The Burtonian

Burton in Lonsdale Village Newsletter *Number 126 Feb2025* 50p - free to Residents



Village Diary

4 Feb	6pm	Guest Chef Italian Dining Night	Village Hall
7 Feb	10am	Coffee & Chat	Village Hall
18 Feb	2.30 pm	Concert & Cakes	Church
20 Feb	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
4 March	3.30pm	Pancake Party	Village Hall
7 March	10am	Coffee & Chat	Village Hall
8 March	8pm	Rural Arts Concert	St Johns Low Bentham
15 March	2.30pm	Concert & Cakes	Church
20 March	7.30pm	Parish Council	Village Hall
4 April	10am	Coffee & Chat	Village Hall

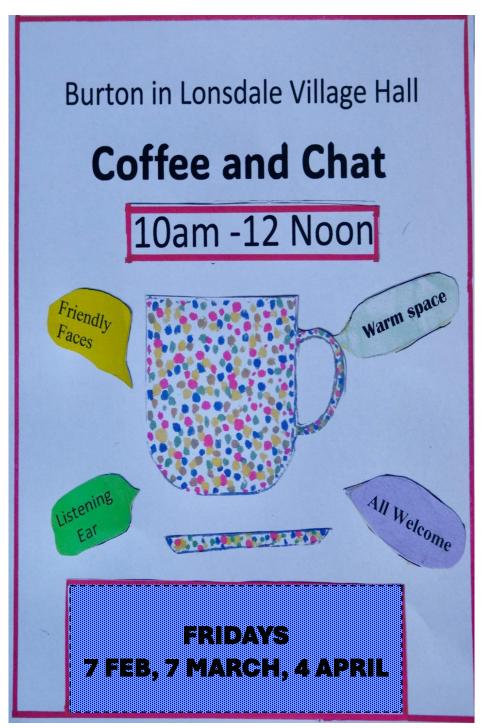
Some regular activities..

Bridge Club Line Dancing Table Tennis Bell ringing Pilates Yoga Shamanic Circle	Each Monday 6.45 for 7.00pm Each Monday 7.15 - 8,45pm Each Tuesday and Thursday 10.00-11.00am Each Tuesday 8.00pm Each Monday 9.30 am Each Wednesday 7.15 pm Each Tuesday 7.30pm	Church Hall Village Hall Village Hall Church Village Hall Village Hall Village Hall
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Craft Group	Each Wednesday 1.00pm	Village Hall

Frontispiece: 'Winter walk in the Dales', Linocut by Margaret Carus

Editors: David & Cecile Gillibrand burton.news@gmail.com tel. 07753884547 Please feel free to contribute anything of interest especially about activities in the Village (past or future).

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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS



Tatham Fells CE (VC) Primary News 'Roots to Grow, Wings to fly, Faith to flourish Happy New Year! We are back in school for 2025 with a

Happy New Year! We are back in school for 2025 with all the excitement of a new year. This is a look back at the exciting Christmas half term here at Tatham. It was a very festive time!

We held our Christmas Fair in school, the children had made all the crafts to sell which were amazing and organised themselves to run the stalls and ran lots of traditional games with the winners announced by our Vicar Rev. Jane. All the children were involved with our Early years contributing fantastic baking through to our oldest children collecting money and supervising the stalls. A real team effort, the Friends of the school organised the



refreshments with their usual ease. The atmosphere was very festive and the children ran their stalls brilliantly raising £39.



The Friends of the school then ran the highly successful mulled wine and mince pies at The Mart at Christmas in Bentham and our children were delighted to sell their crafts there as well. A huge thank you to our Friends as we raised over £1000 which will provide children with the

extra special bits of education which make the experience fun. One of those was

the Christmas play 'The Borrowers' at The Dukes Theatre in Lancaster which the whole school enjoyed.



The season continued with experience advent in church- a



series of thought provoking workshops and activities for the children provided by our Vicar Rev. Jane.

Our school nativity involved the whole school at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Mulled wine and mince pies for

the adults were served by the Friends and real donkeys accompanied the children for the evening which provided us with lots of memories and amazing singing.



