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Big birthday party in July

by Maureen Robinson

Bowburn's Centenary celebrations are hotting up!

The next event will be a Folk Night with Broth and Stotty. This will take place in the Oak Tree Pub on Wednesday 5th July and tickets are now on sale. But the big one is still to come!

The Big Birthday itself will be celebrated on Sunday 23rd July.

This is the date, 100 years ago, that Gertrude Bell cut the turf ready for the sinking of the shaft for Bowburn Colliery. Admittedly, she is more famous for her work in the Middle East. But without this there would be no us and no village!

So Let's Celebrate!

At 12 noon on the football field the stalls will open and the fair will begin. There will be all manner of things to buy, sweets, balloons, second hand books. There will be a cake stall, a chocolate fountain, cups of tea, hotdog stalls, ice-cream van. You name it, we've got it.

Balloon Race

There will be a balloon race at 3.00pm, sponsored by Williamsons of Spennymoor: buy your tickets now! The first prize is a ride in a hot air balloon.

Hang up your free bunting for the Big Birthday!

Every house in Bowburn will soon get some, to hang in the window for Bowburn's Centenary.

Birthday cake will be served, children can enter the races, a demonstration football match will take place and much, much

more.

Be There!

At 10.00pm, gather once again on the football field and watch the grand firework display. Free!

Commemorative medals

The Community Partnership will also present all schoolchildren of Bowburn and Parkhill, up to the age of 16, with a commemorative medal. This will be given, in school, by a member of the centenary group. (Date to be arranged.)

Later in the year, probably in November, we have a tree planting day. School children will meet up with the young people from the youth club, and groups will be formed to plant a tree each. If you know of a place which would be enhanced by having a tree planted, please let us know and we will see what can be done. 'Phone (0191) 377-0653.

Last, but not least, there is going to be another Bush Big Band Dance Night. For all you people who love to dance, this will be a Christmas dance, held in the Community Centre on Friday 15th December.

A buffet supper will be served. Please watch out for details at a later date.

There will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Come and celebrate the village's One Hundredth Birthday.

Quarrington Hill memorial

A new miners' memorial will be dedicated at Quarrington Hill Community Centre, on Saturday 3rd June, at 11.00am.

There will be displays and refreshments throughout the day, starting at 9.00am, and all are welcome.

(See page 5 for news on Bowburn's memorial.)

Heritage Trails to be launched

Three treasured circular walks are to be launched in Quarrington Hill on Saturday 22nd July. All have been chosen because of the richness of their natural and cultural heritage.

One will run through Crowtrees, Heugh Hall and Old Quarrington, one will circle round by Kelloe and East Hetton and the other will pass through Cassop Vale and Old Cassop.

A special booklet is being prepared, describing some of the most notable wildlife and industrial features to look out for. Interpretation boards are also being erected at strategic points, including maps and photographs.

The launch will be at Quarrington Hill Community Centre, starting at 10.00am with guided walk round one of the routes, followed by a buffet meal and other attractions at 12.30pm. All welcome.

New banners soon to be unfurled

Bowburn will have two new banners marching through Bowburn, and then Durham, on Big Meeting Day – the Durham Miners' Gala, Saturday 8th July. And, before that, they will be unfurled for the first time in the village.

One of the two new banners is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and being made by Chippenham Designs in Norfolk.

The other one, the Children's Banner, is funded by the Bowburn & Parkhill Community Partnership and is being made by the Bearpark Artists Co-operative.

The Children's Banner will be unfurled at Bowburn Junior School on Friday 30th June, at an event mainly for the school's children and their parents and teachers. The full-sized, miners' lodge type banner will be unfurled on Friday 7th July, the eve of the Miners' Gala, in Bowburn Community Centre.



Nicola Dixon, and Mary and Malcolm Bell look at some of the faces in the crowd on the new banner, now being painted in studios near Cromer in Norfolk

Everyone is invited to the party on 7th July. The Shepherd Construction Group Brass Band will play several numbers.

