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In this, the 108th edition of the *Burtonian*, there are several important articles which we hope you will read. There are a couple of pieces relating to the future of our village shop, which over the last two years has provided an invaluable service to the community. We shouldn't forget this as we hopefully move into better times. Also, we welcome back Concert and Cakes this month, an event that has been sorely missed this last two years. As many of you (hopefully) will know, in early June the country celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It is hoped that Burton will hold a celebration of this event BUT volunteers are needed to make this happen (page 18). We really need some YOUNG people to come forward with ideas—don't leave it all to the oldies, again!

The next Book Café will be held next Saturday, 5th, in the village hall. There will be the usual array of tempting cakes and reading material on offer as well as the opportunity to view the plans for the long overdue improvements to the village hall. The village hall committee have put a lot of work into this, so if you care about the future of the hall, your feedback would be very welcome.

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

David & Marilyn

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The Parish Council has appointed a sub-committee

The inaugural meeting of the **Platinum Jubilee Celebration Committee** (see page 18) will be held in The Punch Bowl on Wednesday, February 2nd at 7.30 pm. Please be there if you would like to help to formulate the weekend's events.

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

Parish Council Meeting 27th January 2022

David Taylor writes ..

In these reports I have always tried to be fair and this is the case with this report. However, having been co-opted as a Councillor, I think it is right that, to avoid any conflicts, I should hand on the baton for future reports.

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

The meeting was held in the Village Hall and was attended by the Clerk, parish councillors and some 16 members of the public.

Apologies

Councillor Jan Shaw offered her apologies

Appointment of Chairman

As the previous Chairman had resigned, Coun. Stuart Handley was appointed the Chairman for the period until the elections in May.

Councillor Co-option(s)

There were three vacancies as noted in the previous report, and there were four candidates. The existing councillors co-opted Mike Biles, David Taylor and Ian Wardle to serve until the elections in May (of which more in the next *Burtonian*).

Appointments

To replace vacancies, Ian Wardle & David Taylor volunteered to join Stuart Handley & Dennis Tate on the Finance Committee. Dennis Tate volunteered to be the PC representative on the Village Hall Committee. Other vacancies were left unfilled until the next meeting.

Public Questions or Statements

A question was asked about the planning conditions at the school development, whether these had been met before work commenced, Coun. Handley would find out.

Another question was about why the PC had not contributed over the years to needed expenditure on the Village Hall.

North Yorkshire County Council and Craven District Council

County Coun. Ireton stated that the NYCC budget would increase by 3.99% in 2022/23.

The Village Emergency Plan was to be updated and a draft would be circulated.

Planning Applications

Four planning applications were noted. The only one to raise a discussion was the proposal to rebuild the Barn at Castle Hill to form a dwelling. Concern that the building should be redeveloped sympathetically in keeping with the village.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

It was agreed to form a sub-committee to progress plans for the Queen's Jubilee in June.

Coun. Biles & Coun. Wardle agreed to be on it, along with other members of the Village. Mike Lavelle, who had been pushing for some recognition of the event, would be the Chairman. A budget would be agreed at the next meeting when all the councillors had seen the proposals.

Finance Matters

The Clerk stated that there was £55k in the bank and that this included the £5k contingency and £10k unallocated funds. There was then a discussion about a donation of £5k which had been made to the PC and then returned. It was suggested that this had been made to cover possible legal costs regarding the issue with Harris Garth (see the last copy of the *Burtonian*

and below) and that, as no legal costs had been incurred, it was returned. It was pointed out that the PC had incurred costs of over £3,000 as a result of the action. Comments made almost had the Clerk leaving the meeting.

The Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer were authorised to make a precept request for the year 2022-23 of £17,500, the same as the current year.

Clerk's Report, including correspondence

The Clerk commented that the amount of correspondence coming in was becoming overwhelming.

Upper Tribunal Lands Chamber Harris Garth application: report only

This item generated even more heated comments about the rights and wrongs of the PC's actions in this regard. Comments made resulted in Coun. Mason leaving the meeting. Coun. Biles suggested, and it was decided, that a separate meeting should be held to investigate the conduct of the PC, to ensure that lessons were learned for the future.

Lych Gate: to receive the August 2021 surveyor's report

Although this item was deferred in order that the new councillors would be able to see the report, considerable debate followed about whether the PC was responsible for it or indeed *could* pay for the restoration and if grants could be obtained from Historic England or another body. David Gillibrand pointed out that he had previously offered to take on the responsibility.

Current and Future Projects

Village Hall Defibrillator. The First Responders had donated money to the PC and the PC agreed to take over responsibility, including regular inspections.

Vehicle Activated Sign. A request would be put in the *Burtonian* for a volunteer to take this on.