No Christmas celebrations would be complete without Christmas dinner cooked on site and our Christmas party afternoon. With games old and new the children had a great time cheering each other on. Our final festivities for the term were a Christmas breakfast and movie- the perfect relaxing end to a busy term!

Our Forest School teacher Mrs Entwistle continues to run our Little Explorers every Friday afternoon at school for preschool, toddlers and their families. Please drop in for a session on **Fridays 1:15-2:30pm**. We are happy to give tours of our school to anyone curious about rural village educa-

tion. Our children love to talk to visitors and you would be amazed by our facilities and pupils.

Fiona Ip Headteacher



Melling St Wilfrid CE Primary School For the love of learning friendship and faith

Happy New Year to everyone! We have had a frosty start to the new term but have enjoyed the frosty scenery. We are straight back into new learn-



ing for this term and the infants have enjoyed an Epiphany and new year celebration on their first day back.

As we move on to our new term and year it seemed like a good time to share what the lead up to Christmas is like in school and all the different things that happen alongside our normal lessons.

The Christmas term in Primary schools is always special and magical and this year was definitely no exception. We enjoyed the traditional nativity performed beautifully by our infants in school. We also held a Christingle service in Church led by Rev. Jane and our KS2 pupils which provided a time to reflect at the beginning of the Christmas season.





The children

experienced a thought provoking advent workshop in Church led by Rev Jane.

Our KS2 pupils enjoyed making and delivering Christmas cards around the village. I hope you enjoyed yours if you received one. If you would like one please email us and we will add you to the list for next year.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS (CONT.)

Alongside learning about the meaning of Christmas, we also had opportunities to celebrate together.

Our Christmas craft competition had two very worthy winners from Isabelle Howson and Kendall Briggs - their entries were fantastic and we are very grateful for the effort all the children put in at home to participate.

Christmas lunch was beautifully cooked and prepared and efficiently served for us all by our wonderful cook Sarah. She also cooks hot meals which are sent to Leck every day and still manages to re-



member every child's likes and dislikes ensuring they all eat a good meal at lunchtime. Following Christmas lunch we had a fun afternoon party with traditional party games.



This year elves kept making strange appearances around the school. I've no idea what that was about but their antics certainly kept us on our toes. We never knew what was going to happen next!

Our school year always ends with a Christmas movie, popcorn and juice- we love our Christmas traditions.

Headteacher

Fiona Ip



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Rural Arts comes to St John the Baptist Parish Church, Low Bentham

We are very excited to welcome professional musicians Will Finn and Rosie Calvert to St Johns on **Saturday 8th March at 7pm** as part of the Rural Arts programme of live performances across North Yorkshire.

Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children and are available online at: https:// www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/performances/will-finn-and-rosie-calvert-at-st-johns-low -bentham/

Or contact Diane White on 07498044649



Macmillan Coffee Morning – Thank you!

Thank you to all who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning this year. Through the generosity of all who contributed we are delighted to have raised £760! Hope to see you next year for more coffee, cakes and a great atmosphere! It's fantastic getting together and taking part in something amazing for Macmillan.

Caroline Hastie, Lynne Lawson and the fantastic Burton in Lonsdale Macmillan team!

All Saints' church updates for 2025. Christine Whitfield

The repairs to the **Lychgate** are continuing with the "new" tiles now being put on the roof. We hope to let you know in the next edition of the Burtonian that the repairs are complete!

Work to the north side of the church was completed in December. We thank **Mark Lawson** for designing and making our new hand rails, and **Brian Lawson**, **Robin Dodgson** and their helper for turning the old steps from the emergency exit, fitting the hand rails, investigating and clearing out the corner drain and pipes, and replacing the old vegetation with two areas of gravel which improves the look of the whole area. This work has been languishing on our Quinquennial reports for a few years and means that in terms of our Health & Safety requirements our second emergency exit from the building is now much safer to use and more attractive to look at!

We now have no children from the village coming to **Stay & Play**. We encourage families from all over the area to come along and our children at present live in Milnthorpe and Bentham, but if you know of any families who have recently moved into the village, please let them know about us.....and make sure they have a copy of the Burtonian. We meet up on Thursday mornings from 9.30am in the church room. Thank you.

Help is needed in 2025!

