

**Burton &  
Rosemarket**

**In Touch**

**APRIL 2000**

**Issue 2**

The first issue of this  
'Community'  
magazine has been  
well received and  
the response from  
many of you, with  
information for  
inclusion in this  
second edition, has  
been encouraging.  
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### **Burton Community Action Group**

#### **Group Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> March 2000**

Mr David John, Strategic Co-ordinator, for Menter Preseli attended the meeting. A Constitution was discussed and it was agreed to have one with charitable status to cover the three sub-committees.

Application for a lottery grant, for the play area adjacent to Burton School, is to be deferred until the Pembrokeshire County Council's policy document, on it's future role regarding play areas, is decided.

Among other items discussed was the future of the Jubilee Hall.

It was decided that the provision of a new Village Hall should be regarded as a 'long term' project. Meanwhile the existing Jubilee Hall should be upgraded to accommodate disabled toilet and other necessary requirements.

### **CARE IN THE COMMUNITY**

Some of the more senior residents in our community often need assistance but either, will not ask, or do not know where to go for help.

**Don't be too proud like my parents were --- You are entitled to it**

If you would like assistance of any kind, or you know someone else who does, then, it is only a telephone call away and is confidential.

**In the first instance for :-**

Social Services / Community Care / Meals on Wheels etc - Phone 01437 764551 and ask for the Adult Community Care Officer.

Age Concern also offer lots of information and guidance. Their help line is 01437 769972.

## St Ismael's Church, Rosemarket

Easter 2,000

The Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council would like to thank every one who has supported the church this year. We would particularly like to thank all the clergy who have taken the church services this year, especially Canon Likeman who has been with us nearly every Sunday since his "Retirement" and our new Rural Dean Rev. Jonathan Lean who has looked after us so well while we were without a vicar. Our new Priest in Charge, the Reverend Michael Williams begins his ministry in his new parishes after his licensing service on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April. The service is at Burton Church at 3.00 p.m. Seats will be in short supply so please come early. There will be refreshments after the service at the Burton Church Hall. Everyone welcome. The Reverend Michael Williams' first service in Rosemarket will be on Palm Sunday, the next day.

Palm Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> April	Holy Eucharist	10.30.
The Good Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> April	Service	11.00-1200
Easter Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Holy Eucharist	10.30

### Church Service Reports

There was a full church for the service of Carols & Nine Lessons. The very generous collection £120 was for the Ty Hafen Children's Hospice for Terminally Ill.

On Christmas Eve we were pleased to welcome back the Rev. John Hale to celebrate the Midnight Eucharist. Despite the dreadful weather, and power cuts, there was a full church of parishioners and friends for the service. On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February, during Holy Eucharist, the Revd Canon Likeman baptised Drew Kiah Sheila Phillips, the daughter of James and Chloe Phillips ( Haverfordwest ). The baby was beautifully behaved.

Mothering Sunday: The Mothering Sunday Service was well supported with both parents and church members. The children of the Tuesday School took part beautifully with the Prayers and the collection.

**Easter Vestry:** Friday 31st March The meeting was chaired by Rural Dean Rev. Jonathan Lean. Mrs M Wilson regrettably had to resign as Churchwarden on the grounds of ill health, her deputy, Mr D Barra, was appointed to take her place. We all wish her a speedy recovery. All other Officers were returned. We are delighted that Mr and Mrs David Wildman were voted onto the Parochial Church Council.

**Deaths:** The village was very saddened over the Christmas Season and the beginning of the new millennium at the sudden loss of church members and faithful church supporters:-

15 <sup>th</sup> December	Mrs. Joan Godby	20 <sup>th</sup> December	Mr. Hughie Jones
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Mr. Steve Pawlett	3 <sup>rd</sup> . February	Mrs. Phyllis Mathias

### Church Activities

Poppy Collection for Parish: £159.00 raised. Thanks to all collectors for great effort .

On New Year's Eve the Church Wardens rang the church bell to welcome the new millennium.

The Christmas Quiz: This was again a great success, making £126 for the Renovation Building Fund.

Romanian Blanket Collection: Over 100 bags of clothing and blankets collected, along with £75

St. David's Day Cawl Supper: This was an excellent evening in the village hall. Roy Folland showed a video about the Royal Mint and a video on Pembrokeshire. Joint prize winners of the Quiz were Jean Griffiths and David Barra. A total of £300 was raised for the church..

PetroPlus once again kindly gave the church permission to pick daffodils at Waterston. Through PetroPlus's generosity and the hard work of all the volunteers, £1128 was collected by the sale of daffodils for Church funds and the Renovation Building Fund.

**Donations:** Many donations, both large and small, have been received towards church funds and the Renovation Building Fund. Among these were:-

£ 25	from the family of Mrs. Joan Godby
£155	in lieu of flowers for the late Mr. Hughie Jones
£510	in lieu of flowers for the late Mr Steve Pawlett
£115	in lieu of flowers for the late Mrs Phyllis Mathias

**Forthcoming Events:** Mr. And Mrs. Rhys Jones are again giving of their time and energy to organise the Annual Spring Supper Dance to be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2000, at the Queen's Centre, Haverfordwest. Anyone wishing to go, please ring for tickets, 01646 601194 or 01437 890483. We would also like to receive any raffle prizes.

Finally we wish all our readers a very happy and joyous Eastertide.

## White Post Mile Competition

Editor's thanks to all those readers that submitted an entry. Mrs Margot Jenkins, mother-in-law of Steve, the Landlord of the Stable Bar, drew the first correct entry. The prize, donated by Steve and Bernice Hayden, owners of the Stable Bar is shown being presented by Steve to the winner Mrs Hilda Jones of Sardis.