Recreation Field Committee

Coun. Taylor commented that the minutes of the Recreation Field Committee meeting held on 6th October 2021 included spending proposals which should be included in a general spending review of the PC across the whole village. This was agreed.

Consideration would be given to installing Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points at the Rec. Field.

Village Green

YLCA advice had been received re maintenance of Village Green, including the parking area near the church entrance, this advice would be passed onto the new councillors.

Riverside Land

The wooden bollards preventing vehicles driving onto the Riverside Land were said to be rotten and councillors agreed to inspect them with a view to replacing them.

Village Electricity Supply: network resilience

Pete Thomson commented that there was no current planned work to improve the network but that was before Storm Arwen and this may change.

Footpath Burton Bridge to Recreation Field, including former 'Cart Track' adj. To The Orchard

These paths had been badly affected by recent flooding. Brian Lawson had suggested work estimated at £1200 to protect the 'cart track' but perhaps this was a highways issue?

Council & Committee Meetings: proposed dates

Recreation Field Committee meeting 2 February 2022; Full Council Meeting 24 February 2022; Full Council 24 March 2022 (final meeting of council year). The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for the 26th May. Coun. Taylor asked that consideration be given to communication with residents through the *Burtonian* when planning the dates of future meetings.

NB Correction. In the last report it was stated that the Contingency Reserve was £21k. Whilst I'm sure that was stated at the meeting, the actual figure should have been £5k.

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Did you hear the one about a Spanish Mother and Jewish Father who had a baby daughter. The Mother wanted to call her by a Spanish name but the Father insisted on a Jewish name. By the time their daughter became a little older, she didn't know whether she was Carmen or Cohen.

It's a little known fact that the invention of Venetian blinds saved the human race. Without them, it would have been curtains for all of us.

I've got some racing geese for sale..... Let me know if you want a quick gander...

The elderly baker at the giant chocolate eclair factory is retiring after 40 years service and I've been offered his job. I'm honoured but those are big choux to fill...



The Emmeline String Quartet

The music plays on - Saturday 19th February 2022!

Yes, we are back! It seems that almost immediately after we announced the return of Concert&Cakes in the last Burtonian, then the dreadful Omicron variant hit us, so we've had a tense few weeks of will we/won't we. However, in the last few days, we've decided that yes, we are still going ahead and that based on what we know now, we can do so safely.

The Emmeline String Quartet has been waiting patiently in the wings for confirmation that they can come to present an hour of beautiful music for us at All Saints Church on Saturday 19th February 2022 and are delighted to hear that we are on.

Concert&Cakes showcases emerging talent in classical music performance. You will hear music you might not know, but will be blown away by how amazing it sounds in the church and how different it is to hear music live, something we've missed terribly during lockdowns. If you feel you are ready to get out again, please come. We don't sell tickets or charge entry. Seating is first-come, first-served so you can decide on the day. Cakes and drinks will be served in accordance with the prevailing Covid regulations on the day; again, it is your choice whether you want to stay for refreshments or not. If you do enjoy the music, we will ask if you will make a donation; and if you stay for a drink and cake, we will ask for a small contribution; this is the only way we cover the costs of putting on these concerts.

The next concert will be on Saturday 19th March and features Owen Spafford and Louis Campbell – the folk duo who should have been performing for us as we went into Lockdown One! Both classically trained at the Junior RNCM and the RNCM, they have performed with the National Youth Folk Orchestra and as a duo around the North West and at the Radio Two Folk Awards.

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

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We enter Lakeland's National Park
Where William Wordsworth left his mark
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But dry am I on the 555

We're reaching verdant, journey's end
Through miles of lake side, fell, and bend
On Keswick's tea shops I'll descend
So glad I rode on the 555

Rique Llinares - 13 October 2018

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Unfortunately when the pandemic hit in 2020 and we first went into lockdown, we lost many original long standing volunteers, and we are now especially short of afternoon cover.

You can commit to as little or as much as you are able and full training will be given.

If you are interested and would like more information, please pop and see us in the shop.

VACANCY

We have a paid position available for approximately 10 hours per week. This includes early morning papers, Closing up, and a weekend shift.

You will be working alone, so experience of retail work would be helpful, but not essential, as full training will be given.

For more information

email burtonvillagestores@gmail.com

IN HORNBY

The 'Harmony Hounds' will be with us on Saturday, 19th February.

This long established and popular band style themselves on the 'Pasadena Roof Orchestra' who play the music and sing the songs that were heard in the dance halls and clubs in the 1920s to the original orchestrations: you will love it, as I did when I first heard them.

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

Doors & Bar open at 7.30, music from 8 p.m.

Tickets £15, available on the door or ring 01524 22227.

