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Please support the various village events in the run up to Christmas, particularly our Village Shop, which offers real quality produce not only for the Christmas festivities but all year round.

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David & Marilyn

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Stay & Play	every Thursday	10:00 – 12:00	All Saints see P16
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<i>date</i>	<i>time</i>		<i>notes</i>
01.Dec		1st Nativity Crib festival weekend	see page 18
01.Dec	11:00	Christingle Service	see page 18
10.Dec	19:00	Film Night (film starts at 19:30)	Burton Village Hall
11.Dec	19:30	talk by John Sloan : Refugee Support	see page 4
11.Dec	21:00	Quiz Night in the Pub	Punchbowl
12.Dec		Election Day	Burton Village Hall
12.Dec	20:00	PALS meeting	Punchbowl
16.Dec	19:30	Ingleborough Archaeology Group	see page 23
22.Dec	18:30	Village Joint Carol Service	see page 18
24.Dec	16:00	Children's Crib Activity. Light Refreshments	see page 18
24.Dec	17:50	Carols around the Christmas Tree	see page 18
24.Dec	23:30	Midnight service	see page 18
01.Jan		HAPPY NEW YEAR	
09.Jan	10:00	Stay & Play resumes	see page 16
09.Jan	12:30	15:00 Craft demonstration / Come and Try it Event	see page 18
09.Jan	19:30	Burton WI : talk by Mike Biles	see page 15
09.Jan	19:30	Dominoes	Burton Village Hall
09.Jan	20:00	PALS meeting	Punchbowl
14.Jan	19:00	Film Night (film starts at 19:30)	Burton Village Hall
15.Jan	21:00	Quiz Night in the Pub	Punchbowl
20.Jan	19:30	Ingleborough Archaeology Group	see page 23
23.Jan	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	see page 12
25.Jan	16:00	Burton Methodist Church : Village Party	see page 4
27.Jan	19:30	Ewecross Historical Society	see page 23
29.Jan	21:00	Quiz Night in the Pub	Punchbowl
01.Feb		NEW issue of the Burtonian	
06.Feb	19:30	Burton WI	Burton Village Hall
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13.Feb	19:30	Dominoes	Burton Village Hall
13.Feb	20:00	PALS meeting	Punchbowl
15.Feb	14:30	Concert&Cakes	see page 16
24.Feb	19:30	Ewecross Historical Society	see page 23
26.Feb	21:00	Quiz Night in the Pub	Punchbowl
27.Feb		Recreation Committee meeting	see page 12

**Public talk in Settle Wednesday 11th December
7.30pm at St Johns Church**

Do you see the news from around the world & wonder at the number of displaced people there are & how the numbers are sadly increasing all the time? Perhaps you think it would be good to do something to help but don't know what you can do. You may already give money or donate

goods. John Sloan is co-founder of **Refugee Support Europe**. He set the organisation up with his friend Paul Hutchings who he met while working in Calais with people fleeing from war & conflicts. They were both deeply affected by the death of Alan Kurdi, the little boy whose photo went around the world after he drowned in the sea off Turkey. Sadly, many more people have drowned since then as they try to reach places of safety.

John will be speaking in **Settle at St John's Church** on Wednesday 11th **December**. He will talk about the refugee situation currently and how climate change affects the movement of people. He will ask what we can do to persuade those in authority to act & how we can put pressure on politicians to do more. Changes in the climate affect all of us on the planet & often it is the most vulnerable who are displaced because of famine, floods & destruction.

Come along & find out ways to help which might be possible for you. We all have different skills & different ways of offering support. It all helps, no matter how small you think your contribution might be. You may simply need to listen, which is fine.

ALL WELCOME – collection for Refugee Support Europe

Settle Area Refugee Support works locally with asylum seekers & refugees in Nelson and Keighley. We help with English classes and collect donations of goods, bedding etc for people who come here with very little & who need assistance to get settled. We organise day visits to improve morale for those living in towns. Nineteen young people from refugee families came for a day out in Settle/Giggleswick this summer & had a great time. Days like this are important to raise morale & to offer welcome to people.

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From Burton's own foreign correspondent

Gwen Harris

In the two months since I have been living in Yangon, life has settled into a pattern. Every weekday morning, I catch a taxi outside Sein Gay Har, a popular, inexpensive all in one store. I suspect that I have unwittingly been ensnared by the local taxi mafia. On my first day, I negotiated the fare with what I thought was a taxi driver, a skinny middle-aged man sporting a crumpled longyi, a large watch, a toothy grin and a fat bum bag, but now know better to be a taxi 'fixer'. As I emerge from the alley on the other side of the road he spots me instantly, waving me over enthusiastically to the rank of taxis he seems to control. One of the drivers eventually tells me that they have to give him a 20% proportion of my fare, 500 kyat or about 30p. In my defence, they all seem to be on good terms with him and having Mr Fixit so thrilled to see me in the morning outweighs the hassle of negotiating a price with an independent driver each day.