There will be a free buffet meal, a bar till 11.00pm and the Northern Lights Disco playing favourites from the 1960s.

Perch pronouncements No. 28

So the great Gertrude Bell was the founder of both Iraq and Bowburn!



I think...



...she's got a lot to answer for.

Community Chest

The Bowburn & Parkhill Community Partnership approved its sixteenth grant from the Community Chest in March. Grants to the following local groups and organisation have so far been approved:

- Crowtrees Football Club£1,131.84
- Bowburn Boys Football Club...£1,185
- Lawson Rd Comm. Centre£343.86
- Bowburn Methodist Chapel£3,898.45
- Senior Citizens Club£232.23
- Cooperage Football Club£1,975
- Bowburn Pigeon Club£1,645
- Bowburn Toddlers Group.....£251.80

For forms and guidelines, please contact the secretary, Janet Blackburn, at 10, Grange Park Crescent (tel.: 377-0653).



- Crowtrees WMC Darts Club...£944.61
- Banner Group£4,165
- Bowburn Parish Church£2,604.91
- Martial Arts Club£918.75
- Oak Tree Darts Club£485.27
- Bowburn Junior School.....£1,248.19
- B.V.C.....£3,040
- Infants & Nursery School.....£4,259.38

There is still money in the Community Chest and applications can still be made, for up to £5,000.

Quiz winners

The winners of the Community Partnership's "Christian Names" quiz were drawn at its meeting on 18th April.

The first correct entry drawn was from J. Lister (£25), whose ticket was sold by K. Haigh (£5). The second prize was won by J. Kane (£10) and third by M. Minto (£5).

Entry forms for the next quiz, whose answers are all "Sweetmeats", are now available and have to be returned by 30th June.

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Great things going on at the Juniors!

by Lynne Lyons

Staff and pupils at the Junior School are really enjoying the Summer term, with many exciting things happening – and lots of learning too.

Just before Easter, the school held a Fun2BOutdoors day, organised by PE and Sport Coordinators Miss Rutter and Miss Lyons. All pupils took part in orienteering and problem-solving activities designed to encourage children to work together out of the classroom, get fit and have fun. World Orienteering champion Heather Monro visited the school to take part in the Fun 2B Outdoors day and presented every pupil with a signed photograph.

Children have thoroughly enjoyed running clubs and Teamtheme football activities after school. Governors are delighted by the tremendous developments in our PE and sport provision this year. Our fantastic staff team is working hard to encourage all our pupils to adopt healthy lifestyles, which will raise their fitness levels.

Year 5 pupils are working hard with local artists to complete the Bowburn Children's Banner in time for the Miners' Gala, when children will proudly march with their banner to follow the magnificent new Community banner.

Fifty staff and pupils will take part in

an educational visit to France in early July to practise the skills children have acquired in their French lessons with Mrs. Blacklock from Durham Johnston School. This is part of our ongoing liaison. Bon Voyage!

Everyone is looking forward to Sports Day when families will join us for an afternoon of fun and games. Before then, children from Year 2 of the Infants School will join us for a special Picnic Fun day and a Welcome Tea Party. These are just some of the events in an exciting programme of Induction organised by Miss Ormerod and Mrs. Lyons to make transition between the village schools as easy and enjoyable as possible.

Last year, all children with 100% attendance were treated to a special lunch at Bowburn Hall with transport provided in an open-top sports car. We are hoping to provide another special treat for even more pupils this year.

We have had a very busy and exciting year. Special thanks go to all our families in Bowburn and beyond. Your children are very special to us. It is wonderful to have such fantastic support.

Busty not Brockwell

We apologise for the error in *Bowburn Interchange* no. 37, which said that Bell Bros. began sinking their shaft to the Brockwell seam in 1906.

That was indeed their intention but, as every ex-miner at Bowburn will know, they never got that far. The shaft only reached the Busty seam, which was achieved, at 626ft, on 7th January 1908.