Sam Ashton

The Rotary Club of Lunesdale

The threat of Covid restricted the club's usual Christmas programme. Normally Father Christmas in his sleigh would visit many of the villages in the Lune Valley. Owing to the spike in Coronavirus numbers it was decided to restrict the programme to a static visit to a)Country Harvest, b)Bentham Mart and c)Booths at Kirkby Lonsdale. Thank you to everybody who stopped to have a chat with us and make a donation. The 3 collections amounted to a total of almost £1,000. This money will be used to help local deserving causes/projects.

It was hoped that by 2022 it would be possible to hold face to face meetings once again. However the way things are at present that may not be advisable so we shall continue cautiously and carefully to observe both government and Rotary advice. We have also learned that Zoom has provided the opportunity, which we have taken advantage of, to engage with incredibly well qualified and interesting speakers from around the world.

30+ Rotarians and their guests held a Christmas Party in the Highwayman Inn, Burrow, on Thursday 9th December. Prior to commencement of the festivities, Rotary President John Clare made a surprise presentation, on behalf of Rotary GB&I, to Rotarian Stuart Slater of a certificate to celebrate his 50 years of service in Rotary. The assembled guests showed their appreciation in the normal fashion to Stuart's marvellous achievement.

Entertainment throughout the evening was provided by "Ian the Magician", a well known local table-top magician whose illusions and tricks kept everyone absolutely enthralled.

Once again, Aimie and her team at the Highwayman provided excellent fayre and service and a wonderful time was had by all.

Looking ahead, and the right conditions prevailing, we plan to hold a sale of goods. If you have any items in good condition which you are willing to donate then please get in touch.

Finally if you are interested in learning more about your local Rotary Club, which incidentally is part of a global organisation, please tel 015242 73166. You may be interested in getting involved in community affairs and helping where there is a need. Please do give us a call. Keep well, keep safe.

Lilian Barton

JUBILEE

As you will see in other articles in this *Burtonian*, preparations are being made for the Queen's Jubilee in June.

It is suggested that a display of Classic vehicles might be put on on the Village Green. If you have a vintage, veteran, or other special car to show off at the Jubilee, let us know.

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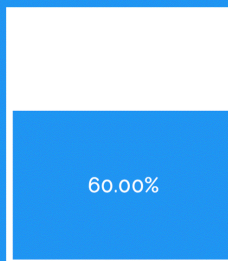
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All Saints' Church News

Sunday Services in February and March 2022

February	6th	8 am (Holy Communion) and 11 am (Morning Prayer)
February	13th	11 am (Holy Communion)
February	20th	8 am (Holy Communion), 11 am (Morning Worship)
February	27th	11 am (Holy Communion)
March	2 nd	Ash Wednesday, evening service to be confirmed
March	6th	8 am (Holy Communion) and 11 am (Morning Prayer)
March	13th	11.00 am (Holy Communion)
March	20th	8 am (Holy Communion) and 11 am (Morning Worship)
March	27th	11 am Mothering/Laetare Sunday (Holy Communion)

Other Services and Events in February and March

Pancakes March 1st is not only St David's Day, but Shrove Tuesday. The congregation of All Saints Church will celebrate with pancakes but, due to the continuing pandemic, they will almost certainly be 'take away', format to be confirmed – watch out for notices nearer the date!

Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Ingleborough Team Service 7.30 pm. Location to be confirmed.

Stay and Play our group for pre-school children (with parent or guardian) meets on Thursdays in the Church Room from 9.30 am until about 12 noon. There will be a half-term break on 17th February. New families are always very welcome. There are toys and other things to entertain the children and tea, coffee and chat for the adults. For further information e-mail the church wardens on allsaintscw@gmail.com.

Crafts, Coffee and Chatter. Sessions which were suspended before Christmas will resume again in February, on Thursdays 10th February (introductory session) and 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March from 1.00 – 3.00 pm. Sessions are open to all, bring any craft work which you are doing with you or just come for the chatter. Details from allsaintscw@gmail.com

Each Friday morning we normally meet at 10 am in the Church Vestry for a short simple time of **Prayers for the Parish**. Do feel free to join us for about 30 minutes.

Best wishes

Catherine and Christine, Church Wardens at All Saints

And from Vicar Denis ...

What kind of a Christmas did you have? For me and most Vicars it was a very busy time. Five services a day has not been untypical- starting at 8.00 in Burton followed by services in Thornton (9.30), Ingleton (10.30) back to Burton to catch up with people after the 11.00 service and then 2.30 in Chapel- le- Dale. Every service is different to the others. Then Christmas Dinner (usually on Boxing Day for us because of my timetable) with all the children, spouses and grandchildren. This year we had 19 at the meal.

