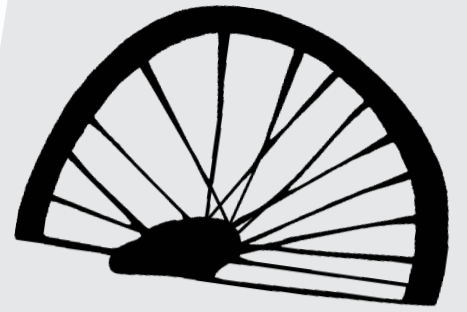




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# Bowburn Interchange



April/May 2002

## Picture House to go

*Another of Bowburn's Grot Spots to be cleared up*

**T**HE former Crown Picture House, later Bingo Hall, on Durham Road West, will be demolished, if recently approved proposals to re-develop the site go ahead.

In March, Castlegate Properties Ltd. obtained planning permission to build a dentist's surgery there, with offices on the first floor above. The plans included 14 car parking spaces in the front (behind the bus stop) and landscaping of the rough patch on the

northern side, across which runs a designated footpath.

There is believed to be asbestos in the cinema's roof. So its demolition can only be done by a builder licensed by the Health & Safety Executive (H&SE) to handle and dispose of asbestos. (Operational hours, fencing arrangements and other details will have to be cleared in advance with the H&SE.)

The cinema, which first opened

in January 1941, was featured in an article by "Stavros Young" in Bowburn Interchange in August 1998. The Bingo Hall, operated by Hearn Bros. of Sunderland, closed in 1996 and has been derelict ever since.

The site was named as one of Bowburn's "Grot Spots" in the village appraisal in 1997/98. And the proposal to have a dentist's in the village, for the first time ever, has been widely welcomed.



## More jobs and traffic for Bowburn?

**A** MAJOR development is proposed, by the Esh Partnership, on Bowburn North Industrial Estate.

The would-be developers, whose companies include Lumsden & Carroll, Deerness Fencing and Philadelphia Estates (who own the former Tursdale Workshops), have obtained planning permission to move their headquarters to Bowburn and so centralise the various parts of their operation.

They employ about 600 staff in construction and related businesses. This includes office and site-based staff, who would work at Bowburn if the development goes ahead, as well as those working away from the site, either on a daily or weekly basis.

The scheme would occupy the whole of the remaining unoccupied part of the northern estate (but not including the former Capes factory site).

Most of the jobs to be brought to Bowburn would at first be held by people relocated from elsewhere. But eventually the proposal would mean a significant increase in the number of

opportunities available for local people.

The proposal would also, however, inevitably generate more traffic. This will include not just employees commuting from elsewhere, when first re-located, but also vehicles leaving the new base (especially on Monday mornings) and returning to it (especially on Friday afternoons).

Bowburn is familiar with the dilemma that more jobs means more traffic. But to this is added the fact that many of the Esh Partnership's operations involve a lot of vehicles based on site.

Other companies on the industrial estate objected to the development, because of their concerns about traffic problems within the estate. It is hoped that Watson & Philip's new staff car park (when it is built) will relieve this problem. But traffic along Durham Road, through the village, will inevitably increase... until a by-pass is built round the west of the village... That prospect, though still a few years away, may be brought closer by the filling of the industrial estate.

## Bowburn P.A.R.C. (Play Area Regeneration Committee)

by Heather Kelly

**H**ELLO again. We would like to thank everyone for their kind donations and support of our Christmas events and Valentine's Disco. The latter proved a very successful fundraising evening.

Progress is being made towards providing a new park. We have applied for a Charity Registration Number and for a sub-lease of the park area. Thanks to Casey Morgan we now have a wonderful logo to use on letterheads and Casey's design will ultimately be used at the entrance to the park.

For your future enjoyment, and to raise funds, we have organised the following programme of events:

**Sponsored Toddle** on Tuesday **May 14th** at 9.30am. Sponsor forms and details can be obtained from playgroup (at the Community Centre).

**Race Night** at the Cooperage on Saturday **June 22nd**.

**Summer Disco** in the Working Men's Club on Saturday **July 27th**.

**Children's Halloween fancy dress event** at the Community Centre on Saturday **October 26th**.

We are also planning a **Cabaret Night** for **September**. Further details will be advertised closer to events. Please come along and have fun. Without your support we will not achieve our goal.

If you have ideas for events, or feel that you can help, contact Clive (377-9196) or Carrie (377-0489). Meetings are held at 7pm on the second Thursday of every month at venues around the village and everyone is welcome. The next meeting will be on May 9th at the Community Centre.

## Parish Council News

by Peter Thorpe,

Clerk to Cassop-cum-Quarrington Parish Council

### New Medical Centre

The Parish Council is pleased to report that steady progress is being made with the construction of the new Medical Centre for Bowburn. Although there are occasional problems with juvenile vandalism on the site, work is moving ahead steadily. Local police have been asked to keep an eye on the site to keep vandalism to a minimum until the developer brings his own security personnel on to the site.

### Bowburn Cemetery

The Parish Council is also pleased to announce that work on the construction of the new fencing at Bowburn Cemetery is due to commence very shortly. The fencing contract was won by a local contractor.

