



# The Burtonian

Burton in Lonsdale Village Newsletter

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## **Burton in Lonsdale ahead of the game once again.**

*Mike Lavelle*

**O**n January 8<sup>th</sup> chief medical officers across the UK changed their guidance on alcohol's impact on health. Men and women are now both advised to consume no more than 14 units per week - a drop from the previous guidance of 21 units for men. If patronage of the Punch Bowl in recent times is a gauge of alcohol consumption in Burton then we are ahead of the game. Now that the pub is closed we can be even more self righteous and confident that our chances of dying from an alcohol related disease have been reduced. (Of course every silver lining has a cloud and we now have an increased chance of dying from some other cause.) There were those who could not afford to support the community purchase of the Punch Bowl in 2014 but we owe a debt of gratitude to the 150 plus people who made the decision not to back the project. They must now be congratulating themselves on their shrewd judgement.

Unfortunately last week the estate agent handling the sale of the Punch Bowl said he was optimistic that we shall have a village pub open and trading 'before long'. We all know that what an estate agent says must be right. If it does re-open we can all make sure it closes again by simply not using it.

Of course if it does open again there will be those who will take the view that the pub is an important part of the village and that anyone investing in it should be supported. Their argument goes something like – the fact that a pub sells alcohol is incidental (it

also sells non-alcoholic drinks as well as food), our village pub is the principal place for community social interaction. It provides a meeting place for village organisations as well as offering the ideal environment for locals, visitors and newcomers to come together and mingle. There will be others that take a more mercenary view, a thriving village pub versus no pub equals higher property prices.

So perhaps the next few weeks will be important. Will it open? If it does will it succeed? We can't do anything about the former (for the time being), the answer to the second is in our own hands.

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## **Emergency Planning for the Village**

*Andy Ive*

**A**s we all know, the weather is changing. The floods in December that devastated the NW, also had an impact in the village with some flooding in Burton, Damage was limited and flood waters diverted by use of the sandbags stored in the Garage at the rear of the shop. Six trips were made with sandbags to properties at Mount Wellington, The Potteries, Bogg Bridge and Brooklands. The stock will be replenished in the near future. If you had flooding problems but did not get assistance, please call 61124.

The Emergency Plan is being revised this month to include actions to be taken in case of a pandemic scenario. The work is undertaken by volunteers and supported by the Parish Council. It may be possible to publish the Plan on the village's website ([www.burton-in-lonsdale.net](http://www.burton-in-lonsdale.net)) in the future – we'll keep you informed.

## “The Last Potter of Black Burton”

Mike Biles

**B**urton in Lonsdale was a pottery village for the best part of 300 years. At one time, there were 13 working potteries and their products are now collectors’ items. The smoke from pottery chimneys, the jet black colour of the local clay, or the reputation of its pubs (at one time at least 14 of them), have all been suggested as reasons why the village was called ‘black’.

On the evening of 30<sup>th</sup> March, in the Village Hall, Bentham potter Lee Cartledge will tell the story of Richard Timperely Bateson. Richard Bateson was born in 1893 and became a highly skilled thrower,

starting aged just 13 when he worked with his father and uncle at Waterside Pottery producing jam jars



Richard Bateson

using a ‘jigger jolly’. He kept the pottery, renamed Stockbridge, working until 1944 and at one time produced jars for Woolworths. In later life, Bateson taught in London and Ipswich before returning to Burton in the 1970s, where he passed his knowledge on to the Cartledge family. He died in 1991, aged 98.

“The Last Potter of Black Burton” promises to be a fascinating evening and we anticipate a high degree of interest. There will be a small charge of £4 on the door to cover costs. This is the same presentation given at the Folly in Settle last year, when tickets cost £7 – so if you missed that, or would like to hear it again, now’s your chance. Mark the date in your diary.

