

The **Burtonian**

Burton in Lonsdale

Village Newsletter

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Right up until the last edition in October, Mike Lavelle was kind enough to proof read the Burtonian, before it went to Press. It didn't take him more than a few hours, but we are so grateful for his interest and engagement even from his sick bed. Turn to page 16 for Marilyn Smith's charming tribute to Mike ....

Once again we would like to thank our distributors, Sue, David, Mike & Mairi, Genny, Christine, John, Sarah & Phil, Bill and Cliff, for their stalwart work delivering the Burtonian, to your doors, every couple of months. Thank you.



The beautifully manicured Village Green on a winter afternoon after its final cut of the season. Thanks to Bill Hartley for another seasons hard work on this, the Riverside and the Recreation Fields.

**Some regular activities..**

Bridge Club	Each Monday 6.45 for 7.00pm	Pavilion
Line Dancing	Each Monday 7.15 - 8.45pm	Village Hall
Table Tennis	Each Tuesday and Thursday 10.00-11.00am	Village Hall
Bell ringing	Each Tuesday 8.00pm	Church
Pilates	Each Monday 9.30 am	Village Hall
Yoga	Each Wednesday 7.15 pm	Village Hall

Frontispiece: ; Jane Burn's lovely Snowman

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all our Readers!!

## Village Diary

05Dec	Thursday	14.00	Friendship Group	Church Room
06 Dec	Friday	10:00	Coffee & Chat	Village Hall
07 Dec	Saturday	10:00	All Saints Church Advent Fair	Village Hall
12 Dec	Thursday		Film night "The Holdovers"	Village Hall
21 Dec	Saturday	17.00	Carol Singing round the Village Shop	
21 Dec	Saturday	19:30	Film Night : The Holdovers	Village Hall
22 Dec	Sunday	18.30	Village Carol Service	Church
31 Dec	Tuesday	19.30	New Year's Eve Party,	Village Hall
9 Jan	Thursday	19.30	Film Night—TBA!	Village Hall
11 Jan	Saturday	10.00	Book Cafe	Village Hall
14 Jan	Tuesday	19.00	Shamanic Circle	Village Hall
16 Jan	Thursday	19.30	Parish Council	Village Hall
17 Jan	Friday	10.30	Methodist Gathering	Church Room
25 Jan	Saturday	12.00	Methodist "Burns Lunch"	Village Hall
28 Jan	Tuesday	19.00	Shamanic Circle	Village Hall

### **Carol Singing with Bev Thompson and Rev. Harriet**

This year we would like to go carol-singing around the village, so that those who find it difficult to get to the village green or a carol service can also hear these traditional Christmas songs. If you would like to join in please meet at the shop at **5pm on Saturday 21 December** with a torch or a lantern. You don't need to be a good singer - just willing to have a go! And if you know someone in the village who would like to hear the singers outside their house that evening please let Bev Thompson or Rev Harriet know ([harriet.johnson@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:harriet.johnson@leeds.anglican.org)).

## All Saints Advent Fair

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December,  
Coffee, mince pies and stalls  
Do join us

10.00 – 12noon in the Village Hall.

The village carol service this year will be held on Sunday 22 December 2024 at 6.30pm in All Saints church, Burton in Lonsdale... Everyone is welcome! If you would like to be part of **an informal choir** for this event or do a **reading** please contact *Cathy Rowland*

**Burton in Lonsdale Lych gate.**

*Christine and Anne*

You will all be pleased to know that repairs have begun on the lych gate roof! Scaffolding went up and all the old tiles removed, so the condition of the wood underneath could be examined.

The damaged/rotten areas will be fixed before the tiles are replaced with those found in the void under the church kitchen floor!

There is a small display of photos in church.

Please do not go into the VOSCY whilst work is ongoing. Speak to Anne or Christine if you need any more information! **Thank you.**



## Book Café

SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

10 am – 12 noon

Village Hall

Bacon Buns, Cakes & Chatter!

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HALL

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*Ali & Rachel*

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## Community Purchase of The Punch Bowl

### Update

At the time of writing negotiations to purchase the Punch Bowl for the community are still ongoing. In late October we issued a short yes/no poll, to all the community benefit society members, to seek support for the approach being taken by the management committee. We were greatly heartened by the strength of support, the supportive comments and the suggestions for what to do next.