All Saints church is a large and striking looking building which many people love to visit and enjoy having nearby, even if just to glimpse the spire as they return home. I hear many wonderful and inspiring stories about the past, and about "how things used to be" but we are now facing a time when the small congregation cannot manage to keep the church clean enough for everyone to enjoy visiting.

I would like to hear from anyone who would be willing to "take on" a small area of the building to clean/polish twice a year which would help us immensely to carry on. You could come into church when it is convenient to you, or join a group at Christmas and Easter. Polishing the brasses, the altar rail, the pictures or glass.....or even taking on dusting the pews! Have a word with Christine Whitfield if you would like to get involved, or e mail her on <u>Christinewhitd@btinternet.com</u>

Hello Burtonian!

PCSO Jayne Grace Collar number 5561 Dedicated Safer Neighbourhood PCSO Settle Ingleton & Bentham area North Yorkshire Police 101 Jayne.Grace@northyorksire.police.uk

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 Ikhlaq Mohammed, PC871 Ian Hunt, PC188 Jane Carpenter, PCS05561 Jayne Grace, PCS05881 Julia Runciman. Who will be keeping you updated on recent crimes and incidents in Burton In Lonsdale and the surrounding area

Monthly Police report - 8 incidents reported between 16.11.24 & 13.01.25.

4 Reports – Road Related offence – Speeding/manner of driving – joint partnership working.

03.12.24 - Concern for welfare/safety - other police force enquiry

09.12.24 - Highway disruption - broken down vehicle - Bentham Moor Road

20.12.24 – Crime sexual / other police force

06.01.25 - RTC - vehicle via person

Crime Stoppers is a great tool to report crime ie drug dealing/supply, suspicious behaviour anonymously regards issues in your local area Please contact Crimestoppers - Onlinehttp://crimestoppers-uk.org/ By phone - 0800 555 111

Crime Prevention - Staying vigilant.

We are reaching out to inform you about a recent increase in burglaries affecting rural areas.

We encourage everyone to stay vigilant and take precautions:

- Ensure all doors, windows and outbuildings are locked.
- Consider adding motion activated lights, alarms or CCTV systems.
- Use a property marking system to identify valuable items and deter thieves.
- Report all suspicious activity or vehicles to local authorities immediately !!
- Share information with neighbours and friends.

If you have any concerns or wish to report suspicious behaviour, please dial 101 or 999 if urgent.

How to report speeding concerns - Speed Management Protocol <u>www.northyorkshire.police.uk/search?q=speeding+concern</u>

North Yorkshire Community Messaging is a free email messaging service from North Yorkshire Police providing news and updates on policing matters that are relevant to you and your local community. Sign up and receive email alerts about policing activity and initiatives in your local area as well as crime prevention advice and information. You will also have the opportunity to reply directly to your neighbourhood team and provide feedback via surveys. <u>www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk</u>. Working to keep North Yorkshire a safe place to live, visit & work please visit www.northyorkshire.police.uk.

Please report & suspect incidents at the time on 101, online or 999 if urgent. Useful site re Crime and policing in England which allows you to search re incident recorded in your area <u>www.police.uk</u>.

Contact Information:

1 Ring 999 in an emergency or to report a crime in progress.

2 Ring 101 to report incidents or provide information.

3 Ring Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 to remain anonymous.

4 E-mail <u>SNACraven@northyorkshire.police.uk</u>

Kind Regards Jayne



NOTES FROM AN UNINTENDED NATURALIST FEBRUARY 2025

Winter is a special time to see the structure of our natural environment and it was a delight to walk down into our woodland by the River Greta where, in the thin sunshine, yesterday, the water was sparkling over the ancient rocks and stones.

The fallen leaves from Autumn were piled up in rich mahogany-coloured heaps by the path. Fresh green, early plants were growing through them, enriched by the nutrients. And the long and gloriously glossy bright -green fronds of Hart's Tongue brightened up all the dark places in the woodland. Mosses, deserving closer attention, with their miniature Christmas tree-like forms, were sparkling in the sunshine and bare shrubs holding dewdrops, evenly on every twig, were as Nature's fairy lights.