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## **Bentham Area Refugee Support Group**

### **'STANDING TOGETHER'**

Saturday 6 February 2016 12noon –  
4.00pm Bentham Town Hall

Come and hear about the  
Refugee Crisis first hand.

**I**t is all too easy for all of us to form opinions and judgements on refugees and asylum seekers based on what we hear through the media and from the Government, and to listen to statistics and labels which mask the individual and their story.

What does it really take to make a person leave their home, their family and their country to become a refugee? What is it like to be refugee? What is it like to claim asylum and start again in another strange country across the world?

Zeraselasie Shika, a refugee himself, and now co-ordinator of the Red Cross Refugee Support Service in Bradford and Lorna Gledhill from Yorkshire's Asylum Activist project will be talking and sharing their experiences at Bentham Town Hall on Sat. 6 February 2016 from noon – 4.00pm.

There will be opportunities to meet them, for discussion and to ask questions, as well as information displays about refugees and how we as a community can stand together with them and help. Light lunches and teas



will be served.

Our very big thanks also go out to all who brought food and clothes to the Collection Day for the Red Cross on 13<sup>th</sup> January,

and to those who helped sort and pack all it all up and transport it to Bradford. We were overwhelmed by the huge response, as was Zeraselasie when I took everything over to him! Thanks too, to Bentham Methodist Church who generously allowed us to use

their church hall and to the Victoria Institute in Low Bentham for the use of their hall.

On 12<sup>th</sup> March we are holding a grand fundraising event and are looking for performers. If you would like to contribute - songs, a poem or two, some tunes, a sketch, a big band, a story - do get in touch with Annie on 64886 or email benthamrefugeegroup@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

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## All Saints' Church News

### Sunday Morning Services in February and March

(These services are in All Saints' Church)

February	7th	8 am (Holy Communion) and 11 am (All-Age Worship)
February	14th	11 am (Holy Communion)
February	21st	8 am (Holy Communion) and 11 am (Morning Prayer)
February	28th	11 am (Holy Communion)
March	6th	8 am (Holy Communion) and 11 am (All-Age Worship)
March	13th	11 am (Holy Communion)
March	20th	8 am (Holy Communion) and 11 am (Morning Prayer)
March	27th	8 am (Easter Communion) and 11 am (Easter Communion)

### Other Services and Events in February and March

On Shrove Tuesday, 9th February, we shall have our annual **Pancakes** in the Village Hall. All are very welcome. Come and enjoy yourself. Bring friends and family – from 4 pm to about 6 pm. No charge.

On **Ash Wednesday**, 10th February, there will be a United Service of Holy Communion at All Saints. In the following weeks until Easter we have a series of **Lent meetings** looking at issues of "Forgiveness". These will take place in different places. Open to all. Watch out for the posters giving information.

On Saturday, 27th February there will be a **Coffee Morning** in the Village Hall, with one or two stalls. No charge for entry, tea or coffee, but if you wish you can make a donation to the Save our Spire appeal. 10.30 am start.

On **Maundy Thursday**, 24th March there will be a Special United Service at St Oswald's Church, Thornton at 7.30 pm and on **Good Friday** we have our special service at 11 am followed by putting up the cross on Castle Hill.

**Stay and Play**, our group for pre-school children (with parent or guardian), meets each Thursday morning at 10 am until about 12 noon. New families are always most welcome. Contact Ann

(elizabethwhitworth@btinternet.com) if you would like more details.

Each Friday morning at 10 am we meet in the Church Vestry for a short simple service and prayers for the parish. Please feel free to join us for 25-30 minutes.

God Bless,  
Ann and Glyn

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## Update

### *Parish Planning Team*



**W**ork still continues on the signs preventing the HGV vehicles in the village. The signs have been ordered and may be in place by the time you get this Burtonian.

The idea for a youth project is on a back burner. Only six of the 40 or so youngsters in the village showed any signs of interest in such a project. Fliers were handed out at the school bus, but only two came back!