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Bowburn Community Association News

The Community Association held its AGM on 24th April. The following officers were elected: Chairman–Carrie Whitfield; Vice-Chairman–John Gray; Secretary–Andrew Shutt; Treasurer–Dorothy Baker.

Other officers and committee members elected or appointed were: Bill Bates, Bob Bellis, Janet Blackburn, Ken

Calvert, Roy Cooke, Syd Coulson, Judith Kane, Mike Syer, Dawn Whittaker, Pat Wilcock and Angela Richardson, with the able help of volunteers and staff Anne Gething, Harry Cheetham and Sandra Hill.

There is a "What's on this week" board inside the entrance of Bowburn Community Centre and a monthly list is published on the CA's website: <http://communitycentre.bowburn.net/ccnews.htm>

Thank you, Judith

Members of Bowburn Community Association and staff gathered to say thank you to Judith Grove, on 31st March, for her 26 years' service at the Centre.

Judith started as a part-time cleaner at the Community Centre in 1980 and has decided to call it a day. She has always done much more than clean, however, being an invaluable volunteer at many, many events. Indeed, Judith has said she will continue to help with the children's discos.

Thanks, Judith!



Infant School is "outstanding"

by Heather Kelly, Chair of Governors

The Governors of Bowburn Infant and Nursery school would like to congratulate staff, pupils and parents on being one of the very first schools in the County to achieve the highest praise possible from Ofsted by being labelled "an outstanding school", after their inspection just before Christmas.

The school was praised for its high standards and excellent achievement but, equally importantly, pupils' personal development and well-being were described as outstanding, and care, guidance and support as exemplary. One of the things that makes me most proud is the judgement that, "this is an exceptionally inclusive

school in which the needs of all pupils, irrespective of their learning difficulties or disabilities, are very well served."

Our congratulations also go to Mrs. Cochrane, acting Headteacher at the time, and to Mrs. Withnall, whose hard work over the last twenty years has played a major role in the school's success. We were delighted to welcome our

new Headteacher, Miss Ormerod, in January and look forward to many more successful years under her leadership.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs. Kathleen Nelson, leaving us after thirty years as school cook. She will be much missed by colleagues and children. We wish her all the very best for her retirement.

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New house building begins

Work started in April on the new housing scheme at Philip Avenue. The first houses to be built will be those fronting Philip Avenue and Robert Terrace, all of which will be for sale, and the bungalows and flats to be owned and rented out by Three Rivers Housing Association.

Although planning permission for this development of 86 dwellings was granted in August last year, a further application was submitted in May and neighbour consultation has started. The amended plans include a large number of minor changes. These can be studied at Bowburn Library, where copies of both applications have been placed.

Haslam Homes, who are building the houses, have given assurances that the footpath down David Terrace will remain open throughout, although it may need to be diverted at different stages of

the construction work.

Meanwhile new drains being laid in Prince Charles Avenue, to serve this scheme, have halted for new design works. It seems the plans being used of the existing drainage system were inaccurate, so connections had to be re-worked. Another drain will now be laid alongside the first new one, down the middle of Prince Charles Avenue, to complete the scheme. It is hoped that this additional capacity will solve the drainage problems experienced by residents in Philip Avenue in the past.

Conservation Area under review

A report on Bowburn's Conservation Area has been written – after 27 years of many people not knowing we even had one! (See *Bowburn Interchange* April 2004.) It sets out what heritage officers suggest are the good, neutral and negative aspects of the Area, which is basically the colliery roads, between Bowburn Infant School and Durham Road.

The report is one of many being prepared by Durham City Council, in response to recent legislation, to describe in detail the 14 conservation areas in the District.

A public meeting was held in Bowburn Community Centre on 31st March, at which officers summarised their

suggestions and listened to what those residents who attended had to say.

This launched the consultation on the document, which could lead to measures to make sure that the “good” features are preserved and the “negative” ones improved.

It was stressed that funding may not be

available to help with this, though some may be allocated from the village's regeneration project.

