our village and so will, as before, monitor the situation and keep our options open.

The Film Committee

**OPEN STUDIO, DONKIN HOUSE, 10 LEEMING LANE, BURTON IN LONSDALE
OCTOBER 2020**

3 Burton in Lonsdale artists, Mags Carus, Jeny Keen and Rene Wrathall are opening the studio at Donkin House to give people the opportunity to view their art which will be for sale. The studio will be open to visitors in October, by mutual arrangement, and you will be left to browse alone, or with family members. This will be managed by a booking system, if you would like to see our work please telephone 07771 880723 to arrange a time.
Mags, Jeny and Rene



BULL FARM APPLE JUICING DAY

Due to the most recent social distancing guidelines, the apple juicing day has unfortunately had to be cancelled. Please join us in October 2021, for juicing next seasons apples!



Bull Farm, 11 High Street, Burton in Lonsdale, LA6 3JU.

Trees.

We have all noticed that the Irish Yews have gone from the front of All Saints Church. A condition of permission to fell the trees was that we have to plant 5 new fruiting trees in the church yard and up to 5 fruit trees (not cherry trees) elsewhere in the village. If anyone would like a fruit tree or can suggest where we can put one, please contact the church wardens on allsaintscw@gmail.com or through the village shop.

All Saints Church Wardens

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All Saints' Church News

Sunday Services in October and November

October 4th 11 am Family Service
October 11th 11 am Morning Prayer
October(Thursday)15th 8 am Holy Communion
October 18th 11 am Morning Worship
October 25rd 11 am Holy Communion

November 1st 11 am Morning Prayer
November 8th 10.50 am Remembrance Service
November (Thursday) 12th 8 am Holy Communion
November 15th 11 am Morning Prayer
November 22th 11 am Family Service
November 29th 11 am Holy Communion

Other Services and Events in October and November

Stay and Play, our group for pre-school children (with parent or guardian) met on Thursday September 10th down at the Play Park, in warm sunshine. It gave us a chance to see each other and catch up on news since our last session in March. For October & November, if the weather is fine, we will meet up there from 10am, bringing our own refreshments and toys! Please see our **Facebook Page** each week to check arrangements. As soon as we can, we will meet up inside again. Queries? Contact Christine on 01524264875.

Friday morning 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.

Ring and Crying Out for Peace 15 August 2020

The 75th anniversary of VJ Day was marked by our bell ringers at 11.10 on VJ Day by the tolling of a single bell 75 times.

A simple service to remember those who served in the Far East during WW2 was held on the Village Green and was attended by 30 people from the village.

Thank you to Simon for broadcasting the Last Post and the Reveille.

Covid 19 in the Sudan

All Saints assists Christians in the Sudan through the Mothers' Union. In the Sudan, where there is extreme poverty and few facilities of any kind, Covid 19 is having a devastating impact. £138 was sent from Burton in Lonsdale thanks to the generosity of our congregation and our friends from the Methodist chapel.

Keep safe in these difficult times, Best wishes
Catherine and Christine, Church Wardens at All Saints

And from Vicar Denis ...

I am a great fan of Asterix the Gaul. I have all the books and many of the videos. In 2017 Asterix and the Chariot Race was produced. The chief baddie in this story was called CORONAVIRUS (I kid you not!). The story is about a long distance chariot race in which a disguised CORONAVIRUS and his associate BACILLUS, by various nefarious means, keep ahead of our hero but is finally unmasked and quits the race. Whilst everyone is celebrating and looking forward to continuing the race the disguised CORONAVIRUS makes a sudden comeback and surges into the lead.

The story is strangely prophetic. With regard to the virus we are in a long distance race rather than a sprint. Life has changed radically in all the countries of the world. So many things that we have taken for granted, such as meeting together, and especially our health, are under threat but when we fear for the future there is still hope. That hope comes not from our own resources but from the love of God. The Apostle Peter wrote to some followers of Jesus "Cast all your cares upon Him for He cares for you".

Some of you may know the story of Derek Redmond. In the 400 metres final at the Barcelona Olympics of 1992 he tore a hamstring and collapsed to the ground, in pain and disappointment. He rose to his feet and hobbled on towards the finish. Suddenly a large man burst through the crowd and on to the track. It was his father. Telling his son that they would finish the race together he wrapped his arms around his son and helped him go on. Derek finished the race, motivated by the great love of a father who picks him up when he falls. God is like that. When we are hurting and fighting to go on He comes and helps us, motivated by the great love He has for us.