Soon -by the time this issue comes out - more early plants will be shooting up from the cold frosty soil. My favourite early flower, heralding winter's end and the hope of spring, is the Snowdrop. The Welsh name is *Eirlys*, a lovely name for this brave little flower, growing and spreading its little snow - white petals, in great carpets over fields and gardens. *Galanthus* is the Latin name the great botanist Carl Linnaeus gave it in the 1700s. There are many hundreds of varieties, growing all over Europe from The Pyrenees to Ukraine, although we are most familiar with *Galanthus Nivalis* with its delicate, snow white petals and fresh green calyx, stems and leaves.

It was a Bulgarian pharmacologist in the 19th century, who noticed remote villagers rubbing their heads with snowdrop leaves and bulbs, and realised there is a chemical released. That chemical is eventually becoming widely recognised for its medicinal properties, in aiding cerebral function, and particularly in treating Alzheimer's disease.

British soldiers who fought in the Crimean War, in the 1850s, were astonished to see these tiny creamy-white blossoms, covering the battlefields in winter, poking through frozen soil to bring fresh hope of life. Many, who managed to survive, took bulbs back with them, as symbols of new life, after unimaginably harsh war conditions. Some even managed to send small bulbs in letters to wives or sweethearts. This larger Crimean snowdrop was *Galanthus Pilactris*. Our UK snowdrops are now a protected species and, once established, will continue to spread. The ones in my garden were gifted from the widow of a



late accordionist and ceilidh caller, Bill Johnston. Bill played regularly in Burton as well as all over the North West and Scotland. His widow, Gill was dividing up some large clumps in her garden, when the leaves were withering, and she gave me some which have since thrived. I look forward to my little colony pushing their shoots through my garden, bringing new hope and joy for the coming spring.

A fine potter friend of many years, Sue Dunne, lives in woodland near Hexham and makes beautiful ceramics, inspired by the plants and wildlife around her. Among the jugs, bowls and tiles I have of hers, is a jug with sprigged snowdrops all around it. I asked if I could photograph it, to add to my article, as my snowdrops are expected, but not yet showing their perfect little heads.



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Community purchase of the Punch Bowl



Since the last Burtonian went to press, we were delighted to announce that terms have now been agreed for the community purchase of the Punch Bowl and on 23rd December we got the most wonderful early Christmas present of all with the announcement that we are one of only 8 pubs in the UK offered a grant from the Community Ownership Fund. To say we were bowled over would be an understatement! This is a very exciting phase of the project – something we could hardly have dreamed of this time last year.

The sale is now in the hands of both parties' solicitors and whilst we don't have a firm time-line yet, we have been able to make a start on surveys to prepare for repairs and refurbishment works. Our thanks to Matt Alexander, his team at Fisher Hopper, and all who have supported Mick & Heather. We wish them well in their move.

In the run up to this, we had meetings with local and government representatives. Special mention goes first to ClIr David Ireton who has been a tireless supporter, our MP Sir Julian Smith and North Yorkshire Deputy Mayor, Peter Kilbane. Thanks to Sir Julian, the COF announcement even made the front page of the Craven Herald and we were name-checked in the official government press release.

Responding to the last Public Meeting, Julie Ridler, who many of you will know from her time in the Village Post office, has joined the Management Team. Before moving to Burton in Lonsdale, Julie had 20 years management experience in international banking with a focus on staff management and recruitment including customer experience, training & development and project management, so she brings hugely valuable expertise to the team. On 8th January we had a full planning Away Day meeting (we got as far as the Sports Pavillion!) to take stock and go over the first set of information to be sent to the Community Ownership Fund (COF) grant officers. That had to be sent off by 10th



January. We also returned to where we started – last February – with the feedback from everyone in those first consultation meetings and surveys. If our plans are approved during the COF process, we believe it will mean that we can do all you wanted to see in a community pub – and much more quickly and efficiently than we expected. Our first full meeting with the COF Grant Officer will be on 28th January, so we will know more after that.

The Share Offer closes on 8th February and we are now issuing Share Certificates to all investors. If you'd like to take part, there is still time. Visit <u>https://www.burtoncommunityinn.com</u> for more details. If you are a shareholder, then you are automatically a Member of the CBS and get one vote at the AGM. We are planning to hold the first AGM on Saturday 14th June 2025 and as this will be the first one, it is also when the Management Committee formally stands for election. There will be more information about this meeting and the roles and responsibilities of the Management Committee, in the coming weeks.

