



The **Burtonian**

Burton in Lonsdale
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Editorial

There are two events happening in our village during the period covered by this 110th issue of The Burtonian. The first event is unlikely to go unnoticed by any of us unless we are out of the country for the weekend of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. You will all by now have received letters/flyers etc through your door giving details of planned events in the village and can choose to join in with as many or as few as you wish, or even none at all. A lot of work has gone into staging the Jubilee events so please do come along and enjoy yourselves.

The second, and arguably more important event for our village is the opportunity to say farewell to our Vicar, Denis Tate and his wife Pauline who, upon Denis' retirement will be starting a new life in Ilkley. They will be sorely missed in the village, not least for Denis' legendary knowledge of Pop music in the fortnightly pub quiz at the Punch Bowl. I am sure we all wish them a very happy retirement in a lovely part of Yorkshire. As always, please keep your comments and articles coming, they are the backbone of the Burtonian.

David & Marilyn

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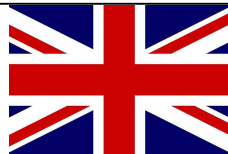
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Welcome to Ukrainians



At the time of writing, two Ukrainian families have arrived in the village and two more adults are due to arrive soon. Other people have offered to be hosts and are waiting for potential matches. Some Ukrainian families have also arrived in nearby villages such as Bentham, Ingleton and Wray. We are starting to make links to enable people to get to know each other and provide support for both the hosts and the guests.

A number of people have offered to be 'Buddy supporters' i.e providing occasional help with things like transport, social events, English and general assistance. This can be very helpful especially as we live in a rural area. If you are in a position to offer support, we can add your name to the list. Please email ygwenharris@gmail.com and say what you could offer.

We hope that, in the future, we may be able to share experiences of Ukrainian culture!

Gwen Harris

THANK YOU!

I would like to say, Thank you to everyone who sent cards, and messages of support, on the sad loss of my mum, (Kath).

I have been absolutely overwhelmed by people's kindness.

Sarah Salrein.

Local family looking for a new home in or around the village. It would need at least 3 double bedrooms and a good size garden. If you are thinking of moving this year or would be interested in a 'house swap' please call or message on: 07718 290665



THANK YOU

Just a note of thanks to everyone who sent cards/gifts/messages following my retirement as Parish Clerk at the end of March. All greatly appreciated and much enjoyed.

Susan Gregory

OUR LAST BURTONIAN (PROBABLY)

Our first attempt at editing and producing the Burtonian was issue 73 in April/ May 2016, and never for one moment did we think that 6 years on we would still be doing this. Our involvement with the Burtonian grew out of a wish to 'help out' when the magazine found itself without anyone to take it on after the previous editor resigned. During our search for a home in this area in 2015 we found The Burtonian to be an invaluable insight into life in and around this lovely part of the world and wanted it to continue so others might benefit from the picture of Burton life captured within its pages. We only ever intended to stay on for a short time until someone far better qualified in such matters came along, but time passed and it became apparent that we had landed more of a 'job' than was our initial intention.

This said, we can honestly say that we have loved (almost) every minute of our time spent sifting through all your stories, articles, reports, requests for help, adverts, promotions of village events, thank you messages – to name but a few, and attempting to present them in an interesting and, hopefully, sometimes amusing format. Naturally as with any publication, whether it be national press, or small community magazines such as ours, there will be critics, and we acknowledge that not everyone has agreed from time to time with some of the content or indeed how it has been formatted, but these objections have been few and far between and on balance we would like to think that the overall impression has been a positive one.

As with all things in life, time moves on. We both have growing commitments in other areas, both family and community based, and so reluctantly we have decided that now is the time to stand down and hopefully pass on the guardianship of this great little magazine to someone new, who will bring fresh ideas and a new impetus to its pages.

For our part, we sincerely hope that there is someone out there who feels as passionately as we do about our village and its life, who will come forward and take The Burtonian into its next chapter.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone, who over the past 6 years has kept us supplied with copy for the pages and encouragement when things have gone a bit wrong, to all the distributors who deliver to every house in the village without fail, every two months, but most importantly thank you to the community of Burton in Lonsdale, without whom The Burtonian would not exist.