In the Asterix story CORONAVIRUS is finally defeated when his chariot breaks a wheel in a pothole on the road and is stuck in roadworks. He is unmasked for a second time, this time as Julius Caesar, the head of the Roman Government, who has a financial stake in the outcome of the race.....this cannot be a parallel surely?

Remembrance Service

There are serving and ex service people and people who have served with the supporting organisations such as the WRVS (now RVS) in the village and I would like to make contact with you if you would like to take a positive part in the Remembrance Service this year. There have been muted celebrations this year to mark the 75th anniversary of WW2, but we know that since 1918 there has only been one year when British Forces were not engaged in a campaign. Service men and women are still being injured and killed and we should acknowledge their sacrifice.

We do not know the format that the Remembrance Service will take this year, due to Corona 19, but, as for VJ day there will be some form of Remembrance on the Village Green.

If you have or have had a link with the services I would like to hear from you, either via email, allsaintscw@gmail.com or a note in the village shop.

Catherine Birtwistle



Request for photographs of Bull Farm

I have been asked to give a talk on the history of Bull Farm to the Burton In Lonsdale Women's Institute in Spring 2021. To help with the preparation of the talk, I would be most grateful if anyone would be willing to share any photographs they have of Bull Farm taken before 2016.

Contact p.wynn@lancaster.ac.uk, or 015242 62410. Many Thanks, Peter Wynn.

FINALE—RED CROSS MILES FOR REFUGEES - SEPTEMBER CHALLENGE

Due to the weather, I finally completed my Miles for Refugee Challenge on 29 September. From 1 September, I have walked 220 miles and to date have raised over £2600 for the work of the Red Cross in helping refugees. Even when I passed my goal of 160 miles, I continued to walk in spirit alongside those who make even longer and more dangerous journeys... but for me, always at the end of the day I was able to go back to a safe, secure home, unlike those who are fleeing theirs.

I made a sort of blog about my walks, which you can read on my fundraising page, which is still open until the end of November (or send me a Facebook request where you can see the pictures as well).

<https://miles-for-refugees-2020.everydayhero.com/uk/margaret-1>

I heard on the news this morning that the Home Secretary had explored opening an Asylum Seeker Processing Centre on Ascension Island – fortunately deemed not viable – but is still exploring starting other centres on unnamed off shore locations. I wonder how worthless it must feel to be a person that no country wants so much, that it is willing to go to the extreme of shipping you across the world while processing your claim asylum.

So a huge thank you to all who have supported my walks and the work of the Red Cross with refugees. I could not have walked all those miles without the backing of so many people, and in sponsoring me you have also spoken up for the value of each refugee, despite how the government's 'hostile environment' seeks to treat them.

Thank you so much
Maggie Bruno



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Notes from an Unintentional Naturalist . September 2020

The excitement that I had a hedgehog in my garden early last month was alerted by a distinctive dropping on the grass. I photographed it to check its identification. Wildlife images of wild animal droppings may not be everybody's idea of a good evenings' fun, but I was really pleased to see several images exactly this one – with its 5 cm length and about a cm diameter, black with wavy worm casts showing-definitely a hedgehog.

Earlier this year I spent some time studying specimens at the very fine Kendal Natural History Museum looking at some excellent recent taxidermy of British mammals including a small hoglet in hibernation that had not survived the winter.

Later this August, I stayed for a few days in mid Wales and was able to meet up with dear old musician friends whom I had known since teenagehood.

While we socially distanced in their garden in Llandrindod Wells, Richard told me of the hedgehogs they were encouraging. One had a little cough and they wanted to supplement their natural diet of beetles, slugs and worms with dog food to build up reserves for the winter months.

In quiet expectation at dusk that first evening, I could hear a snuffling and could just about make out an adult hedgehog going to the feeding station they had set up. An old plastic crate with a hedgehog size hole cut in it, gaffertape smoothing off the ragged edges. A brick was placed on top for stability. The food was at the back of the crate so a cat would not chance its paw to reach through the hole. Or a lucky fox.

Our talk hushed to whispers . The hedgehog came towards the crate and you could hear it eating happily. It was then joined by another but by this time it was too dark to see anything distinct.

The next evening when I called round , Richard had set up several crates each with different size holes. One about 5" diameter the next 4" and the third a small 3" hole carefully smoothly taped around so as not to cut into tender young prickles.

Their son, Huw, (an experienced naturalist) had given them a trail camera that could take time –lapsed short night-time videos outdoors. Any movement would trigger the sensor to take images .