I set off to work by 7.30 a.m as travelling any later would mean sitting ensnared in the traffic jams that, like any city, afflict Yangon at peak hours. My journey takes me past Yangon University, a campus that appears to have changed little from the 1920s, when it was established at the height of the British Empire. Mature Asian ficus trees cast a gloom everywhere, even on a sunny day and through the thick vegetation, I espy the large red tin rooves of the colonial houses inhabited by the Rector and professors and the four storey red and white student hostels, architectural remnants of that era. One hundred years ago, this was one of the foremost universities in Asia, educating professionals and civil servants for the Empire. Its status and reputation declined from the 60s when the military regime, tightening its grip, closed off the country. Thus began the decline of the economy and the whole education system. Five years ago, democratic elections ushered in a new regime and I am now one of many trying to help the country rebuild.

Further along my route to work, the taxi slaloms past the home of Aung San Suu Kyi, the current de facto leader of the country and Nobel peace prize winner who led her party, the NLD to eventual victory. Above a solid grey metal gate stands a picture of her father, General Aung San, assassinated in 1947 on the brink of the independence he had negotiated. Both father and daughter have attained iconic significance here with widespread adulation among the Burmese majority. The gate itself has historic significance because it was at this spot that a youthful Aung San Suu Kyi made passionate speeches about political freedom during a 21 year period of house arrest. Today the grey gate is shut and guarded by bored looking young policemen in smart uniforms.

Taking a taxi back is pointless due to congestion so I walk home, waving to the policeman who happily wave back. I like to think a sweaty foreigner on foot might feature as a highlight of their tedious day. At a major junction, I wait for the lights to change. Behind me, by the corner of another police post, is a rough shelter, a family home. A young woman, the mother, coats areca nuts with lime, before deftly rolling them into a small green betel leaf pouch. Two boys walk up and down the row of cars waiting for the lights to change, selling the pouches and bottles of water. Chewing the nut, or rather, packing it into one's cheek is very common here. The betel acts as a mild stimulant, especially popular for keeping drivers awake. Apart from the health hazard to the user, as the lime causes liver damage, the betel users cause alarm to innocent bystanders as they regularly disgorge streams of maroon saliva.

Streets, pavements, any walkway and even my stairwell are splashed with the telltale stains but, luckily to date, not me.

At the traffic lights, a couple of very young boys wrestle like puppies on the pavement while their older brothers ply their wares. The car fumes belch and I think of the life this family leads, exposed to heat or torrential rain and daily traffic pollution, scraping a living in precarious poverty. Further on I pass two old women, diminutive Burmese gnomes, one peering through bottle thick glasses, seated on the ground with plastic bowls in front of them, begging. Further still, a young woman sits hand outstretched, a baby asleep at her breast. People literally living hand to mouth. This is a very poor country (even a qualified doctor might only earn 200 US dollars a month in a government hospital) yet people here are, by official charity measures, among the most generous in the world and, somehow, the poor survive.

But project preparations in Yangon are over and life is about to change again. In two weeks time, I am heading to Taunggyi located in the Shan hills of Eastern Myanmar in order to work in an Education College. A Myanmar friend told me recently that I had become a 'myothu' or city girl. That suggests a level of sophistication I do not think I have quite acquired. The opposite is a 'thawthu' or country girl or more likely, country bumpkin. Probably more my style. A 'thawthu' in Taunggyi.

That may be the subject of my next article.

Gwen is spending a year in Myanmar working as a volunteer for the international aid charity, VSO. For people interested in reading more about her life in Myanmar please go to www.gweninmyanmar.wordpress.com

Village Street Lighting

A reminder about street light fault reporting, as they seem to get noticed more often in winter! If you live in Brooklands, Greta Heath or Manor Close, you can contact North Yorkshire County Council direct to report a fault at: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/report-street-light-problem> or telephone 01609 780780 (office hours). NYCC aims to do repairs in seven working days. If you live elsewhere in the village, the lights are maintained by the Parish Council; you can contact me either by email or telephone (office hours, leave a message with light location and type of fault).

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Community Defibrillator

The Parish Council is pleased to announce a second defibrillator has been bought for community use and will be installed at the Sports Pavilion on the Recreation Field, Bentham Moor Road, in due course. This is in addition to the defibrillator bought by Community First Responders and located at the Village Hall.

Meanwhile, look out for an announcement about an awareness session for Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillator use. Even if you've done it before, it's useful to refresh your memory. And for those that have never done CPR or used a defibrillator, it's an excellent opportunity to learn. Potentially, you could save a life.