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## YOUTH CLUB NEWS

Burton Youth Club opened on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2000 and has been a great success so far. 15 young people have attended regularly and activities have included table tennis, basket ball, darts, quizzes, bingo and a Tai Chi demonstration. The Club held a lively disco on the 10<sup>th</sup> March which helped raise some much needed funds.

Future activities include a First Aid evening with the Red Cross, a visit to Brawdy for ten pin bowling and a chance to learn fly fishing.

Many other ideas are formulating and we would welcome any help from parents who would like to help the children with any activity.

Our thanks go to all those who have supported the club in any way and especially to the leader and volunteers who have worked so hard.

The club meets at the Mission Hall off New Wells Road, Houghton on Friday evenings between 7 and 9 p.m. It is for children aged 10 to 14 years old. £1.00 per session is charged and there is a tuck shop. All new members are welcome.

Contact: Colin Rogers 01646 601902  
Martin Charles 01646 600843  
Sheila Worby 01646 601334

A few announcements heard in Church:

“Don't let worry kill you – let the Church help”

“Wednesday – the ladies Liturgy Society will meet. Mrs Jones will sing “Put me in my little bed” accompanied by the Pastor.”

“At the evening service tonight, the sermon will be “What is Hell?”  
Why not come early and listen to our choir practice”

“On Thursday at 5pm there will be a meeting of the Young Mothers Club. If you would like to become a Young Mother please see the minister in his study after this morning's service.”

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.”

Thursday night – Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow”

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## **Gymnastics**

Our younger members of the community are continuing to do well in the Haverfordwest Gymnastic Club competitions.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2000 the inter schools competition in Tenby Sports Centre took place.

The following children from OUR area entered.

### Year 3:

Alex Willey (position 27<sup>th</sup>)                      Hannah  
John (38<sup>th</sup>)                      Sarah Morris (44<sup>th</sup>)

### Year 4:

Rachel Jones (23<sup>rd</sup>)

### Year 5:

Ceri Hayden (joint third)                      Victoria  
Jones (6<sup>th</sup>)                      Nicola Perkins (39<sup>th</sup>)

### Year 7/8

Sian Hayden (12<sup>th</sup>)

### Year 9

Rhian Hayden (6<sup>th</sup>)

All these young people performed well, and it was great to see Ceri Hayden up there receiving a medal.

They were competing against other young people from all over Pembrokeshire. It is really good to see such a small area produce so many talented youngsters.

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## You Have Got to Try It To Believe it

### CAN'T STOP SMILING FRUIT CAKE

#### Ingredients:

1 cup water  
1 bowl sugar  
4 eggs  
2 cups dried fruit  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
2 ½ cups plain flour  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 ½ teaspoon vanilla essence  
1 cup chopped nuts  
lemon juice  
1 large bottle of your favourite whisky

#### Method:

Sample whisky for freshness and quality. Get a large mixing bowl and check the whisky again, just to be sure. Pour one level cup of whiskey, drink and repeat just to be absolutely positive. Turn on the electric mixer, beat one cup of mixing butter in the fluffy bowl, stand back for a bit and have some more whiskey. Add one teaspoon of sugar and beat mixture, what's the mixture? Must have missed that one. Never mind. Make sure the whiskey hasn't gone off.

Cry another cup. Turn off the mixer. Break 4 legs, add to the bowl and chuck up the cup. Cry another cup. Turn off the mixer. Break 4 legs, add to the bowl and chuck up the cup of dried fruit. Mix on the turner again. If the dried fruit gets stuck in the beaterers, pry it loose with a screwdriver. Sample the whiskey for consistency. Next, sift two cups of salt, or something...where was I? Oh yeah, check the whiskey and repeat. Now, sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts.

Add one table spoon of sugar. Or whatever else you can find, it doesn't really matter at this stage. Grease the oven and turn the cake

pan 350 degrees. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Boon the spatter, no, uh boon the spatter in the cake man, whiskey the checksky again, repeat and then either fall over or go to bed, whatever comes more easily.

We will be organising a tasting evening with a prize for the best cake. Date to be advised.

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#### **Rosemarket Community Council:**

The following are some of the items discussed during the last three meetings:-

Gift to Mr Ashley Warlow on his retirement as Clerk after 20 years service.  
Provision of Notice Board  
United Reform Church  
Village Cleanliness – St Leonard's Park area  
Removal of fencing by persons unknown at bottom of the Beacon  
Re-surfacing of designated cycle track  
The fencing at the Farriers on the Beacon  
Parking at Middle Crossing – lack of space  
No progress on disposal of Village School  
Road Maintenance and improvements at Dirty Corner  
Support to Burton Youth Club  
Parking restrictions in Village and widening road adjacent St. Leonards Park and Front Street  
Dog fouling and dogs roaming loose  
Wind turbines at Wogaston  
Litter Bins  
PCC documents replied to :- Play Area strategy, Local Transport plan and Unitary Development Plan

DOG FOULING – It will shortly be an offence if dog owners do not clean up after their dogs.

The County Council will not be putting up signs everywhere throughout the County as the cost would be considerable.

IGNORANCE of the legislation will be no excuse.

## Garden Birds

Recent surveys of the British bird population have shown a dramatic decline in some of the more common species. Many of us will have noticed that skylarks and lapwings are now far less common than they were, say twenty or thirty years ago. However it is a shock to learn that birds that formed a familiar background to our daily lives, such as the house sparrow, song thrush, and starling, are now falling in numbers.