Queries about the Conservation Area can be addressed to Michael Hurlow, Durham City Council, Byland Lodge, Hawthorn Terrace, Durham.

Bowburn Masterplan

Bowburn's regeneration masterplan, which is being prepared by Fiona Bretwood for the Durham Villages Regeneration Co., is expected to be published this summer. It will be launched at a special event, in Bowburn Community Centre, in September.

The report, whose first draft was published last August, will include a wide range of priorities for Bowburn and Parkhill, which Fiona identified after consulting residents at meetings in late 2004 and early last year.

Meanwhile, the Community Partnership has been trying to coordinate work on drawing up detailed plans in each of the recommended priority areas. It has formed its own working group to work on Environmental improvements, such as street lighting, footpaths, landscaping and the Cop area.

Another group is working on highways and traffic problems, while another one is charged with plans for unadopted roads.

The PARC group agreed to lead on improvements to Recreational facilities, at the park and in the recreation ground. (See the article on “Big Plans for the Park”.)

Bowburn Community Association has taken on preparing plans for the future of the Community Centre.

Christ the King Church

is preparing plans for the future of its church.

Bowburn Youth Project is leading on the provision of youth facilities, including the DJ Evans Club, youth shelters and outreach youth work.

Parkhill Residents' Association is preparing plans for recreational and environmental improvements south of the motorway.

Bowburn Local History Society is preparing plans for the creation of a heritage resource centre.

The Banner Group is concentrating on Bowburn's banner heritage.

Centenary sub-group

A sub-group of the Community Partnership has been planning and coordinating events to celebrate Bowburn's centenary, just as a similar group, last year, organised events to mark the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II.

City Council help

The City Council is working with various partners to start apprenticeship schemes for young people in the village and the Durham Villages Regeneration Co. and the City Council are, of course, pursuing major improvements to local housing provision.

The attraction of new shopping for the village is also something that is beyond local community groups but this, too, is still seen as a priority for local people.

Regular reports on all the above are made to meetings of the Bowburn & Parkhill Community Partnership, which meets in Bowburn Community Centre on the third Tuesday of each month, at 6.30pm. All residents are welcome to these meetings and minutes are available in Bowburn Library and other public buildings in the village.

Big plans for the park

Durham City Council has been consulting PARC (the Play Area Regeneration Committee), the Bowls Club and the Youth Football Club about future facilities in the Park and on the Recreation Ground. They could be grand indeed!

Suggestions so far include two new mini-soccer pitches (in addition to the existing full-sized one), an all-weather floodlit pitch, a new tennis court, a sensory garden, security fencing and a new small pavilion for the bowls, a youth shelter, two play areas (one for toddlers and juniors and one for older children), a multi-sports area, an adult trim trail and a toddler trail, a skatepark and a BMX track. New toilets have been suggested, new car parking and new footpaths with street lighting.

If we get half of these, that would already be

much, much more than we have today.

Other groups are now being consulted on these ideas, such as the Youth Project and the Community Partnership.

The Council proposes to launch a full consultation exercise with local residents, ending in major displays on Sunday 23rd July, when the Centenary Celebrations will (hopefully) reach their firework-assisted climax.

After that it will be securing funding, from various sources, and securing planning permission.

That too will involve full consultation.

Bowburn Infant & Nursery School News

by Christine Ormerod

Our Breakfast Club is now up and running. Children can join us from 8.00am to take part in some gentle sports activities with our ever popular Sports Coach, Craig. They can then enjoy a healthy breakfast before beginning the school day. Feedback from the first few weeks has been very positive from both children and parents.

We have three After School Sports Clubs running at the moment. Here's a little piece of information on them all:-

The Football Club, taken by Alan Wilson on Mondays between 3.00pm

and 4.15pm, is so popular with Years 1 and 2 we have a large waiting list of children desperate to take part! After half term we will make sure the children are rotated and everyone has the opportunity to enjoy this superb activity.

