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Burton in Lonsdale

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EDITORIAL

This time last year we were all making plans for Christmas and looking forward to all the many festivities that our village enjoys and, as ever, hoping that 2020 would be a good year, happy, healthy, peaceful and prosperous. The rest, as they say is history. If anything, this year has only served to underline yet again, how lucky we are to live here, surrounded by lovely countryside, in a community that looks out for each other through thick and thin. We feel that special thanks must go to Sarah and her team of staff and volunteers who have kept the shop stocked with everything we have needed and seen to it that no one in the village is left unprovided for. Whilst this Christmas to many will be like no other, we must surely look forward with a positive mind to better things in 2021 and a return to the freedom of living that we have all taken for granted. So, as in every other December issue, we wish everyone the best of times to come, and say thank you to all our readers, contributors, distributors and last but by no means least to Simon our printer, who does such a great job!

David & Marilyn

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North Yorkshire NOW

Burton News gets a copy of this email every month and the editors scrutinize it for things of interest to this area. You will have noticed that there haven't been any recently!! However, in the latest issue, there is a piece about the debate that will affect everybody in North Yorkshire, the proposed re-organisation of local politics.

NYCC (along with the Government) is proposing a single council for the whole of North Yorkshire and their argument is on their website. So, forget about Craven District Council.

Not so fast. Craven DC and many other District Councils don't agree and in turn propose a split of the county into East & West. So, yes, still no more Craven but perhaps a little more local than the NYCC proposal. Their argument is on the Craven website.

The Parish Council were discussing this last Thursday, look up the Minutes to see what they decided to support. I wonder if we the public will be consulted by NYCC

THE ORIGINS OF A POEM

In the last issue of the Burtonian, we published a poem 'ODE TO LOCKDOWN' which was credited to Janet Whitaker. Since publishing this however, we came across many posts on social media which attributed this poem to the well known writer of quirky rhymes, Pam Ayers.

Upon even further investigation, Pam Ayres has pointed out that she did NOT write this and that it was in fact written by a lady called Jan Beaumont, who lives in a retirement village in New Zealand!

Indeed, Beaumont originally posted the poem on Facebook on March 27. Three days after posting it, the poem had been shared more than 1,400 times and garnered more than 500 comments.

"It took me all of 20 minutes," Jan Beaumont is quoted as saying "It was just something to pass the time really and to give my friends a giggle and now it's gone to the UK, Canada, South Africa, America, Australia... and that's just on my page! I now hear that in England its been attributed to Pam Ayres in some instances," she wrote. "Obviously it's not Pam's poem but I must say I feel honoured to think that people have compared my effort to the work of the wonderful Pam Ayres!"

The Editors

THE VILLAGE SHOP.

As we are coming towards the end of a very strange year and Christmas is nearly upon us, things are going to be very different for all, but hopefully everyone can celebrate in some small way, if not the usual way, with the hope of better times to come in 2021.

Here in the shop we will have all the usual Christmas produce and specialities available, and will be taking orders for the delicious Bowland Turkeys, along with any other requirements from our local suppliers, which include Dales, Kittridding, Slacks, Diggle, Procters and Cornvale to mention a few.

We also continue to deliver to anywhere in the village, so anyone requiring an order the same day, please phone in between 9 and 11am.

We have lots of Christmas cards, wrap, chocolates and small gifts available if you want to shop local.

We are supporting The Pop up Pantry in Bentham which helps people who are struggling during the present pandemic, so if you would like to donate tinned or dried food or toiletries please pop them in the collection box in the shop.

If you, or anyone you know, would like more information about how the Pantry operates and how they can help, then please email; cathy.beck@hotmail.co.uk

Thank You!!

Burton is a wonderful place to live; a lot would say: "Especially now." This is due, in no small part, to the many, many jobs done by volunteers. Grateful thanks go to those working in the Village Shop – not an easy task during the pandemic.

More thanks go to the people helping to run public buildings and areas: the churches, the Village Hall, the Recreation Field and Sports Pavilion.

And still more thanks to the people who garden around the Village: the Orchard (the picnic area was well used this summer); the Village Green and War Memorial are attractive; the Village entrances are enhanced by the entrance signs and accompanying planting. And lest we forget: the land at Bridge End has been kept neat and tidy over the years by a local resident.

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

Thanks, too, to those who have endeavoured to make others happy during the pandemic through various actions e.g. shopping, transport, conversations, music – and so much more.

Last, but not least: thanks to the *Burtonian* Editors: you do a great job! And the delivery team, without who you wouldn't receive it!

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

Thank You!

P.S. If you'd like to volunteer for maintenance work around the village, even only one item, contact the Clerk, Sue Gregory

tel: 62863 or email [bilparishcouncil@btinternet.com](mailto:btinternet.com) .



Open Studio event at Donkin House

Thank you to everyone who was able to visit our Open Studio event during October, we enjoyed sharing our work with 65 visitors. It motivated us to be creative and it was good to doing something positive in such strange and difficult times.