On the other hand, there are some species, such as the collared dove and the greenfinch, that have gained ground in recent times. The greenfinch is a very frequent visitor to the feeders in the garden and can show extremely aggressive behaviour towards other birds.

The increasing number of people who provide food and water for birds in their gardens are doing a great deal to sustain garden birds populations during the winter months. And the regular recording of garden birds by the public is of vital importance in giving information on the fluctuations of bird movement and population.

For a year now I have been recording garden birds for The British Trust for Ornithology. For a £10 annual membership fee, which goes towards costs of administration, you are sent charts on which to compile weekly records of birds visiting your garden. The completed charts are then returned to The Trust at quarterly intervals.

Just outside the kitchen window . I have placed three types of wild bird food: peanuts, sunflower seed, and a cylinder of fat that incorporates dried insects. I also provide water.

Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Dunnocks, blue and great tits and a robin are daily visitors, and quite often a pair of collared doves fly down to pick up any fallen seed. I've also made regular recordings of coal and marsh tits, and during March, a siskin has made a number of visits to the peanut feeder. The siskin is a good example of a species that is becoming more widespread in Pembrokeshire. This increase in numbers has coincided with the increase in coniferous plantations in the county. For example, in Pantmaerog Forest and Canaston Woods; but during the winter months siskins are also attracted to gardens where nut feeders have been provided which has been an important factor in maintaining rising population of these attractive little birds.

March2000

Wayfarer

**A warm welcome to all new families to the area.**

**We hope we will see you at many of the events in the diary.**

## The FOLS are after YOU

The Friends of Llangwm School are a group of people who work to raise funds for Llangwm School. As we are known as the F( Friends) OLS we are keen to include anyone with any connections with the school and welcome support from parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, governors, dinner ladies, ex-pupils and their parents and so on. No one can escape our clutches!

After a short break, the group got going again last September with a new committee; we meet two or three times each term in the Cottage Inn and try to plan fund-raising events which will appeal to all (any ideas are gratefully received!). So far, we have raised a total of £700 this school year in a variety of ways- an Andrew Price hairdressing evening, Christmas raffle, Quiz nights and colouring competitions.

We also run a Bonus Ball Competition two or three times a term- this is run on a Saturday night and involves us selling the numbers 1 to 49 for £1 each. Whoever picks the number that matches the bonus ball in the National Lottery of that week wins £15.

During the Summer term we plan several events and would like to welcome anyone who wishes to join us as all the money raised goes to support the children in the school. On June 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a cake stall at School Sports Day, on July 7<sup>th</sup> a Family BBQ and stalls (July 14<sup>th</sup> if wet!) and we hope to enter a Float in the village Carnival.

If you would like any more information, please contact the school or any of the following;

Cath Morgan(Chair)	01646 601190
Fran Richards(Secretary)	01437 890902
Julie Gow (Treasurer)	01437891316

## ON A MISSION

**Burton Community Council turned out in force one Sunday morning in January and accompanied by two able stalwarts from Oakwood, namely John Gwillian of Tiers Cross and Steve Buckingham from Pennar set to work:-**

**MISSION – Remove trees to improve visibility for parents delivering and collecting children who attend Burton school.**

**Many hands make light work and by mid-day the mission was accomplished. Thanks to everybody that turned out and special thanks to Paddy for the hoist and John for the trailer**

**Two replacement trees will shortly be planted. One on behalf of Mr Mcnamarra in remembrance of over 30 years service to the Community Council ( what an excellent achievement ). The second tree is being provided by Mrs Julia White MBE in remembrance of Ted, her husband, who was also a past Chairman and member of the Community Council.**

### ESTUARY

An endless and solitary place  
Whose infinities contain  
Massed congregations of the clouds,  
Bird multitudes,  
The long procession of the tides.  
Whose silent kingdoms yield  
To a single curlew cry.  
Where soul reaches out  
From its web of bone  
And touches the hem of eternity.



## **FOBS WANT YOUR SUPPORT**

***FRIENDS of BURTON SCHOOL are FOBS.***

***A FOB helps to raise funds for the children of Burton School.***

***You do not have to be a parent to be a FOB, the group welcomes all who want to support and help the school.***

***FOBS would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have given their support and time to our events and also for support in future events.***

***We have a busy time ahead :-***

***10<sup>th</sup> April Informal Parents Evening  
3.30pm – 5.45pm.***

***24<sup>th</sup> May School Photographer***

***26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 School Camp  
( Pembs Water Sports Centre )***

***21<sup>st</sup> June (22<sup>nd</sup> if wet ) Sports Day  
Cake stall & refreshments***

***Future Fund Raising Events :-***

***6<sup>th</sup> April Italian Night at the Stable  
Bar 8pm ( Entertainment provided  
by Brian Jobson )***

***21<sup>st</sup> May Sponsored Bike Ride  
following the old railway track from  
Johnston to Neyland***

***July 8<sup>th</sup> Summer Fete 2pm at the  
Beggars Reach***

***NB. FOBS next meeting 8<sup>th</sup> May  
Stable Bar 8.0pm.***

*Please come and support us  
Everyone Welcome*

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## **MORE BURTON VC SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Eisteddfod**

The school Eisteddfod was held at school on St. David's Day. The adjudicators were Mrs. Spiers and Mrs. M Luke. Following a wonderful morning of recitation, singing and music the eventual winners were Benton. An evening performance for parents began at 6.30pm. when parents were given a flavour of the morning's Eisteddfod and a chance for the children to show their many talents to a large audience.