Marilyn and David

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Jazz in Hornby, Friday 24th June

Hello Fans, friends, and local editors

The Tenement J.B. having had to disband, I've booked DecoDelight, our friends who have entertained us on two previous gigs. So we'll be treated to light hearted songs from Dave Lindup & Rosie Harrison, who lead the front line on trumpet and alto sax - all very foot tapping !

Usual venue: The Village Institute, Main Street (A683) LA2 8JR.

Tickets £15, on the door or ring 015242 22227 Doors & bar open from 7.30, music from 8pm.

Sam Ashton

The Rotary Club of Lunesdale

It was a pleasure to support and take part in The Flower Festival at St John The Baptist church Low Bentham. It was held on Easter Sunday and Monday on a lovely sunny, warm day. The event was well attended and visitors enjoyed the imaginative floral creations on display from numerous local groups. Delicious cream teas were an added attraction!

Members enjoyed an excellent talk about "Project Trust" by Maya Clarke at the meeting on 28th May. This charity offers young people aged 17-25 years in the UK and Europe the opportunity to explore their potential through a teaching or youth development placement in Africa, Asia or Latin America. Several members have visited other Rotary clubs in our area who have been celebrating a Charter evening. Our own Charter evening was on 5th May. It was the club's 47th Charter celebration. President John Clare welcomed numerous family members, friends and Rotarians from other clubs for the occasion at the Hornby Institute. Everyone present enjoyed an excellent meal and the entertainment provided by the vocalist Rachel Mercer with a variety of classical, country, swing, ballads, folk and pop music.

As I write this we are looking forward to Saturday 14th May at the Hornby Institute for an evening of Rock'n Roll with "The Defenders". It will be a great evening with this very popular group. All profits from the evening will be donated to NW Cancer Research.

Stay well, stay safe

Lilian Barton



BULL FARM APPLE JUICING DAY

**OCTOBER 8TH 2022, 10am -
4pm**



Come and get your apples juiced!

Maximum 8 Kg of apples per person. Please bring apples washed and halved. Bring your own bottles (plastic drinks bottles will work fine).

No apples, no problem. Juicing demonstrations and tasting throughout the day. Plus a Bull Farm history display.

Free event.

The Village Shop

At the end of 2021, I wrote an article concerning the future of our Village Shop describing plans to improve its look and service to the village, to help secure its future. In progressing that ambition, we have submitted a planning application to alter the front by moving and widening the shop's door and we are working with a shopfitter preparing a detailed costed design for the interior.

With budgets now squeezed and competition from big supermarket deliveries everywhere, none of us should take the Shop for granted. Its long-term sustainability relies on us all using it more. It's an important source of high quality locally-supplied goods and services (with the Post Office), a social hub and, not least, a local employer in its own right. We also have a dedicated band of volunteers who work hard in various capacities, to offer a great service for Burton. It certainly showed its worth throughout the pandemic.

In planning this refurbishment, the Management Committee have made the assumption that the village needs, will use, and will support the Shop in the long term. It would be reckless for us to undertake such a project without village support.

There are ways we can show support for our Shop and its refurbishment. First, we need more of us to visit regularly, see what's available and use it. Why not consider taking at least 3 items off your weekly supermarket shop, and purchasing them from us? We have an astonishing range of products at competitive prices, including value brands and promotional deals, which compare favourably even with the big supermarkets. We work with local suppliers to negotiate high-quality items at great prices and we can source specific goods for you, just speak to one of the team.

Thank you

Seb Beck - Chair/Treasurer on behalf of the Management Committee



Solar panel plan for Settle pool roof

Work on the redevelopment of Settle Swimming Pool, which serves this part of the Dales, is continuing apace with a replacement roof going up following the damage caused by Storm Arwen late last year.

The aim is to re-open both the pool and the newly developed additional facilities towards the end of the summer. The new building will include modernised and family-friendly changing facilities, a multi-use dry area and new catering facilities.

One advantage of the replacing the old roof is that it is now possible to add solar panels to the building.

A substantial fund-raising exercise is currently underway to meet these additional costs. As well as individual contributions a big fund-raising effort was made through pool supporters participation in the Skipton Rotary dragonboat regatta held on May 15 at Coniston Hall lake, with a crew including pool users from this area.