Mags, Jeny and Rene

MY TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

On the first day of Christmas my true love said to me,
I'm glad we bought fresh turkey and a proper Christmas tree.

On the second day of Christmas much laughter could be heard

As we tucked into our turkey, a most delicious bird.

On the third day we entertained the people from next door,
The turkey tasted just as good as it had the day before.

Day four, relations came to stay, poor gran is looking old.

We finished up the Christmas pud and ate the turkey cold.

On the fifth day of Christmas outside the snowflakes flurried

But we were nice and warm inside for we had our turkey curried.

On the sixth day I must admit the Christmas spirit died.

The children fought and bickered, we ate - turkey rissoles fried.

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love he did wince

When he sat down to dinner and was offered turkey mince.

Day eight and nerves were getting frayed, the dog had run for shelter,

I served up turkey pancakes with a glass of alka seltzer.

On the ninth day our cat left home, by lunch dad was blotto

He said he'd have to have a drink to face turkey risotto.

By the tenth day the booze had gone (except for home made brew)

And if that wasn't bad enough we suffered turkey stew.

On the eleventh day of Christmas the Christmas tree was moulting

The mince pies were as hard as rock and the turkey was revolting.

On the twelfth day my true love had a smile upon his lips,

The guests had gone, the turkey too and we dined on fish and chips!



Thank you to Jill Peel for sending in this rhyme by an unknown author!

Stay & Play.

We have not been able to meet up inside since March, just before Easter. Although we have met down at the Playground a few times I feel we have not been able to fulfil our duty of care to you all, and for that I am sorry. We hope perhaps to be able to meet up again **inside** in January, but how do you all feel about this? Our church room is small, and needs to be warm enough to meet up during the winter.

Please let us know how you all are, and how you would like to be able to meet up depending upon ever changing government restrictions.

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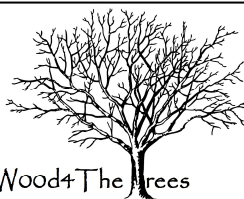


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*All Services and activities are subject to the changing advice of the government
and church authorities. Read notices in the village!*

All Saints' Church News

Sunday Services in December 2020 and January 2021

December	6th	11 am (Morning Prayer)
December	13th	11 am Christingle
December	17 th	8 am Holy Communion (Thursday service during the Covid Crisis)
December	20th	11 am (Morning Worship) 6.30 pm Village Carol Service
December	24 th	5.30 pm Carols around the Christmas Tree 11.30 pm Midnight Service in Church
December	25 th	11 am Short Family Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion in the church room
December	27 th	11 am (Holy Communion)
January	3rd	11 am (Morning Prayer)
January	10th	11 am (Morning Prayer)
January	14 th	8 am Holy Communion (Thursday service during the Covid Crisis)
January	17th	11 am (Holy Communion)
January	24th	11 am Sunday (Holy Communion)
January	31 st	11 am Morning Prayer

Other Services and Events in December and January

Stay and Play

At present we are unable to plan Stay and Play sessions in the church room – watch notices around the village for any future developments

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

Village Carol Service Sunday December 20th. We are hoping to be able to hold the village carol service but it may take a different format, depending on the Government restrictions at the time. Start thinking NOW if you would like to take part with individual singers, instrumentalists, poems and readings all possible!

Best wishes

Catherine and Christine, Church Wardens at All Saints

And from Vicar Denis ...

In chapter 27 of the Acts of the Apostles there is the story of Paul's shipwreck. The voyage to Rome from the coast of Israel had been a difficult one but when they reached Crete they thought things were looking up so they set off again but things quickly got worse. They ended up in a great storm when they were already tired from the journey. Paul encouraged the sailors not to quit the ship but to lighten the load and then tuck into a good meal for God was in charge. It must have been difficult for the sailors to accept this last part with the storm howling around them.

There are reasons to be fearful at present but the story calls us to give our fears to Jesus and have faith in Him for this is the same Jesus that calmed the waves. Whoever you are and whatever you happen to believe, you are loved by God. Christ will comfort us, calm our fears and lead us through this difficult time. We need to continue to be kind and patient with each other. Let us continue with that love and support for our neighbours that make this village a caring and supportive environment.

For Paul and his associates the storm finally stopped but they did not recognise where they had been blown to. The land looked different. As we look to the New Year society may seem different. We do not know what the future holds but we know who holds the future.

We are not far from Christmas. In his poem "Journey of the Magi" T.S.Eliot wrote about the coming of the wise men to see Jesus in Bethlehem:

A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long journey
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter.

Our symbolic journey to the stable this year may be a difficult one but the goal is to see the one born to be king. Now, more than ever before, we need to see the light in the darkness.

At his birth Jesus was also given the name of Emmanuel which means God with us. This is the message of Christmas- in Jesus; God is with us, sharing our struggles and bringing comfort and joy. This is the source of hope-Jesus, the light of the world.