It was cold and windy-a storm was brewing and we did not see much, but the videos Richard showed me next day were wonderful records of the previous night's activity. The largest hog had snuffled out the food from the small-holed crate and then moved on and tried squeezing into the 4" hole crate but failing that, found the larger-holed crate. Later the other two hedgehogs moved in and out of vision from the trail camera but it was wonderful to see the little one go into the 3" hole-crate to eat his food.

The videos were so inspiring. The neighbour's cat did put a hopeful paw through but eventually gave up. There was food and water for the hedgehogs each night and as I write, on the Autumn equinox, keeping in contact, I know all is still going well. The hoglet with a little cough is already sounding much healthier.

Back a few days later in Burton, I wanted to do what I could to feed up any little hoglets. A dead adult was by the verge coming into the village, I noticed sadly -and there may have been hoglets looking for survival .

So I sat out and made a similar crate and kept watch one evening but nothing came. It was a gorgeous night though and the constellations were clear- and I did see a shooting star over to the south .But no creatures came .Though in the morning the food had been eaten.

I decided to investigate trail cameras and chose a very reasonably priced recommended Browning. Waterproof and compact, with SD card and rechargeable batteries.

Eventually the camera arrived but it has taken a while to work out its applications. My first image was a splendid waving branch of the small plum tree with foliage behind and another similar at a time-lapsed interval. I haven't yet managed mammal pictures.

I would so dearly like to write that I have some great hedgehog images to boast and share in this issue but –alas-not yet! Each night I try positioning the food stations and camera at dusk. And in the morning go out eagerly to find empty bowl but no images (apart from more waving foliage!) I am a cautious optimist and shall keep changing the angles until I get something. I am prepared for the fact that the unknown nocturnal diner may not be a hedgehog-but live in hope to at least prove or disprove that.

Meanwhile there are a couple of des res hedgehog hibernation homes in quiet areas of the garden I have made which I hope will get inspected for winter residence. One near the field boundary by a hedge is brushwood, leaves and logs. Another I made under the holly bush (facing SW as advised) with three layers of housebricks for walls. A “tunnel “ entrance of two bricks about 5” apart and covered over with roof tiles placed on top and camouflaged with leaves and partially decomposing logs from the apple tree prunings finishes it off. More twigs and leaves nearby so any self respecting hog can do their own internal leaf litter decor.

One of the most authoritative nature writers currently is the very knowledgeable dry-witted Dave Goulson, Professor of Biology at Sussex University and a great writer on wildlife – particularly insects. I have huge admiration for his passion to educate his readers and his footnotes alone deserve comment. He lists the different orders of insects and gives the following footnote;

“Detritivores are creatures that consume dead organic matter, including corpses , dead leaves and other plant material and faeces. Its not a glamorous job but somebody has to do it. “

Hedgehogs of course are our essential mammals which see off those creatures gardeners regard as pests –particularly slugs. Dave Goulson mentions in his book “The Garden Jungle” that hedgehog populations have dropped 50 % in the last 15 years and he makes arrangements for feeding and hibernation in his Sussex garden but sorrowfully has yet to see one in his garden.

Until I get to grips with my trail camera, I also cannot be certain I have this delightful British mammal still in my garden. I live in hope.

See page 15 for picture

Knock! Knock!

Q: Who's there?

A: Control Freak.

Q: Con...

A: Okay, now you say, “Control Freak who?”

Supporting refugees in Greece.

Bentham Area Refugee Support Group.

Following camp lockdowns, corona virus outbreaks and the devastating fire in Moria camp, the need for supplies to the refugee camps on the Greek islands has never been more urgent. The German, French and Dutch governments have offered to give homes to some of the young people living there. The UK has yet to make such an offer.

In the meantime, the Ripple Effect, the group we have supported based in Morecambe Bay, are working with Help Refugees to send out much needed supplies. The volunteers working in the camps are still trying to work out how to support the now totally homeless people. At the moment they are asking very specifically for hygiene products: *Nappies *Toothpaste *Deodorant *Shampoo *Shower gel *Soap.

If you would like to contribute, you can put such toilet products in a box at the gate of 9 Pye Busk, High Bentham or at Maggie Bruno's at 5 Twine Walk Burton- in- Lonsdale. By the end of September please.

We are also going to be taking the tents, sleeping bags and clothes that Bentham people have so kindly donated. These can be packed up and sent out while distribution systems in the camps are settling down. Do let us know if you have anything else we could collect, again by the end of the month

Thanks

Maggie Bruno and Annie Neligan

Maggie 015242 61616.