We remain fully committed to buying the pub and we know there is still a very strong desire from the community to purchase the Punch Bowl.

Whilst we are in this negotiation phase, our campaign communications are going by email to investors only. As soon as we are able to announce a timeline for purchase, we will be letting everyone know.



### Dolls House Exhibition *Carolyn and Kate*

Thank you to everyone who exhibited, helped and supported the Dolls House Exhibition. We raised £405 for the village hall.

The publication "Dolls House World" will be featuring our show in edition early next year in .



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The December **Burton Film Group** presentation is going to be 'The Holdovers,' which will be shown in the village hall as usual.

Please note that in future films will be on Thursday evenings & this next one will be shown on Thursday 12th of December.

Free tea & coffee will be available from 7.00, with a 7.30 start. As previously, tickets costing £5 will be available on the door.

The January show, which will be on Thursday 9th, will be a mystery film! Further details to follow.



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Games



Toys

Friday 17th January 2025  
10.30 to 12



Coffee/Tea

Company



# STAY & PLAY

## Stay and Play at All Saints

Burton in Lonsdale  
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All Welcome

FRIDAY  
6th December



Here's a lovely picture of Juno Owen who won the Junior Peter Kitchen Cup At the Village Produce Show in September.  
Well done Juno!

### **Burton in Lonsdale Young Farmers Club**

*Rachel Brown*

On Friday 18th October, past and present members of Burton in Lonsdale Young Farmers Club joined to celebrate the clubs 90th anniversary at Castle Green Hotel in Kendal. The dinner dance was a great success, enjoyed by over 160 guests. Iain Wilcock's speech made us all proud to be part of young farmers, as well as filling the room with laughter. This was followed by the cake being cut by the oldest and youngest members on the evening, Anne Burrow and Annie Ashton respectively. I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone for their support on the evening and throughout the years. Burton in Lonsdale Young Farmers Club is going strong after all these years with over 30 members, and I wish it all the best for the future.



## Will you be feeling the cold this winter? What is the Winter Fuel Payment?

The **Winter Fuel Payment** is an annual payment to help you with heating costs during the colder months. The Government announced in July 2024 that, from this year onwards, to be eligible you must have reached State Pension age **and** receive a qualifying means-tested benefit.

You may be eligible for the **Winter Fuel Payment** in the winter of 2024-2025 if you meet all the following criteria:

- you were born on or before 22 September 1958
- you receive **Pension Credit**, **Universal Credit**, **Income Support**, income-based **Jobseeker's Allowance** or income-related **Employment and Support Allowance**, or an award of **Child Tax Credit** or **Working Tax Credit** of at least £26 during the tax year 2024-25 you were living in England or Wales for the qualifying week, which is 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024.

## What is Pension Credit?

Pension Credit is a means-tested benefit for people over State Pension age who have a low income. It comes in 2 parts: **Guarantee Credit** and **Savings Credit**. It's separate from your State Pension. You might be eligible for one or both parts.

**Part 1: Guarantee Credit** you might be eligible if you've reached State Pension age. This is currently 66 for both men and women. If you've reached State Pension age, you can claim Guarantee Credit if your weekly income is less than:

- £218.15 if you're single
- £332.95 if you're a couple.

Even if your weekly income is higher than these thresholds, you could still claim Guarantee Credit if you meet one of the following criteria:

- you're a carer
- you have a severe disability
- you have certain housing costs, such as service charges
- you're responsible for a child or young person who usually lives with you.

**Part 2: Savings Credit.** If you reached State Pension age before 6 April 2016 – or if you're a couple and both of you did – you might be eligible to claim Savings Credit. There isn't a savings limit. However, if you have over £10,000 in savings, this will affect how much you receive.

## What if one of us is over state pension age, and the other isn't?

If you're a mixed age couple (meaning only one of you is over State Pension age), you normally have to claim **Universal Credit** you've both reached State Pension age. Then you might be eligible to claim **Pension Credit** as a couple.



**How do I claim?** You can **either**: claim online on GOV.UK\_(if you already claim State Pension and there aren't any children or young people included in your claim) **or**: call the Pension Credit claim line on **0800 99 1234** and they can fill in the application for you over the phone (lines are open Monday to Friday, 8am-6pm).