### **Story Telling**

Class 4 and Class 2 visited Tasker Milward on 26/1/00 for a reading workshop with visiting author, Malachy Doyle. Mr Doyle, who is based in Wales, presented the school with some signed copies of his books.

Mary Anne Roberts, who starred as the Genie in the Torch Theatre's production of Aladdin, visited school on 8/3/00 and held an interactive story telling workshop for the junior children.

### **Dog Warden Visit**

Pembrokeshire Dog Wardens visited school on 14/3/00 and talked to the whole school about their job. They also informed the children of the new laws which apply to dog

owners and what happens to stray dogs when they are found.

### **Church Visit**

Class 4 visited St. Mary's Church, Burton on 31/3/00. Mr. Dennis Venables was kind enough to accompany the children and conduct a tour of the building and grounds.

**Contact:** Mr. R. Rowell. Headteacher.  
Tel. 01646-600364.

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## **BURTON CHURCH NEWS**

### **DEAR FRIENDS**

As it is almost twelve months since the Revd. John Hale left the Parish, it is with some excitement that the Parishioners look forward to Easter, and the Licensing Service of our new Rector Revd. Michael Williams, who will be Priest in Charge of Burton and Rosemarket, and Port Chaplain of Milford Haven.

I am sure that the Parishioners of Burton will offer the same warm welcome to Revd. Williams as that experienced over the years by Revd. Hale. Coming from the more urban area of Telford, Revd. Williams will witness a big change and it is important that we all assist in helping him and his family to settle happily in this beautiful part of rural West Wales.

Having gone some twenty months without a practicing Rector we look forward to the leadership of Revd. Williams as an inspiration to us all, as we go about our daily lives.

The service of Licensing will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2000 at 3.00pm followed by tea at the Mission Hall for everyone. Some seventy five people are travelling from Telford to give Revd. Williams a good send off and it is

hoped that Burton will give an equally good welcome by attending in large numbers.

The following day, Palm Sunday Revd. Williams will commence his Ministry in the Parish. It would be encouraging to see the Church full on this important day in the Church Calendar, to take the opportunity of meeting and welcoming the new Rector.

***Cyril NB. Rosemarket Church are coming in force on the 15<sup>th</sup>.***

### *Other Church News:*

Mrs Peggy Warren is now Secretary of the PCC.

Sunday School, under the guidance of Mrs WendyPhillips, has gone from strength to strength. The PCC thank Mrs Phillips and her helpers for their excellent work.

Thanks go also to the Rural Dean Revd. Jonathon Lean, Canon John Harvey and Canon Martin Likeman for taking our services during the last year.

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## Our New Zealand Holiday by Mel Griffiths of Houghton

After Mandy had spent a few days in Houghton we all travelled to the airport where our holiday were to start with a flight from Heathrow, on Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup> at 12 o'clock, landing at Los Angeles for a few hours, then on to Auckland, New Zealand, arriving there at 6.15 am on Tuesday January 18<sup>th</sup>. We were greeted by beautiful sunshine, much too hot to stand out in, what a contrast from Great Britain. From there we flew to Christ Church, located in South Island, New Zealand where we were met by our son Lewis and his family. After a warm welcome, we travelled by car for one hour to Ashburton, where the family live. The whole journey was much better than we first expected, and we could hardly believe that we had actually arrived in New Zealand. Lewis had arranged to have two weeks off from his practice. After a few days to allow recovery from our journey, he was able to take us around and show us some sights of his adopted country.

The first thing we noticed, especially around Canterbury, were the straight wide roads which ran for miles, with the railway running along the side of the road (unfenced). It was also strange to see farmers busy combining wheat, barley and rye grass, also hay making and lifting early potatoes, all in January. Also a large acreage of Borage which has a blue flower, grown for its herb use. We also noticed in Ashburton, how clean the streets were, and I was told that cats are a much favoured pet to dogs, this was noticeable by very few dogs that were to be seen around the area.

Farmers, I believe, do not receive subsidies, but most seem to survive pretty well. Dairy farmers, block calve their herds and manage a month or two off milking in winter. Cattle are wintered out, as there are very few buildings on the farm, except for the farms which supply the factory with milk for household use. They have to keep going all the year but get a little reward in the price they get for their milk.

I was informed that quite a few sheep farmers were gradually changing over to deer, which was showing slightly more profit. Also on our trips through the country I noticed several stud farms, horse racing and especially trotting is very popular in New Zealand. Some fields were fenced with wire and posts, others, with tall trees such as Poplar, Pine and Eucalyptus grown to a height of 15-20 feet. Irrigation is also a necessity. Another novelty were the private mail boxes outside each property, some were just practical boxes on posts, but some residents had really gone wild with their designs, such as wheelbarrows, tractors all made up from bits and pieces.

We spent a few days at Dunedin one of New Zealand's oldest towns, we also took a coach trip to Queenstown where we stayed for a few days, while there, we were able to take another coach trip to Milford Sound. That trip was really lovely, beautiful scenery, alongside snow capped mountains, through forests, over creeks, along the side of mountains through tunnels and very twisted roads with very few crash barriers. At Milford Sound we had a trip on the 'Milford Monarch' to see the sights.

Then it was back to Ashburton, to spend another week with the family, before departing on Saturday February 12<sup>th</sup> when we flew from Christchurch to Brisbane in Australia, to visit our cousin, leaving there on Wednesday February 16<sup>th</sup>. We flew from Brisbane to Auckland, then to Los Angeles and onward to Heathrow. On arrival we were met by another cousin and we then spent a few days in London relaxing and recovering from the long flight home. We eventually arrived back at our daughters home, where we received a very warm welcome from Rose and our three granddaughters. The finale, to our epic journey was made complete, not only with the warm welcome, but also, our favourite meal was waiting on the table.