The idea of affordable housing, one of the main issues in the Parish Plan, is still up for grabs. If we do not come up with a person to lead it and a plan, we will have to put up with what Craven decides we need. Is there anyone in the village with the skill set to take this on? There are start-up grants available such as [http://mycommunity.org.uk/programme/community-buildings/?\\_a=funding](http://mycommunity.org.uk/programme/community-buildings/?_a=funding)

Likewise the plan for a footpath to the sports field is open to offers. This can be a DiY job with a bit of help from local individuals. Likewise a path down the hill to Bogg Bridge could be installed where the grass verge is. This just needs a digger and dumper to take soil away, and then a packed gravel path laid. Any takers?

Transport—we have approached Stagecoach to see if the last bus from Lancaster to Kirkby, which is at 11.15, could come via Burton and Ingleton in One direction to allow late night revellers to get home without a £40 taxi fare. You can of course take the last bus to Kirkby and get off at Greta Bridge if you organise a lift from there.

Please submit articles for the next issue of the Burtonian to [burton.news@gmail.com](mailto:burton.news@gmail.com) by March 16th. The new co-editors are David and Marilyn who will welcome your suggestions

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We have fresh fruit and veg delivered daily.

Our well stocked deli, of meats, fish and cheeses are very tempting, and all from local suppliers.

We have a good choice of frozen foods for those of you on the go and wanting something quick and easy.

Not forgetting those furry friends. We cater for them, with our range of pet food.

Have you seen our great choice of greetings cards? We now stock Abacus, Paperlink, Milkwood and soon to be arriving our super collection of Art Beat cards, which have some quirky and humorous designs for every occasion, and at £2 each are very good value too. With valentines day just around the corner, we have the perfect card for that special someone. So we really are worth a look!

We are always looking for new volunteers, for regular shifts or as and when. So if you are interested please pop in for a chat or call us on 015242 63397. We are a friendly bunch, and you will be made welcome.

Hope to see you soon!  
From all at the village shop

 <b>Stagecoach</b>	<i>Times correct at print date</i>			<b>Monday to Friday</b>				<b>Saturday</b>						
	Local Timetable - Service 80 Lancaster/Burton in Lonsdale	<b>Lancaster Bus Station</b>			1015	1215	1615	1715	0745	1015	1215	1715		
<b>Bentham Con. Club</b>			1100	1300	1700	1800	0830	1100	1300	1800				
<b>Burton High Street</b>			1109	1309	1709	1809	0839	1109	1309	1809				
<b>Correct at print date</b>	School Days	School Holidays	<b>Mon to Fri</b>					<b>Saturday</b>						
<b>Burton High Street</b>	0702	0724	0734	0909	1009	1209	1359	1859	0754	0909	1009	1209	1409	1859
<b>Bentham Con. Club</b>	---	0733	0743	0918	1018	1218	1408	1908	0803	0918	1018	1218	1418	1908
<b>Lcr Bus Station</b>	0741	0826	0826	1002	1102	1302	1452	1952	0847	1002	1102	1302	1502	1952

## Café 27—Can You Help?

*Maggie Bruno*

Café 27 is a community resource in Burton Village Shop for local residents and visitors to Burton, offering a warm welcome, a simple menu of coffee, teas, homemade cakes, sandwiches, soup and rolls, five days a week.

Like the village shop we are staffed almost completely by volunteers, on whom we depend for home baking, serving, washing up, and generally helping the other staff members. It is fun, rewarding, and a great opportunity to meet others in the village and beyond, as well as to support a community resource.

CAN YOU HELP with any of these tasks? – We are in need of volunteers to be part of a rota to cover the cafe and to help it be open from 9.30am to 4.00pm. If you can make any kind of commitment to helping us run the cafe, please contact Julie Hodgkins through the village shop.

The village has already lost its school, the pub is closed, and if we cannot find enough people to help with the cafe, it may mean, like the school and the pub, we lose this too.