I am disappointed to report that unwelcome

visitors used the Cemetery as a gathering place for late night drinking, during the Easter Bank Holiday weekend and at the end of April. Apart from the empty bottles and cans which were left behind, damage was done to some of the fencing at the Cemetery.

Once again, local police have been asked to  
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## 50 years ago

What was happening in Bowburn 50 years ago?

We looked through some 1952 copies of the County Durham Advertiser.

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## 50 years ago

What was happening in Bowburn 50 years ago? To find out, we looked through copies of the County Durham Advertiser from March, April and May 1952.

It was the end of a very successful season for Bowburn footballers. There was the annual batch of weddings (before the end of the tax year). And it was local election year.

If you have memories of these times that you'd like to pass on, or can add information about the people mentioned in these columns, why not write to *Bowburn Interchange*, c/o Bowburn Community Centre, or phone 377-1491.



## Bowburn C.W. – football champions

In 1952, Bowburn Colliery Welfare were Champions of the Durham and District League, despite losing their unbeaten league record in the last match of the season. They lost 1-0 at home to Sacriston, on 3rd May.

But they had dropped only four points in the whole season, having played 30, won 27, drawn two and then lost that last match.

Bowburn had called on only 17 players throughout the season: Cowan (goal); Carruthers or Pattinson (left back), Hughes (right back); Wright (left half), E. Pallister or Nevison (centre half), S. Pallister or Knox (right half); Applegarth (left wing), Wood (inside left), Davis (centre forward), Snook (inside right), Cutty (right wing), Willey, Latue and one other.

Bowburn at one time had high hopes of winning at least one Cup that season, but it was not to be. In one of them, the Thornley Aged Miners' Cup, they lost controversially in the final, on Easter Saturday, 5th April 1952, by 3 goals to 2, to Bearpark C.W.. Bowburn's scorers were Snook and Applegarth.

Bowburn lodged a protest that Derek McGrath, a Bearpark player, had not been eligible to play in the tie. When the protest was dismissed, Bowburn appealed to the Durham Football Association. But, "resolving not to uphold the appeal, the Council intimated that they were satisfied that the competition had made their decision rightly and had acted in good faith. They ordered that the result of the game should stand", reported the Durham County Advertiser.

"Arising out of the appeal, the Council decided that Bearpark should be fined £1/1s because of an official, who was himself suspended until the end of the '52/'53 season. It was alleged that he admitted wrongfully signing a player's name, intimating that the player wished to be considered a player of Bearpark in the Thornley A.M. Cup competition."

## Bowburn Methodist Sisterhood

Mrs. Ogden presided at the first weekly meeting in May 1952 of the Bowburn Methodist Sisterhood, when Mrs. Redfern read the lesson. Mrs. Galloway was the speaker, with Mrs. Prest soloist. Mrs. S.E. Law was organist.

## Bowburn Boys' Club Juniors

BOWBURN Boys' Club Juniors also did extraordinarily well that season.

On 1st March 1952, for instance, they beat Sunnyside Juniors 8-0. The Durham County Advertiser reported the match as follows.

### "Bowburn Juniors' double hat-trick"

(Durham Co. Advertiser 7/3/52)

"Hat-tricks by two forwards were a feature of Bowburn B.C. Juniors' 8-0 away win over Sunnyside Juniors on Saturday. Bowburn took a while to adapt themselves to the small ground and had to wait until midway through the first half before Hadwin opened their account. Ramshaw, who had a great game, added two more before the interval and the visitors were three up at half-time.

"Centre forward Alan Veitch added a fourth shortly after the restart and went on to collect a hat-trick. Not to be outdone, Ramshaw scored direct from a corner to make his personal 'bag' three goals. 'Flash' Hutton, playing his first game for Bowburn, impressed and was unlucky not to get more than one goal – a full-blooded drive from 25 yards. In a top form defence, Elcoat was outstanding and right back Murray was often up with the forwards in an effort to add to the five goals he has scored this season."

The following week, Bowburn B.C. Juniors entertained Alington House in a Durham Junior League fixture. As an experiment, they fielded many of their 'B' team youngsters. So Griffiths, Baker and Reed only started as reserves and star forwards Veitch and Edwards did not even play. Indeed, nine of the players that played Sunnyside were going to be eligible for the following season. But they still did very well on 8th March, as the Advertiser reported the following week.

### "More goals for Durham B.C."

(Durham Co. Advertiser 14/3/52)

"Bowburn Boys' Club Juniors kept up their record of double-figure wins on Saturday when, in a very one-sided game, they defeated Alington House, Durham, 10-1. Of the players promoted from the 'B' team for the match, none did better than Clarke and Coulson. Scorers were Bell (3), Hutton (3), Thubron (2), Reed and Baker.

"Tomorrow [Saturday 15th March], Bowburn visit South Moor in the third round of the Langley Park Aged Miners Cup and have selected: Langley; Murray, Griffiths; Reed, Bell, Elcoat; Ramshaw, Hutton, Veitch; Baker, Hadwin. Reserves: Coulson, Knox, Edwards.