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Julie, June and Carolyn

The Dolls House Exhibition held at the village hall last month was a great success; so much so that another has been promised for next year.

Over 25 spectacular and well loved houses were shown and we had a great turn out on the day. So many people enjoyed looking at the beautiful houses and reading about how they were made and have been loved over the years. The wonderful ladies of Burton produced an array of delicious cakes and snacks to be enjoyed with a hot cuppa, thank you to them and all that helped in the kitchen. Thank you to Sue for the quiz and to Simon at The Multimedia Shop for printing it for us. Thanks Connor, for his help setting up the tables and thanks to Lee for his use of the van and help moving the houses.

Over £400 was raised on the day and will be put towards a new piece of play equipment for toddlers down at our lovely park. We have a target of £5,000 so, this has been a great contribution to our fundraising.

Thanks to all the exhibitors and to all who came to support the event and of course a huge thank you to Carolyn, without whom this wouldn't have happened.

Best wishes

Stay and Play Mums

Weekly Saturday Run in the Park (Recreational Field)

The last one for the year was held in October and since then, during the winter months, there will be no official weekly Run in the Park. We will be re-commencing around Easter next year and there will be further information in subsequent *Burtonians*. We would like to thank all those who attended and enjoyed the runs this year and we hope that next year there will be some additional interest. NB it is open to all. If anyone requires further information re the runs then please contact myself, Sue or Mark as follows. mikelanahire@aol.com, bilparishcouncil@btinternet.com and markchristie101@outlook.com.



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The Rotary Club of Lunesdale

Lilian Barton

Once again the Charter season has come around which is the occasion when Rotary clubs celebrate their birthday. It also is an opportunity for Rotarians to visit other Rotary clubs when they can enjoy meeting up with friends, enjoy a meal, chat and catch up on events. All clubs are busy throughout their year hosting, promoting and organising events to raise money for deserving causes. Such causes may be local, regional, national or even global. Recently Barton Grange was the venue for Rotarians in the south of District 1190 to have an update about 2 international projects, Mercy Ships and Shelter Box. "Africa Mercy" is a state of the art hospital ship providing much needed medical aid to poor people on the west coast of Africa. It is staffed completely by volunteers and has 450 people on board at any one time. Rotary is its major sponsor. On 3rd November the TV channel Quest televised a fascinating programme about the ship, its staff and the incredible medical procedures, many life-saving, carried out on board.

Shelter Box was the other project we learned about. It's objective is to "Get Aid To Need". The cost of a box is £560. Last year Rotary supplied 120 Shelter Boxes which went to disaster areas around the world. Each box contains basic but essential supplies to sustain life. It is hard to imagine being in the position where to be given such a thing could simply mean survival.

We have also had speakers at meetings as usual, one of which was Duncan Evans a self confessed reformed alcoholic. He told a fascinating and compelling story about his journey from when he was a 14 year old boy, addicted to alcohol, to the present day when he has become a dedicated runner. He claims that running saved his life.

Now he works for and promotes The Brathay Trust whose mission is:

At Brathay we know everyone has the capacity to do extraordinary things that can inspire and benefit others. This drives our mission to improve the life chances of children, young people and families by inspiring them to engage positively in their communities.

This seems a good opportunity to remind us of the Rotary Motto "Service Above Self"

The Christmas sleigh schedule is as follows with each journey starting at 5.30pm

Mon December 9th - Ingleton

Tues December 10th - Burton in Lonsdale

Wed December 11th - Caton

Thurs December 12th - Brookhouse

Fri December 13th - Kirkby Lonsdale

Mon December 16th - Bentham

Tues December 17th - Holme Day 1

Wed December 18th - Holme Day 2

Thurs December 11th - no allocation

Fri December 20th - Wray and Hornby

As always listen for the music which tells you that Father Christmas and the sleigh is approaching. Please do come out to greet him and say "Hello". We shall also be collecting outside Booths store in Kirkby Lonsdale on the Saturday before Christmas and hope to see you then.

Proceeds from all these collections go to deserving local causes.

It has been a busy and rewarding year for the Club with excellent speakers on a variety of fascinating subjects plus some interesting outings. On behalf of President Dave and all the club members may I say a huge thank you for the constant support you have given your local Rotary Club. Many local causes have benefitted from your generosity and are truly grateful. Now we look forward to another interesting and enjoyable year.

With best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Happy Peaceful 2020

Stop press. The Rotary Children In Need collection outside Booths store Kirkby Lonsdale on Friday 15th November raised an amazing £1,050. This money is paid into the Rotary Children In Need a/c set up for Rotary by the BBC as a partner for the event. A big thank you to everyone who put a donation into our collection buckets.