You can donate to the solar panels appeal through the crowdfunding website <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/making-swimming-greener>

In other pool news the charity shop in Duke Street Settle marked its fifth anniversary on the early May bank holiday. During the past five years the shop and associated on line sales have raised more than £275,000 for the pool. This steady income has helped pave the way for the new development now taking place. Donations of goods for sale in the shop can be made at the containers in the pool carpark each Tuesday and Friday morning between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

Mike Smith

We, William Percy and Edith Margaret (nee Harris) Howson met at Arkholme Methodist Chapel where we both worshipped, and were married there on 17th May 1951 by the Rev, E.T.Wood MA. We continued to worship at Arkholme for several years and then transferred to Burton Methodist which was much nearer.

We started farming at Wrayton, with dairy, beef and sheep and later included poultry and continued until 1991 when we retired to Croftlands, which we built on our own land. Our family consists of four sons, nine grandchildren, and sixteen great grandchildren and still counting.

We have a lot to be thankful for; a reasonable measure of health and strength, our family who are very supportive, and everything necessary for daily living.

Over the years we have not always agreed on everything, but we have never had a quarrel.

In May 2021 we received the Queen's platinum (70 years) wedding anniversary telegram. With a combined age of 190 years, we now take life at a slower pace, and enjoy seeing our family develop and grow up.

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BURTON PARISH COUNCIL

The *Burtonian's* roving reporter couldn't get to last week's Parish Council meeting, but we hear it was well attended with lots of good discussion.

From the Agenda, we can say that there was a discussion about the problems with the Bank and not being able to appoint new signatories; a report on the audit of the annual accounts; thoughts on the land parcels being offered just outside the village; and discussion of local planning applications. In particular the future application about "pods" or "houses" by the river (see article in this issue of the *Burtonian*).

The draft Minutes of the meeting will be on the website by the time you are reading this (or soon after), do have a look and perhaps come to the next meeting to have your say.

<https://www.burton-in-lonsdale.net/parish-council>

The **BURTON COMMUNICATION GROUP** held it's AGM on the 21st April, in the Punchbowl

Due to Covid there had been no meeting since 2019.

The Treasurer, Paul Adams, presented the accounts for the past two years, which indicated a healthy bank balance of £3860.00. Income from advertisers (£1300) together with the sale of The *Burtonian* at the shop for non residents (£30) meant that the *Burtonian* almost broke even on an annual basis. However, the cost of printing the *Burtonian* was set to rise by 15%.

In light of the increase in costs it was proposed and agreed that the cost of the *Burtonian* to non residents be raised from 25p to 50p.

The BCG receives £100 each year from the Parish Council to pay for the village website and it was proposed that the committee request this be raised to £130.

A discussion followed regarding the possibility of cutting back on printing costs by producing some pages in black and white.

As you will read elsewhere, the editors informed the meeting that after a lot of thought they have decided to stand down.

It was decided to purchase a bottle of wine each for Sue Gregory, who retired as secretary recently and to Simon Willan, who provided a printing service at very reasonable rates and stood down a couple of editions ago.

A vote of thanks was proposed to them both for their contributions.

The meeting continued with a very constructive discussion about the viability of the *Burtonian*, of which more elsewhere in this issue.

Janet Coulthurst (recently moved into the village) came to the meeting, her expertise is in Marketing and Communication and she will be able to offer help in investigating ways of improving communication within the village.

The meeting closed at 21.30.

If anybody wants to see the full accounts of the group, please send an email to:

burton.news@gmail.com

All Saints' Church News

Sunday Services in June and July 2022

June	5th	8 am Holy Communion 11 am Joint Service with the Methodist Congregation
June	12th	11 am (Holy Communion)
June	19th	8 am Holy Communion 11 am (Morning Prayer)
June	26th	11 am (Holy Communion)
July	3rd	8 am Holy Communion 11 am Joint Service with the Methodist Congregation
July	10th	11 am (Holy Communion)
July	17th	8 am (Holy Communion) 11 am (Morning Worship)
July	24th	11 am (Holy Communion)
July	31 st	11 am Morning Worship with baptism

Other Services and Events in June and July

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.