"Followers of this go-ahead combination will be pleased to learn that the two 'star' forwards, Alan Veitch and Bill Edwards, who both recently signed amateur forms for Middlesbrough, did well in the outings for their new sides on Saturday. Making his debut with the 'Boro's intermediate team against Newcastle 'N's', Veitch had an impressive game. He had a hand in the first goal and scored the third in the 'Boro's 3-0 win. Playing for Middlesbrough 'A', Edwards also put on a keen display and collected the first goal. Both lads are occupying the centre-forward berth in their respective teams, although Edwards was the first-choice inside-right with Bowburn."

## Spring Weddings '52

### Harrod-Wynne

Miss Mary Harrod married Mr. Gordon E. Wynne at St. John's Church, Bowburn.

(Photograph kindly supplied by Bill Moran)



### Ridley-Wilding

Mary Ridley, second daughter of Mr. & Mrs. G. Ridley, 36, Steavenson Street, Bowburn, married Griffith Wilding, elder son of Mr. & Mrs. W. Wilding, 33, Bell Vue, Quarrington Hill at St. John's Church, Bowburn, on Saturday 22nd March.

Rev. R. Kent officiated. The Bridesmaids were Miss Sylvia Owens and Miss Ann Simpson. The Best Man was Mr. R. Simpson and the Groomsman was Mr. G. Knox.

### Harker-Biles

Marion Harker, elder daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. Harker, 117, Park Avenue, Bowburn, married Kenneth Henson, younger son of Mr. & Mrs. A.D. Biles, 39, Balmoral Terrace, South Gosforth, at St. Mary's Church, Coxhoe, on Saturday 22nd March.

Rev. M.A. Shepherd officiated. The organist was Mr. L. Dennison. The Bridesmaids were Misses Gwendoline and Jennifer Biles and the small attendants were Jean Harker and John Bell. The Best Man was Mr. E. Biles and the groomsman was Mr. G. Bell.

### Dixon-Corbett

Cynthia Dixon, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Dixon, Clarence Street, Bowburn married William Corbett, son of Mr. & Mrs. W. Corbett, Ellis Leazes, Durham, at St. Paul's Church, Quarrington Hill, on Saturday 29th March.

Rev. M.A. Shepherd officiated. The organist was Mr. L. Dennison. The Bridesmaids were Misses Verna Williams and Dora Wilkinson. The Best Man was Mr. John Walters and the Groomsman was Mr. Edward Luke. The Reception was at the Black Horse, Coxhoe. The honeymoon was spent at Windsor.

### Ridley-Hewitt

Miss Sarah Anne Ridley daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T.W. Ridley, 81, Park Avenue, Bowburn, married Mr. Stanley Hewitt, youngest son of the late Mr. & Mrs. W. Hewitt, 51, Liddle Avenue, Sherburn, at St. Mary's Church, Coxhoe, on Saturday 29th March.

Rev. R. Kent officiated. The organist was Mr. Gordon Smith. The Bridesmaids were Misses Margaret Dixon and Margaret Corbett. The Best Man was Mr. J. Morrow and the Groomsman was Mr. E. Inman. The honeymoon was spent in Dublin.

### Bowron-Craggs

Mr. J. Bowron and Miss Helen Craggs, the only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Craggs, 4, Lansdowne Crescent, Bowburn, were married at Elvet Methodist Church.

Rev. H. Allan officiated. The Bridesmaids were Misses Jean Million, M. Akenhead, R. Laverick and B. Johnson. The Small attendants were Yvonne Wilson and Brian Craggs. The Best Man was Mr. W. Hunter and the Groomsman was Mr. G. Huntley.

### Bailey-Hopper

Miss Jean B. Bailey, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Bailey, Rainton Bridge Farm, East Rainton, married Mr. Harry Hopper, younger son of Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Hopper, 16, Bow Street, Bowburn, in St. Michael's Church, Houghton.

Rev. O.N. Gwilliam officiated. Organist was Mr. Shenton. The bride was attended, amongst others, by Norah Hopper, the groom's sister.

## Bowburn C.W. Cricket Club

In their first three matches of the new season, Bowburn C.W. Cricket Club lost at Waterhouses on 3rd May 1952 and then at home to Coxhoe on 10th May, in the B Division of the Mid-Durham League. But then they defeated Ushaw Moor on 17th May, by 52 runs, at Ushaw Moor.

J. Barnes scored a half-century and took 2 wickets for 14 runs. Kell took 3-28 and Mawson 3-14.

Bowburn's other players were: I. Harper, L. Smith, Gill, H. Gray, K. Hill, K. Kell, R. Johnson, G. Harper, J. Mawson, S. Wilde. The other bowlers were Gray and Gill.

## Crowtrees Workmen's Club and Walter Harrison's XI

A CHARITY football match was played on Good Friday, 4th April 1952, in aid of the Aged People's Fund, between Crowtrees Workmen's Club and Walter Harrison's XI, at Bowburn Welfare ground.