Loads o' Money

From our Political Correspondent

Well I'm completely flummoxed. In a couple of weeks I, along with every other eligible voter in the country, shall be expected to vote and in so doing indirectly appoint the leader of our country, the greatest nation in the world. And what a rabble we have to choose from. Have you really listened to what they are trying to bribe us with? Anything from £10 billion upwards, to give this some perspective it's not yet one billion days since the start of the last ice age when woolly mammoths strode the earth. Our aspiring leaders talk about borrowing, yes borrowing, at least £10 billion with no apparent thought as to how this money will be repaid. There is even a suggestion that a trillion pounds will be thrown our way, now that really is a bribe. You think one billion is a lot how about this, if you start now and count up to one trillion it would take you 63,420 years counting at the rate of two numbers per second.

I have never missed voting even though in this constituency thanks to the herd instinct which always ensures the Conservative candidate will be returned so anyone who wishes to vote for any other party is effectively disenfranchised. In this election is it too much to hope, such is the mess we are currently in and the dearth of politicians who are worthy of our trust, that enough people will spoil their ballot papers. Alternatively, it has often been suggested that there should be a line at the bottom of the ballot paper for 'none of the above' but as this hasn't found much favour I recommend that we all write in 'A Chimpanzee with a Calculator' and that we all vote for it, then let's see what happens.

Roll on Easter.

MOTHER GOOSE

This year's Village Panto is on Saturday the 7th of December at 6:30pm in the Village Hall.

This is always an excellent production.

Tickets are available from the Village Shop, or call Ruth on 62014

Litter - a perennial problem – and perennial work

Litter seems to be a fact of life, no matter what we do to educate people to take it home with them; some types are more persistent than others. Of particular note is the regular appearance of about 10 empty (Co-op red) wine bottles every fortnight along Bentham Moor Road, between the Recreation Field Gates and Skipton Gate (left hand side of the road – walker, car passenger?). This has been happening for over the last three years. Would the person responsible please, please, dispose of the empties in the appropriate recycling bin at your house, or at a bottle bank – not the grass verge. Thank You.

Village Litter Pick

There will be a Village Litter Pick in January; look out for the poster at the Village Shop. If you wish to help on the day, please contact me, details below. Meanwhile, you can keep collecting independently; if you need bags or gloves, contact me, details below. And many thanks for your help!



November 2018



Many, many empties later



November 2019

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Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council has various meetings during its year from April to March: full council, Recreation Field Committee and Finance Committee.

This year (April 2019-March 2020) is a trial year for a new schedule; the full council meets every two months, and committee meetings are fitted in between.

At the time of writing, the next full council meeting is on 28th November; there are no council meetings during December. The remaining dates for the January to March period 2020 are given below:

23 rd January 2020	Full council meeting
27 th February 2020	Recreation Committee meeting
26 th March 2020	Full council meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 23rd April 2020.

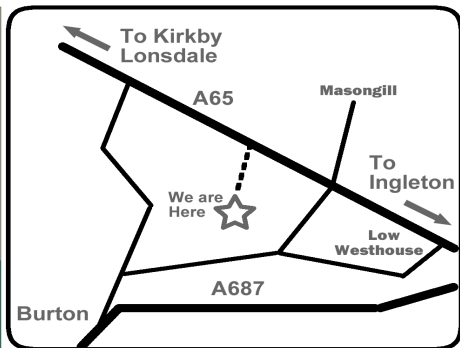
Agendas (and draft or approved Minutes) are published on the Parish Council's web page: www.burton-in-lonsdale.net/parish-council.

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GARDEN WITH GUNTHER



After the summer break the Pals have once again been planting around the village. More Tet a Tets have been put in the tubs and on the village green with the addition of crocus for added colour in the spring. To further enhance the orchard site, 200 Bluebells have

been planted around the wooded edge in the hope they will 'take' and spread in years to come.

You will probably have noticed by now that we have a purpose built BBQ at the orchard. Please note it is not designed for hot coals but solely to be used with your own disposable BBQs.

There are still many garden jobs to be done during the winter months, David Thornber advises:-

DECEMBER

Dig over empty plots in the vegetable garden adding well rotted compost out of your compost bins. This will also allow room for the ongoing leaf collections.

Once the soil is turned over the winter frosts will break up the larger clods and in the spring it will be easier to prepare for sowing/planting.

Plants grown in containers can be prone to waterlogging during the winter months so either place them onto a gravelled surface where excess water can disperse or raise the containers off the ground using pot feet.

Pathways and steps can become slippery in damp weather so it is worth powerwashing to remove moss and algae. Once completed drain the water off and store hosepipes and watering cans somewhere frost free. Also insulate outside taps with lagging.