You might be thinking of the return to work after the Christmas rest. For me it is the other way around but what really is rest? In the Bible the word translated as rest can mean “to be at peace”, “to be still” or “to be quiet or calm”. The Bible usually adds that this should be in the presence of the Lord. This rest that we are encouraged to seek leads to a peace and tranquillity that comes from trusting God and spending time with him.

Many years ago I used to run a church bookstall. As well as books we sold little trinkets like key rings with encouraging words from the Bible on them. However due to a slight fault in manufacture there was one key ring that failed to sell because it had a missing first letter. It proclaimed “rust in the Lord”.

There is a very big difference between resting and rusting in the Lord. Rest reinvigorates and encourages us for the next step. Rusting is a slow decline due to neglect. This can be spiritually as well as physically.

This new year can I encourage you to seek spiritual rest in the hands of God ,be strengthened for the year ahead, and be active for the good of others.

Denis

Printer ink cartridge recycling

Rett syndrome is a rare genetic neurological and developmental disorder that affects the way the brain develops, causing a progressive loss of motor skills and speech. The disorder primarily affects girls. Families who are affected are supported by a tiny charity-RETT UK. One of the very good fund raising methods used is to collect printer ink cartridges. There are 2 collection points in the village, one at the Multimedia shop (weekdays only) and at weekends in the Narthex (or entrance) to All Saints Church. We can recycle any printer ink cartridge – but not laser or toner cartridges. Since September 2021 these collecting points have raised £71.40 and kept 3.65 kg from landfill. Please keep supporting us and avoiding landfill

Carol Service, December 2021

Once again a successful village carol service was held in All Saints, followed by drinks and mincepies. Thank you to all those who provided the mince pies, helped in the kitchen or sang in the choir and to Cathy Rowland who organised the event. As a result of the retiring collection £200 was sent to Unicef with a request that it should be used to help Women and Children in Afghanistan.

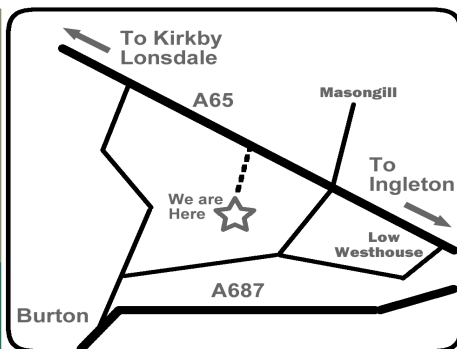
A Generous Community

In the last edition of this publication I asked if anyone would consider supporting the building and burial grounds of All Saints Church by making regular monetary contributions. At that time the emphasis was on those who could help who are tax payers. The new scheme coming in is particularly attractive to non tax payers. If anyone would like to give a regular contribution, monthly, quarterly or annually, however small, please contact allsaintstreasure@gmail.com or speak to one of the church wardens. Meanwhile, thank you to all who support our other activities, coffee mornings and fayres. And especially a big thank you to those who responded to my last appeal.

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SETTLE POOL WORK ON SCHEDULE DESPITE ROOF DAMAGE

Redevelopment work at Settle Swimming Pool is on schedule despite substantial storm damage to the pool roof caused by storm Arwen at the start of the winter.

The damage was unrelated to the construction work as it occurred on the other side of the building, exposed to the fierce winds from the North. The presence of builders on site with their equipment did however mean that it was possible to make a quick assessment of the damage and ensure good liaison with the insurance company.

It had been hoped to keep the pool open for most of the time that building work was taking place and temporary arrangements that were working well, but with the roof damage making it impossible to keep the pool open these had to be put on hold for what could be several months until repairs can be made. The current expectation is that the pool could be open again on a limited basis by the spring.

Meanwhile the framework of the new structure is now in place and work is due to be completed by early summer. The new development will include a new changing village, with improved facilities for families and disabled swimmers; an extended entrance area; and new multi-use dry side facilities.

The redevelopment work necessitated the removal of a small number of trees at the front of the building but in a move agreed with local environment campaigners and Craven District Council replacement fruit trees have now been planted on council owned land in front of Ribble Terrace on the other side of the river. These included a number of apple trees, and appropriately enough with the planting taking place just before Christmas, some pear trees. The pool charity shop in Duke Street, Settle and related on-line sales continue to produce a strong income for the pool. The shop is open Tuesdays-Saturdays and donations are accepted at the containers on the carpark in front of the pool on Tuesdays and Fridays

From Sue Gregory

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I've had a name added to the football team photo published in the October issue, thanks to Audrey Dodgson – the goalkeeper (dark shirt) is George Shuttleworth.