As works progress, many more people are getting involved in the project with advice and support. Thank you! There is so much expertise in this Village and you are very generous with your time.

We send out emails every few weeks, but If there is anything you'd like to know in the meantime, we are always around and about the Village for a chat, we will post updates on our Facebook Page, or you can email <u>burtoncommunitypub@gmail.com</u>

The Punch Bowl Community Inn Group https://www.burtoncommunityinn.com

Drama and optimism from Settle Orchestra

Settle Orchestra's 2024-25 season continues with concerts in Settle (22 March) and Skipton (29 March) under our dynamic new conductor Harry Lai. Both concerts will start at 3.30 pm, an earlier start time which is proving popular with audiences.

This term's programme explores the dramatic power of music. As well as perennial favourites of the symphonic repertoire – Sibelius' stirring "Finlandia" and Tchaikovsky's 5th Symphony, with its moving progression from dark pessimism to triumphant optimism – the programme contains a work less familiar to British audiences, the tone -poem "The Noonday Witch" by the Czech composer Antonín Dvořák. This is based on a chilling story about a mother who threatens her unruly child with a visit from the witch, only to find her threat comes true. Dvořák's masterly score brings this disturbing story to vivid life.

Looking further ahead, our summer concerts (21 and 28 June) will be free thanks to a generous legacy from Dorothy Wrathall, a former member of the orchestra. Ewan Hudson, a regular member of our horn section and one of the younger players in the orchestra, will be the soloist in Weber's breathtaking Concertino.

We always aim to keep our ticket prices affordable, but recognising that affordability isn't the same for everyone we have introduced a Buy One Donate One scheme whereby you can donate the cost of a ticket, and we will ensure that somebody less able to afford the full cost of a ticket will be invited to attend one of our concerts. And if you, or someone you know, would like to receive a ticket under this scheme please contact Charlie Dobson in confidence at <u>charles snaygill@yahoo.co.uk</u> and we will let you know when tickets are available.

Further details and tickets from the orchestra's website at http://www.settleorchestra.org.uk/



CONCERT & CAKES

Saturday 15th February 2025

2.30pm - 4.30pm



Phata credit: Victoria Maydn

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Burton Film Nights Burton Film Committee

Firstly, thank you to those of you who returned our questionnaire about the film nights (10% of the village) Below we have highlighted the main points raised, with responses where relevant:-

- 100% of those who responded wanted the film nights to continue.
- The most popular night was a Saturday with Thursday coming a close second.
- Sound quality was an issue- this is being dealt with as part of Village Hall renovations, with the installation of soundproofing panels on the ceiling.
- There was a request that we show 'current' films. This is not something we are able to do if they are still on at the cinema, the license does not permit this. We can only show films which have been released on DVD once they are no longer showing in cinemas.
- Heating issues have now been addressed with a new heating app, allowing control remotely.
- Several requests were made for the village hall to provide cushions to make the chairs more comfortable. This is not an option, mainly due to lack of storage, but there is nothing to stop you bringing your own cushions. It is worth mentioning that as part of the refurbishment of the village hall, new chairs are to be purchased, which will hopefully make for a more comfortable experience.
- Most people liked the option to buy refreshments before the start of the film, to make it more of a social occasion.
- Intervals in the future will only be for films longer than 2 hours.

Attendance at the December film "The Holdovers" was yet again disappointing in spite of the positive feedback from the questionnaires. It was a great film enjoyed by all who attended and was made a very sociable occasion with free tea, coffee and mince pies plus delicious mulled wine at £1 per glass.

We cannot stress enough how a good attendance at the Film nights is if we are to continue and if everyone who returned their questionnaires were to support the film nights on a regular basis, it would be a big step forward in securing their future.

We are now taking a break until the spring, when we will have had the time to select a new programme having taken into account the responses received.

More information will follow in the April edition of the Burtonian.