Make sure plant supports and stakes are still in place after any spells of extreme weather and that tree ties are not slipping and continue to be effective in supporting the plants.

JANUARY

Prune Apple and Pear trees this month. Also it is a good time to reduce the size of your tree if it's becoming too large for a space and possibly casting too much shade over other plants.

Autumn raspberry canes can be cut back to ground level but the summer cropping varieties only need the very oldest canes removed leaving a framework of fresh canes for next summer.

Continue to tidy borders because during mild spells weeds will grow and they can get a head-start in spring if they are not dealt with.

Try taking some hardwood cuttings of your favourite shrubs such as Viburnums and Weigelas, they don't take much effort and can be popped into a quiet corner where they can take root then be transplanted in late spring.

Any ornamental grasses starting to look tatty can be cut back hard now to promote fresh and more colourful leaves for the spring and summer months.

Pals with Trowels meet at 8.00 in the Punchbowl on the second Thursday of the month. New members always welcome.

HAPPY GARDENING - GUNTHER

Burton in Lonsdale W.I.

At our October Meeting, we were delighted to welcome John Dawson and his son William. John has featured in the Channel 4 production of 'The Lakes and The Yorkshire Dales' so we were pleased he could spare time from his busy schedule to talk to us about the long tradition of farming in his family. We were entertained with tales and photographs of fascinating characters, for example the Undertaker who could always replace your missing false teeth from his 'stock' and wonderful Uncle Bill, a lifelong bachelor who was an expert on many things including marriage. We would have loved to meet him. We were saddened and deeply moved by the thought of John's Grandmother who, every day, walked down the fields to watch the train arrive at Clapham station, waiting for the return of her son Edward, who had been reported missing in action in W.W.1. She was never able to accept that her son was not coming home and did this for the rest of her life. It was a very entertaining evening and we were pleased to welcome members of the public too.

The Annual Meeting on November 7th was preceded by an Archery taster session which 7 of us enjoyed. What some of us lacked in expertise was made up by our enthusiasm - some members showed great promise and it was great fun. Thank you to Mark, Lucy, Anthony and Aaron and for your patience and good humour. This was followed by our Annual Meeting and the election of officers and the committee. Refreshments of Cheese and Wine was enjoyed by everyone at the end of the evening.



On Thursday January 9th 7.30. P.M. in the Village Hall

'THERE'S A LOT OF HISTORY AROUND HERE'

Guest Speaker- Mike Biles 'A Bit about Britain'

We are looking forward to an entertaining talk from Mike, who created the website 'A Bit About Britain' from scratch. There will also be an opportunity to purchase Mike's new book : **'A Bit About Britain's History'**

New members and visitors welcome.

All Saints Church Book of Remembrance.

On Sunday November 3rd we held a short service to dedicate our new Book of Remembrance. This was bought with money collected at William Booth's funeral, and is made up of 366 pages, one for each day of the year. The pages are turned daily. Williams name has been written in on December 28th, which was the day he died last year.

If any one who has a loved one buried in the church yard, or has had their ashes buried or scattered, would like their name to be added, please see Denis Tate or contact the church warden on Allsaintscw@gmail.com

There has been an update to the Craven Directory of local organisations. Please have a look at www.burton-in-lonsdale.net where the update is on the first page. If you would like a printed copy, call 64944 or email burton.news@gmail.com

CONCERT & CAKES

Thank you so much to everyone who has helped with the concerts this year. These concerts are very much a village effort and even though we get lots of visitors in the audience, they could absolutely not keep going without so many people helping.

We opened the season with a fabulous performance from the Larisa Trio in October and welcomed Ensemble Cosmopolitan in November to a packed audience. They are pictured here on the bench memorial to Chris Rowland which is at the back of the church.

We have a break over the busy Christmas period, but save the date now for **Saturday 15 February** when we'll have the wonderful *Apex Brass Quintet* and **Saturday 21 March 2020** – more details in the next Burtonian!

See you in February!

Christine, Cathy and Steve

concertandcakes@outlook.com



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE—10 NOVEMBER

There was an excellent turn out at the Remembrance Service held on the Village Green and in All Saints Church this year, including both serving and retired members of the Armed Forces.

The Church collection raised £208.25p which will be donated to The Royal British Legion.



Stay & Play meets on Thursday mornings, until December 19th We continue to say Thank you to Concert & Cakes, and bought a fifth chair which completes our purchases. Also to Craven District Council who awarded us a Ward Member Grant which allowed us to buy a storage unit and boxes. With the money raised at our coffee morning we have been able to buy plants and planters for our garden, roses, a watering can, bulbs for next year, new paints and brushes, glue and paper!

Thank you everyone from all our children.

Burton In Lonsdale WI

Jill Peel (61486)

A new year of WI starts in November and we would like YOU to join us.