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## From our Team Vicar, Revd Denis Tate

**W**e have a family tradition at Christmas. We sit as a family and open a present at a time so everyone can appreciate the gift. It worked well when the four children were small. It can be more challenging now they are adults, some with husbands and children of their own. When you have to wait for a go, after three others, it is manageable but waiting for fifteen others to open presents before you can be very difficult, especially if you are only aged five or six. The idea that you could accept a present, thank the present giver and then put the present on a shelf unopened is beyond all credibility. However that is the experience of some Christians.

The cornerstone of Christianity is the resurrection of Jesus which is especially celebrated every Easter. Jesus rose from the dead and later went to the Father but before this he promised His followers a gift (John 14.26) that "a counsellor or comforter or strengthener, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you".

For a long time in the Church the person and work of the Holy Spirit has been ignored or misunderstood or resisted. Yet He enables believers to grow in their faith and receive further gifts or talents for the common good. Every Christian has the Holy Spirit but not every Christian is filled with the Spirit despite Paul's command, as seen in his message to the Ephesian church, 'to be filled.'

It is just like keeping your presents in a box and never unpacking and using them. It is my desire to facilitate the expression of Gods gifts in our life together as a community, in and out of the church and its services.

If this is all mysterious to you it is a great

opportunity to explore the Christian faith and see the difference between that and just going to church.

As Michael Miles used to say Take Your Pick and Open The Box.

Every Blessing

Revd Denis Tate, Vicar of All Saints,  
Burton and St Oswald, Thornton



### Ingleton Archaeology Group

Meets at Ingleton Community

Centre at 7.30

Visitors welcome

Members £1.50, Non-members £3

Monday, 15 February

#### Fraser Brown of Oxford Archaeology

The discovery of a Mesolithic House at  
Ronaldsway Airport on the Isle of Man

Monday, 21 March

#### Dr Mike Winstanley

The era of enclosure c1750-1870: topics of  
Lancashire interest

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*Jean Thornber & Sue  
Thompson*

**T**here was a good turn out for the first meeting of 2016 when Jane Burns kindly agreed to give one of her popular flower arranging demonstrations. The objective was to use ten single stem flowers and foliage to produce two different arrangements. Sixteen members and visitors watched intently as Jane worked, because when she finished, it was their turn for some 'hands-on' flower arranging practice. Jane gave gentle encouragement to the inexperienced, and by the end of the evening everyone had produced their own version of the originals, each beautiful in its own right.

All agreed it was a most enjoyable evening with the added bonus of taking home such delightful creations. Many thanks to Jane.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 4 February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when we are having a talk about the work of Age UK. New members will be made very welcome, and visitors £3.50 including refreshments, so why not come and give us a try.

At the March 3rd meeting we will welcome Caroline Eames, Forensic Scientist so look out for the posters around the Village.



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Monday 29 February

**Dr Mike Winstanley**

Markets and Supermarkets – 200 years of shopping in the North West.

Monday 21 March

**Jean Turnbull**

Roads and Roadsides – road-related businesses, road improvements and roadside furniture in the North West in the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> centuries

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**New Figures Welcome.**

**Julian Smith MP**

**J**ulian Smith MP has welcomed new figures today showing 129,000 more people in work across Yorkshire and the Humber since the last Labour Government and a record level of employment across the UK as a whole – with over 2.2 million more people enjoying the security of a job than in 2010.

In Skipton and Ripon, the number of people claiming Jobseeker’s Allowance and Universal Credit while not in employment has fallen by 627 - a 64% per cent drop – since 2010.

The figures also show that average pay is up 2.4 per cent while inflation is close to flat. This means working people across Skipton and Ripon are seeing their wages grow and our plan for a higher-employment and higher-wage economy is working.