FOOTPATH CLOSURE

North Yorkshire Rights of Way is imposing an emergency closure order on the right of way between Lund Farm and the Iron Bridge. I do not know yet whether this will be on the full length or just the dangerous section just this side of the bridge where it runs very close to the river. This section has been further undermined by the river and it is possible extensive works will be required to restore it. This will be complicated by the Environment Agency being involved. This is long term closure as until a decision is taken as to the work required there can be no idea of the time involved. As soon as I have further details I will notify the appropriate people to publicise the information. I have just walked the route and fully agree with the decision.

David Gibson

Christmas Jingle

**Christmas is a time filled with fun, frolics and cheer,
here are a few tips for those pets you love so dear.....**

**Chocolate is tasty but bad for your pet,
after they eat it you will need a vet.**

**Raisins are plentiful in mince pies and cakes,
but letting your pet eat them would be a mistake.**

**Salt and grit will hurt your pet's paws,
Be sure to wash them off when you're back indoors.**

**Mistletoe's meant for a bit of a snog,
but keep it away from your cat or your dog.**

**Antifreeze tastes sweet, but on paws or a tail
may well be licked off and cause the kidneys to fail.**

**Poinsettias are lovely and pretty to see,
but toxic to your pets, just like your Christmas tree.**

If you need us we'll be at then end of the phone, just so you know you're never alone.

The quicker you act the more we can do, to get your pet safely back home to you.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Dalehead Vets!



Scouse Vasectomy

After having their 11th child, a Scouse couple decided that was enough, as they could not afford a larger bed. So the husband went to his doctor and told him that he and his wife didn't want to have any more children.

The doctor told him there was a procedure called a vasectomy that would fix the problem but it was expensive. A less costly alternative was to go home, get a big firework, light it, put it in a beer can, then hold the can up to his ear and count to 10.

The Scouser said to the doctor, "I may not be the smartest guy in the world, but I don't see how putting a firework in a beer can next to my ear is going to help me."

"Trust me, it will do the job", said the doctor.

So the man went home, lit a banger and put it in a beer can. He held the can up to his ear and began to count: "1, 2, 3, 4, 5," at which point he paused, placed the beer can between his legs so he could continue counting on his other hand.

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Virtual Meeting: Irene Froy's Images

Mon 7 Dec 2020 19:30 online

PAGB online lecture featuring some images by Irene Froy. Irene Froy is a leading pictorial photographer who specialises in the use of subtle colours to define mood in her landscapes.

We will also review the "My Month - October" and "My Month - November" galleries.

Mon 4 Jan 2021 19:30 online

Virtual Meeting: Christine Hodgson

Christine Hodgson (visiting speaker – albeit on Skype) will demonstrate the art of "Colour to Black and White Conversion."

18 Jan 2021 19:30 online

Virtual Meeting: Review of Potential YPU Entries

A chance to review, debate and maybe even improve your potential entries for the Yorkshire Photographic Union exhibition.

Mon 1 Feb 2021 19:30 online

Virtual Meeting: A bit of science and a bit of art in making images of water

A talk by Keith Beven.

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What do you get for your membership fee?

Being part of a group of fellow enthusiasts who might be able to solve that photographic problem you've got.

Skype meetings twice a month from now until April (inclusive) after which meetings are once a month until the autumn. If we're lucky, meetings will return to face to face once Covid is overcome.

The chance to upload two images for each gallery and have the chance to comment on your own and others' photos at Skype meetings and the monthly newsletter.

The newsletter contains articles from members, some gallery images and comments, information about what is happening in the group and, often, advice on a photographic technique or photoshop tip.

Have a look at our website: Settle Photographic Group: www.settlephotos.org

Gill Pinkerton

The Rotary Club of Lunesdale

The Rotary Club continues its meetings on line and club members are getting used to this although it is not the preferred way of meeting. This year, as always, many Rotary Clubs across the UK collected for the popular and deserving charity Children In Need. Owing to Covid 19 and the need for social distancing our club could not collect at the entrance to Booths store in Kirkby Lonsdale where, traditionally, we collect. This year we have had to find a different and safe way to collect. To this end a "Goodbox" was placed on the counter at the kiosk in Booths Kirkby Lonsdale and also in Kirkby Motors Garage on the A65. Both boxes were programmed to accept a card donation of £3. Collection buckets were placed on the counters of shops in Kirkby Lonsdale, Bentham and Ingleton. Thank you to our local shop keepers for supporting this and to everyone who made a donation. On Tuesday 10th Nov I enjoyed a virtual talk, hosted by the Rotary Club of Furness Peninsular, by Gina Campbell daughter of Donald Campbell. Her father was killed in 1967 when breaking the water speed record on Coniston water. Among the interesting speakers we have had recently was Nan Mc Creadie the first lady President of RIBI who took up office on 1st July 2013. A quote from Nan's inaugural speech: "We are currently undergoing a new stage in our development and more and more women and younger people are wanting to join Rotary and to help their local communities."

Helping our local communities is still one of Rotary's priorities. Paul Fisher was our speaker on 10th September. Since 2014 he is the RIBI co-ordinator for the BBC's very popular Children In Need national, annual collection. 60 Rotary clubs across the country support this event including our club. Several clubs, in past years, have joined together at Heathrow Airport to collect where as much as £25,000 is raised in the terminals. Due to Coronavirus collecting methods will have to change this year and different ways found to collect by all clubs including our own.