Our Wednesday evening Dance and Fitness Club for Years 1 and 2 is as popular as the Football Club! It is wonderful to see so many enthusiastic, active children.

The Reception children are

thoroughly enjoying their after school multi-skills sports club, taken by Craig on Tuesdays between 3.00pm and 4.15pm.

We have a busy summer term coming up with a Teddy Bears Picnic for the Infant Children on 18th July, Infant Fun Day on 19th July and Nursery Fun Day on 20th July.

As always, we will keep you well informed of all events. Thank you for your continued support to school, it is much appreciated.

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Bowburn Children's Banner

by Barry Ormsby, Bearpark Artists Co-operative

Work is now progressing well on the new Children's Banner.



We started our work with the children of Bowburn Junior School by giving them a brief introduction to the historical role of Miners' banners, their visual symbols and structures.

This was followed by a workshop exploring collective drawing. A "brainstorm" session was used to find images of contemporary community for Bowburn, and top images of the past. The afternoons were spent producing drawings for the two sides of the banner, Bowburn & Parkhill - the past; and Bowburn Junior School - the present.

At a further workshop in the school children painted a border for the

school side.

The artists have tried to embody the spirit of the children's drawings in the banner. The designs produced in the studio were seen and commented on during a visit by some of the children and those comments were acted upon. The school ("the present") side of the banner reflects the children's sense of being part of the global community in a larger universe (with Bowburn at its centre!). The "past" reflects a sense of belonging to a more localised and more rooted life in the pit village, imagined by the children.

The tone of the banner is intended to be celebratory!

The Bowburn March

The world première of the "Marche Bowburn" was performed by the Reg Vardy Band in Bowburn Community Centre on 18th March. The piece was commissioned by the Bowburn Banner Group and funded by Durham County Council, to celebrate Bowburn's Centenary.

Composed by Ray Farr, the Band's Musical Director, it was played for the first time in public when Bowburn's 1959 Racecourse banner was unveiled by Roberta Blackman-Woods MP and local ex-miner Walter

Hinton. (See *Bowburn Interchange* no. 37.)

The music will next be heard when the new banner is unfurled on Friday 7th July, and at Durham Big Meeting, the next day.

Miners' Gala will be a Big Meeting for Bowburn

Bowburn's new banner will have pride of place at the Durham Miners' Gala this year, on Saturday 8th July. Our band will lead off straight after the NUM's own band and banner, from the Racecourse to the Cathedral, and ours will be one of the three bands to play the hymns at the Miners' Service.

Unfurling event

The band will arrive the night before, Friday 7th July, and play at Bowburn Community Centre to celebrate the arrival of the new banner. It will be unfurled by the Chairman of Durham County Council, ex-miner Cllr. Ernie Foster.

A free buffet meal will be provided for everyone present. Then, after the Shepherd Building Group Brass Band has played a short concert, the evening will finish with a 60s night disco, with Northern Lights.

In the morning, the Band will play, and the new Banner will be displayed, at Park Hill at 8.00am and then again at Crowtrees WM Club. They will re-assemble at 8.30am to march down the front street to the Post Office, then up Bow Street and Bede Terrace South to Prince Charles Avenue.

Free transport

Buses will be on hand to take residents into Durham, setting off from Prince Charles Avenue at about 9.30am. Thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund, all transport is free. To book places on one of the buses (and to make sure we have enough of them), please put your name down now. Lists are up in the Club, the Library, Bowburn Community Centre and the two local primary schools. Or you can phone 377-1491 or 377-0553. (Please leave a message if no one is in.) Or fill in the slip at the bottom of page 6 and leave it at the Community Centre.

Traditionally, Bowburn miners and their families

re-assembled at the Sun Inn, in Hallgarth Street - long since departed! This year, we may have to march down Church Street, instead, but permission has been asked from the police to use our traditional route.

Speeches or Fun Fair?

At the Royal County Hotel, the new Bowburn banner and its band are bound to get a big cheer. It will be an occasion to remember! After that, of course, we'll proceed to the Racecourse - some to listen to the speeches and others, no doubt, more interested in the Fun Fair.