Bentham Area Refugee Support Group.

SETTLE PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP

During the current coronavirus period, Settle Photographic Group continues to have virtual meetings on Skype. If you would like to join us, it will only cost you £5 for all our meetings until the end of the year. This includes a talk by Chris Upton on Nov 16th. Have a look at his website to see some of his images and decide whether you would like to join us. Chris Upton is a professional photographer, based in Nottinghamshire (UK), specialising in Travel, Landscape and Social Documentary photography.

www.chrisuptonphotography.com

We meet on the first and the third Mondays of the month from October to April. If you would like to join our Skype meetings, please email the secretary at secretary@settlephoto.org. If you want to find out more about our programme, look online at www.settlephotos.org.

If you missed our Annual Exhibition, the images are still available on the SPG website: www.settlephotos.org.

Gill Pinkerton

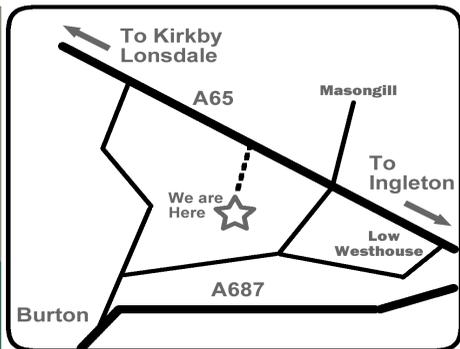
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A MESSAGE FROM PHIL MUNGFORD. Chair of lune valley community Society Ltd.

Following enforced shutdown of all swimming pools in the UK, permission was given to re-open in August. We decided to hold off until August 24th in order to provide the safest possible environment and guarantee the financial viability of the pool.

It is clear that when we open swimming will not be the same in the immediate future as it was. All sessions must be booked in advance and new procedures will be in place. All are on our website and Facebook page, please read this before booking. The rules are designed to make your swim as enjoyable as possible and most importantly – safe!

There will be a reduced timetable from 24th August and a full programme from 31st when we welcome back our school partners. The new guidelines reduce the volume of swimmers we can have in the pool at any one time to ensure social distancing. This is all on the website and Facebook page and if you can't find a slot for your particular requirements let us know and we will try to assist

All this places pressure on the finances of the pool and although we have been successful in stabilising the finances since the new Trustee team took over at the end of 2019, the Covid-19 hiatus hit us just as we were building momentum. There are some historic debts to overcome but the pool will be viable going forward. This is thanks to the support we have had from Lune valley communities, while the trustees, volunteers and staff have all pulled together to ensure that we will come back stronger than ever.

As always we are focusing on making sure that swimming continues to be available for all please check out our website and the revised operating guidelines and timetables, as well as a very special offer for families. Above all come back and enjoy your pool again.

Phil Mungford..Chair LVCS

www.lunevalleypool.com Facebook - Lune valley swimming pool

Poolmanager @lunevalleypool.com Direct line - 01524 805666.

Lune Valley Swimming Pool open again, come and join us!

Pleased to report that the LVSC pool re-opening has been extremely well supported by the local community and we are delighted to have welcomed so many people in the first few weeks. - Both new faces and old friends.

The restrictions placed upon us to ensure staff and customer safety have brought about several operational changes but we are very pleased by the response to our revised protocols and we hope even more of you will come along and swim with us in the near future.

Please remember to book in advance because numbers are limited and some sessions may be over-subscribed. If in doubt take a look at our LVCS pool website, check out the revised operating guidelines and the new timetables.

Current advice from Swim England can be found on their website - *“Club activity and swimming lessons will be able to continue as previously as they are taking place in Covid-secure environments by operating within the Swim England guidelines. All other pool activ-*

ity can also continue but people should not travel to pools socially in groups of more than six”

The financial impact of the Covid 19 closure and lifestyle restrictions are of course an additional economic burden at this time but we have applied for additional funding to assist and are hopeful that this will be granted.. Meanwhile we are very grateful for generous voluntary donations received from Wray Methodist Church and Kieron Basset Financial Services of Morecambe

Be assured that we will do all we can within the bounds of legality, health, safety and received wisdom to meet the current challenges to keep the pool operational and provide a welcoming and beneficial experience for everyone.

Take care, keep safe.

Website- www.lunevalleypool.com; Facebook – lune valley swimming pool.