Martin Coombes, a trustee of Amasango School in Grahamstown, South Africa, first told the club about this school 5 years ago. It was a pleasure to welcome him back on 8th October to have an update on its progress. It is a special needs school aiming to provide primary school education and to build self esteem for its pupils. It is a school, although primary school level, which will have children referred who are much older in years than what we consider to be primary school age.

As Club President my chosen charity for the year is the NW Air Ambulance. It was hoped to arrange a visit which is not now possible owing to Covid 19. We live in hope and perhaps it might be possible before my year in office ends. At the time of writing we look forward to a talk by Kevin Dyburgh who works with a group supporting the NW Ambulance Service.

Sadly the traditional Christmas party is not possible this year. In its place we plan to hold a virtual carol concert. It is still in the planning stages! 2020 has been a strange, different and sadly for many a tragic year. Throughout its huge challenges our NHS staff has responded superbly and we join with the rest of the nation in offering grateful thanks. We must hope that 2021 will be better in all aspects of life.

From all the Rotary Club, members and myself, we offer our best wishes to you and your family for a Happy Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Lilian Barton

President of The Rotary Club of Lunesdale.

National Community Lottery Fund Grant for Lune Valley Swimming Pool.

Exciting news -. We have been awarded a significant grant of almost £30,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund. This will greatly assist with alleviating the additional costs incurred with both the shutdown period and the subsequent running of the pool under the current Covid19 restrictions designed to ensure your comfort and safety.

We will also use the National Lottery Community Fund grant to offer subsidised family swimming opportunities for the local community and we are planning to work with local GP surgeries to offer subsidised rehabilitation and remedial swimming opportunities. In addition this grant will allow us to replace the ageing boiler and install CCTV in the reception and office/admin areas. Further details and special offers will be on our website <http://www.lunevalleypool.com> in due course..

We are very pleased to report that as we celebrate our 2nd anniversary of re-opening of the pool it continues to be extremely well supported by the local community. Despite the necessary Covid 19 restrictions the response has been very encouraging. Thank you so much to all our supporters, staff, 'pledgers' donators and community volunteers. We will continue to update the website to advise of revised operating guidelines and the new timetables and once we are allowed to re-open we will accept bookings. Remember to please book in advance because numbers will still be limited and some sessions over-subscribed.

On behalf of the Trustees, staff and all the team at the Lunesdale Swimming pool we would like to thank all our supporters, volunteers and friends and wish you a most peaceful, happy and safe Christmas as current conditions allow. We earnestly hope that next year will bring much needed stability for us all and we can once again enjoy the full benefits of this wonderful community facility.

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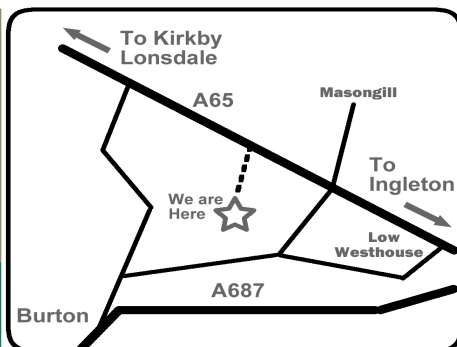
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Do look up the various Websites and Facebook pages for lots of Village Organisations. They are all listed on the LINKS page of the Village Hall Website.
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The True Story of Scrooge's Christmas Day

By Dick Charles

Scrooge awoke with the mother and father of a hangover having given the brandy bottle a right hammering with his mates down the Cock and Bottle the night before. This was something that often happened on Christmas Eve to celebrate ensuring his clients had yet another miserable Christmas. As he sipped a beaker of his favourite Blue Mountain black coffee he recalled having had a most unsettling dream involving numerous ghosts, at least four that he could remember. As he sat by a roaring fire toasting the bread for his bacon buttie he was reflecting on the dream and wondering if people really did think of him as somewhat parsimonious.

He remembered his dream was about his old drinking and business partner Jacob Marley, now an ex-partner, introducing him to spirits which suggested that he, Ebenezer, was a bit tight fisted but that he hadn't always been so. I think the suggestion was that I should be a little more generous with my money, he mused. Not blithering well likely he thought. The name Scrooge will live on for hundreds of years as a byword for thrift and misery. I can't spoil that legacy by going and lashing out money here there and everywhere.