**Before you start, have these details to hand:**

- your National Insurance number
  - your bank account details
  - information about your income, savings and investments
  - information about your pension (if you have one)
  - details of any housing costs you have (such as a mortgage, interest payments or service charges)
- your partner's details if you have a partner.

**Remember:**

By claiming **Pension Credit**, you might become eligible for other benefits too, such as help with health and housing costs.

You have nothing to lose by applying, and potentially a lot to gain. Even if you've previously been turned down, you can still make a new claim each year.

**If you need help at any stage**, you can contact Age UK North Craven on 01729 823066, visit the Age UK National website on [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk) or contact their advice line on 0800 6781602

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## ‘Sport for All’ at Burton’s own MUGA!

After a few delays (some weather related) Burton’s multi use games area refurbishment has really taken shape. The 26 year-old surface, which was tired and balding, dented and battered, has been replaced.



The old carpet was removed, the site pressure washed and some tree root damage repaired before the new carpet was laid with its first dressing of protective sand.



The new pitch will play softer and flatter and will be an altogether more enjoyable experience for five a side, tennis, basketball practice and a host of other possible sports.



It’s really important that the MUGA is now used by the community and while we wait for the booking/charging system to be installed, it has been agreed that the pitch can be booked for free until the end of January 2025 by emailing the Parish Clerk at [bilparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:bilparishcouncil@gmail.com). The only charge made will be for the floodlights if

required, at £2.50 per hour. And everyone is encouraged to come down and take a look at the new site on Saturday morning 23 November 9.00 – 12.30pm.

Funds raised from a Football Foundation grant (£25,000) have covered the bulk of the court costs, while a new booking and door entry system to be installed in January, is funded by a £11,700 grant from North Yorkshire Sport. Burton Community Sports volunteers have overseen the project, contributing £7,000 in funds and securing £2,300 from Burton Regeneration Group. A new grant from the Harold Bridges Trust has helped purchase a new tennis net and basketball rings.

The site will be managed from January by the Parish Council, which owns the MUGA.

## **Burton in Lonsdale Bowling Club**

### **Review of 2024** *Steve Vose*

The club has participated in 4 different local leagues throughout the season and continues to grow both in numbers and ability.

The Kendal League team, well captained by Lee Marshall, finished 7<sup>th</sup> overall in a very competitive 3<sup>rd</sup> division. John Mason once again captained the senior side on Monday afternoons with a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish securing their place in the 4<sup>th</sup> division next season. Steve Vose led the Rural League team to 7<sup>th</sup> place in the league, a most creditable result considering that most players were new to the game of bowls. The club also rejoined the Morecambe league and, with Tony Blacow as captain, convincingly won the 5<sup>th</sup> division. Tony also managed to win the individual averages for the whole league whilst Frank Joel managed to play every match in both the Kendal and Morecambe leagues.

The recruitment of 13 new players over the last 18 months, all living within the village, was the highlight of the season and has given the club a real boost going forward. Perhaps it's your turn to join us?

8 friendly matches were arranged by Jane Burns against local villages and were played on Saturday afternoons. Club Captain, Doreen Dryden, expertly organised the running of these matches. It was the turn of Austwick to host the Home Guard Cup, a long established competition between Burton, Bentham, Ingleton & Austwick in which Bentham triumphed this year on a very wet afternoon.

The Club singles was won by Shaun Wilson whilst the pairing of Shaun & Malcolm Taylor took the doubles title.

Special thanks must again go to the Community Workforce who laid flags for the new scoring hut. The work of the many volunteers was much appreciated. Shaun Wilson and Tony Blacow looked after the green throughout the season whilst Shaun used his skills to construct the hut and fencing around certain areas of the green.

The annual Jumble sale was, once again, a real success. The generous donations from folk in the village combined with hard work from many within the club generated much needed funds to keep the club running along with the grants sourced by our President John Wood. Special thanks also go to the ladies who have supported the teams by providing refreshments and marking matches in all weathers, without their efforts match nights would certainly be more challenging.

Please look out for more information regarding next season which begins in April, you'd be most welcome to join us.