Stay and Play, our group for pre-school children (with parent or guardian) meets on Thursdays in the Church Room. New families are always very welcome. The last meeting before summer is likely to be 14 July.

Further details – email the church wardens on Allsaintscw@gmail.com or tate_pauline@hotmail.com.

Summer Fair

All Saints will hold their summer fair in the church on Saturday 30th July from 10 am. Stalls, cakes, refreshments and something for the children. Come and join us.

Denis and Pauline are leaving Burton..

Denis will take his last service in All Saints on Sunday 31st July when, in addition to our normal morning service, there will be a baptism. After the service the congregation will say farewell to Denis and Pauline at a Jacob's Join lunch at about midday. Everyone is invited – you do not need to come to church – join us afterwards to say farewell.

And from Vicar Denis ... Well this is my final note. I will retire on 31 July so by the time you read the next Burtonian we will have gone. The repairs on our new home in Ben Rhydding are nearly complete. As I wrote in the last Burtonian retired vicars are required to move out of their parish when they finish. Relocation is something many of us have experienced in life and I have pondered that, along with the whole concept of retirement itself. It has been my great privilege, as the village vicar, to share in the joys and sorrows of your lives. This has included the joys of baptism and the excitement of wedding preparations along with the sorrows of illness and grieving of the lost.

In the last 7 years we have experienced years of joy. The church has been filled at Christmas and Remembrance Sunday and yes Covid put limitations on what we could do but we are coming through this. For a small village we are doing o.k. My wife and I would like to thank all of you for your support over the years, being part of this village. We would also ask you to support the church, especially in the coming months. There will be a gap before a new vicar comes. This could be for many months but I am encouraged that at this time a replacement is likely. In the meantime church services will continue. Finally a little rhyme following a well known hymn:-

Jesus loves me this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow,
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.
Yes Jesus loves me (x3),
The Bible tells me so.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go,
On through life, come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way,
Yes Jesus loves me (x3),
The Bible tells me so.

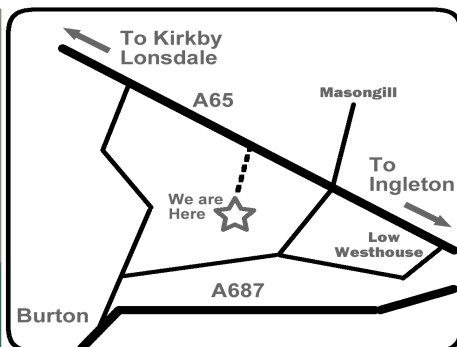
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Gardening with Gunther



June and July 2022

In the summer months we all enjoy being out in the fresh air, enjoying our gardens and the green spaces that surround us. If you fancy taking things a step further in June why not sign up for the Wildlife Trusts '30 Day Wild' campaign. From little actions (like stopping to smell a flower) to bigger things (like giving up single use plastics for a week), 30 Days Wild is all about doing something wild, connecting with the natural world and doing a little bit to help wildlife.

More info can be found at www.wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild...but in the meantime here's some jobs for the coming months.

June

In the greenhouse keep the atmosphere moist to avoid red spider mite.

Move tender plants outside for the summer.

Divide and repot auriculas in gritty soil-based compost.

Cut back early flowering herbaceous plants to 5cm from the ground to encourage fresh growth.

Prune established cherry, almond and plum trees.

Thin crowded apples and pears, leaving well positioned fruit to mature.

Sow some zinnias outside for late colourful blooms.

Plant out Brussels sprouts, other winter brassicas and leeks.

Don't forget the Pals with Trowels plant stall at the village Hall on June 11th.

July

Liquid feed plants in containers.

Keep deadheading flowers to encourage more blooms.

Feed sweet peas fortnightly with a high potash feed.

Combat slugs with natural controls, coffee grounds are good but not if you have cats or dogs as they are toxic, try copper bands instead. (Decaf is not effective!)

Trim evergreen hedges eg holly, yew and conifers.

Take cuttings of silver-leaved herbs.

Net crops to protect them from bird attack.

Happy gardening! Gunther x



OUR RIVER VALLEY IS UNDER THREAT

The Greta valley which runs west of the village is a very special and unspoilt area but it is now under potential threat. Agents for a developer have put in a preliminary screening application to Craven for a proposal to build 8 two story luxury holiday lodges on the northern bank of the river close to the village (one third of a mile from the church as the crow flies).