There are 18 of us at present, some like me have over 25 years' attendance, some are newcomers. However, in this case (as in most) the "more the merrier" is a definite.

If you would like to come to our Christmas meal and get a taste for us (sorry!), ring me and I will quite happily tell you all about us.

Four of us recently went to a WI quiz, had a lovely meal, each won a raffle prize and oh!

Yes – we won! It was great fun and THAT is what we are all about – so do come and see if we can put a monthly dose of fun in YOUR life.

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All Saints' Church News

Sunday Services in December 2019 and January 2020

December 1st	(Advent) 8 am (Holy Communion) and 11 am Family Service with Christingle and Living Nativity
December 8	11 am Holy Communion
December 15	8 am (Holy Communion), 11 am (Morning Worship)
December 22	11 am Holy Communion, 6.30 pm Village Carol Service at All Saints
December 24	4.00 pm Families' Crib Activity 5.30 pm Carols around the Village Christmas Tree 11.30 pm Midnight Holy Communion Service
December 25	11 am Short Family Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion
December 29	11 am (Holy Communion)
January 5	8 am (Holy Communion) and 11 am (Morning Prayer)
January 12	11.00 am (Holy Communion)
January 19	8 am (Holy Communion) and 11 am (Morning Worship)
January 26	11 am (Holy Communion)

Other Services and Events in December and January

Stay and Play, our group for pre-school children (with parent or carer) meets on Thursdays in the Church Room from 10 am until about 12 noon. There will be Play and Party on Thursday 19th; the group will then break up for Christmas and will meet again on Thursday 9th January. 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 allsaintscw@gmail.com.

The **Village Carol Service** will be hosted by All Saints' Parish Church this year, on Sunday 22nd December at 6.30 pm. All are welcome and the carol service will be followed by mince pies and coffee in the church room.

Craft Afternoon Thursday 9 January. There will be a demonstration and talk about textile crafts from 12.30 – 3.00 pm. All are welcome to come for the whole afternoon or to drop in for a shorter time. You will be shown how to make a small item if you stay all afternoon. If there is sufficient interest, we will run a short course starting in February. Entry is free, refreshments available.

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 ...

Around the world the TVs are filled with Christmas adverts, music and jingles. Cash tills tap out unceasingly as the costs mount and Amazon works flat out. Lights shine on trees in millions of homes. Illuminated streets compete with the star filled skies. People are rushing here and there with arms full of parcels.

Yes, it's Christmas again!

Every December there are complaints about the cost of Christmas and the fact that everyone eats too much. However, even though we may now be grown up and no longer believe in a nice man with a red coat and a white beard who comes down the chimney to bring us presents, commercialism at Christmas, for most, cannot quite suffocate the Christmas of childhood dreams.

What is it that makes Christmas special? Is it simply childhood memory? Is it just a time to over indulge and an excuse to spoil the kids?

No, the Christmas story casts a light on the deepest desires in many hearts. This is a desire that God would personally break into the world and bring meaning to life.

The birth of Jesus can stir up hope again; God becoming human, a Saviour born for us, Jesus Christ-here before us in a baby lying in a manger. Can it be that that because of, and through, him the whole world can have a fresh start?

Philip Brooks wrote a Carol called O little town of Bethlehem. One verse declares of the birth of Jesus "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight". It goes on to say:-

God imparts to human hearts,
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek hearts will receive him still,
The dear Christ enters in.
O holy child of Bethlehem
Descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in.
Be born to us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

As we listen to the Christmas story and sing the familiar carols God is drawing near to you and me.

May God Bless you and yours this Christmas season.

Denis

GOODBYE

Some of you may know I'm not one to be brief with words, ok I talk too much!

I would just like to say as we leave Burton in Lonsdale...

We came with many dreams and leave with many memories. We will never forget your love and kindness towards us all when Anna 'ascended', being the angel she was.

We know you will make the new family welcome.

Love, hugs and happiness to you all.