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The Bentham Line

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Wennington	0606	0810	0940	1142	1343	1543	1855	2046
Lancaster	0631	0846	1006	1205	1411	1611	1924	2117
Sundays								
Bentham	0956	1149	1445	1647	1847			
Wennington	1001	1153	1450	1653	1852			
Lancaster	1025	1220	1518	1721	1919			
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Wennington	0712	1005	1110	1312	1511	1809	2054	2156
Bentham	0717	1011	1115	1315	1516	1815	2059	2202
Sundays								
Lancaster	1103	1344	1552	1751	2018			
Wennington	1128	1408	1616	1816	2042			
Bentham	1134	1413	1622	1821	2048			

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12.09	10.26
14.09	12.26
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12.09	10.26
14.09	12.26
16.09	14.26
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All Saints' Church News Sunday Services in February and March 2025

February 2 nd	^d Candlemas		
	8am	Holy Communion	
	11 am	Methodist-led service	
	6pm	United Taizé Service for Candlemas	
		(at St John's Bentham).	
February 9 th	11 am	Holy Communion	
February 16 th	8am	Holy Communion	
	11 am	Morning Worship	
February 23 rd	11am	Holy Communion	
March 2 nd	8am	Holy Communion	
	11 am	Methodist-led service	
March 5 th	Ash Wednesday		
	7:30am	United Team service of Holy Communion with	
		Imposition of Ashes' (at All Saints, Burton)	
March 9 th	11 am	Holy Communion	
March 16 th	8 am	Holy Communion	
	11am	Morning Worship	
March 23 rd	11 am	Holy Communion	
March 30th	Laetare	are Sunday	
	9.30	Joint Service for Mothering Sunday	
		(at St Oswald's Church in Thornton)	

Other Services and Events in February and March

Monday Evensong At 5.30 every Monday the Vicar will led a service of said Evening Prayers in the church. All Are welcome to join.

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

Best wishes Catherine, Church Warden at All Saints

And from Our Vicar, Harriet

February can often be a hard month. It comes just as though we feel winter should be over but signs of spring are often still few and far between. March is not much better, with its 'breezes, sharp and shrill' (as the old nursery rhyme has it). For those who grow their own food these months are 'The Hungry Gap' - a time when last year's bounty is running out but the new season's growth has not yet appeared. Perhaps it's not a surprise that the Church decreed a season of penitence and fasting, Lent, to begin this month.

Why not make a virtue out of a necessity? But many seeds will not germinate without a period of cold and just as nature's dormant period during winter is a necessary preparation for the new life of spring so Lent is a time not of self-punishment, but of preparation and re-setting for our spiritual life. A time to think about what really matters to us and to get ready so that when the new life of Easter comes in April we are ready to make the most of it. This season of Lent, which lasts 40 days, begins after a party (and everyone is welcome on 4 March to come and eat the traditional Shrove Tuesday pancakes in the Village Hall) but also with reflection on our own mortality in the Ash Wednesday service (to which everyone is equally welcome), when we are marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes.

That may seem morbid, but it also acts as an encouragement to live life now to the full, not by grabbing at the latest popular fad for an instant hit that will soon be forgotten, but by focussing on what really matters - such as love, compassion and kindness. As Christians we do this by thinking particularly about God's love as revealed to us by Jesus living through his own period of hunger in the wilderness, but these are core values at the heart of any community. So if the chill of winter continues into February (and even March), may you find encouragement for your own spirits in the warmth of our community life and may you lift the spirits of others in your own acts of kindness and love as we all wait for Easter resurrection and the new life of spring to make itself known.

Still Point Services at All Saints on Fridays at 7pm February 7 and 21 March 7 and 21 April 4



Burton Open Gardens June 29th 2025

Plans are underway for Open Gardens this year and there are lots of things you can do to get involved... ...open your garden, big or small, front garden or back garden, veg patch or courtyard. Any interesting space will make a great addition to the day. ...grow plants to sell or help with the plant stall ...make refreshments for the village hall cream teashelp with the organisation of the dayor simply spend a leisurely afternoon enjoying a selection of Burton's gardens. If you would like to be involved please contact Kate, 07855 234150 (langleyvose@btopenworld.com) or join 'Burton Pals with Trowels' for informal meetings on the first Thursday of each month in the Church Room at 7pm.



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