The teams were:

**Crowtrees:** Mayan; Bulmer, Littler; Lynn, Corner, Bainbridge; Ridley, Lynn, Collingwood, Richardson, Fineran.

**W. Harrison's XI:** Turnbull; Stoker, Reed; Stephenson, Coates, Brewster; Mann, Phillipson, Bennett, Layfield, Collingwood.

Crowtrees Club won by 2 goals to nil and the fund benefited by £18.



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• Thurs. 18th July: Ray Selkirk (Roman Cassop etc.)

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## County Council

ON 11th April 1952, the Durham County Advertiser reported the Durham County Council Election results.

In Coxhoe division, Mat Tate (Lab.) gained 3,312 votes, against R. Wheldon (Ind.)'s 1,271.

## Rural District Council

ON Tuesday 6th May 1952, elections were held in ten parishes for seats on Durham Rural District Council. (Those in the other eight were uncontested.)

Labour gained four seats, including that of Frank Johnson (Lab.), newsagent, in Coxhoe and that of Charles Pragnell (Lab.), miner, in Shincliffe. This took Labour's total to 24 out of 28, compared with the 20 they had held before the elections.

Tommy Marsden (Lab.), miner, in Cassop-cum-Quarrington, also joined the Council for the first time, replacing Cllr. H. Morris, unopposed.

Jack ["Danny"] Ramshaw (Lab.), miner, was the other Cassop-cum-Quarrington District Councillor, having joined the Council in 1949, after the death of Alderman William Kelly.

The three other candidates elected in Coxhoe were J.H. Finity (Lab), signalman, A. Hesler (Lab.), checkweighman and J.J. Noone (Lab.), engine driver. Cllr. G.L. Adamson (Ind.), butcher, lost his seat. So did Rev. S. Moore (Ind.), in Shincliffe, though he remained on the Parish Council there and was re-elected Chairman.

## Rate Increase

IN March 1952, the rates in Bowburn went up to £1/3s (£1.15) in the £. This included the Durham Rural District Council rate, which went up to £1/1s/6d (£1.07½p), and a Cassop-cum-Quarrington rate of 1s/6d (7½p).

That meant a rate bill of about £84 a year for a typical colliery house – though that would in most cases be paid by the NCB.

This compared with a total of £1/1s/2d, or £1.06p, in the previous year. (And it compares with a Council Tax of £698.62p + £10.66p for Band A houses fifty years later... and that doesn't include the water rates!)

## New houses

IN 1952, Durham R.D.C. were building 200 new house, in Bowburn.

They were in Mary Terrace, Bede Terrace, Prince Charles Avenue, Edward Avenue, Margaret Court, William Street, Surtees Avenue and Lawson Road.

The site was the biggest on the council's programme and was for miners travelling from Coxhoe, Kelloe, Quarrington Hill, Shincliffe, Sunderland Bridge and Hett.

On 9th May 1952 the Advertiser reported confirmation that only miners working at Bowburn Colliery would be eligible for the new houses being built in Bowburn by Durham Rural District Council.

The National Coal Board said, "lists had been submitted in order of priority, determined by length of service and travelling distance, and would be published at the colliery. Applications from people who have been married less than three years and those who travel less than two miles to work would not be considered."

## Bobby Thompson

A VARIETY concert was given on Wednesday, 9th or 16th April 1952, in the Welfare Hall by Bobby Thompson, of "Wot Cheor, Geordie" fame, and his party, in aid of the Aged People's Fund.

Mr. A. Craggs, president, gave a vote of thanks.

## Miss Vera Twitty

"MISS Vera Twitty and fifty of her pupils gave a pantomime, 'Cinderella', in the Welfare Hall on Monday [31st March 1952], in aid of Bowburn Boys' Club football club.

Coun. J.J. Ramshaw presided and Mr. W. Harrison thanked the artistes. Sum of £10/10s was realised."

## Crowtrees Workingmen's Club

THE third heat of the 'go-as-you-please' competition in the Crowtrees Workingmen's Club, on Saturday, 17th May 1952, was won by Mr. P. Dunn.

Mrs. Elliott was placed second. The concert chairman was Mr. J. Fineran.

## Bowburn W.I.

THE April 1952 meeting of Bowburn W.I. was presided over by Mrs. Oxley. Mrs. Petrie, from Norton, gave a demonstration on 'Health and Beauty'. Mrs. R. Heron gave a report of the county meeting. The dyed egg competition was won by Mrs. Oxley.

Bowburn schoolboys, including Harry Blackburn, Bobby Bateson, Jackie Evans and Ronnie Mould, gave two plays under the direction of Mr. T.S. Gill.

The lucky door prize, given by Mrs. A. Bell, was won by Mrs. Metcalfe. A letter of thanks was read by Mrs. Collingwood for flowers received while in hospital.

Hostesses were Mesdames Wharton, Campbell, Mould, Richardson, Allison, Coleman and Schofield."

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## Margaret Roddam

Mrs. Margaret Roddam, aged 78, was buried on Saturday 8th March, following a service at St. John's Church, Bowburn, conducted by Rev. R. Kent.