At that an idea came to him, 'I'll show them what happens when someone tries to spread a little happiness by sloshing money around,' he thought. He took a last bite of his buttie, washed it down with a glug of coffee, which was now laced with rum and threw open the window. 'You boy' he called, 'is that enormous turkey still hanging in the butcher's window in the next street?' 'I believe it is Mr. Scrooge,' replied the boy. 'As it's Christmas Day he'll be glad to get rid of it so take this ten shilling note, buy it as cheap as you can and the change is yours.' 'Thank you very much Mr. Scrooge.' 'One moment boy, you must then deliver it to Bob Cratchit's house in Camden Town, here's his address.' 'Are you havin' a laugh?' said the boy. 'That turkey must weigh thirty pounds and Camden Town's about four miles away so if you want me to carry it all that way and probably miss my Christmas dinner, all for a few shillings you can rock on. Know what I mean mon!' (The only Christmas dinner he was going to miss was the one on offer in the workhouse – turkey twizzlers) Some haggling ensued and the deal was done (although quite how the possible services of the boy's sister became

involved Scrooge wasn't sure) and the boy ran off, ten pound note in hand, to borrow his uncle's wheelbarrow. A few minutes later he was stood with almost ten pounds in his

pocket wondering what to do with the thirty pound turkey he'd just bought at ten o'clock on Christmas morning and London in lockdown following a cholera outbreak. After some

deliberation he thought he would try to sell the thing down the docks thinking that by the time Scrooge realised Cratchit hadn't received the bird he wouldn't be able to remember which six feet tall black boy with blond dreadlocks he had given the ten pounds to.

Having spent a couple of hours in the dock area and failed to sell the turkey he decided to do the next best thing and take the blinking thing to Camden Town. Arrived at the Cratchit's the boy knocked on the door, 'Here you are, present for you,' he said, and off he went. 'What the chuff is this?' said Mrs. Cratchit in her usual plummy voice. 'And don't you dare tell me it's a turkey, I can see that for myself. I mean what the festering pustules is it doing here?' She was always careful with her language in front of the children.

They discussed the matter over a bottle of Château Lafite, (part of a case which had fallen off the back of a wagon in Camden Market two days earlier) and decided that they didn't want the

bloody thing, they already had a couple of geese in the oven which had been enjoying a leisurely stroll through Camden Market earlier in the week on the way to Smithfield Market until the drover, somewhat injudiciously, called at the Daffodil and Crown. (You may notice a pattern developing here.) The drover eventually made it to Smithfield with four geese remaining out of his original flock of 150. He daren't return home, his wife being an

ex-heavyweight wrestler with a temper, so he started making up recipes, wrote them on pamphlets and sold round the West End until he had enough money to move to the West

Country where he changed his name to Stein and opened a fish restaurant. Back to the turkey. The Cratchits far preferred goose to turkey being ahead of their time in realising that turkey had little to recommend it. Even if they wanted the thing it wouldn't fit in their oven. Nor would it fit in their fridge even if they'd been invented, and besides they had a nice loin of pork to look forward to for New Year (the pig wasn't aware of this, neither was its owner but you can guess where pig and owner would be later that week). 'I know,' said Bob, 'I'll give it to old Mother Grimpuss down the road she's always having a houseful at Christmas.' However, Mother

Grimpuss exclaimed that she didn't want the thing and

suggested what Bob might care to do with it. A similar response was received from other neighbours; Mrs. Bling, Mr. Purvis (he had recently change his name from Purvalot

following the Yewtree Inquiry), Alice Gladtidings (she was having a day off from her usual calling) and Fagin was most dismissive, 'What would a nice Jewish gentleman want with a turkey? We don't observe Christmas you plonker. On yer way.' He was about to try the local branch of

Kilburn Fried Chicken until he realised they wouldn't be able to sell turkey, trades description and all that. Cratchit had a sudden brainwave, he called at home to let the family know what he was doing and made for Scrooge's nephew's house. The sound of much merriment came from the house and as young Fred opened the door the smell of a cooked turkey along with that of fine spirits nearly knocked him off his feet. 'What on earth have you got there?' asked Fred. 'Never mind, leave it there for a moment and come in for a glass of something'. Bob tried to explain as Fred ushered him into the house. He

exchanged Merry Christmas's about 20 times as he was introduced to the assembled

company. He was then convinced that one game of charades and another glass of punch would set him up for the walk home. Later that evening as he left the house he noticed that the turkey wasn't there. Several dogs were lounging about with satisfied looks on their faces but Bob was in no state to notice them. He arrived home at about nine o'clock. 'Where have you been?' asked Bob's wife politely. 'I bin to Fre's house for glass of

Chris - Christmas cheer'. Many a man reading this will be familiar with the scene that followed but perhaps a veil drawn over the rest of the evening would be advisable.

The following day he strolled into Scrooge's counting house about two hours late. Scrooge was beside himself, 'Explain yourself Cratchit, he screamed,' as he struggled to contain his mirth. On hearing Bob's explanation he told him that he could not expect payment for the day. 'Thank goodness,' said Bob, 'I'll be on my way then, see you tomorrow.'

Scrooge smiled to himself feeling completely justified in his attitude to thrift. He closed the office early and called at his local ale house on his way home. 'I'm having a wonderful Christmas thank you,' was his response to several queries as he put the best part of a bottle of gin away.

Merry Christmas.

Settle Pool ready to open once lockdown lifted

Settle Area Swimming Pool, the community pool, which serves this part of West Craven, like other swimming pools across the country, had to close during the November Covid 19 lock down. However it hopes to resume the pre-booked sessions, which have worked well over the past few months, once the restrictions are lifted.