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**PLEASE SEE ARTICLE
ON PAGES 10 & 11**

*Why can't you explain puns to kleptomaniacs?
They always take things literally.*

THE VILLAGE SHOP.

Our opening hours will continue to be Monday to Friday 7am to 5pm, Saturday 7am to 1pm and Sunday 8am to 1pm, going forward into the winter months.

We still do daily deliveries for anyone who requires them.

We have all our local suppliers delivering daily / weekly, and are happy to take any special orders.

Its worth looking out for our monthly offers, as we have many good deals including great prices on wine and beers.

The freecycle table outside the shop will be finishing on Wed 14th October, so please continue to help yourself until then, but we cannot take anymore donations. Thank you to whoever started the table, as I am sure it's been a great benefit to the village.

Best wishes

From All at the Village Shop.

Concert&Cakes – postponed again

It is with great regret that we have decided that we are unable to proceed with the postponed concert planned for 17th October, nor can we plan any more before 2021. The increased restrictions around events and gatherings mean that we couldn't run the Concerts (nor, of course the cakes!) in the way that they work best, so we feel we have no choice at present.

We will assess the situation again in January, to decide whether we can go ahead in February, and hope you will understand and bear with us in the meantime.

If you see any opportunity to support musicians, be that by attending a socially-distanced performance, by buying a recording, or in any other way, please do. They desperately need our help at this difficult time.

If you would like to join the Concert&Cakes mailing list, please contact us on concertandcakes@outlook.com

Thank you

Christine, Cathy and Steve

Settle Swimming Pool, the only community pool in this part of North Craven is now open again with Covid secure measures in place.

All swims need to be pre-booked and there are limited open hours, though it is hoped that these will be increased from October.

For full details and to book a swim visit to new re-vamped pool website <https://www.settleswimmingpool.co.uk/>

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When *The Burtonian* was Born

By Someone who Knows Nothing about History

As you will know this is the 100th edition of *The Burtonian* the first issue being produced in the dark ages of April 2004

At the time Queen Elizabeth II was Queen, Tony Blair was Prime Minister and George W. Bush was President of the USA.

Some of the bigger news stories of the time -

The voice actors from *The Simpsons* go on strike, unfortunately the strike only lasted a few days

Ottawa orders the slaughter of 19 million chickens in British Columbia due to bird flu fears.

West Indies captain Brian Lara sets the highest score in Test Cricket - 400 not out on the third day of the fourth Test against England in Antigua.

Rumours that Prince William and Kate Middleton are 'an item' intensify.

The cost of a litre of unleaded petrol in the UK is at its highest level in nearly a year, 77.68p.

Andrew Flintoff captures a career-best five for 58 against the West Indies.

Annual house price inflation rises to 18.5% pushing the average price of a house in the UK through the £150,000 barrier for the first time to £151,467.

Money markets are betting on a rise in bank rate to 4.25% this week and that rates will reach 4.75% by the end of the year.

MG Rover's share of the crucial March new sales market has slumped - a worrying sign for Britain's last major carmaker.

The sight of plastic bottoms and breasts on Blackpool's seafront could soon be a thing of the past. The Lancashire town's council, police, trading standards officials and businesses have pledged to promote the resort as a high-quality family destination.

One of Britain's biggest pub chains has backed calls for a smoking ban by 2006. Tim Martin, chairman of JD Wetherspoon, said the Government should announce a total ban across the country as any bar which attempted to introduce a ban on its own initiative without official backing would risk going to the wall.

Soccer legend George Best and his estranged wife Alex are expected to start divorce proceedings.

As well as continued disappointment in clothing, M&S shows signs of losing some of its strength in the food market after quarterly like-for-like sales in the sector fell 1.4% on a year earlier.

Credit card debt has soared by 62 per cent in just four years, heaping crippling interest and penalty charges on borrowers. .Adults owed an average of £1,140 each on credit cards at the end of 2003.

Tess Daly, 42 years Bruce Forsyth's junior, will join him as co-host of a new show, *Strictly Come Dancing* - in which celebrities are taught how to dance

Towns and cities across the UK may be at risk of devastating floods as global warming is leading to disastrous climate change scientists have warned.

The QE2 leaves New York to start its final crossing of the transatlantic after 35 years. She is being replaced by her sister ship, the new Queen Mary 2.

Google launches Gmail.

My wife and I go to Tunisia for a couple of weeks, most enjoyable.