Mrs. Roddam had lived in Bowburn for 41 years, first at 8, Clarence Street and then at 13, Norton Avenue.

Chief mourners were: Mrs. M. Stewart, Mrs. E. Hinton, Mr. J. Roddam, Mr. & Mrs. A. Gibson, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. A. Wilson, Joan Hinton, Marguerite Wilson, Mr. T. Burke, Mr. E. Burke, Mr. J. Mitten, Mrs. Mary and Hannah Mitten, Messrs. Smith, Gilmore and Todd, Mesdames Gent, Ansley, Wright, Harper, Coate, Howe and B. Howe, Miss H. Harker.

## Catherine Lynn

Mrs. Catherine Lynn, aged 79, of 31, Durham Road, Bowburn, was buried on Saturday, 5th April 1952, following a service in St. John's Church, Bowburn, conducted by Rev. R. Kent.

She had lived in the village for 44 years and had been an active church worker and a founding member of Bowburn W.I.

Chief mourners were Mr. N. Lynn, Mr. J. Lynn, Mr. & Mrs. J. Lynn, Mr. & Mrs. Harrison, Mr. & Mrs. Rushling (sons and daughters-in-law); Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Stephenson, Miss I. Lynn, Mr. & Mrs. J. Lynn, Mrs. H. Wilkinson, Mr. & Mrs. N. Wright.

## William Morgan

William Morgan, aged 49, of 17, Mavin Street, Durham, deputy overman, was killed at Bowburn Colliery on Monday 7th April 1952.

He died a few hours after admission to the County Hospital following a collision with a runaway tub while working in the Low Main drift.

The accident was witnessed by Isaac Gallimore, a haulage hand at the colliery, of 14, Norman Terrace, Pitlington, who gave evidence at the inquest on Thursday 10th April.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.



First Year Bowburn Juniors 1952

## School First-Aid Class

ON 23rd May 1952, the Durham County Advertiser reported that Bowburn County School First-Aid Class had achieved a 100 per cent success rate. The following awards were gained.

**Certificates:** S. Appleby, A. Atkinson, T. Corner, G. Egglestone, T. Jones, J. Madgin, R. Maddison, A. Patterson, J. Surtees, S. Smith, H. Hathaway and J. Willis.

**Vouchers:** J. Allan, W. Chatt, J. Edwards, G. Forth, James H. Griffiths, J. Harker, T. Simpson, S. Simpson, William Swinburn, T. Smalley and H. Gash.

**Medallion:** S. Wilson

**Labels:** A. Bloomfield, W. Cowling, W. Jordan, W.E. Moore, G. Pearson, T.W. Pickles, N. Wright and W. Miller.

The examiner was Dr. Anderson (Ferryhill); the lecturer was Dr. P.F. Skehan (Kelloe), and the instructor Mr. R. Ferguson (Bowburn).

## Deputies' First Aid Class

Bowburn Deputies' First Aid Class, with Mr. F. Cannon as instructor and secretary, and Dr. J. Moffat, Old Cornforth, as lecturer, had a 100% pass rate. Examiners were Dr. J. Anderson, Ferryhill, and Dr. L.B. Williams. The results were as follows.

**Certificates:** A. Alderson, Geo. Collingwood, T.L. Davison, Wm. Eddy, J. Edwards, J.H. Freeman, T. Gilmore, Jas. T. Gilmore, Jas. Griffiths, W. Hinton, M. Hall, T. Howell, C. Hughes, J. Hughes, H. Jones, J. Mawson, J.G. Maddison, D. Keenon, M.P. Stoker, Ed. Taylor, F. Truby, Wm. Tickell, S.D. Vasey, Geo. Witham, Chas. Witham, C. Wilkinson, and W.D. White.

**Vouchers:** Wm. Bainbridge, A. Greener, Geo. Jones.

**Medallions:** N.C. Brown, W. Carr, Jas. Mason.

**Labels:** J.M. Elener, Geo. Wm. Golledge, J.T. Herring, Jas. Loaton, T.W. Luckman, A. Miller, H. Ogden, M. Price and Jas. Ward.

## Richard Ferguson

ON 11th April 1952, the Durham County Advertiser reported that Richard Ferguson, 113, Park Avenue, Bowburn, had been admitted a Serving Brother of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

After working in the mines for 40 years, and once secretary of Bowburn Miners Lodge, Mr. Ferguson left that industry in 1951 and became a rent collector for Durham RDC.

He had served on Cassop-cum-Quarrington Parish Council for a number of years and was currently vice-

chairman of Bowburn County School board of managers and a life-long member of Bowburn Methodist Church. He had also served terms on Sherburn Hill Co-operative

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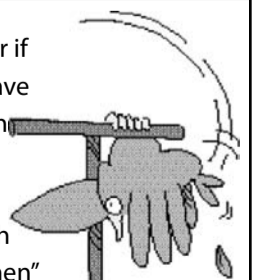
## Perch pronouncements No. 10

"I wonder if I'll celebrate MY golden jubilee..."