The pool observes strict Covid safety guidelines. Not only do all sessions need to be pre-booked with swimmers having a fixed timeslot, but users are asked to change before coming to the pool, bring only necessary belongings, and wear a mask before entering the changing rooms. The sessions have proved popular especially those for family swims where families can book a section of the pool for their exclusive use. Full details of when the pool will re-open and how to book sessions will be on the pool website <https://www.settleswimmingpool.co.uk/>

Meanwhile the charity shop in Duke Street Settle, whose income has helped to off-set the inevitable losses suffered by the pool during the Covid 19 restrictions also had to close in November, but that too will re-open as soon as we are told it is safe to do so.

Mike Smith

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This year has seen a significant increase in the number of items purchased online. Did you know that many organisations will make a donation to charity when you buy online? These donations do not add to the cost of the item.

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If you buy from a variety of organisations, please investigate opening an account at Give As You Live which has made arrangements with a large number of companies to funnel all their donations to the charity of your choice.

Our village charity **Burton Regeneration Group** has been registered to receive donations from both www.Smile.amazon.co.uk and also from www.giveasyoulive.com. Any funds generated will be used to support village projects.

Ian Thompson

PS: The **Burton Village Hall** is also registered with www.Smile.amazon.co.uk so that gives you a choice.

What's the best thing about Switzerland? I don't know, but the flag is a big plus.

I invented a new word: Plagiarism!

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NOTES FROM AN UNINTENTIONAL NATURALIST November 2020

The remembered sensation of happiness of being outside under the sky, whatever was happening with the weather took me out this morning. However gloomy the sky looked , being out in for a while was preferable to being stuck indoors listening to the latest news on Truth Decay .(A delightful local Burtonian who knows who he is, later delightfully suggested this could be treated with Truthpaste!)

Away from such depressing world communications, my waterproofs were soon put to the test and the rhythm of my walking soon switched on my brain's own little concert; my father used to sing these lines from R.L. Stevenson's Songs of the Traveller. Set to gorgeous music by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

"I will make you brooches and toys for your delight
Of birdsong at morning and starshine at night...."

The stunning brilliance of colour and pattern in the fallen –and sodden leaves stopped me momentarily to gaze. How many times I have walked that part of the Ireby road, particularly in these last nine months, and yet even in the heavy rain there was new beauty by my feet. Deep red leaves of bramble had exquisite tiny yellow ochre ovals of pattern –that transformed them . And then above in the skeletal hedgerow, hawthorn twigs were covered with a sparkling golden lichen –the ancient life form that indicates a healthy balance of life-giving oxygen in the atmosphere. And where a few yellow leaves of blackthorn were still clinging on in sparkling chinks of gold against a grey sky , I could only marvel at nature's colour compositions.

The impressionist painter Claude Monet was painting outside all his life. Even when he had developed cataracts which altered his vision. The observation was made to me by my late mother when we saw the huge late canvases at an exhibition. I remarked on the strange colour combinations and forms –and my mother, who had not studied the catalogue , said Monet obviously had cataracts in his eyes. (As she also had.) She was right. To see and observe with our own eyes –however we express it–is the gift.

It was said of Monet, " un oeil...mais quel oeil!" An eye...but what an eye!

My mood lifted as it always does with walking and there is always the added social pleasure of meeting others and having brief conversation in these socially distanced times. I t was saddening to hear statistics given on the radio later of an increased nationally experienced extreme loneliness in the last nine months; so many millions of city dwellers do not have the luxury of countryside space to walk in; I am increasingly appreciative of my gorgeous surroundings here.

Last month, in mid -October, a startlingly brilliant ,fluffy, yellow creature at least 4cm long was moving across the tarmac as I walked on the same road. Bending down to look closely, its tiny stunning gold form was surrounded by a myriad of starlike spines in white and gold. With more tarmac ahead , I felt it would be safer for having a lift and transferred it to the still almost fully –leaved hedgerow on one side. I took a picture to identify it when I got home. A pale -tussock moth caterpillar that would be feeding off the deciduous leaves there. Once common in hop-growing areas, it was called a hop-dog by the pickers who sometimes experienced allergic reactions to it. This fine specimen didn't harm me

and hopefully would have gone on to pupate into a cocoon over this winter amongst the leaf litter .Its final metamorphosis in the spring will be into the much less dramatic greys and neutral markings of the adult pale tussock moth.

My delight in seeing it in its caterpillar form was an unexpected pleasure.

The gifts that we perhaps traditionally save our money for to give at festive times cannot compete with the natural gifts we have observed particularly this year.

And so with no expectations of what I shall see on my walk tomorrow. I will however sort out my even sturdier waterproofs !



Remembrance Sunday.