Christmas (or not) with Covid

Our Economics Correspondent

I am writing this four days after BoJo gave his latest (or maybe not) range of restrictions which included ‘the rule of six’ and the introduction of marshals. Of course by the time you read this he may have introduced more diktats but I thought I’d deal with what I know

It was not mentioned during his briefing but it is clear that the intention is to cancel Christmas, so it’s not all bad news. Now I’m not suggesting that we should cancel the religious celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. However, let me start with the turkey producers, they should now be fattening their flocks up in preparation for a deluge of orders for 20lb birds from households which would normally be hosting a Christmas dinner for upwards of 12 people. What are these producers to do? They can kill all the big birds now, stick them in a freezer to be brought out a couple of weeks prior to Christmas and hope that BoJo doesn’t change his mind in the meantime. On the other hand they could put their birds on strict diets and make them take more exercise, it seems that many producers have chosen this option as you cannot find a turkey exercise bike on the internet for love nor money. Of course there are other options but pity all those poor Bernard Matthewses out there who are struggling with these decisions. All this is good news for producers of sensibly sized poultry, those birds which actually taste of something like ducks and geese in particular. And I haven’t started on the poor tinsel or cracker manufacturers.

Although Christmas Day is a write off Boxing Day is saved as long as you enjoy field sports as the rule of six doesn’t appear to apply if you want to go out with some friends and try to shoot a few birds. I wonder who thought of that exception to the rule!!!

And speaking of guns brings me to the marshals. All that is known to date is that far from being remunerated they will have to pay a fee of £5,000 for the privilege. However, they will be given two black shirts, one of which must be worn at all times, a pair of jack-boots and a Luger 9mm pistol. They will have the power to demand admission to any building; house, pub, whatever as well as public areas like parks, and tell anyone contravening restrictions to leave immediately or they will be shot. Burton has selected two marshals from a total of 42 applicants. Keep your eyes peeled.

What kind of exercise do lazy people do? Diddly-squats.

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Patients in the new **50-64 cohort** are going to be targeted **from November** with NHS England saying this would only be introduced when they are confident of sufficient vaccine supplies.



The Rotary Club of Lunesdale

Your local Rotary Club has become very international in terms of its weekly guest speakers entirely due to the ingenuity and diligence of our program secretary and with the aid of technology. We have recently enjoyed speakers from the USA and Canada and from the Rotary Club of Arghakhanchi in the Bhutan region of Nepal. We are grateful to our international speakers for accommodating the time differences involved which of course are necessary to make the virtual meetings possible. We have used Zoom to facilitate these meetings as no doubt many of you will be using Zoom and other internet options to keep in touch with family and friends.

The club has supported the Morecambe Bay food bank with a donation of £700 and a donation of £100 worth of food to each of the local food banks in Kirkby Lonsdale, Bentham and Ingleton.

If anybody would like to have more information about the Rotary Club with a view to maybe joining or to be a Friend of Rotary then please tel 015242 73166

The future is still looking decidedly uncertain yet in these extremely difficult times so many people are volunteering their time and resources to ensuring help reaches those who are in need. We owe them a huge thank you.

Stay well stay safe.

And also.....

The club continues to hold its virtual meetings on line. Although this is not the way we would prefer to meet it is an option which enables members to maintain contact on a weekly basis. The facility which Zoom offers is now becoming an almost everyday part of life for many of us and for lots of other organisations. On a personal note when I was inducted as President of the club it enabled members of my family and members from other clubs to share the occasion and so make it both special and memorable.

A recent selection of guest speakers has included Ken Kirkwood from the Rotary Club of Workington. Ken spoke about saving a ton of pencils from being dumped in a refuse tip because they had minor imperfections and were not considered saleable. Many Rotary Clubs, including ours, took advantage of obtaining lots of these imperfect pencils which were then passed on to be put to good use. Many found their way into backpacks given to the children from Belarus. Ron Duxberry, a past Rotary District Governor, spoke about his work in financial services and also as a freelance football fan commentator for Barrow FC on Radio Cumbria. A polio survivor John Nanni, from Delaware USA, told about his fascinating story re his recovery and rehabilitation. Gloria Barnet "The Weird Fish Lady" was another excellent speaker. She is an author, international speaker and advocate of the ocean environment. Why not have a look at her website?

One of our members, John Clare, recently had his head and beard shaved in a bid to raise money for Cancer Research UK. After gift aid was applied he raised an incredible £3,443. A big thank you from John to everyone who sponsored him.

We are so fortunate to live in our lovely Lune valley area where, even in these difficult times, help and kindness is never far away.