Polly '02

"... or if I'll have fallen off the perch by then"



(...to

quote Monty Python)

## 3D Young People's Community Support Project

by Dave Emmerson, Education in the Community

3D is a joint initiative between Education in the Community (Durham County Council), D.I.S.C (Developing Initiatives for Support in the Community) and Derwentside Victim Support.

3D is designed to provide target support to young people and their community in specific SRB areas within the County Durham.

The specialist staff team will work with young people and adults in those areas identified by Local Community Safety Partnerships, where young people issues are significant and little or no support is available. Through its work the Project aims to have a direct impact on reducing levels of anti-social behaviour and offending, increase the engagement of young people in education, training and employment, address the distance and hostility that can develop between young people and adults through our victim liaison service. To achieve these we need to ensure effective and consistent means of consultation and communication with service users and providers in the targeted area.

3D is currently working in West Ward of Newton Aycliffe area. Cassop-cum-Quarrington ward has been identified as the next area we'll work in. In the next couple of months we will start to set up a Reference Group in Cassop-cum-Quarrington ward, which will be comprised of young people and adults who have an interest in and want to make an impact on 3D's work.

By working closely with the Reference Group we could ensure the effective delivery of our project, providing a targeted service, as needed by the area, and identify other sources of funding to carry out the work once we leave.

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS (ctd. from page 1)

include the Cemetery in their routine patrols from now on, but it is a pity that such a lack of respect is shown to departed members of the community.

Durham City Council's Directorate of Community Services is to be warmly congratulated for speedily removing the litter at the Cemetery within 24 hours of call out, and



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### Donation of Chestnut Saplings for Bowburn Cemetery

On a happier note, arrangements are taking place to plant some chestnut saplings in the Cemetery area. The Parish Council is seeking professional advice about the exact places to plant the saplings as they will grow extensive rooting systems in years to come. The saplings were kindly donated by Mr. Shaw.

### Play Equipment for Bowburn

The City Council has taken delivery of Play Equipment for Bowburn Park.

Installation of the new See-Saw plus the up-rating of two sets of swings (all to be paid for

by the Parish Council) will be arranged when ground and climatic conditions are right.

### BMX Cycle Track for Park Hill

The City Council has been asked to submit a price quotation to the Parish Council for laying out the materials for a new BMX Cycle Track at Park Hill.

Local children are being consulted about the design and layout of the Track.

### Street Lighting for Bowburn

Eagle eyed residents in Bowburn will have seen that work has finally started on providing new Lighting Columns near the Library and in Walker Street. Negotiations with the County Council have taken several months to reach a conclusion but there will soon be light (at the end of the tunnel).

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# Bogus callers to your home

by BC Bruce Cockburn, Bowburn Beat Officer

**MOST** callers are probably quite genuine. But some are out to steal or 'con' you out of your money. There have been a few incidents of bogus callers in our area.

Bogus 'officials' may be smartly dressed and claim to be from the Council, Gas Board or other organisation.

Bogus 'workmen' may say that they need to come in to check something or make urgent repairs. You also need to be careful of callers who offer to make building repairs or tarmac your drive. Often they will ask for money in advance and then simply disappear, or do a

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any building work done it makes sense to get several written quotes from trustworthy firms and then decide which is best.

This is what you should do if some one calls:

- Check to see who it is by using your spy-hole if you have one, or by looking through a front window.
- Always put the chain on before you open the door. (If you don't have a chain it's a good idea to get one – they don't cost much.)
- If you don't know them, ask to see their identity card. Check it carefully. Genuine callers won't mind if you close the door while you do this.
- If you are not sure, ask the caller to come back later. You can then check their story by phoning the organisation or company they claim to represent. (Look up the number in your own telephone directory. Don't rely on the telephone number on the card. It may be the number of a crook's partner.)
- If you are still not happy, phone your local police and tell them what has happened. And tell your neighbours or relatives.
- Watch out for anyone who says they are in a hurry. Don't let them pressure you.

Remember – If in Doubt, Keep them Out.

~ Advertising Feature ~

## Body Art - Bowburn Style

THE boys at Artful Ink Tattoo studio are about to make their mark throughout the UK and Europe. Last month saw the start of a tour of shows and conventions where they intend to make sure that Bowburn can compete with Europe's finest tattoo artists.

Having already notched up an impressive list of trophies since opening up the studio in 1996, the proprietor, Carl Cooke said, "It is our aim to promote the studio in all areas of Europe. After the hectic time last year with the renovations to the studio now complete, we can take the time to travel to compete."

A great deal of effort has been put into the transformation of the old betting office site, into what is now a modern, comfortable building, with a truly welcoming atmosphere.

Carl says, "although Mark and I are travelling we will still maintain a fully operational studio, as we won't always be away from the Bowburn studio at the same time. After all, we've had a great deal of support from the local people as well as from the surrounding area and we intend to offer our art form to others as well as those who have helped us so far".

The studio tries to accommodate customers



whenever possible but, appointments are sometimes necessary. The boys can be contacted at:-

Artful Ink Tattoo & Body Piercing,  
The Old Betting Office,  
Durham Road West,  
Bowburn  
Tel: (0191) 377-9190  
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# Bowburn Youth Project News

by Beverley Phillips

**SINCE** the beginning of the year the youth project has gone from strength to strength, boasting 275 members on the books, and an average of 75 at each session.