The site for this proposed development is unspoilt pasture and ancient woodland and has been designated in the Craven Local Plan as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC). When walking through Greta Wood and the field beyond, these lodges would be highly visible from across the river and would alter the rural feel of the footpath.

A planning application has not yet been made and will have to be accompanied by a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA); the developer has not yet consulted or informed the village about the proposed development.

The purpose of this brief article is to alert people in the village to the proposal (application no. 2022/23828/EIASCRC); web address: [2022/23828/EIASCRC](https://publicaccess.cravenc.gov.uk/online-applications/2022/23828/EIASCRC) | [Request for screening opinion for proposed development of accommodation / camping pods](https://publicaccess.cravenc.gov.uk/online-applications/2022/23828/EIASCRC) | [Land South West Of Burton In Lonsdale, LA6 3LH SD 64633 71960 \(cravenc.gov.uk\)](https://publicaccess.cravenc.gov.uk/online-applications/2022/23828/EIASCRC).

OR:

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Enter keyword 'Burton in Lonsdale', then scroll down the list and look for: 2022/23828/EIASCRC | Request for screening opinion for proposed development of accommodation / camping pods

If you want to make your views heard ahead of the planning application please contact the parish council binlparishcouncil@gmail.com

Jean Smith

News from Leck St Peter's CofE School

We have had a busy term at Leck School. Here are some of our highlights!

Tower wood

This term we went to Tower Wood (which is on Lake Windermere). We did some canoeing and a couple of people capsized their canoe! We also played some games while we were on the lake in our canoes such as netball and who has got the highest number duck. After that we couldn't wait for our lunch which we ate back in the lodge. Once we'd got some energy back we went on a very long canoe ride. We were so tired, but it was so much fun!

Some of the younger junior children did some tree climbing and one person climbed to the top of all of them (with the safety of ropes and harnesses of course!).

The year 5 children were learning how to recover from capsizing and how to stop your boat. At the end of the day we all jumped off the pier and had lots of fun playing in the water. What a great day!



Sports round-up

This term eight children (a boy and a girl from each year in the juniors) went to a cross country competition at Tatham Fells School. The year sixes had to run two laps around and massive field and the other children had to do one lap (which was still a really long way!). Leck School came 2nd in the whole tournament.

We also took part in an inter-school cricket competition at Over-Kellet School. We took eight children, but did they win any games...?

- A) Leck won all the games they played
- B) Leck won two games
- C) Leck won no games

The answer was a) Leck won all the games they played!



SATs week

This term our year 6 pupils took their SATs - standard assessment tests. We all worked

especially hard. We did tests in maths reasoning, arithmetic, grammar, spelling and comprehension. Some of the year 6 pupils brought in treats for after the tests – cookies, brownies and crispy cakes to name a few!

Some of the pupils were feeling worried about the tests, but we all tried our hardest; the treats definitely helped.

Farm visit

Our infant children had a fabulous time at Hall Farm this term meeting new-born calves, learning all about how to look after cows and watching the cows being milked.

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The Burtonian—Do We Really Need It?

Michael Lavelle. Burton Communication Group.

Many publications have a natural life, they are popular for a few years then they disappear. Daily Herald, News of the World, Sporting Life and Eagle (the comic) are just some among hundreds which are no longer printed. After 18 years perhaps the time has come to say farewell to *The Burtonian* in its present form.

Every two months Marilyn Smith and David Taylor spend several days sifting through articles intended for publication, they read them, correct punctuation and spelling, then format these articles in conjunction with the advertisements to put together *The Burtonian*. When they are happy a copy is then emailed to our printer on the south coast and three days later 300 printed copies arrive in Burton. The 10 local distributors then take over and a copy drops on to your doormat. What happens then? Some of these copies are read by their recipients. The question is, 'how many?' We know that some are read but what about the rest?

There is a reason behind this question. Marilyn and David have decided, after 6 years in the job, to resign. This is their last printed edition.

So it's decision time. Do enough people read *The Burtonian* to make it worthwhile continuing with it in its present printed form? Should we make the village website more user friendly, more interesting and current? Should we stop the printed version and move with the times and just have a website? Of course, we will still need editors and we welcome interest from anyone wishing to take it on.