## Mike Lavelle

by Marilyn Smith

As a former joint editor of the *Burtonian*, I have been asked to pen a few words about Mike, a great friend to the village, who we sadly lost on 4th November.

David and I took over the editorship of the *Burtonian* in April 2016, under the 'expert' guidance of Mike, a previous editor himself, and chairman of the communication committee. Little did we know at the time that along with this new role came a list of instructions and critiques as long as your arm. 'The font is wrong' 'There are too many spaces' 'The photos are too big' 'Don't leave a line between paragraphs' 'Correct the grammar' and so it went on, it was endless. What we didn't initially realise was that this was Mike's acerbic sense of humour, sharp and forthright with a tinge of superiority that we soon grew to love, once we had the measure of the man. Many of you will remember him, not as Mike, but as the anonymous 'Foreign, Fashion, Political, Education, Defence, Brexit and Climate Change correspondent' to name but a few, introducing the aforementioned humour into the pages of the *Burtonian*. Never was there a less anonymous correspondent. Of course, not everyone appreciated Mike's humour, but he never intended his writing to be taken too seriously, and was genuinely sorry for any offence he inadvertently caused.

Mike always had a good way with words:

From 2006:

*"Dear All*

*In an effort to ameliorate the bottom line performance of the news desk it has become imperative that the method of information and intelligence gathering be enhanced in order to maintain the effective distribution of incoming and outgoing data. To facilitate this objective the primary communication channel has been modified.*

*In other words, I've got a new email address for the *Burtonian*. I would be grateful if you could send any contributions to:*

[burton.news@googlemail.com](mailto:burton.news@googlemail.com)

Mike loved Burton. He would do anything for the village, and was the driving force behind several village events that will remain long in our memories. In particular, he, together with Mike Biles spent months planning and delivering the 2018 village centenary celebration of the end of WW1, which was a huge achievement and brought the village together in an outpouring of nostalgia, remembrance and respect. He also headed up the committee who organised the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, culmi-





nating in a fabulous street party on Low Street which featured Mike's favourite musical ensemble, Dani Sicari and the Easy Rollers. More topically, 10 years ago he led the original bid to purchase the Punch Bowl Inn for the community, and in recent times, whilst confined to his house by illness, almost the first question on his lips when we popped in to see him, was 'any news on the pub?'

Mike's driving was legendary. To be a passenger in his much loved elderly Mercedes, was an experience like no other, he didn't hang about. Some years ago, when taking part in the first of several village car treasure hunts, Mike borrowed the Age Concern Minibus (which he used to drive as a volunteer) as his car wasn't big enough to accommodate himself and family members. Driving carefully on these events was the rule of the day as the route was mainly on narrow country lanes, but suffice to say Mike was the last to set off and the first to arrive back. So much for rules.....

Underneath the brash and forthright exterior lay a big softie. Getting to know the real Mike took time, but once the connection was made you were rewarded with a loyal and unwavering friendship, a man who would be first in line to offer help when needed, nothing was too much trouble. In the last year, Mike was unable to leave his house, and those of us who visited and helped to look after him were humbled by his ability to remain uncomplaining and dignified in the face of such difficult circumstances.

There is a saying that there are some people who are 'the better for knowing' and Mike was such a person. I would like to think that we too, are better people for having known him. I'm sure I speak for all of Mike's friends when I say that we will miss him terribly, Burton will miss him, he will be a hard act to follow.



## Christmas Trees

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## **Hello Burtonian!**

from PCSO Jayne Grace Collar number 5561,  
Noth Yorkshire Police

### **Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!**

(Other members of the team from your Safer Neighbourhood Team covering the Burton In Lonsdale, Bentham, Ingleton and Settle area, PS1006 Paul Evans, PS231 Ikhlaz Mohammed, PC871 Ian Hunt, PC188 Jane Carpenter, PCSO5561 Jayne Grace, PCSO5881 Julia Runciman. Who will be keeping you updated on recent crimes and incidents in Burton In Lonsdale and the surrounding area )

### **Monthly Police report** –11 incidents reported between 14.09.24 & 15.11.24

4 reports – Criminal damage/ ASB Nuisance

24.09.24 – Dog on Dog attack

04.10.24 – Other forced enquiry – missing person/concern

10.10.24 – Domestic Incident

31.10.24 – Concern for welfare/safety – checked

07.11.24 – Abandon Call – no concern

13.11.24 & 15.11.24 – Road Related offence – Speeding/manner of driving – joint partnership working

**Crime Stoppers is a great tool to report crime i.e. drug dealing/supply, suspicious behaviour anonymously regards issues in your local area**

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### **Crime Prevention – Christmas & New Year**

Protect your home, leave a light on

The darker nights are well and truly here, and this can catch residents out when it comes to home security. Too often, householders are making their properties an attractive proposition for burglars and thieves by leaving them in darkness.