The young people in the club have been involved in several activities and are taking greater ownership for their building and equipment. Three have joined the committee as junior members offering points of view of the young people.

The inside of the building is being redecorated and the Connexions group has painted the games room ready for an Art Project. They received £800 from Durham City Arts to make a banner for the project depicting today's youth culture.

The Connexions group are currently receiving training for Peer Mentoring and also interview techniques to enable them to take on this new group competently – more skills and qualifications for their C.V.'s and work towards the Youth Achievement Awards.

Since January Pat Hill, a full time youth development worker in the area, has worked with 14 of our young people on a Making Music Project. This is well under way and the young people will be putting on a cabaret show in early June. They have designed and painted their own costumes and staging for the event and they have planned the songs to suit all age groups. Hopefully

the Community Centre will house the event and the young people have chosen to give some of the money made to children's cancer research.



Look out for the tickets! You'll be amazed at the talent of these young people!!

During February the young people organised two Valentines disco's, one for the older members and one for the younger ones. The Connexions group used the disco equipment they raised the money for and altogether the events raised in excess of £250 for the club.

We have two Initial Training Programme Students in the club from January to May and they are organising events both inside and outside the club.

Sarah Antcliffe has worked with 3 of the young women on a cookery project for which they made a 3-course meal for eight people (which, by the way, was beautiful). They

are working towards entering the Super Chef competition at the end of April.

Bob Hitch has been organising football events for the young men interested and has arranged games for them with other areas at Belmont school.

Bob and Sarah have taken a lead role in organising the Stay-Awake this year, as the young people have expressed the wish to raise money for the club.

Thanks to both of the students for their extra time and dedication to our project.

Harry Cairns, our resident specialist instructor is still very busy in the weights room, with several young men dedicating their time to fitness and weight training.

The young people have expressed the wish for the club to be an open door for anyone interested in seeing what they are achieving. So if you would like to visit on a club night, you are more than welcome to pop in and see what happens.

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## Hare & Greyhound

by Angie Harvey

OUT of the £500 raised before Christmas 2001, Bowburn Playgroup have received a combi-television and tapes worth £280, PARC have received £100, and £100 will be going to Bowburn Youth Project.

There will be some more cash to be given out when Angie relinquishes her tenancy in the next few months.

The new tenants will inherit very generous and supportive customers.

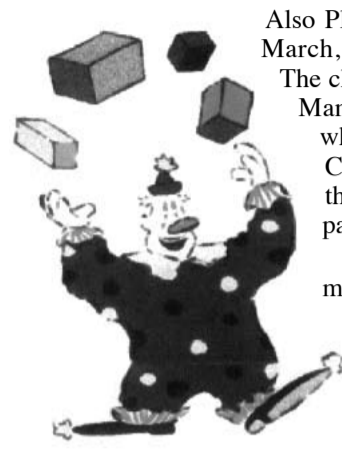
Angie would like to take the opportunity to say "Thank you" to all her customers for their very valuable support over the last year.

Thanks!

# Bowburn Playgroup

by Carrie Whitfield

ON behalf of the Bowburn Playgroup, I would like to thank Angie and her customers for their kind donation of a TV and Video Combi. The staff and parents can't thank you enough.



Also Playgroup had a disco on 16th March, which was a huge success. The children thoroughly enjoyed it.

Many thanks to Jimmy Corbett, who supplied the music, to the Community Association for the venue, and to the staff and parents for supporting us.

Playgroup is now open FIVE mornings a week, from 9.30 to 11.30am. Anyone wishing to add their child's name to the list, please contact Alison on 377-8213.

We also have a mother and toddler group on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, 9.15 to 11.15am. Everyone welcome.

# Local Bus Times

*I*N the last edition of Bowburn Interchange (in December 2001), we published our latest timetable of local bus services. There has only been one minor change on these routes since then.

Service 13 to Darlington now runs five minutes later on Mondays to Fridays, at 1741(NS) instead of 1736.

Service 57 has changed its route in Coxhoe – it no longer goes through the Grange Estate. But its times through Bowburn are the same.

With the help of the East Durham Rural Transport Partnership, we are aiming to produce regular updates in every edition. In December, we will produce a full new version if necessary.

If you have mislaid the timetable we printed last time, or are new to the area, please

ask at Bowburn Community Centre for a spare copy. (Leave your name if they have run out.)

If you have an enquiry about bus times, phone 0870-608-2-608.

If you would like a "Travelog", to record suggestions, praise and complaints about bus services, pick one up from Bowburn Community Centre. (They can also be left there, when completed.)

You can also contact the public transport section at County Hall, on (0191) 383-3337.

# Reunion – 40 years on

DID you attend Durham Girls Grammar School, between 1955 and 1960/62?



If so, I'd love to hear from you about a proposed reunion on 28th September 2002, at Mount Oswald, in Durham.

Please contact Janet Blackburn (Napier) on 377-0653.