**YOUR SECOND BEST PAIR OF BOOTS**

**Do you have an old pair of (still waterproof) walking boots lying unused in a cupboard?**

**You will all have seen pictures of the terrible quagmires the refugee camps have become in the winter months. Boots, all sizes, are urgently needed. (Please no wellies or trainers.)**

**If you bring them to the shop I will collect. A clean, warm pair of socks tucked inside would be extra good.**

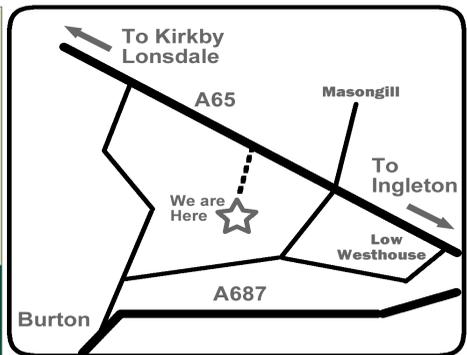
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## Bentham Library News

### Celebrate National Libraries Day

**B**entham Library is holding a morning of special events to celebrate National Libraries Day on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February**. We'll be highlighting the many vital services libraries provide, from story-time for children, digital skills courses for adults and, of course, providing access to countless books.

Find out all about the library at Friends of Bentham Library's **Coffee Morning** at the Town Hall from 10 am - 12 noon. At the library there will be a special **Story and Rhyme Time** for Under-5s from 10.30 am and 11 am there'll be a chance to a go on the library's computers and find out about your **Family History**. You can **win** a £10 Book Token by completing our National Libraries Day General Knowledge **QUIZ** - 50p to enter.

Not a member of the library? Then National Libraries Day is the perfect time to join! **It's FREE!**

### Computer problems? Help is at hand!

Come along to Bentham Library's **Computer Club** where library staff and volunteers from Friends of Bentham Library (FoBL) can offer practical advice on using your new device, and contacting friends and family, staying safe, shopping online or browsing the web without any confusing jargon.

The Computer Club is a free, friendly, and a great way to build your confidence in using the internet. It meets on the last Thursday of every month - No need to book – just drop-in; everyone is welcome. The next event will be on **Thursday 25th February 2 – 4 pm**.

### Story and Rhyme time

StoryTimes sessions for Under-5s, led by

volunteer Lydia Bennett, will continue to take place weekly in term time. These sessions are completely **FREE**, and all are welcome.

### Book and Bake Sale

Grab yourself some great reads, and some cake, at Bentham Library's Bumper Book and Bake Sale on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March. The Bumper Book Sale will include adult fiction, non-fiction and children's books. You'll be able to take advantage of our special offers and pick up some fantastic bargains. Prices start from 30p. Tea, Coffee and home-made cakes, baked by members of Friends of Bentham Library and Library staff, will also be available. The sale starts at 11am – 4 pm, and everything must go...

### Bentham Library Opening Times

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Wednesday 10 am – 4 pm

Friday 2.30 – 5.30 pm

Saturday 10 am – 12 noon

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### Diary

Feb

- 1 Storytime for under 5s at 2.30
- 6 National Libraries Day—See article
- 6 Coffee Morning in the Town Hall
- 8 Storytime for under 5s at 2.30
- 9 Reading Group at 2.00
- 22 Storytime for under 5s at 2.30
- 25 Computer Club at 2.00
- 29 Storytime for under 5s at 2.30

Mar

- 7 Storytime for under 5s at 2.30
- 8 Reading Group at 2.00
- 14 Storytime for under 5s at 2.30
- 16 Bumper Book Sale
- 21 Storytime for under 5s at 2.30

## Craven Concerns

*D.Cllr Ian Thompson*

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**T**he last few weeks of heavy rainfall have caused serious problems for many people in our community. Many residents and businesses have requested that bulky damaged items should be picked up by our Waste Management Services. We are more than happy to provide this service but we will be making a charge in line with the current fees and charges. If the Council is successful in its claim to the Government for reimbursement of flood related costs, we may be able to reimburse those collection charges.