However, a few simple steps are all it takes to counter this risk – and this is where the police can help.”

- a well-lit home gives the impression that someone is in
- use timer switchers to turn lights on while you are out
- don't leave curtains closed during the day, only in the evening and overnight
- lock all windows and doors
- keep valuable items out of view
- keep gates well secured

Light up, Lock up

How to report speeding concerns - Speed Management Protocol

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## **‘Tis the season for safety .....**

With all the festive activities and additional things being added to that ‘to do’ list, safety is probably being pushed down but the emergency service elves are working harder than ever to help look after the public during this festive period. We would like to spread that joy of knowing you are all keeping safe and well within your own homes this winter and know, that if needed, support is available because it can be a difficult time for some.

Decorations are always a must have at this time of year, however the elves at North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue would like to remind one and all to make sure that your electrics do follow all the required safety standards and don’t overload your plug sockets. Festive lights can also get very hot when left on for long periods of time so please remember to turn them off if going to bed or leaving the house especially if they are on your Christmas tree!

Whatever your mode of transport this festive season, whether it be sleigh or car, Burtonians, please make sure both you and the vehicle are worthy of the roads! This time of year, you can get all the weather (and that’s in just a 10 minute drive to Ingleton!) Have your tyres been checked or changed recently? Have you topped up the screen wash? Are all your lights working because I don’t think Rudolph and his red nose can get us all about this winter! ...and yes, the festive time does bring the celebrations but always make sure you and your loved ones have a safe way of getting home.

We are all very fortunate to be living in such a wonderful area, but North Yorkshire Police would still like to remind you all during this festive season that securing your property is still a must! Make sure that your doors are locked and check on each other and support each other this festive season. Don’t let a scam in your email inbox ruin that festive joy! Suspicious activity can always be reported through Crimestoppers or by calling your policing team.

If you would like more advice on home fire safety this Christmas, or how to stay safe and report a crime please do visit the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue service website or the North Yorkshire Police website for further information.

## **Alessandra Makes..... Cantucci Biscotti**

*The recipe for the biscotti, is from the book "Giuseppe's Easy Bakes" by Giuseppe Dell'Anno who won the British Bake Off in 2021.*

*I attended his masterclass where we baked these delicious biscotti.*

*They are super easy and very quick to make, and only use basic store cupboard ingredients. You can have them baked in no time at all.*

*Alternative nuts to use could be pistachios or hazel nuts, which can be partially or entirely swapped.*

*These traditional Italian biscuits are often served with an espresso or dipped in vin santo, port works well too!*

*Giuseppe with a wink said I could share his recipe in the Burtonian if the readers followed him on instagram!*

Ingredients: 1 medium egg; 120g caster sugar; 1tsp vanilla bean paste; zest of 1 unwaxed lemon; zest of 1 unwaxed orange; ¼ tsp salt; 140g plain flour (plus extra for dusting); ½ tsp baking powder; 100gms whole unblanched almonds.

- Set the shelf in the middle of the oven, pre-heated to 180 degrees (C). Line a baking tray with baking paper or a silicone mat;
- Put the egg, sugar, vanilla, and salt in a bowl big enough to accommodate all the ingredients and lightly whisk them just long enough to combine. Sift in the flour and baking powder and combine, first with a spoon, then by hand until the mixture comes together as a soft dough. Add the almonds and work the dough to incorporate them. Turn the dough onto a lightly floured worktop and divide into two halves; shape each half as a large "sausage", no more than 3cms thick, then place them on the lined baking sheet.
- Bake for 23- 25 minutes until the "sausages" have puffed up and the tops are slightly browned. Take them out of the oven and lower the temperature to 150 degrees. Allow the biscuits to cool for 5 minutes on the baking sheet and, when firm enough to handle, slice with a sharp serrated knife.
- Place the still-warm slices sideways back onto the baking sheet and bake for a further 10 minutes, turning them over midway to ensure an even bake.
- Leave the biscuits to cool for a few minutes on the baking sheet, then transfer them to a wire rack to cool completely. Cantucci keep for up to a month in an airtight container