When the official parade leaves the Racecourse to march up to the Cathedral, Bowburn will have pride of place, marching immediately behind the official band of the NUM (Durham Area).

Then, at the Cathedral, ours will again be the first new banner to go in, with our band playing its own piece of music as we enter. They have then been invited to accompany the three hymns sung with brass bands at this memorable Miners' Service, which starts at 3.00pm.

Bishop's blessing

Our new banner will be the first to be presented to the Bishop, the Rt. Reverend Tom Wright, for his blessing. And, at the end of the service, our band and banner will again have pride of place as we march out after the NUM's own contingent, playing our own jaunty tune. Those familiar with this annual service may feel the hairs on the back of their necks tingle even at the thought of this!

Finally, when Inn (probably), at about Bowburn's marchers 4.30pm, there will again get back to the New be free transport home.

Memorable concert

A superb evening of traditional music and memories of old Bowburn was enjoyed at Crowtrees WMC on 28th April. Folk singer Mike Tickell, his daughter Kathryn (the world famous Northumbrian pipes player), and his son, Peter, on violin, were joined by accordian and guitar players to give a most enjoyable performance.



Mike, whose grandfather helped sink Bowburn Colliery a hundred years ago, and Kathryn both read out extracts from his father's hand-written memoirs - never before heard in public. These included tales of an eviction in Shincliffe, some one being hypnotised in Bowburn, and the first known

fatality at Bowburn pit. Many members of the Tickell family were present, including some who'd come all the way from Doncaster and some still living in Bowburn.

Other supporters of the Centenary Banner Project, and folk-music lovers, were honoured to be part of this memorable evening.

Youth Project

Bowburn Youth Project now has sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, between 6.30 and 9.00pm, and on Wednesday afternoons. New members aged 12 to 19 are welcome. Just call in at these time.

Activities, depending on the day, include food & hygiene, football, weight-lifting, pool and information technology. From the end of May, the IT room has a broadband internet connection.

New members are also needed for the management committee, which plans further improvements to the building and outside premises. Please ring (0191) 377-1491 if you are interested.

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Parish Council News

by Peter Thorpe, Clerk to Cassop-cum-Quarrington Parish Council

Financial assistance to local community centres

Cassop-cum-Quarrington Parish Council has agreed to give financial assistance to Bowburn & Cassop Community Centres with specified capital expenditure schemes.

A sum was set aside in the Parish Council's Budget for the year ending 31st March 2006 to assist Cassop Community Centre with a kitchen refurbishment scheme and Bowburn Community Centre is planning a window replacement scheme or replacement of security doors in the Centre.

Centenary flower baskets

Cassop-cum-Quarrington Parish Council has received confirmation from the County Council's Street Lighting Section that most of the requested street lighting columns on Durham Road, Bowburn have been approved for use with hanging flower baskets.

This is especially good news as 2006 is Bowburn's Centenary Year and we look forward to a splash of extra colour in Bowburn to help celebrate the occasion.

Doorstep Green entered for environment award

Cassop-cum-Quarrington Parish Council has been short-listed for a County Council Environment Award for 2006.



The Parish Council's Doorstep Green Project at Bow Street/Burn Street, Bowburn was visited by the County Council's judging panel on Tuesday, May 2nd 2006. The panel consisted of around half a dozen dignitaries who inspected the site, accompanied by Parish Councillor Stan Robinson, Michele MacCallam of Groundwork East Durham and myself.

The tour of inspection

lasted around twenty minutes and I expect that the Parish Council will be notified of the names of the award winning projects in a few weeks' time.

Special thanks to Michele MacCallam, who nominated the project for the Award, and Peter Lee, of the City Council's Community Services Department, who organised a grass cut on the Doorstep Green, at very short notice, to spruce the place up and give it a short back and sides.

Thanks everyone!