Find out how the council can help with flooding advice, support and recovery - including a £500 grant for flooded properties at <http://www.cravenc.gov.uk/article/1799/Flooding-Advice>

It is the responsibility of landowners to protect their properties from flooding. NYCC has powers under the Land Drainage Act to require owners of watercourses to carry out maintenance and repair works.

Craven District Council may provide sandbags to limit the effect of the flooding or investigate the condition of drainage systems or watercourses which are the source of the flood. We can offer an emergency supply of **sandbags** if there is an unexpected or serious threat of flooding to premises. Sandbags can be sent to sites where the current levels of protection are likely to fail, resulting in flood damage to buildings or their contents.

### **How to request sandbags**

To request sandbags call Craven District Council on 01756 700600 or, outside office hours, call 01653 699 392 and we will respond as quickly as possible.

### **How to claim a £500 flood recovery grant**

Please go to <http://www.cravenc.gov.uk/article/5353/Flood-recovery> for more information about the £500 recovery grant and other potential financial assistance.

## Church Spire

*John Lambert, Lambert Walker Ltd*

**I**t is a pleasure to be involved in such a beautiful and much loved Church in the parish of Burton in Lonsdale and as soon as we visited All Saints we knew it was a project that our company would take pride in restoring.

Our main two men who are carrying out the works have commented how helpful the local community has been and how well the Village Shop and Post Office has taken to Rob and Dan visiting each lunchtime.

We have about two or three weeks left on the Church when we will see dismantling of the scaffold to reveal the wonderful shingle structure. We are sure the Parish will take great pride in showing this off to many visitors to their area.

Lambert Walker Ltd are working on various projects such as Blackburn Cathedral, Clergy Court and recently completed major carving works to the entrance of Carlisle Cathedral which received wonderful praise not only for the works but also for the close working relationships with all the project team. Engaging with the local community on a project is just as important as the restoration works itself and always plays a key role in our initial delivery of the project.

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## Village Hall Update

Andy Ive

**A** Happy new Year to all hall users, and would be users

The hall continues to get lots of use. We now have fully functioning superfast broadband in the hall, and a method of charging for this is being discussed.

The Panto went well in December, and a couple of events are planned with the pocket panto group in 2016.

Regular use of the hall includes:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evening-Music night, singers, musicians and audience welcome £2 entry fee
- Monday evenings 4.30 to 6.30 Karate then 7-8 Zumba
- Wednesday 6.45 Circuit Training
- Second Thursday 7pm Dominoes
- Friday 6pm Karate
- First Thursday 7.30 WI
- Fourth Thursday Council Meeting

There are still places left for anything you may wish to start??

The Photo Competition winners will have the pictures unveiled in the near future. Watch out for posters and information. If your child had a picture up as part of the previous mural exhibition, these can now be collected by calling the secretary on 62014

One item in the Parish plan was the need for a film society. The following chart shows the cost of putting on a film. So with an audience of 30 at £5 each, a monthly film night is a real possibility. Let me know if you are interested in taking this on as a village venture. We have the projector, screen and sound system in the hall, so with not much work a film society could go ahead.

Pricing for non-commercial UK film screenings with external advertising. Screenings where no admission fee/ticket price is charged for the screening, based on the Non-Commercial UK Screenings Flat Fee rate plus a minimum of £50 per screening.					
Number of Screenings per Title					
1		2		3-4	
Early release films	Post DVD release films	Early release films	Post DVD release films	Early release films	Post DVD release films
£141	£133	£219	£204	£293	£271

I was asked again about ballroom dancing lessons. Can anyone in the village teach this. Also, the idea of our own village panto being resurrected has been discussed. Any budding thespians and directors out there?

Some repair work is needed on the guttering. If you are able to assist with this please call 61124.