### **The Friendship Group....**

**.....next meets on 5th December in the Church Room .**

**Look out for further information!**

**At their November meeting they heard renowned local author, Diane Allen .  
Diane is Honorary Vice President of the Romantic Novelists' Association .  
She was raised on a farm in the Yorkshire Dales and her novels are based on the area where she grew up.**



## SETTLE ORCHESTRA: 2024-25 SEASON

After their highly enjoyable 2023-24 season under their effervescent Columbian conductor, Maca Barbosa, Settle orchestra are looking forward to another season of first-class music making. For this year they will be conducted by Harry Lai, another graduate student of the masters course at Manchester's Royal Northern College of Music. Harry is from Hong Kong and has already made his mark in the UK, collaborating with orchestras such as the Hallé, the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and Birmingham Opera Company.

For this season, Harry has chosen an engaging and varied programme including symphonies by Haydn (number 103, the "Drum Roll"), Tchaikovsky (number 5) and Schubert (the rarely played number 3). Another comparative rarity will be Dvorak's darkly haunting tone poem "The Noonday Witch". The season also features concertos by two present or past younger members of the orchestra, Ellen Buller (flute) and Ewan Hudson (horn), in line with our policy of encouraging young musicians.

We always welcome applications to join the orchestra, especially from younger players and from string and brass players. We would also be very interested to hear from any composers who would like to write music for the orchestra.

We give two concerts each term, one in Settle and one in Skipton. This year the dates are 23 and 30 November 2024, 22 and 29 March, and 21 and 28 June 2025. Full details are on our website, <http://www.settleorchestra.org.uk/>. Do please come and support us and keep music live in the Dales!



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## NOTES FROM AN UNINTENDED NATURALIST DECEMBER 2024

40 years ago I moved from London to teach on Walney Island. My Art Room overlooked the rugby pitch to The Atlantic Ocean, beyond.

I learnt to recognise the redshanks and greenshanks and other waders that came up from the pebble beach, to feed .

One weekend I walked at low tide across to Piel Island. I remember the shimmer of silver blue mussels in the ochre sands. To my left, in a grassy area with white sea campion, was the gentle warm brown plumage of a female eider sitting on her eggs. Tiny wisps of soft eider-down, that she had plucked from her breast to insulate her nest, peeped out.

Neither of us moved and I treasure that memory of stillness: I took no photos. It was the happiest I had been for a very long time.

The Nature Reserve on Walney was another frequently visited place. At the time, it was run by naturalist, Tim Dean.

This Summer, 2024, I was birdwatching on Orkney, by the cliffs of Marwick Head. The rocky ledges were dark but spattered with white, as countless thousands of Guillemots, Razorbills, occasional Puffins and many more seabirds were roosting with their young, perched precariously on the cliffs above the sea far below.

Approaching me, there was Tim Dean leading a group of birdwatchers. We had a lovely exchange of our shared Walney memories.

Later, I watched a large crèche of eider ducklings with their mothers in some shallow water. The young, at just a few hours old, follow their mothers to the sea where they feed on the vegetation. They are not yet waterproof, so only stay in the water for a short while, before drying out . Later in their development, they will have learned to dive, and prise open mussels, with their strong beaks.



The winter months in our area of the North attract huge numbers of overwintering migrants from Arctic regions. Morecambe Bay, with rich nutrients in its sands, attracts flocks of knot, curlew, dunlin, grey plovers, and oystercatchers. They form their murmurations, in the sky as they gather, waiting for the tide to turn; then, as the vast sands are revealed, they descend in glorious order to feed.