The McDermotts and Furries

LONSDALE ARCHERS finish 2019 on a high

It's been an incredible third year for the archery club, with a big new influx of members taking the club membership to over 30. The most pleasing change has been a fourfold increase in junior members, helped in part by the fabulous work of Archery GB Young Ambassador Aaron Christie. Aaron is one of twenty national youth ambassadors for the sport, and one of the youngest. Aaron has helped gain interest in the club amongst youngsters, helping at taster days and beginner courses, as well as representing the club at local & regional competitions, and even featuring in the Archery GB national magazine. The club has also funded the training of two new female coaches, making four coaches in total. In addition, the club has achieved Archery GB kitemark awards as a Young People Specialism Club and Community Specialism Club accreditation. Its outreach work has included tasters for Bentham Youth Club, the Burton in Lonsdale Women's institute, and assisting once again at the hosting weekend event for refugees from war torn countries. *"We've also signed up to the Mental Health Charter for Sport, and will be looking to help people with mental ill-health access sporting opportunities to benefit their mental and physical health"* said Club Secretary & Coach Mark. The club members regularly enter regional competitions, including the Cumbria Open on Nov 17th, and have their own club competitions. This year Aaron fought off ten juniors to retain his junior title, with Euan & Will coming in second and third, whilst Lucy stormed to victory in the adult 'barebow' competition, and new recruit Joshua narrowly winning the freestyle recurve event. One highlight of the year was hosting Archery GB's Chief Executive and his wife at the Big Weekend held in May, where over forty people came and enjoyed an afternoon of archery. *"We've also had over twenty attend a taster day in April, followed by twelve doing the Beginner Courses, and many more having a try at archery at the village sports day,"* said Chairman Peter Blyth. *"So watch out for our next taster day in April 2020, and Big Weekend event in May".*





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To my little Christmas cracker by Mike Biles

Some of our customs are pretty weird, when you think about it. Take Christmas crackers, for example. All across the Land, we decorate our Christmas dinner tables with short tubes of cardboard covered with coloured paper, twisted at both ends, each containing a novelty, a joke and a paper hat. And what do we do with them? Well, it's obvious – we pull them apart, the contents fall out and, simultaneously, we should hear a sharp, satisfying, 'Crack!' That might be why we call these things 'crackers' – but it might not.

Now, while etiquette varies and you may prefer to pull your own Christmas cracker, normally the experience is shared; so two people each grab an end and give a good tug. There can only be one winner, which is usually the person left with the larger share of tattered cracker; and their prize is the cracker's contents. Life doesn't get much better than that, does it? First, the hat has to be put on (pointy bits up, please). Then there's the little novelty. I see, from the ridiculously cheap box of family crackers I purchased, that we can look forward to liberating a variety of Really Useful Trinkets at crackertime, including a plastic paper clip, stretchy alien and an imitation moustache (eye-wateringly fixed in place by means of small prongs up each nostril). The Memsahib bought a slightly more luxurious cracker set, just in case we get visitors, which promises a shoe-horn, warbling whistle and – something I really have my eye on – a set of clockwork teeth. Things you can hang on to for hours, or even longer. My mother used to keep cracker novelties for at least the next 12 months – actually, I'm pretty sure she had some left over from the Blitz. (Tip: Make your own crackers and stick a nice miniature malt whisky inside each one). The third and final essential cracker insert is the joke – or, if you're unlucky, a piece of tedious advice – which has to be read out loud. The jokes, by tradition, must be awful. Newspapers usually publish a selection in the run up to Christmas, so here are enough for a four-person cracker-fest, shamelessly copied from the Daily Telegraph:

What do you call a bunch of chess players bragging about their games in a hotel lobby?

Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.

How does good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?

Deep pan, crisp and even.

How did Scrooge win the football game?

The ghost of Christmas passed.

And, my personal favourite: **What did Adam say to his wife the day before Christmas?**

It's Christmas, Eve.

It would be reasonable to ask how we ever attained such intensities of festive fun. You can probably blame an innovative London confectioner called Tom Smith. On a business trip to Paris in 1846 he discovered a French confectioner who wrapped his sweets – bonbons – in tissue paper. Tom thought that was a grand idea so, when he returned to England, he bought a stock of sugared almonds and sold them wrapped in tissue paper just in time for Christmas. Next, he added a little love motto. Gradually, the wrappers became more extravagant. At some point, the sweet was replaced with a novelty. Tom then thought how entertaining it would be if the crackers could be pulled apart so that the contents fell into the gravy. Next, he added the 'snap'. Sadly, Tom Smith died in 1869 aged just 46. Thankfully, the business was carried on by his three sons, and thrived. Paper hats were introduced and, gradually, jokes replaced the love mottoes. Today, Christmas crackers are familiar in many countries of the Commonwealth as well as in the UK and, for some reason, the Netherlands. They can even be found occasionally in the USA. So now you know. An appropriate anthem for the cracker might be "I'm a little Christmas cracker", an amusing and spritely little ditty covered by an obscure group called 'the Bouncing Czechs' in 1984. I think the original was recorded by Diana Decker thirty years before that – and it's almost as good.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

News From Bentham Medical Practice – 5th September 2019 Minutes

By Danny Conroy (dsconroy44@gmail.com)

The Patient Representative Group for Bentham Medical Practice meets every few months. It's our chance to have a say about what is happening in our local Medical Practice and if you are interested in joining the group then please contact me for further details.