The good news is that we have secured the services of Janet Coulthurst, one of the country's leading web page designers and a resident of Burton.

Your opinions will help decide the future direction of how we communicate local information. Please email us at burton.news@gmail.com with your views.

BURTON IN LONSDALE FILM NIGHTS

Several people came forward to express an interest in helping to get the Film Nights going again since the request in the last issue of the *Burtonian*, so thank you to them. It is our intention to arrange a meeting very soon to discuss the Film Nights and hopefully will be able to offer some positive news next time.

If anyone has any comments to make about the re-starting of the Film Nights please do get in touch on 64944.

Film Committee



B4RN4BiL CONTRACTOR DIG SCHEDULED FOR LATE SUMMER 2022

Contractors are scheduled to build the majority of the B4RN4BiL network in the late summer. Before then we, as a community, need to finalise the routes, decide where on the boundary of each property the B4RN service should be terminated by the contractor, (including properties that currently don't require the B4RN service) and for each household that has requested B4RN, dig in ducting from the boundary to the property itself and install a House Kit.

To help our community we need to form a Community Workforce who is tasked with digging in ducting and installing House Kits to all household that need our assistance.

Training for the Community Workforce (and those who wish to complete a self installation) will be provided by B4RN commencing in June, please join the WhatsApp Groups below for further information on dates and locations, which will be provided closer to the time.

Simon



At a World Brewing Convention in the United States, the CEOs of various brewing organizations retired to the bar at the end of each day's conferencing.

Bruce, the boss of Fosters, shouted to the barman, 'in 'Strailya, we make the best beer in the world, so pour me a Fosters, cobber.'

Rob, chief of Budweiser, calls out, 'In the States, we brew the finest beers of the world, and I make the king of them all. Give me a pint of Bud.'

Hans steps up next, 'In Germany we invented beer. Give me a Beck's, the real king of beers.'

Up steps Dutchman Jan, chief executive of Grolsch, who states that Grolsch is the ultimate beer and asks for one with two fingers of head on top.

Patrick, the CEO of Guinness, steps forward. 'Barman, give me a coke with ice please.' The other four stare at him in stunned silence with amazement written all over their faces.

Eventually, Bruce asks, 'Are you not going to have a Guinness, Pat?' Patrick replies, 'Well, if you lot aren't drinking, then neither am I.'

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Village Celebrations 2022

Wedding Dress Exhibition

All Saints Church

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

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Please bring along your dresses, photos, memorabilia etc on Monday May 30th or Tuesday May 31st, named, and leave a contact number at church.

Thank you.



BURTON IN LONSDALE VILLAGE HALL

Saturday July 30th 7.30 p.m.

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Unbelievable numbers

From our environment correspondent

When I were a lad, living on a brand new council estate in Blackpool, there were an elderly couple living next door but one. They were in their fifties so that were quite old back then. We lived about 300 yards (metres they call 'em now) from Preston New Road. This couple had a strange idea for a night out. On a Saturday after their tea they'd get dressed up and walk up to Preston New Road where the road had a grass verge and on the verge were a bench. For two hours they'd sit there watching the cars go by. Course there weren't as many cars as there were in, say, the late 1960s except during September and October when the lights (Blackpool illuminations) were on. Then, in 1975, the M55 opened, this would have completely ruined Saturday nights out for my neighbours if they'd still been alive. However, this started a new interest for me. While many of my mates went train spotting, collecting train numbers in special books. I thought 'I'll be different', car number plates were the thing for me. Not the actual number plates, we only had a small house, but the registration numbers were what fascinated me. I would spend hours writing the numbers down in my little black books. I would take some of my books to school to show to my mates. It was normal to see FR and FV registrations, they were the Blackpool registrations. I remember going to school one day and could hardly wait to tell them I'd seen a Scottish number plate on a Humber Hawk. How exiting, but they would often be anxious to get home to watch 'Crackerjack' on tele. But my interest progressed. Now, just look around the village for personalised number plates. Aren't they interesting? I must confess to not really understanding some of them. Spending hundreds of pounds to put a name or some initials on a number plate obviously has a purpose especially as we get older. With increasing age it can become more difficult to remember things, in particular people's names and especially your own. So how useful to be able to look outside your door and see your number plate and know it has some significance, if only you knew what it was. Then there are the number plates which their owners must find amusing for some reason. They fork out hard earned cash for things like BOSS or HOG. Do they really look at these and smile every time they go out Does anyone else find them funny. I am now certain that every time I see a private number plate somewhere in the background there's a personality disorder.