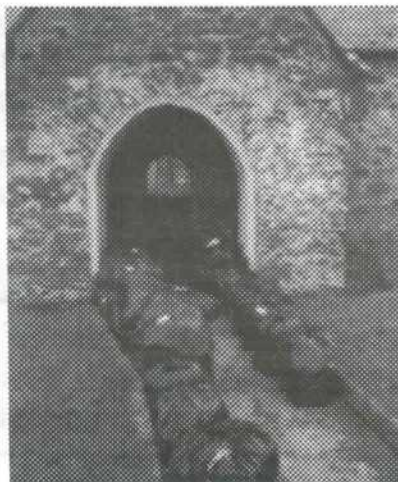
ROSEMARKET CHURCH  
KOSOVO APPEAL :-

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HE WAS QUICKLY ADVISED THAT WHEN THE CHURCH OF ST. ISMAEL IN ROSEMARKET DOES SOMETHING IT DOES IT WELL.

HELPERS WERE UNDETERRED AND SOON SIX OR SEVEN VEHICLES WERE QUICKLY LOADED AND THEN IN CONVOY, LED BY RECTOR HALE, SET OFF FOR THE DEPOT WHERE IT WILL BE PACKED FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION. THANKS AGAIN EVERYONE \_ GIVERS AND HELPERS.

Bags being placed ready for collection



Special request by Gwen Hill

*THE BLACK VELVET GENTLEMAN*

Our black velvet gentleman  
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On soft velvet pads  
with whiskers a-twitch –  
green eyes alert –  
two big orbs of light.  
Silently seeking, we wonder  
His witch?  
In through his doorway  
He glides through the house,  
Intruders beware,  
Especially a mouse!  
Warmest corner is chosen  
with care –  
Softest cushion,  
( Of course, master's chair )  
Pounded to comfort  
With black velvet paws,  
Then round in circles  
( From primitive urge )  
One stealthy glance  
Making so sure  
All is serene  
Before he can snore.

Two green orbs slowly close  
To the light –  
Black velvet gentleman  
We wish you goodnight.

Joan Reeder

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

Fund Raising Events in Aid of  
Rosemarket Church

Coming your way:-

- 28<sup>th</sup> April Annual Dance at the  
Queens Function Centre  
18<sup>th</sup> June Gift Day & Male Voice Choir  
in Rosemarket  
15<sup>th</sup> July Garden Fete at  
Silverstream Freystrop  
**Don't miss out**

## The Garden in March

By now many gardeners will have received by mail those neatly packaged boxes of seed from well known merchants such as Marshalls, Dobies, Suttons or Unwins. But this year, on a whim, I decided to buy my seeds from the local nursery. Actually seeing those rows and rows of flowers and vegetables seeds in their racks; the lines or the open sacks of seed potatoes, and the buckets brimful with peas and beans has, I think, the edge over selecting from a catalogue – even though now paper has replaced the former jute sacks, and black plastic the former shiny zinc buckets.

As every year when choosing seeds, my imagination leaps from the seductive illustrations on the packets to a vision of my own flourishing crop of succulent vegetables and to the blazing colours of my own summer herbaceous bed, perennially forgetting the crop failures when, after careful raking to a fine tilth as the instruction in the books advise, your sowing is followed either by weeks of cold and wet, or else by an exceptional period of drought; or that, if and when the shoots do appear they are often quickly devastated by slugs, birds and snails.

The beginning of March was wet with cold winds, followed by some warm dry days. But it has been a fickle month, and fickleness seems to be the main feature of all our spring months. When it is fine enough to get out into the garden you are faced with a thousand jobs that need to be tackled. Then it can be difficult to decide which one should get priority. If you grow vegetables then it is the vegetable patch that needs to be seen to first of all. Vegetable gardeners, always hoping that there won't be a severe late frost, like to set a row of earlies and sow a row of peas and beans as soon as possible in the month and also a row of parsnips which like a long growth period (although I know that older and wiser gardeners advise never to be in too much of a hurry!).

During these last fine days I have been able to cut the grass and set a row of early potatoes. I do not use artificial fertiliser, but over the years I have dug in sackfuls of seaweed hauled up on my shoulders from the beach at Burton Ferry – a lengthy procedure as each trench takes four sackfuls! The crops do well, although I admit that, as a back-up, I hoe in handfuls of the concentrated dried manure.

By the time this article was due to be submitted I had hoped to boast that I have now sown my early peas, a row of broad beans and a row of parsnips. But punishment for pride was waiting in the wings in a form of a heavy downfall or a bitterly cold wind.

Still the main and abiding quality that a gardener must learn is patience. Only won perhaps, after years of battling with and maybe gracious submission to our fickle climate.

Wayfarer

**BEACH CLEANING – lend a hand – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2000 – START 6.30pm**  
**WHERE ? Jolly Sailor Car Park – bring wellies – Gloves Provided**  
**Further Details phone Stevie Lewis on 01646 602424**

## SARDIS BAPTIST CHAPEL

On the 16<sup>th</sup> January, the Sunday School held a New Year, fun filled, party following the afternoon service.

It proved to be a popular event with plenty of helpers. The Sunday school, has been growing, and now has 18 members of all ages. New members with or without parent participation would be very welcome. Contact Hilda for further details on 01646 601193.