## Rotary Club of Lunesdale



We have all been shocked by the appalling weather the NW Region has suffered beginning with storm Desmond on December 5th. At that time we did not realise what was to come and the devastation it would cause. The biggest single good factor to come out of it was the incredible way that local communities responded to help the thousands of people who suffered from the storms and extensive flooding. Numbers of Rotary Clubs from across the region and beyond rose to the challenge of providing help and assistance in whatever form it was needed ie shelter, food, clothing, toys, baby equipment and money. As always, in emergencies, Rotary worked alongside other organisations from across the UK who came to help.

The Rotary Flood Appeal collection at Booths Kirkby Lonsdale store on Saturday 19th December, with the help of the 1st Kirkby Lonsdale Scout Group, amounted to

£3,262 almost half of which was donated by the Club. Thank you to everyone who supported this and donated.

Our sleigh collections around the villages were, as always, well supported and raised a total of £2,979. This money will be used to help local deserving causes. Many people tell us how much they look forward to a visit from Father Christmas in his sleigh and your comments are appreciated.

On February 25th Lunesdale Rotary Club will host its annual International Evening and Auction. This is the one night in the year when the club raises money for the international projects it supports. If any local business or individual would be willing to donate an auction "lot" please call 015242 73166.

Finally a date for your diary. On Sunday 5th June the Rotary Club will organise the "Lune Walk" which so many people enjoyed last year. Once again there will be a walk catering for all abilities. Please spread the word to your family and friends

### Concert&Cakes

#### *Christine, Cathy and Steve*

We have two exciting concerts in store from Concert&Cakes. The first is on Saturday 20th February, 2.30pm at All Saints Church with the Abelia Saxophone Quartet - officially the best student chamber music ensemble at the Royal Northern College of Music this year. They are the Chris Rowland International Chamber Music Ensemble of the year, so we think you are in for a treat. You need to come and decide for yourself!



The second - and last before the summer - is on Saturday 19th March when we welcome the fabulously entertaining Slidin' About Trombone Quartet. Those of you who appreciate brass band music will love this - something a bit different from musicians who play with the top bands in the North.

If you can give any time to help on the day, or especially bake a cake on either of these days, please let us know. These concerts are only as successful as they are because so many people do. We are very grateful and you know who you are!

See you in February

## Settle College

*Kay Mullett*

Settle College held its annual Senior Prizegiving event on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to recognise the achievements of students in last year's Year 11, 12, and 13.

The Principal, Michele Costello congratulated the students on their achievements and highlighted the many successes in student outcomes. 'I am delighted to share with you, once again, that we continue to be in the top 10% of schools in the country, based on value added measures for GCSE. Our attainment at GCSE is also significantly above national averages as is progress for all groups of students. Our A Level results were the best ever in the summer, with 54% of grades being the top grades of A\*, A and B; an increase of 20% in 2 years. 93% of Year 13 students secured their first choice university places and more students than ever before are going on to study at the top universities.'

Other news; Emily Campbell, a Year 12 student is one of a select number of people chosen to be an Arkwright scholar. The advantages of becoming an Arkwright Scholar are that Emily has a sponsor (Balfour Beatty) from whom she can gain work experience. Being an Arkwright Scholar is highly recognised by Universities across the UK, and she also receives a financial award for herself and the school.

Also, year 13 student, Jake Tatham, has been awarded The Princess Diana Award for his sterling work in promoting social issues. Over the last few years, Jake has been involved in many projects promoting social issues within school. The projects

have included an anti-bullying campaign, an anti-drugs and awareness group along with raising self-esteem and confidence building sessions. Many of the younger students have benefited from his support and guidance to enable them to improve their own confidence and self-esteem. Jake is truly inspirational and an absolute credit to himself, his family and Settle College.

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## Burton In Lonsdale Gala June 11<sup>th</sup> 2016



There will be a Gala in Burton in Lonsdale on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016. This will be a medieval theme, with a visiting troupe of Medieval players. The events include.