BOOK CAFÉ AND PLANT SALE—11 JUNE 10am—12 noon in the Village Hall

Just a reminder that Burton Pals With Trowels will be hosting another Book Café, which this time will incorporate our annual Plant Sale on June 11th at the Village Hall. There will be the usual array of delicious cakes, free books to browse and the opportunity to stock up on plants for your garden, many of them grown or propagated by PALS in our own gardens/greenhouses.

Please do find a spare hour or so to come along and support us and also hear about our plans for a wildlife area at the Community Orchard.

BURTON PALS

NOTES FROM AN UNINTENDED NATURALIST MAY/JUNE 2022

It is a beautiful Spring morning in mid May. The cold gusty wind from yesterday has passed and the air is clear with the promise of sunshine later today.

Out before 7.30 on an early walk to Edith Wood, I notice an owl pellet near to an old barn. I will not forget seeing one meticulously dissected in Ynys Hir Nature Reserve not far from Aberystwyth many years ago and put in a frame for inspection. The carefully laid out 32 tiny bones were from very small mammals –shrews and mice that the owl had taken.

As I enter the wood, now in full leaf after the long winter, a cock blackbird is singing a melodious improvisation of melodies high up on a branch above. His head is lifted high and golden beak parted for maximum aural effect. I listen for several minutes. How glorious this music is. The focus of the blackbird of course is not to entertain me of course but to woo a female. If she is listening, she will certainly be impressed.

The cock thrush, (in the same classification as blackbirds) that sang his song from the top of a neighbouring tree earlier this month, was an early evening joy to hear. I recorded one on a mini disc many years ago and the memory of that links me to the present. The recital, I recall, lasted for twenty minutes before pausing.

The dawn chorus as the Spring birdsong in Britain is so affectionately called is a joy to hear –but is not a chorus as such. Each bird call is particular to each bird in its song of courtship. The backdrop “chorus” may be made up of warning calls that a predator is about. Human or animal. Or the focused drumming as this morning of a distant woodpecker to get insect breakfast from the treebark. As well as the individual songs of courtship.

A clear cooing is echoed by more muted calls from pigeons further off in the broadleaf wood. A neighbour of mine says the sounds always remind him of Northern France. Now a male chaffinch alights on a slender branch before me –then silently flies off. Other small birds are making themselves heard and the sylvan magic of the wood is working its enchantment on me. In a clearing beyond the modest tinkling brook lies a carpet of Silverweed. This plant with its serrated leaves, fernlike in appearance reflect the sunlight to appear to be made of silver foil. An uncelebrated ubiquitous plant of verges but so beautiful. I have loved it since childhood, the lovely yellow flowers will come in June.

Another bird heralds from his part of the woodland. A different singer. I listen and see this warbler is a male blackcap. A well –named bird. His distinctive black feathered beret is a strong contrast to his paler greyish body. The female has a brown cap. But it is the male I hear singing this morning. I did once have a pair coming to my birdfeeders in Lancaster in Spring.

I am loathe to leave the wood; the distant rumble of a plane, hum of traffic, of human machinery takes over from the world of birdsong.

The owl pellet is still on the path and a brief pleasant exchange of greeting with a man and his dog.

As I return home for breakfast, I think of the 14th century Welsh poet, Dafydd ap

Gwilym . I think the memory of the bird sanctuary at Ynys Hir near Mavchynlleth made me think of this wonderful poet whose poetry is so based in the lovely area of mid Wales I know so well and still has ancient woodland left that he would have known. I quote the opening to the poem “The Woodland Mass” I put his original Welsh words on the right because they are so beautiful heard aloud. As an ENGLYN should be.