This Easter Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April will be a United Service bringing together Sardis and Hill Mountain Church. It is being held in Sardis Baptist Chapel at 3.0pm. The Revd. Linda Woolacott will be taking the service. Following the service the Sunday School are holding a Easter Bonnet parade.

### Fund-raising

During the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August the Chapel will be holding a Music Marathon. On the 12<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am to 7.00pm.. come along and listen to Nigel on the organ. He will play your favourite Sankey or any other hymn if requested. Teas will be available together with various stalls.

At 8.00pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August the Chapel will be holding a Sankey Evening starting at 8.00pm – everybody welcome.

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### Hill Mountain Church

In February a very successful Variety Concert was held in the Mission Hall with a packed to capacity audience. It was a fantastic evening and thanks to all who helped to make it a success.

Special thanks again to that wonderful 'Duo' Hilda and Rhys—What a team they are. Let David control the tickets next time Hilda because he would like to make sure he can close the doors.

The event raised the magnificent sum of £580.00 for the Building Fund.

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April a Coffee Morning will be held in the Jubilee Hall Houghton starting at 10.30am. ADMISSION 50p Various stalls including Cake and White Elephant plus a Raffle.

Proceeds for Building Fund.

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### **Burton Wednesday Club**

Forthcoming events:

12<sup>th</sup> April – Floral Art Demonstration by Mrs D Beckett together with Easter Bonnet Parade

6<sup>th</sup> May – Coffee Morning starting at 10.30am  
Cake Stall – Bric-a-Brac – Raffle – Conversation etc  
All for 50p

**NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME**

**Phone Hilda on 01646 601193**

## WANTED

by

Hill Mountain Church

**Kitchen Base Units and Worktops  
Reasonable Condition  
Will Collect**

Phone: MARGARET            01646  
   601383

### More Daffodils

At this time of year many Pembrokeshire villages have shoals of daffodils leading up to their entrances. Burton has just a few daffodils round its village sign.

What do the residents think about planting a mass of daffodils alongside the road leading down from the Cleddau Bridge to Burton Ferry?

## ROSEMARKET

WHAT ABOUT THE MILLENNIUM ?  
DO YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING ?  
YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 7.00pm VILLAGE HALL

Bring your ideas with you or deliver to Colin Rogers  
9 Ellesmere Ave before the day.

## GAMBIA APPEAL

Following our visit in January to the Gambia, we have been making a collection of pencils, rubbers etc for the schools as the children can only attend if they have them.

The response has been overwhelming but we can still accept more.

We are not sending money but any contributions towards the postage will be gratefully received.

Thank you to all who have contributed so far.

*Steve & Bernice Hayden*  
*Stable Inn*

Queens Function Centre-----Haverfordwest  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2000 8.00pm to Midnight

Tickets  
£6.50

Dress  
Optional

**ANNUAL SPRING  
SUPPER DANCE**

Dancing  
to  
'MARJ'

Proceeds in aid of Rosemarket Parish Church

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601193

## Railway Recollections

By Barry Jacob.

### Footplate Experience of 1962(No.1.)

Some of you living in the parishes of Burton and Rosemarket who know me personally, will also be aware of the fact, that I have held a lifelong fascination for railways. Therefore, I was delighted to be asked by County Councillor David Wildman, to share some of my recollections with readers of the Burton and Rosemarket Newsletter.

I've no doubt that my enthusiasm for railways stemmed from the fact that, my mother's parents, Joseph and Lily Price, farmed at North Hayston, near Johnston, and the Milford Haven branch line passed near to the farmhouse. I spent much of my young life there, and subsequently became familiar with the variety of trains that passed to and fro. The majority of locomotives to be seen were former Great Western types, ranging from the humble pannier tanks, which did shunting, and short-haul passenger and goods duties, to the famous Castle Class engines which had charge of Express Passenger, and Fish trains. Of all these fine locomotives, the one type which caught my attention most, was the County Class, designed by GWR Chief Mechanical Engineer F.W. Hawksworth, introduced to traffic in 1945.

The Counties, strong workhorses though they were, never managed to endear themselves to footplate crews to the same degree as the Castles and Granges, though there were usually four of the Counties shedded at Neyland, and were generally kept in good fettle. One of these engines, No. 1027 County of Stafford, was particularly well maintained, and has always had a place in my heart. It was aboard this engine that I had my first footplate ride when I was nearly 13 years old, and this is my story.

During the school holidays of summer 1962, I was staying at North Hayston with my grandfather when, one day, I received a message from my uncle, William Jacob, who kept the Forester's Arms, at Neyland. Some of my uncle's regular customers were railwaymen, and amongst these was driver Billy Harrison, who, through my uncle, had learned my love of railways, and had expressed a wish to meet me. Such a meeting was duly arranged, at the Forester's Arms, one July morning in 1962.

Aunty Violet kindly allowed Billy and I the use of her living-room for our discussion. From the onset, it was clear that Billy was keen that I should have the thrilling experience of riding in the cab of a steam locomotive. When he knew how much I admired County of Stafford, he began to make plans for me to ride on her footplate. Approximately a week later, on a Thursday morning, we met again. Everything had been finalised for my trip, which would commence that evening, at Milford Haven station at 8.50.p.m. With overwhelming excitement, I cycled back to my grandfather with this wonderful news.

Billy had explained to me that County of Stafford was being used that day, to haul an eleven coach excursion from Milford Haven to Tenby and back. Billy would be her driver for the return journey, when, after getting the passengers safely back to Milford, he would have to return the empty coaches to Neyland. It was on this part of the journey that I would be accompanying Billy.