Keep well and keep safe.

Lilian Barton



GARDEN WITH GUNTHER

Well, Autumn is here and there is definitely a chill in the air. Time once more for Pals with Trowels to look around the village to see what jobs need to be done.

Weeding outside the village hall was one !
More bulbs have been purchased and will be

planted to add to the village Spring Splendour we have come to expect.

Here are your gardening jobs for the next two months:

October

Collect leaves from lawns and borders, carefully uncovering small plants that might otherwise be smothered. Save leaves in a heap or composter, sprinkling with water to speed up decomposition

Scarify lawns

Plant winter bedding in pots: pansies, cyclamen and polyanthus

Bring in tender plants in pots and store somewhere cool but safe from frost

Prune climbing roses. Tie in loose stems on climbing plants to protect them from the wind

Prune raspberries. Harvest apples, carrots, beetroot, pumpkins and tomatoes before the first frost

Plant daffodil, tulip and allium bulbs for a glorious spring display. Dot them through borders or naturalise them in grass

Take hardwood cuttings

November

Use bricks or 'feet' to raise pots and prevent waterlogging

Put grease bands on fruit trees below the lowest branch to stop climbing moths and other insects from reaching the leaves

Lift and store dahlias

Plant roses and deciduous shrubs, deciduous hedges and trees, herbaceous plants and climbers

Cut back herbaceous plants to ground level

Dig over vegetable garden and any new borders. Leave as rough clods

Protect all tender plants from frost by covering with straw, bracken or leaves. Wrap clay pots to stop them cracking in the frost

Divide herbaceous plants by putting two garden forks back to back and gently levering the plant apart

Happy Gardening





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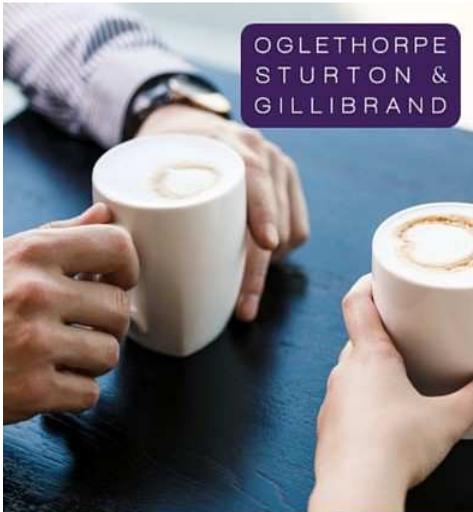
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We will resume monarchical duties over all states, commonwealths, and territories (except Kansas, which we do not fancy). You will be renamed:

The British States of America .

Your new Prime Minister, Boris Johnson (or his successor) will appoint a Governor for America obviating the need for any further ludicrously expensive elections.

Congress and the Senate will be disbanded.

A questionnaire may be circulated next year to determine whether any of you have noticed.

To aid in the transition to a British Crown dependency, the following rules are introduced with immediate effect:

(You should first look up 'revocation' and obviate - see above - in the Oxford *English Dictionary*.)

1. Then look up aluminium, and check the pronunciation guide. You will be amazed at just how wrongly you have been pronouncing it all this time.
2. The letter 'U' will be reinstated in words such as 'colour', 'favour', 'labour' and 'neighbour.' Likewise, you will learn to spell 'doughnut' without skipping half the letters, and the suffix '-ize' will be replaced by the suffix '-ise'. The suffix '-er' will be promptly reversed to its original form '-re', as in the word 'theatre'. Generally, you will be expected to raise your vocabulary to acceptable levels. (Look up 'vocabulary').
3. Using the same twenty-seven words interspersed with filler noises such as 'like' and 'you know' is an unacceptable and inefficient form of communication. There is no such thing as US English and you will desist from using it immediately.
4. July 4th will no longer be celebrated as a holiday. Instead you may celebrate Trafalgar Day on the 21st Oct as we believe that you too are not terribly keen on the French.
5. You will learn to resolve personal issues without using guns, lawyers, or therapists. The fact that you need so many lawyers and therapists shows that you're not quite ready to be independent. Guns should only be used for shooting grouse. If you can't sort things out without suing someone or speaking to a therapist then you're not ready to shoot grouse.
6. All intersections will be replaced with roundabouts, and you will start driving on the left side with immediate effect. At the same time, you will go metric with immediate effect and without the benefit of conversion tables. Both roundabouts and metrication will help you understand the British sense of humour. (Please note the spelling)
7. The former USA will adopt UK prices on petrol (which you have been calling gasoline) of roughly \$12/US gallon. Get used to it.
8. You will learn to make real chips. Those things you call French fries are not real chips, and those things you insist on calling potato chips are properly called crisps. Real chips are thick cut, fried in animal fat, and dressed not with catsup but with vinegar.