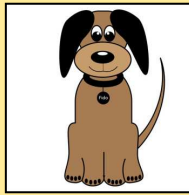
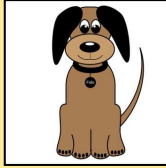
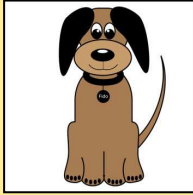
November 8th Remembrance Sunday saw a well attended and safely distanced congregation assembled on the Village Green to partake in an act of Remembrance. The twenty white crosses each bearing the name of a Burton man killed in WW1 were displayed along with the soldier silhouette and knitted poppies were a fitting display. Vicar Denis led the service and Debbie Meikle retired from Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps laid the wreath at the war Memorial. At eleven am the Church bells were rung by Gwen Harris.



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

Jane Burns.

DOGS – 3rd time lucky in 2020



Yet again we have to remind dogs – or more precisely, their owners - of the niceties and responsibilities of dog ownership.

It's long been recognised that dogs offer fantastic companionship, especially during times such as the 2020 pandemic. However, all owners must take responsibility for exercising their pooches in permitted areas, and for cleaning up after them, including disposing of poop bags in a bin. The great outdoors is everyone's "home" and deserves to be treated with respect.

A few dog owners continue not clearing up after their dog, giving other dog owners a bad name.

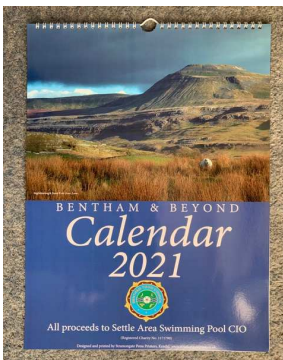
Only the Recreation Field, and private property/land are out of bounds to dogs.

All dog owners are expected to clear up after their beloved pooches and dispose of poop bags, securely tied up, in a bin or take them home to your own bin. This includes dogs exercised on the Village Green and elsewhere in and around the Village.

We look forward to dog poop-free Village Green, the path alongside the Old Vicarage, the route to Clifford Wood – etc and appreciate your help to make this happen.



Thank You!



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While the temptation is to pack up the shed to sit out December and January in front a log fire with mulled wine and mince pies, there will still be jobs that need doing in the garden to prepare for next Year. Finishing off those winter jobs and planning for next year are a must, if your garden is to look its best next spring. So



here are some suggestions to keep you busy:

Plan and order seeds and plants in preparation for the Spring.

December

Finish off collecting up all the fallen leaves and debris on the garden and cut back those late flowering perennials.

Prune the stems of berried winter shrubs in the borders, hard prune overgrown shrubs and hedges, and winter prune large fruit trees.

Plant bare root roses so they have time to stabilise while dormant, and plant fragrant shrubs such as Daphne in pots on your doorstep.

Put straw or bracken around the roots of tender shrubs to protect from frost

Protect terracotta pots from cracking in frost by moving inside or wrapping in bubble wrap, and move plants in pots to more sheltered spots.

Tidy up raspberry and blackberry canes, mulch the beds and tie up the canes. Lift and divide large clumps of rhubarb

And don't forget to put out fresh water daily for the birds in frosty weather, tidy your shed, clean your greenhouse, and work off all the Christmas excess by digging over bare areas of ground and incorporating garden compost or the mushroom compost you have ordered earlier.

January

Continue to plant out bare rooted roses, shrubs, hedging and ornamental trees if the ground is not frozen.

Finish clearing all the dead perennial stems from borders, and plant new colonies of hellebores and snowdrops by buying plants so you can select the best blooms. Cut back all the hellebore leaves with black spots on them to prevent disease. Continue to finish pruning climbing roses. Cut back Virginia Creeper and ivy.

Dead head winter pansies regularly and move dormant plants to new spots if not in the right place.

Start planning this year's vegetable crop – throw out old seeds packets, and order new ones, dig over the vegetable patch, and plant bare rooted fruit bushes.

Cover rhubarb with terracotta pot or a bucket to force an early crop of tender young stems.

Routine maintenance jobs also need attention: repair fences and treat woodwork, clean lawnmowers and sharpen other tools, clean bird feeders regularly and put out high energy food for birds. Clean and scrub pots ready for next year.

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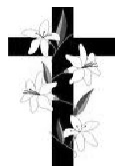
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UPDATE: B4RN 4 BiL is happening! We have a wayleaved route into the village, with further routes in advanced stages of agreement. We are in discussion about a location of the powered cabinet. We have agreement about the location of a number of ground chambers and primary routes throughout the village. We are making great progress, but need the support of the community to reach all parts of the village, finance the project and commence the build. We have setup a website to report progress, www.b4rn4bil.org.uk

NEXT: We will work with B4RN to create a detailed plan before the end of 2020. The plan will allow us to calculate an overall cost and will be submitted to the Government for voucher funding. The project will be funded through vouchers and community investment, once fully funded the build can begin.

If you want B4RN and have not yet completed an Expression of Interest, then please do so at b4rn.org.uk/eoibil. The more households that express an interest the more voucher funding available and the less community investment required.

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All Saints Church Clock.