I was in a happy place today,
Under mantles of lovely green hazels,
Listening , at dawn of day
To the ingenious cock Thrush
Singing a polished ENGLYN
With portents and bright lessons

Lle digrif y bum heddiw
Dan fentyll y gwrddgyll gwiw
Yn gwarando ddechrau dydd
y ceiliog bronfraith celfydd
yn canu englyn alathr
Arwyddion a llithion llathr.



The accompanying sketch was made after I found a beautiful young thrush which had fatally crashed into a large glass window.

I put bird silhouettes on the window to avoid future disasters after this distress.

Can you help All Saints Church?

We want to join the digital tourism community!

As a church, we are about to raise our digital profile, but need someone who has a few minutes each week to update our online presence. Can you give us some of your time – you do not need to be a member of the congregation, just a generous neighbour who will give us some of your time. If you think that you would like to help us, please email the churchwardens on allsaintscw@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you.

Why do bees have sticky hair? / Because they use honeycombs.

What is an astronaut's favourite part on a computer? / The space bar

What did the shark say when he ate the clownfish? / This tastes a little funny.



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Northern Gas Networks

<https://ngnceg.co.uk/>

Allerton Waste Recovery Park

<https://wasteservices.amey.co.uk/where-we-work/north-yorkshire/>

Community First Yorkshire

<https://mycommunity.org.uk/>

The Bentham Line

Mondays to Saturdays

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

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Wennington	0625	1225	1825
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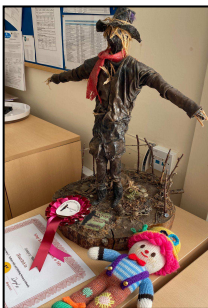




Melling St Wilfrid CE Primary School **For the love of learning friendship and faith**

We all enjoyed the return of the Scarecrow festival in May. We worked with Tatham Fells School to create 'the Queen's Jubilee Afternoon Tea'. We hope you got a chance to see it and we were very pleased to win the schools' entry.

Our infants thoroughly enjoyed a trip to the museum at Fleetwood. They were



learning about seaside holidays in the past and enjoyed a traditional Punch and Judy show. They flew a kite on the beach and worked together to make a fantastic mosaic for the classroom.

Our infant class were also pleased to welcome the Lancaster Soroptimist group who had made a wonderful Gruffalo story sack. The children loved hearing the story and making homes for the characters.

In the middle of a busy term we had a one-day monitoring visit from OFSTED. We were pleased they recognised 'pupils feel happy, safe and secure in school' 'Leaders have provided an ambitious and exciting curriculum, and 'Pupils of all ages develop a real love of reading'.

Y6 pupils completed their bikeability training. They all passed with flying colours despite it being a little rainy on the days. The instructor commented that they were the best group she had ever taught - so polite and well behaved.

Mrs Ip Headteacher



Tatham Fells CE (VC) Primary News

Roots to Grow, Wings to fly, Faith to flourish



Tatham Fells' hosted the Lune Valley Schools cross country recently. It was great to meet up with 9 other local schools. The children showed their great running skills on a demanding course. Everyone did really well for completing the course and congratulations to all the medal winners pictured below.

Our junior pupils all went to Blackpool Grand Theatre with our friends from Melling to see 'Gangsta Granny' adapted from David Walliams' novel. It was a great way to end the spring term.

The Tatham children made a huge buffet of salt dough food for our Queen Scarecrow tea party. All the pictures of the children displayed at the scarecrow festival are now scaring the crows in our vegetable patch.

After school clubs are busy again until 5pm and we have been fully booked for our after-school mindfulness course with Flow Holistics. Our Early years unit now welcomes local 3-4 year olds from 8:15am- 5pm on Monday and Tuesdays.

Mrs Ip Headteacher



HORNBY POOL

Lune Valley Swimming Pool

'Splish Splash' Party night - rescheduled

LVCS would like to apologise to all supporters and friends who planned to attend the party night at Arkholme Village Hall on April 2nd.

Unfortunately, one of The Jetsons tested Covid positive a couple of days before the event. However, we have been able to re-book for the first available date of July 30th at the Hornby Village Institute. 01524 805666



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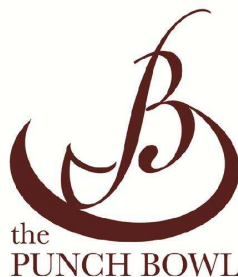
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