And another photo – I don't have any

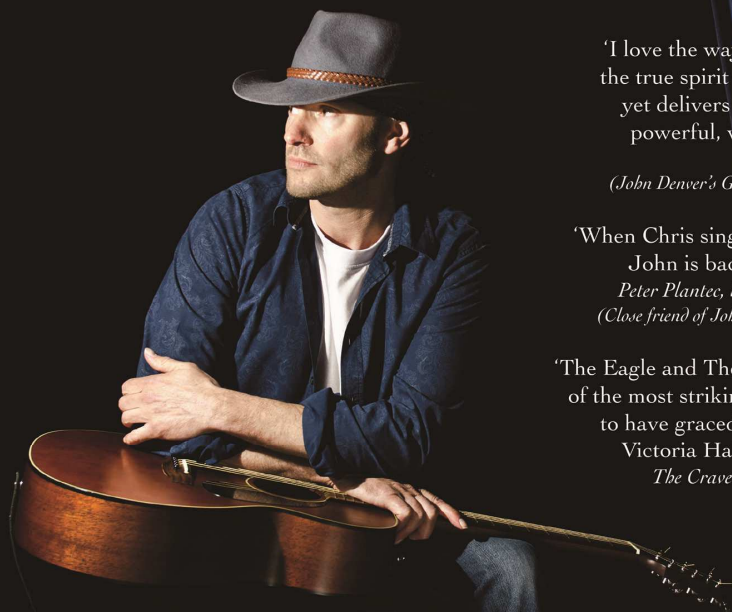
names, and think it might be from the 1930s/1940s – the picture was copied from one that Kath Salrein has/had. Any leads as to names would be appreciated.



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We just wanted to thank everyone who came up to Gallaber for their Christmas trees this year, we always have a lot of fun selling the trees, but this year was on a whole new level. With record sales our first Christmas Markets and we even had some snow this year all making for a really magical atmosphere.

The Christmas Markets were really well supported thank you so much to everyone who came over to attend & thank you so much to all the stall holders, we were really impressed with the quality of the crafts and gifts on offer. If anyone would be interested in having a stall next year I'm sure we will be planning another market.

Every year we make a donation from every tree we sell to the North West Air Ambulance and the Young farmers were out again doing their Christmas tree collection in January and along with the money put into the collection buckets we were delighted to be able to donate £934.77 to this wonderful charity, so many thanks to everyone for their support & we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Ian, Glen, Ted & Sid Sedgwick



FRANCIS FRITH

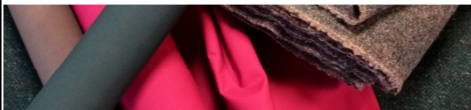
Francis Frith is well known as a source of "vintage photographs". What I didn't know until fairly recently is that there is a page for certain villages, **Burton in Lonsdale** being one of them.

<https://www.francisfrith.com/burton-in-lonsdale>

There are 18 photos on the site but there also maps of Burton and books about Burton as well as 12 "memories" of Burton from, Margaret Barrett, Ian Blundell, G J Coates, Christine Wardle, Emma Sharp, Melinda Willan, Elizabeth Orr, Peter Willan & Edward Holmes.

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News from Leck St Peters CofE Primary School

By Elsie Elliott, Neve Mather, Erin Booth and Daisy Hurst (Year 6 Journalist Team)

School Eco Club

In the eco club we do lots of different things to help the environment like litter picking. In litter picking we walk around the local area of our school and pick up any waste off the ground. Then we take all the waste back to school to recycle.

At break time the eco club gives out hot chocolate and toast to pupils in return for money to buy seeds for our school vegetable garden.

French day

On French day we did a variety of activities to celebrate the work we have been doing in French lessons. The first activity was making French Christmas cards with Mrs Tidd. The second activity was making chocolate fudge with Mrs Ratcliffe. The third activity was making lemon madeleines with Mrs Elliott. And last but not least we decorated a Christmas log, or a *Buche de Noel* as the French call it, with Mrs Jones. It was all *tres bien*!

Christmas activity day

Before Christmas we held an activity day where we did lots of fun Christmas activities. The activities we did were: Creating an image of the city of Bethlehem where we cut out shapes of buildings, animals and stars to create a Bethlehem scene; Decorating wooden angels by putting feathers on the wings and decorating the body with glitter; Cutting out sheep shapes and making pompoms for the wool; Wreath making, we made some wreaths with holly, willow, and moss. All the things we made were displayed around school, it looked very festive!

Christmas play



In December we did a Christmas panto on the nativity except there was a twist - the main characters were the chicken the sheep and the cow. It was called *Stable Manners*. It was quite a laugh of a play with the arguing animals, and all the fun lasted till 6 o'clock. We did two performances. The infant children did a couple of dances with the main animal characters, some friends and family entertainment. When everyone was congratulated

the church warden came around and gave all the children a chocolate Santa.