Because the excursion would not be stopping at Johnston on it's homeward journey, it meant me having to travel from Johnston to Milford Haven by an earlier train, so that I could meet up with Billy Harrison at the scheduled time of 8.50.pm. Grandpa accompanied me to Johnston station that evening, saw that I had my ticket, and we crossed via the footbridge, to the Down platform to await the train from Paddington which arrived, hauled by GWR Mogul No. 7340. I climbed into one of the coaches. At 6.50.pm. the guard's whistle blew, and with a wave of his green flag, we steamed off towards Milford Haven – what excitement.

March 2000

Upper Crossing Cottage  
Rosemarket

**Sorry folks, you will have to wait for the next edition of this magazine to continue on this exciting jouney back in time.**

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### **Don't set sail without RUDDERS!**

**The new owners of RUDDERS BOATYARD & MOORINGS, Church Road, Burton, would like to say thank you to the local community for helping them settle in.**

**If you would like to keep a boat at Rudders, or have a boat or mooring you would like maintained-----**

**Just give us a call on 01646 600288 to find out more.**

**( Alastair, Liz, Chris, Nick & Carriedog Pollard )**

### **St. Mary's Church Burton**

On Saturday 4th March a St. David's Tea was held at the Mission Hall. This event was well supported with everyone enjoying the friendly atmosphere. The Rev'd John Hale, looking fit and well, was able to be present. Also present as guests were the Rev'd M. Likeman and Mrs. Likeman. They were both presented with a gift as a token of appreciation for their contribution to the successful running of the Church since last July.

The whole event was very successful and together with the raffle and cake stall raised a magnificent sum of £392-00. Thanks go to all who contributed in any way.

On the 15th April the new Rector of Burton and Rosemarket and the Mission to Seafarers, the Rev'd Michael Williams, will be inducted at St. Mary's Church, Burton at 3.00 p.m. It is hoped that the Church will be full to give a very warm welcome to the new Rector and after the service to meet him and his family at The Mission Hall with refreshments being served.

## **BURTON CRICKET CLUB NEWS**

On Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, over a hundred members, friends and guests of Burton Cricket Club enjoyed another very successful annual dinner dance organised by the club treasurer, Mrs Millie Scale at the Allt yr Afon Hotel in Wolf's Castle.

Following an excellent dinner, the people present were entertained by Mr Dennis Reed, who gave a very humorous speech, where many of his stories included some of the characters of the Burton area.

The other main event of the evening was the presentation of awards for the 1999 season. In his introductory remarks, the club president, Mr Cyril Venables mentioned the second team's very successful season in which they won both the fifth division championship and the Alec Colley Cup, the county competition for club second teams. He also mentioned the other club teams including the Youth team and the Ladies team and thanked all members, male and female, who work so hard to make cricket possible in Burton.

The presentations were:

1 <sup>st</sup> Team Batting	The Richard John Cup	Jon Scale
1 <sup>st</sup> Team Bowling	The Jolly Sailor Cup	Jon Scale
2 <sup>nd</sup> Team Batting	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Eleven Batting Cup	Andrew Cromwell
2 <sup>nd</sup> Team Bowling	The Parkhouse Cup	Graham Morris
3 <sup>rd</sup> Team Batting	The Linda & Graham Clarke Cup	Martin Jones
3 <sup>rd</sup> Team Bowling	The Westfield Shield	Chris Murray
Highest Score	The Tom Williams Cup	Alex Burns
Most Improved Young Player	The Jolly Sailor Cup	David Murphy
Best all Round Performance	The Henry All Rounder Trophy	David Murphy
Clubman of the Year	The M & L Williams Trophy	Robert Griffiths
Best Fielder	The M B Trophy	John Griffiths

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of March the younger member of the club enjoyed their own presentation evening at the Jolly Sailor. Following an excellent buffet which was sponsored by Winston and Beryl Griffiths, awards were presented to the following:

Junior Batting	The Statuette	Mark Griffiths
Junior Bowling	The Julia White Bowling Cup	Mark Griffiths
The Under 15's Award	Annual Club Award	Gareth Virgo
Under 14 Batting	Brumwell Statuette	Gareth Virgo
Under 14 Bowling	The Benton Cup	Matthew Davies

It was very encouraging for the younger members to have so many committee and adult members of the club present to support them on their special evening.

**EDITORS NOTE : Two of the characters that Dennis told us about were JACK the lad SCALE and CYRIL the VENERABLE.**

**No wonder they pleaded with me not to make it public by printing it in the Newsletter!!!!**

Why not be a SUPPORTER. Join the Burton Cricket '300 Club' --  
You could become the BIGGEST SCORER.  
Phone Millie on 600343 or Arwel on 600124

# SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CRICKET TEAM

## Cricket Club Fixtures 2000 ( Home H Away A )

### Division 2 ( Burton 1<sup>st</sup> )

#### May

1 Carew 11	H	6 Lawrenny11	A
13 Llechryd	A	20 Llangwm	H
27 Johnston	A	29 Spittal	H

#### June

3 Stackpole	A	10 Whitland	H
17 Neyland	A	24 Carew11	A

#### July

1 Lawrenny11	H	8 Llechryd	H
15 Llangwm	A	22 Johnston	H

#### August

5 Spittal	A	12 Stackpole	H
19 Whitland	A	26 Neyland	H

### Division 6 ( Burton 3<sup>rd</sup> )

#### May

1 Llanrhian11	A	6 Carew111	H
13 Letterston11	A	20 Narbeth111	H
27 Pembroke Dock	H		

#### June

3 Llangwm111	A	10 Crymch11	H
17 Neyland111	A	24 Saundersfoot11	A

#### JULY

1 Herbrandston11	H	8 Pembroke111	A
15 Stackpole111	H	22 Pembroke Dock	A

#### August

5 Narbeth111	H	12 Llangwm111	H
19 Crymych11	A	26 Neyland111	H

### Division 4 ( Burton 2<sup>nd</sup> )

#### MAY

1 Lamphey 11	A	6 Dinas	H
13 Manobier	H	20 Llanrhian	A
27 Kilgetty 11	H	29 Haverfordwest 111	A

#### June

3 Crymych	H	10 Maenclochog	A
17 Llangwm11	H	24 Lamphey11	H

#### JULY

1 Dinas	A	8 Manorbier	A
15 Llanrhian	H	22 Kilgetty11	A

#### AUGUST

5 Haverfordwest111	H	12 Crymych	A
19 Maenclochog	H	26 Llangwm11	A

## Easter Bingo

at

Rosemarket Village Hall

6.45pm

18<sup>th</sup> April

All Welcome

**Especially CHILDREN**

**FANTASTIC Prizes**

**Fantastic VALUE**

**50p inc.  
Refreshments**

# Dates for your Diary

( This page can be removed and kept as a reminder of what's on in your area )

<p><b>8<sup>th</sup> April</b></p>	<p>Coffee Morning Jubilee Hall Houghton</p>	<p><b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b></p>	<p>Rosemarket Church Gift Day &amp; Haverfordwest Male Voice Choir</p>
<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> April</b></p>	<p>Burton School - informal parents evening</p>	<p><b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b></p>	<p>Burton School Sports day ( 22<sup>nd</sup> If wet )</p>
<p><b>12<sup>th</sup> April</b></p>	<p>Floral Art Demo Jubilee Hall Houghton 2.30pm (Wednesday Club )</p>	<p><b>27<sup>th</sup> June</b></p>	<p>Llagwmn School Sports Day</p>
<p><b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b></p>	<p>Induction Service for Rector Michael Williams Burton Church 3.0pm</p>	<p><b>7<sup>th</sup> July ( 14<sup>th</sup> if wet )</b></p>	<p>Family BBQ &amp; Stalls</p>
<p><b>18<sup>th</sup> April</b></p>	<p>Easter Bingo 6.45pm Village Hall Rosemarket</p>	<p><b>July 8<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>Burton School Summer Fete 2pm</p>
<p><b>25<sup>th</sup> April</b></p>	<p>Beach Clean 6.30PM Jolly Sailor Car Park</p>	<p><b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b></p>	<p>Garden Fete Silverstream Freystrop</p>
<p><b>28<sup>th</sup> April</b></p>	<p>Annual Rosemarket Dance Queens Function Centre Haverfordwest</p>	<p><b>12<sup>th</sup> August</b></p>	<p>Sardis Chapel Music Marathon</p>
<p><b>6<sup>th</sup> May</b></p>	<p>Coffee Morning - Jubilee Hall Houghton - various stalls- All Welcome - 50p</p>	<p><b>13<sup>th</sup> August</b></p>	<p>Sardis Chapel Sankey Evening</p>
<p><b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b></p>	<p>FOBS - Stable Bar 8.opm</p>	<p><b>20<sup>th</sup> August</b></p>	<p>Annual Village Hall Golf Tournament</p>
<p><b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b></p>	<p>FOLS - Cottage Inn</p>	<p><b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p>Christmas Carols around the Tree in Rosemarket</p>
<p><b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b></p>	<p>Burton School Sponsored Bike Ride</p>		
<p><b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b></p>	<p>Burton School Photographer</p>		
<p><b>27<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> May</b></p>	<p>FUN DAY Rosemarket</p>		

## NOTES

See Over for Regular Events

**St. Mary's Church**  
**Burton**

9am Holy Eucharist  
(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Month  
8am)

2pm Sunday School

6pm Evensong &  
Sermon (except 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sunday)

Mission Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
In Month 11am Holy  
Eucharist

# BINGO

**Rosemarket Village Hall**

**Every Thursday**

**Eyes down**  
**7.30pm**

**ALL WELCOME**

All book money given in prizes  
Entrance fees Village Hall Fund

**To Place an Entry  
Call**

**Barbara Summons:**  
**01646 601194**

**Hilda Jones:**  
**01646 601193**

**David Wildman:**  
**01437 891705**

**St. Ismael's Church**  
**Rosemarket**

10.30am Holy  
Eucharist  
(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Month  
9.30am)

6pm Evening Prayer  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Month)

4.30pm Tuesday School

### COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**BURTON** :- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7.00pm in Jubilee Hall

**ROSEMARKET** :- 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 7.15pm in Village Hall

**Jubilee Hall Houghton**

Every Monday 1.00pm Line  
Dancing

Every Monday 7.30pm Scottish  
Dancing

Every Tuesday 7.30pm Whist

Burton Wednesday Club

Fortnightly 2.30pm Sept – July

Womens Institute

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 7.30pm

**Mission Hall –**  
**New Wells Rd**

Every Thursday  
7.30pm  
Line Dancing

*Used regularly for  
Drama practices and  
other Social  
functions*

For Bookings Call  
Mrs Campbell  
01646 600643

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Month  
11am Holy Eucharist

**Sardis Baptist**  
**Chapel**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
Every month 3pm

**Hill Mountain**  
**Methodist Church**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
Every Month 3pm

**Rosemarket**

Wednesday Club are looking for  
new members. Phone Barbara on  
01646 601194

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