9. The cold tasteless stuff you insist on calling beer is not actually beer at all. Henceforth, only proper British Bitter will be referred to as beer, and European brews of known and accepted provenance will be referred to as Lager. South African beer is also acceptable as they are pound for pound the greatest sporting nation on earth and it can only be due to the beer. They are also part of the British Commonwealth - see what it did for them. American brands will be referred to as Near-Frozen Gnat's Piss, so that all can be sold without risk of further confusion.
 10. Hollywood will be required occasionally to cast British actors as good guys. Hollywood will also be required to cast English actors to play English characters. Watching Andie MacDowell attempt English dialogue in 'Four Weddings and a Funeral' was an experience akin to having one's ears removed with a cheese grater. Even Philip complained and he is Greek.
 11. You will cease playing American football. There is only one proper kind of football; you call it soccer. Those of you brave enough will, in time, be allowed to play rugby (which has some similarities to American football, but does not involve stopping for a rest every twenty seconds or wearing full body armour like a bunch of nancies). Don't try rugby - the South Africans and Kiwis will thrash you, like they regularly thrash us.
 12. Further, you will stop playing baseball. It is not reasonable to host an event called the World Series for a game which is not played outside of The British States of America. Since only 2.1% of you are aware there is a world beyond your borders, your error is understandable. You will henceforth learn cricket, and we will let you face the South Africans first to demonstrate just why you require protection in the form of a cricket box. (See under 'cricket clothing and equipment' on [Wikipedia](#) Harry tells us)
 13. An internal revenue agent (i.e. tax collector) from My Government will be with you shortly to ensure the acquisition of all monies due (backdated of course to 1776).
 14. Daily Tea Time will begin promptly at 4 pm with proper cups, with saucers (never mugs), with high quality biscuits (cookies) and cakes; plus strawberries (with cream), when in season.
 15. All toasts will henceforth finish with the words God Save the Queen!
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A couple had been debating buying a vehicle for weeks.

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*What does Charles Dickens keep in his spice rack?
The best of thymes, the worst of thymes.*

ODE TO LOCKDOWN

I am normally a social girl
I love to meet my mates
But lately with virus here
We can't go out of the gates.
You see we are the oldies now
We need to stay inside
If they haven't seen us for a while
They'll think we upped and died.
They'll never know the things we did
Before we got this old
There wasn't Facebook
So not everything was told.
We may seem sweet old ladies
Who would never be uncouth
We grew up in the sixties
If only knew the truth.
There was sex and drugs and rock n'roll
The pill and miniskirts
We smoke we drank we partied
And we were quite outrageous flirts.
We settled down got married
And turned into someone's mum
Somebodies wife then nan
Who on earth did we become?
We didn't mind the change of pace
Because our lives were full
But bury us before we're dead
Is like a red rag to a bull!
So here you find me stuck inside
For 4 weeks maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door.
It didn't really bother me
I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no flaming flour!
Now Netflix is just wonderful
I like a gutsy thriller
I am swooning over Idris
Or some random sexy killer.
At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm being idle
There's wine and whiskey even gin

If I am feeling suicidal!
So let's all drink to lockdown
To recovery and health
And hope this awful virus
Doesn't decimate our wealth.
We'll all get through the crisis
And be back to join our mates
Just hoping I'm not far too wide
To fit through the flaming gates!

Janet Whitaker

THREE LOCKDOWN HAIKU

Haiku is a type of short form poetry originally from Japan. Traditional **haiku** consist of a three-line format with 17 syllables arranged in a 5-7-5 pattern and a focus on nature or the seasons. Little or no punctuation is used and lines do not generally rhyme.

In the hot greenhouse
A bird beats its wings and darts
At unyielding glass.

Like a friendly sphinx
Crouching in the rain and sun
Is Ingleborough.

Past a hawthorn hedge
Children cycle down the lane
No school for them yet

Cathy Beck

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Wray Proctors Farm	0648	0933	1208	1408	1508
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Towards Ingleton

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S = this journey only runs on Saturdays

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Lancaster	0803	1403	2003

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Wennington	0711	1109	1809	2157
Bentham	0717	1115	1815	2202

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