# Fun Day – 6th July

THIS year's Fun Day excitement begins with a Grand Parade through the village.

Children from local Schools will be working with a specially commissioned community artist, in the weeks beforehand, to produce their own parade attractions.

Afternoon activities will be based in the Community Centre, the Youth Club and surrounding area.

Attractions will include pipe band, children's arts, juggler & balloonologist, Roman Legionnaires, motorbikes, horses and traps, Punch & Judy show, bouncy castle, five-a-side football, face

painter, toy stall, display by the Red Canaries Society, mining memorabilia display, exhibition of model engines and local history display.

A children's Poster Competition is being organised through the schools.

Raffle tickets are already on sale at 50p, for prizes of £100, £50, £25, £15 and £10, to be drawn on the Day.

## Book a stall!

There is still opportunity for anyone to hire a stall for the day.

We are looking for home baked goods, crafts, toys, tombola, flowers, or other suggestions. You could take this chance to display a personal collection of home crafts, even if you do not want to sell.

There is a limit of two stalls selling similar items. So first come first served. But please: No Traders and No Second Hand Goods.

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There will also be a prize for the best dressed stall.

For further information, please contact John Docherty, on (0191) 377-2324.

# Opencast application enters the end game

by Howard Armstrong, Secretary, BOAG

The final stage in the long and drawn out saga of the opencast planning application will soon begin. The public inquiry will start on 15<sup>th</sup> October in Bowburn Community Centre and will last for about a week.

This follows the decision of Eco Energy Group to appeal against non-decision. Their application still contains plans for three wind turbines at Hill Top farm and an unspecified "mixed-use" development between the line of the Bowburn Bypass and the A1(M). Durham County Council refused planning permission for the site in January.

Readers will recall the planning application was for a 755,000-tonne opencast mine between Bowburn, Park Hill, Coxhoe and Old Quarrington. The land borders on the parish cemetery and will have

severe environmental and social impacts. The proposal indicates the site will operate for a minimum 3.5 years.

It would result in the loss of a well used local amenity and a large stretch of open countryside, part of which is designated a County Wildlife Site.

Eco Energy Group has yet to apply for a diversion of bridleways and footpaths and the serious issue of the diversion of the road to Old Quarrington has to be settled. These issues are in addition to problems to do with the likely entrance to the site, dust, noise and pollution, and the

100 lorries per day that will carry coal to Yorkshire power stations. Some houses are less than 100m from the boundary of the site.

It is hoped as many of you as possible will be able to attend the public inquiry in the Community Centre in October to impress upon the planning inspector the weight of public opinion against the site.

# Bowburn surgery delayed as vandals strike

by Dr. Anton Pollard

REGRETFULLY due to acts of wanton criminal damage which appear to be happening on a regular basis by presumably some elements of Bowburn youth, our long awaited surgery in Bowburn is currently being delayed.

Staff at the surgery are dismayed especially as the people performing it are presumably patients who will wish to receive the benefits of the new surgery.

The police and local groups have been informed and the staff at Bowburn surgery will be grateful if any intruders seen are reported to the police.



# Juke Box Jive Sunday

2nd June  
Family Night Out  
at Bowburn  
Community Centre  
Adults £3.00  
Children £2.00 (must be accompanied)

# Small Project Grants

BOWBURN Local Advisory Group (LAG) recommended grants of £250 to the Christ the King Church Bingo Club and £317.19 to the Bowburn Playgroup.

Both have been agreed by the Durham and Chester-le-Street Community Alliance.

For more about Bowburn LAG and the Small Projects Fund, phone Fiona Anderson on (0191) 333-3988.

# Rural transport grants

by Howard Armstrong

GOVERNMENT funds of up to £10,000 have been made available to supplement public transport in rural areas. Cassop-cum-Quarrington Parish is eligible for these funds and the Parish Council is currently planning an application. The grants can be used for a wide range of purposes for example:

- start up costs for community vehicles,
- subsidies for taxis or other community-based transport projects,
- assistance to help people get access to services and places they cannot at present, through the use of existing transport through saver tickets, taxi vouchers etc. and
- training costs for community minibus drivers and escorts

Cassop-cum-Quarrington Parish Council is considering an application to help transport youngsters to local swimming baths and/or sports facilities. However, this is by no means finalised and we would like to consider as many suggestions as possible. Please could you drop the short questionnaire below into Bowburn Community Centre before the end of May.

(1) Do you use public transport?  
Never ..... Occasionally ..... Regularly .....

(2) Do you consider public transport in the area?  
Poor ..... Adequate ..... Good .....

(3) How do you consider public transport could be improved to encourage more users?  
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(4) If you were given £10,000 for a community transport project, what would you spend the money on?  
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(5) I fall within the age range:  
10-18 ..... 18-25 ..... 25-35 ..... 35-50 ..... over 50 .....

Many thanks for your time

# Beautiful Bowburn Competition

To enter this year's competition, send this form to Beautiful Bowburn Competition, c/o Bowburn Community Centre, Durham Road, Bowburn, Durham, DH6 5AT

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