Anti-bullying week

For anti-bullying week we wore odd socks to show how different we all are and made posters around school with the slogan *one kind word* which means be kind to people whenever you can. We also had a live video call and watched an example of how it hurts people to be bullied.



Queen Elizabeth III's Platinum Jubilee

Michael Lavelle

It may not have escaped your notice that on February 6th the Queen will become the only English monarch to have served for 70 years. Throughout 2022 there will be events celebrating the Platinum Jubilee. From Thursday June 2nd to Sunday June 5th there will be an extended bank holiday weekend. The Queen's Pageant Master has announced a programme of events for this five day period (<https://www.royal.uk/platinum-jubilee-central-weekend>). Our Parish Council has agreed that the Village will take part in one of the events, the lighting of the beacon on the mount, this will be one of 1.500 beacons to be lit nationally.

Now, I am not one to argue with the Queen's Pageant Master but he has suggested that Sunday 5th is the day for the 'Big Jubilee Lunch'. ie, Party Day. As Monday 6th is 'back to work day' as well as 'back to school day' I'm assuming that the Pageant Master is not a party animal. I suggest that we organise a Village Party to be held on Saturday 4th. For this to happen and be a similar success to the Diamond Jubilee Village Party 10 years ago we need a small group of people to do the organising. The Parish Council will (hopefully) suggest appointing a sub-committee when they meet on January 27th. This is where you come in.

Whilst the Party may be the focus of the weekend, it would also be good if the various village organisations, of which there are at least 12, were to contribute something extra to the celebrations.

What is now needed is a squad of volunteers to organise, manage and coordinate the weekend's events. It doesn't need to be too time consuming. I hope it isn't going to be left to the same old faces - we need younger people with new thinking. A start has been made on some of the necessary preparatory work and I will be happy to lend a hand.

HOWEVER WE NEED AT LEAST SIX VOLUNTEERS

You must be out there, please let me know if you would like to help at lavelle.mike@gmail.com.

TREE FELLING AT THE ORCHARD

Some of you may have noticed the removal of a large tree in the woodland at the side of the community orchard on Bentham Road. We are very aware of the importance of trees to the environment, but unfortunately, this very large and almost horizontal tree, was recently found to be unstable and therefore posed a real risk to users of this area. Once this was confirmed, we felt it should be dealt with asap and in so doing it was found that a couple of smaller trees had also come down. The felled trees have been cut into sections and left in the woodland where we hope, eventually they will provide homes for wildlife.

Burton PALS With Trowels

The Future of the Shop?

The shop, or to give it its full title, Burton in Lonsdale Village Shop Association Ltd, is an Industrial Provident organisation regulated by the FCA and is run as a service to the community.

Unlike most limited companies it is not primarily driven by the profit motive, indeed if it started making large profits its status would most likely be queried.

The Management Committee are currently considering a major refurbishment, the first since the shop opened, to improve facilities for customers and staff alike. This will use a substantial portion of the accumulated reserves and, obviously, is only going to be worthwhile doing if the shop is going to be wanted, and supported, by the community it serves.

We have a group of loyal customers who are regular shoppers and to them I say thank you for your support. Others use us for certain specifics, say their papers, and nothing else. Still more of the village residents don't use us at all during normal times. During the first lockdown takings went up by approximately 40% in the early days and we put in our biggest ever orders with suppliers. Similarly, when the weather turns bad the shop takings go up as people choose not to travel. I would ask, therefore, that if you want us and need us during difficult times, please bear in mind that we need you, specifically your money, during the rest of the year. For a village shop we carry a pretty good and varied stock at reasonable prices, indeed some branded products are cheaper than the local supermarkets and many are from local suppliers, milk, bread, meat and pies in particular.

As COVID has receded, so have the shop takings, indeed this year we will make a small loss due to some capital expenditure on the repairs to the fabric of the building. So next time you are needing something please consider your village shop. I think you would miss us if we weren't there.

The Management Committee

The Crocus ~ Spring's First flower

By Susan Vessels

Little crocus still asleep
In Winter's deep dark earth
Slowly awaiting the stirring
Of Springtime's re-birth

Send forth your tiny blossom
And make our hearts to sing
Oh we can't wait to see you
First flower and bloom of spring



SNOWDROPS

By Mary Vivian

I like to think
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There fell to earth
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At various stage in my life I have had the joy of participating in communal events where a variety of people have pooled their creative ideas, gifts and energies towards a final 'Jacob's Join'-type 'feast', where the final 'feast' turns out to be greater than the sum of its parts and where, when it all eventually comes together, it gives great pleasure to a whole spectrum of people...