- 11.30 meet at the village green
- King Arthur and Queen Guinevere horse and cart tour round the village (children's competition-8-11yrs- names to drawn from a hat
- Morris dancing outside the pub at 12.00 and on down to the field at 12.30
- Design your own Heraldic shield for your family. Ready made shields will be available before the event. Advice on designs to follow. Prizes for the best designs
- Demonstrations on thatching, cookery, arms and fighting, music and dancing etc
- Bouncy castle
- Hog Roast
- Stalls
- Queen's Birthday presentation
- Fancy dress competition
- Fun run (1 mile)
- Birds of Prey demonstrations
- Archery try outs
- Puppetry Making
- Local cakes and produce
- Ducking stool and stocks
- Tombola, raffles, games
- Drumming troupe
- Bar and Mead stall

Plus much more. See poster in the near future for details. Help needed on the day and in planning. Committee details from Mark Christie—[markchristie101@outlook.com](mailto:markchristie101@outlook.com).

Local sponsors are being sought at a cost of £10 or £20 each for a mention on the wall of fame and the brochure. A horse and cart and/or tractor will be needed, as well as any floats you may wish to build.



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## New Lune Course Membership at Kirkby Lonsdale Golf Club

Kirkby Lonsdale Golf Club is offering the opportunity for local people to join the club on a new membership deal for their new "Lune Course" from 1 March.

The club have invested in creating a new shorter layout, aimed at the beginner golfer and ladies. Players in the "Senior" age bracket may also find the new course suits their game too.

The new Lune course is laid out over the same route as the established 18 hole course and using the same greens. The Lune tees have been located so that they take out the more demanding shots players would normally face, especially from the tee area.

The Lune course has been recognised by England Golf as being suitable for both men and women, and regular competitions will be held to enable Lune Course members to keep an official playing handicap.

Membership of the Lune Course will entitle you to all the benefits that other members enjoy at Kirkby Lonsdale and is available at £395 for 12 months.

The club will be holding an Open Day on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>, where you are invited to come and try the course. A five week course of group lessons called "Get into Golf" will also be starting in May.

To enquire about Lune Course Membership or register for the events in May, please call the Secretary, David Towers on 015242 76365.

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I can't tell you my human's name, or even its sex - it's not obvious to us dogs. However, some research should give you some clues. According to Environmental Campaigns (ENCAMS) it is more likely to be male than female, could be any age but slightly more likely to be between 18 and 24; it knows it could be fined but doesn't believe a fine will be enforced; doesn't believe it will ever be caught and will only admit to its crime when pressed.

So there you are, go and make some money. Of course there is just a chance that you could get spotted by some oddball who hasn't had the sense to walk round a deposit but instead has walked through it and consequently got slightly irritated because they now have a less than fragrant shoe.

It's hard to believe but there are some party poopers (I think that's a pun) who want to harm the earning potential of their neighbours. What they do is contact the Environmental Health Department at

Craven District Council as soon as they see some poor mutt relieving itself and its human not picking it up the evidence. They go in to detail with chapter and verse - the name and address of the person in charge of the dog, a description of the dog, details of the date, time and place of the, so called, offence.

Live and let live I say.

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## Unsung Local Heroes

*Parish Council*

**A** big Thank You to all the people who have done little jobs around the village, unasked and, until now, unacknowledged.

The little jobs include:

- Litter Picking (official litter pick in February - watch for posters)
- Tidying around the Village Green seats and War Memorial
- Cleaning around other public benches
- Putting summer bedding plants various pots around the village
- Clearing away debris from roadside drain grids, after recent bad weather
- Digging small channels alongside the road to allow rainwater to run into ditches
- And the very brave person who 'scooped' up doggy-'do' bags left by roadsides

I'm sure there are more - perhaps not quite so obvious as the above - for which thank you.

These all improve our surroundings and are greatly appreciated.

Volunteering is very rewarding and appreciated by many - if you would like to do something for the village, contact the Clerk, Sue Gregory. There's always something to do!

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