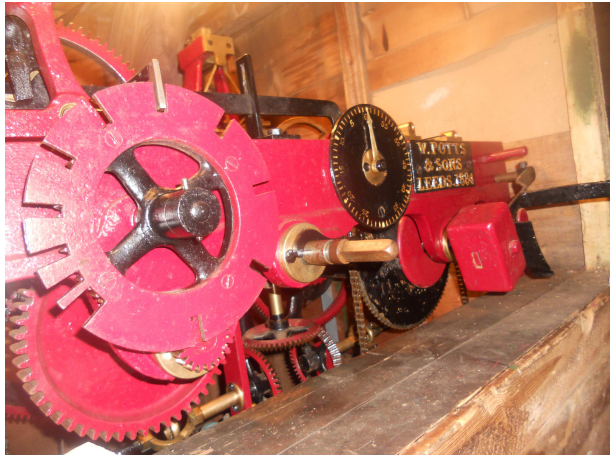
We have a wonderful Turret clock which was made by WM Potts & Sons of Leeds in 1884. They were taken over by Smith of Derby in the 1960s and details are held by the Smith of Derby Clock Heritage Archive. The clock faces were renewed in 1974, at a cost of £700 which was raised by the village. The winding system was converted to electric power in 2007, again with money raised by the village.

The mechanism, as you can see, is a fine piece of engineering, looking as good as it did when manufactured, and you have now allowed us to replace both motors which drive the hands and strike, by raising more than £1500 towards the total cost.

Thank you also to our Parish and District Councils for their generous grants and to the Harold & Alice Bridges Charity, which have meant we can go ahead with the repairs.....

By the time you read this in the December Burtonian, the clock will be working again.

Thank you.



It's been a while but here is a Press Release from our MP

2 November 2020

JULIAN SMITH MP WELCOMES SCRUTINISATION OF IMPACT ON ANIMAL WELFARE AND BRITISH FARMING FOR FREE TRADE DEALS

Julian Smith MP welcomes the government's decision to put in law a system that means each new free trade deal will be scrutinised by parliament for its impact on animal welfare and British farming before it is ratified, as announced on 1st November

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/trade-and-agriculture-commission-put-on-statutory-footing>

Julian commented 'I recognise the importance of the UK's high standards of food production, and the unique selling point it provides for local farmers, whose high-quality produce is in demand around the world. I will continue to represent the concerns of my constituents regarding future agriculture policy.'

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*Why don't scientists trust atoms?
Because they make up everything.*

Burton in Lonsdale Village - A Generous Community

2020 has been like no other year in living memory but the community spirit, friendliness and generosity of this village has been outstanding.

At the beginning of the National lockdown in March, our wonderful village shop continued to supply whatever items they were able to source, delivered to those who were shielding by willing volunteers. Luckily some of our suppliers are local and the supply of local meats and milk continued as normal and Sarah was able to source that national obsession – toilet rolls which were gently rationed. Little did we think – 17 years ago as we planned a community venture to take over the shop and post office, how invaluable it would prove to be?

At the beginning of lockdown the clock on the church spire stopped. The church wardens were faced with a bill of over £4500 for repairs, but due to the generous spirit of Burtonians and local charities and a large input from Parish and District Councils this money has been raised.

Early in the lockdown the church and chapel were closed, but we were able to open in early August taking all the precautions advised by the government and the church authorities. All Saints hosted worshippers of all denominations throughout the summer and the Methodist congregation organised a wonderful Harvest Festival – the donations of food were sent to the Food Bank in Morecambe and collection money went to homeless charities.

In other years All Saints congregation hosts various fund raising events, sometimes using the village hall and we are able to send money to various charities. With the help of our Methodist friends and others in the village we have been able to send £138 to The Sudan for relief during the Covid Crisis, sales of Christmas cards and donations raised over £200 for St John's Hospice and the short service of Remembrance on 8 November raised £128 to be sent to the Royal British Legion.

Our last target for the year is to raise money for Children's charities. We will donate to The Children's Society and to children in The Sudan (distributed through the Mothers' Union). As Christmas approaches, if you wish to give to help children, the church will be open every weekend or leave money in envelopes in the village shop (labelled children at All Saints) or directly to the church wardens or Rev Denis.

Blessings and thank you to all in the village

Catherine

All Saints' to become an Eco Church?

There are plans afoot to enable All Saints' Church to reduce its energy footprint. We are joining with other churches in Craven to form a cluster of churches who will bid for money for a feasibility study to consider alternative ways of generating and using energy. Initial plans are to install a ground mounted solar array and to look at either air or heat exchangers to heat the church.

These plans cannot be instant! We are well aware that the church is a listed grade 2* building in a conservation area, so any installations or changes must be sympathetic to the local area. If anyone locally has any expertise in the area of eco power generation or has comments on these aims – please contact the church wardens either in person or by email to allsaintscw@gmail.com

We do want your views and suggestions – so please contact us!

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Monday to Saturday

Towards Lancaster

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

Towards Ingleton

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

NS = this journey does not run on Saturdays

S = this journey only runs on Saturdays

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

Service 80 does not run on Sundays or Public Holidays.

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

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www.rsnonline.org.uk/

Craven District Council

www.cravendc.gov.uk/community-living/get-involved/community-news-newsletter/

Northern Gas Networks

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

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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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