I came away from the Village Carol Service in December feeling like that...and feeling so grateful to all the different people who gave their skills, insights and time into making it into a very special, festive moment for our community. I want to especially thank the Village Choir for their joy, responsiveness and hard work in taking up the challenge to sing together in parts...not that easy, if you've ever tried it, but so rewarding when it works! And you all enriched our singing mightily! Thank you too to our 'Mary', you carried out your role so beautifully, as did our magnificent lantern bearer and all the different lesson readers. You all put your hearts into it, each in your own, unique way. And, for those of you who were there, did you notice how splendid and celebratory the church looked from the moment of arriving at the front door to throughout the interior. So a special thank you too to the hand (s) that made all that happen. You know who you are! The whole was magical and quite beautiful! And to all those who did the 'invisible' house-keeping and administrative-type stuff to make it happen – so vital too – thank you!

As this New Year unfolds with all its uncertainties and (no doubt!) yet-to-be experienced challenges, I will be looking forward to other Village events (the Platinum Jubilee maybe?) where I hope we can similarly pool our energies and all our different gifts and perspectives to create further memorable moments for everyone in this great little village!

Cathy Rowland

'Nicola Mills' 'Opera for the People'

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Soprano Nicola Mills attended The Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, and then went on to sing in Houses for 10 years around Europe. She has performed for Glyndebourne Festival Opera, Dutch National Opera, The Flemish Opera and Opera Monte Carlo, and loved every minute of it. In 2016 she started her own initiative called 'Opera for the



People', bringing 'opera' and 'crossover' music to people and places, in unlikely settings. She also has a 'Song Menu' and lets the audience choose the songs. This has taken her around Europe, to Canada and New York, where she performed her own show called 'A Soprano and a suitcase'. Throughout lockdown, every street became a theatre and she brought her crossover singing to every day people outside their homes, also being captured by BBC Look North. She received letters from The Queen and Prince Philip too. She also loves performing her one woman tribute to Julie Andrews called 'A Spoonful of Julie'. Nicola is happiest when singing and connecting with people, and loves doing it in her own unique style. It is really is friendly, down to earth, and for the people'. www.iamnicolamills.com

Nicola will be performing in the Village Hall on the 19th of March

NOTES FROM AN UNINTENDED NATURALIST JANUARY /FEBRUARY 2022

The cold snap in December with a snow covered landscape was only to last for a few days. My ancient apple-tree in the garden which has hardly fruited for two years now, has been however, a haven for perching birds declaring territorial ownership, or roosting ones as well as providing small but nutritious snacks for such a small bird as the treecreeper.

This small bird weighing in at 10g is about the size of a wren although its stiff long tail and slender curved downward pointing black beak, make it appear a little bigger. It is completely camouflaged by the furrowed bark of the old apple tree and if absolutely still, would seem to be a piece of loose bark...but a tiny movement reveals the pure white chest and streaky chestnut browns, black and cream upper

plumage. The long toes with strong hooked nails enable it to spiral up the bark of the tree defying gravity and cling on while exploring a crevice of bark ,sheltering maybe an earwig or other tiny morsel. Unlike the nuthatch which is another acrobat who enjoys downward exploration, the treecreeper has to hop or fly in descent as the stiff long tail gets in the way of a more graceful way of going downwards.

I have seen one on my apple tree really clearly in the winter months when there isn't any leaf cover except ivy and mossy patches, and the agile little bird nips up the bark feeding but quickly spirals round out of sight if it senses watching eyes.

Just once last spring, I saw three treecreepers on the same broadleaf tree in Edith Wood. I imagine the one that stayed still enough for me to make a rapid sketch was a youngster who had not yet developed the art of instantly hiding .



The song is a tiny high “see-see-see” –it is not going to reach very far in the woodland but treecreepers don't go too far it seems from their patch and the silvery song is enough to communicate.

This last December, after a thaw from the icy spell, I saw the tiniest creamywhite egg with weeny reddish brown speckles on the ground under the apple tree. I went inside the house to get a soft container to put the tiny egg in to investigate later with a magnifying glass. Even without , though, the eggshell-intact enough to measure its length about the size of my little fingernail, showed a small yellow area of dried yolk inside.

I marvelled at such a miniature form which measured only just over a centimetre and had been laid months before . I guessed that a roosting small bird had taken cover in the cold weather and ousted the little egg and whatever else was there to make a cosy roost. Wrens. I know will take winter shelter in old nests and other small safe places. I have had two bird boxes on the tree for several years now; Or maybe a deep crevice in the bark was the nesting place this tiny egg had been ousted from.

Contacting one of my dedicated professional ornithologist friends, I asked what was the likely parent. I had wondered if it could have been a goldcrest but was dubious as they prefer coniferous habitat...could it be a tree creeper egg?

The wren, small though it is, lays similar coloured eggs – but they are more like 1.6 cm length.

The longtailed tit also has similarly creamy eggs with small speckles, a millimetre or two larger, so the main contender seemed to be the tree creeper.