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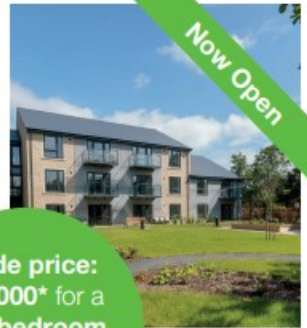
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## All Saints' Church News

### Sunday Services in December 2021 and January 2022

December	1st	8am Holy Communion 11 am Joint service led by the Methodist congregation
December	8th	11 am Holy Communion
December	15th	8am Holy Communion 11 am (Morning Worship)
December	21 <sup>st</sup>	5.00 pm, meet at the village shop to sing carols around the village <i>(a new event on the Saturday evening before Christmas!)</i>
December	22nd	11 am Holy Communion <i>6.30 pm Village Carol Service followed by refreshments</i>
<b>December</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5.30 pm Carols around the Christmas Tree</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11 am Short Family Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion</b>
December	29 <sup>th</sup>	11 am 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Service
January	5 <sup>th</sup>	8am Holy Communion 11 am Joint service led by the Methodist congregation
January	12th	11 am (Holy Communion)
January	19th	8 am (Holy Communion) 11am Morning Prayer
January	26th	11 am Sunday (Holy Communion)

### Other Services and Events in December and January

#### Stay and Play

The group for preschool children, including all babies and Parents/Grandparents and carers meet in the church room every Thursday morning from 9.30 am. All are welcome and adults who would like to help on a rota will also be welcome. Contact the church wardens on [allsaintscw@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintscw@gmail.com)  
Stay and Play Christmas break follows Christmas party on 19 December.

#### Friday Prayers

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.

**Monday Evensong NEW** At 5.30 every Monday the Vicar will lead a service of said Evensong in the church. All are welcome to join.

Best wishes

Catherine Church Warden at All Saints

## And from our Vicar Harriet

I wonder when Christmas begins for you? Is it the first appearance of Christmas decorations in the shops? Is it the first time you hear Band Aid's 'Do they know it's Christmas?' on the radio? Is it tasting your first mince pie? For many people Christmas begins with the BBC - not with the Strictly final, but in the voice of a young chorister singing the opening verse of 'Once in Royal David's City' from the chapel of King's College Cambridge. That is the moment to sit down, pour a cuppa (or something stronger) and feel that at last, Christmas has really arrived. Whether with family or alone, that glorious treble sound never fails to cause a shiver down the spine.

Traditional carols are the soundscape to my childhood Christmases, as they are to many people. Attending a Methodist chapel as a child meant that I soon learned to join enthusiastically in the singing of such classics as 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' and (less enthusiastically) 'While Shepherds Watched' - I'm sure you have your own favourites! Singing carols is an essential part of Christmas for me, whether that's lit by candlelight in an atmospheric church or outside in the blazing sun of a southern hemisphere summer day. Admittedly some of the words are less convincing than others. Many parents would smile wistfully to hear it said of a newborn baby 'no crying he makes' and since, as we celebrate at Christmas, Jesus truly was a human child as well as in some mysterious way being God, then surely he must have made his humanity known by bawling his eyes out on occasion. And I'm not sure that describing Mary as 'mother mild' adequately conveys the level of toughness she must have had to be an unmarried teenage girl who gave birth in an outhouse and later went on to see her first-born son arrested and horrifically executed.

But we do not sing carols for strict historical accuracy - at least I do not. I sing them for the way they make me feel warm and cosy inside and the way they sometimes make the hair on the back of my neck stand on end. For the reminder they bring of childhood Christmases and the excitement of wondering whether this was the year I would catch a glimpse of the elusive Santa Claus. For the joy of lifting up my voice in familiar songs with others. For the connection with people everywhere celebrating the light of Christ shining in the darkness of our world. And for the hope they express that two thousand years ago something amazing happened that changed our world forever.

Whatever your reasons may be, if you would like to join in singing carols at some point this Christmas - and especially if you would like to bring children to start creating their own memories - then you are welcome to any of the Christmas events in All Saints or at any of the churches in the Ingleborough team. But whatever and wherever you sing this Christmas - or even if you just listen -

I hope you have a blessed and joyful time.

Harriet

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Sun 29th Dec	-	8am to 1pm
Mon 30th Dec	-	7am to 6pm
New Years Eve	-	7am to 1pm
New Year Day	-	Closed
Thurs 2nd Jan	-	7am to 6pm.

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