Lorraine Crossley –Close, Danny Conroy, Jonathan Scott, Sandra Kay, Liz Ryan, Andrea Tuohy, Bronwen Osborne, Tony Hudson and Diane Faraday-Williams were present at the September meeting.

Liz Ryan is the Development Worker for BOPT (Bentham Older People Together) and was welcomed to the group as a new member. Her role in a nutshell is the development of a comprehensive and supportive, self-sustaining Lunch club facilities for the people of Bentham that tackles some of the key health associated issues surrounding loneliness and rural isolation.

In our practice Dr Aqsa Naizi (ST2) is with us until New Year and Dr Rebecca Brandwood is due back from maternity in the New Year. We also have Medical students visiting the practice every other Thursday for the next few months. We are running a logo competition in local schools which can be seen on the practice Facebook page. Castleberg is to finally reopen in autumn.

The PRG is to arrange a working group meeting to discuss the next patient questionnaire.

In relation to the Dementia Group we were shown an example of the Alzheimer's Society leaflet called 'This is me'. This is a support tool to enable person-centred care and is a simple leaflet for anyone receiving professional care that is living with dementia or experiencing delirium or other communication difficulties.

Bentham and Ingleton practice has been chosen to take part in a national project on 'Continuity of Care'. At present data gathering is continuing with both questionnaires and local focus groups.

Ewecross Historical Society / Bentham Methodist Church

Meets last Monday in the month at at 7.30 pm. Visitors welcome.

Monday 27 January 2020

Researching Rights of Way. Speaker: Sue Arnott

Monday 24 February 2020

The Neolithic in the North West. Speaker: Gill Hey

Ingleborough Archaeology Group / Ingleton Community Centre

Meets 3rd Monday in the month at at 7.30 pm. Visitors welcome.

Monday, 16 December

Anglo-Saxon North Craven, the final chapter: Clapham Bottoms. Dr David Johnson

Followed by a Christmas celebration of drinks and mince pies.

Monday 20 January To be announced

Don't forget MOTHER GOOSE on the 7th!

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Mailing List

The parish council sends out emails about local issues. It is usually once a month, although planning applications (if any) are sent out as soon as received. If you would like to join this email list, please email the parish council giving your permission to be contacted (GDPR regs).

Susan Gregory bilparishcouncil@btinternet.com

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Top stress reducing Tips:

- Provide pets with a safe space where they can retreat to if its all getting a bit too much, cats in particular appreciate a quiet room with somewhere to hide (such as a cardboard box)
 - Try where possible to maintain your pet's daily walking and feeding routines, especially important with both young and older pets. Making sure your pet gets enough undisturbed sleep is also important.
 - Assign a 'pet guardian' (a great job for a child) to make sure guests are aware not to tread on or feed the family pets, and also to make sure the pet has access to their safe space/room. They can be in charge of extra love and cuddles too, a very important job!
 - If you know your pet suffers when the household is busy consider talking to your vet or vet nurse for advice. There are some really good calming products available (such as Pet Remedy with its essential oil blends - yes this one works on humans too, and Nutracalm sprinkles with milk proteins.
- Wishing you and your pets a Happy Christmas.

Dalehead Veterinary Group, Settle



Settle Photographic Group

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

Monday 16th December 2019 19.30 Townhead Court, Settle

It's Christmas!

Christmas Jacob's Join and Christmas Quick Quiz

Monday 6th January 2020 19.30 Townhead Court, Settle

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Monday 20th January 2020 19.30 Townhead Court, Settle

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Tuesday 21st January 2020

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Lancaster	0632	0632	0913	1005	1210	1410	1608	1919	1925	2114

Sundays

Bentham	0954	1140	1440	1640	1840					
Wennington	0959	1145	1445	1645	1845					
Lancaster	1025	1213	1513	1715	1913					

Mondays to Saturdays

Lancaster	0648	0941	1046	1245	1447	1745	2030	2130		
Wennington	0713	1004	1109	1308	1510	1809	2054	2157		
Bentham	0719	1010	1115	1314	1516	1815	2100	2202		

Sundays

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Burton	<i>High Street</i>	11:11	13:11	15:11	18:11
Ingleton	<i>Comm Centre</i>	11:21	13:21	15:21	18:21

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Ingleton	<i>Comm Centre</i>	07:00	09:00	11:25	13:25
Burton	<i>High Street</i>	07:09	09:09	11:34	13:34
Bentham	<i>Con. Club</i>	07:18	09:18	11:43	13:43
Hornby	<i>Institute</i>	07:37	09:37	12:02	14:02
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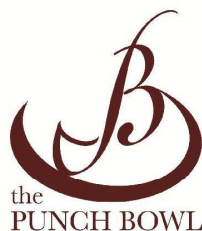
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