(I have now a slender wedge shape birdbox with a tiny side hole for Ms tree creeper to choose for nesting, should she wish, later in Spring. Just in case her first natural choice is occupied.)

Another winter observation in our milder January in 2022 was out by the fast flowing river. I have loved watching dippers for many, many years and could always count on seeing one bobbing its plump upright little body up and down as it perched on a stone in the water where I spent my earlier life in mid-Wales. This extraordinary little bird is as agile in the water as it is in the air, and will dive under then bob up and fly upriver to find another stone perch if disturbed. The oils it produces from a gland under the tail feathers to keep its plumage streamlined and watertight is unique in small British songbirds. With a varied river diet of small invertebrates, caddis fly larvae, mayfly nymphs or small fish, the dipper is distinctive with its starchy white bib and dark plump body, moving up and down to distract any predators watching the fast flowing stream below.

I was reading about the nesting habits of this gorgeous little bird. Dippers also like crevices to nest in –perhaps by a mossy bank near a waterfall or suitable safe space; records have been kept by an ornithologist that the anonymous same nesting area was used by consecutive dippers for 123 years.

I enclose a small illustration of a dipper by a favourite 20th century Irish artist, writer and wood engraver, Robert Gibbings, whose complete book of wood engravings made over his lifetime are fine examples of artistic craftsmanship.

One of the great wood-engravers of the mid twentieth century, Robert Gibbings, wrote lively observant prose on his travels as an artist. With his Celtic twinkling background, his style is a pleasure to read, but it is the stunning black and white illustrations that enliven his observations that marked him out as an outstanding artist. And a founding member of the Society of Wood Engravers which had a Golden Age in the late 1920s to 1950s. There has been a revival in interest in the craft all over Britain and the world.

Thomas Bewick working over two hundred years ago, would be probably a more familiar name of the wood engraving craft. He made innumerable illustrations for childrens books and wrote as well as illustrating the natural world around him. His modest house and studio in Cherryburn, Northumberland makes for a rewarding visit; seeing the work and understanding this great craftsman, observing through his eyes, a love of the countryside, fauna and flora he knew so well is a delight.





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Forest Green Burton

Like Gwen Harris who wrote the 'Green Burton' article in the last Burtonian, I have been trying to find ways to respond to the climate and biodiversity crises. Before moving to Burton last March, I was involved in a number of tree-focussed activities and have been looking for opportunities to do the same here.

Most people are aware of the need to plant billions of trees world-wide to take up the excess carbon dioxide from the atmosphere produced through historic use of fossil fuels. There are competing claims for other, better carbon 'sinks' such as wetlands, farm crops, upland peat, the oceans and grasslands. Rather than compete, each of these of these sinks will need to be worked with in complementary ways for maximal effect. This mix also provides the most benefit for wildlife. Even so, they are going to be overwhelmed unless fossil fuel use is drastically reduced in the next 10 years.

Within tree-based solutions in the UK to taking up carbon, the most rapid take up is from planting hedgerows rather than woodlands because of the higher density of the planting in hedge-rows. However, they are soon overtaken once woodland trees mature: large and still growing trees take up far more carbon. Having locked up the carbon, it is then necessary to keep it locked up for as long as possible. All existing hedgerows, woodlands and individual trees therefore need to be protected. Timber needs to be used for items that will have long life-times, as buildings and furniture, or the myriad of household items that are now made from fossil-fuel derived plastics. Burning wood should be literally be the last thing to do, even if it may be slightly better than burning fossil fuels.

So, where to begin? Buying land to plant woodlands, or allowing them to regenerate is out of most people's reach, so working with landowners is the better option. A local regenerative farmer has invited me to join in with planting new hedges on his land at the end of February. He could also do with help in chipping the spoil from hedge laying to put at the base of other hedges. If anyone else would like to get involved, please contact me (details below). I am currently corresponding with the Woodland Trust about setting up a 'Friends' group to a local woodland, to help maintain it, and encourage more local people to care about and care for the wood. I am also in contact with a group in Lancaster about making use of their deer-proofed fruit-tree nursery to grow native tree 'whips' for planting out in other projects. There is a national shortage of tree plants at the moment and having such a nursery gives community projects access to plants they might not otherwise have. If you would like to be involved, or have other projects or ideas for tree-planting and caring, please get in touch with me

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

We look forward to hearing from you.

Contact Jennifer on 61361, Christine on 64875, or leave a note in the
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Thank you Simon, from the 'Burty' and all our readers.

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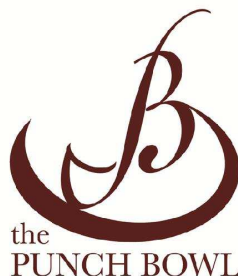
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