Centenary clean-up

Over twenty bags of rubbish were collected in less than three hours by parish councillors, volunteers and Durham City Council's Neighbourhood Warden, Paul Parker.

The first of a series of monthly parish clean-ups took place on Saturday 6th May and concentrated on land near Bowburn Community Centre.

The next clean-up will be on Saturday 3rd June, starting in the Community Centre car park at 9.30pm. Anyone wanting to celebrate Bowburn's Centenary by tidying it



up a bit is welcome to join in. Gloves and other equipment are provided.

Mining Memorial

Bowburn Labour Party plans to produce a memorial to all those who died in the quest for coal, to mark Centenary Year 2006. It hopes to include on it the names of all men and boys known to have been killed at Bowburn Colliery.

Names collected so far are printed below. If anyone has further information, including full names where these are not shown or, above all, any names that are missing, please can they contact Mike Syer on (0191) 377-1491. Thank you.

- 1966 Adam H. Cowley (60)
- 1966 Tommy Charlton Calder (50)
- 1964 Thomas Corner (50)
- 1963 George Milburn (42)
- 1962 James L. Ellerby (50)
- 1958 John William Hutchinson (42)
- 1957 Surtees Simpson (57)
- 1956 Hugh Bryden (18)
- 1956 R. Carter (49)
- 1953 Joseph Bunce (44)
- 1952 Henry Morton (25)
- 1952 William Morgan (49)
- 1951 Edwin Bryan (53)
- 1948 Tommy Stoker (55)
- 1948 Fred Crossley (43)
- 1948 James Beattie Bell (47)
- 1948 Sidney Blackburn (22)
- 1948 J. T. Rose (39)
- 1947 William Joseph Bateson (29)
- 1947 G. T. Hogg (59)
- 1946 Andrew Smith (55)
- 1946 J.A. (or A.J.) Halliday (20)
- 1945 William Wilson (37)
- 1944 J. Watson (40)
- 1944 J.W. Knight (61)
- 1944 Richard Hewison (45)
- 1944 Wm. Dennis Gibson (18)

- 1943 Joe Blythe (57)
- 1942 Robert William Stapleton (43)
- 1942 W. Scott (19)
- 1940 Robbie Moore (15)
- 1940 William Thompson (55)
- 1939 Nichol Swainston (20)
- 1939 Thomas William Kendal
- 1938 Joseph Hutchinson (43)
- 1938 Richard Michael Marr (21)
- 1936 Christopher Smallwood (51)
- 1935 James Lawson (46)
- 1935 John Pennock (19)
- 1935 Joseph Platts (51)
- 1934 Scott Barlow (26)
- 1933 Robert Moore (14)
- 1932 William Cowings (58)
- 1930 John Allison (29)
- 1925 Thomas Robinson (27)
- 1923 Benjamin Hepple 57)
- 1923 Edward Cranston (15)
- 1922 William Kemp Wheatley (30)
- 1912 Joseph Ferguson (17)

Making history in Bowburn

Local history groups from around the county will take over Bowburn Community Centre on Saturday 24th June.

Bowburn's own local history society and the County Council's Community Heritage Project will be hosting a local and family history day. There will be books, photographs, maps, computerised displays, craft demonstrations and the Time Bandits re-enactment group.

Admission will be free and refreshments available. All welcome.

Meanwhile, across the road at Bowburn Methodist Church, there will be a unique fund-raising organathon.

"What's that?", did you say? Why not come and see? You can be sure that history will be being made!

Bowburn Library opening hours

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- Tuesdays: 2.00—5.30pm
- (Closed all day on Wednesdays)
- Thursdays: 2.00—7.00pm
- Fridays: 2.00—5.30pm
- Saturdays: 9.00am—1.00pm

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Bowburn Local History Society and Durham County Council's Community Heritage Project will host a local and family history day on Saturday 24 June between 10.00am & 3.00pm.

Come along to Bowburn Community Centre and enjoy a look back at familiar people and places.

Exhibitions, craft demonstrations and a chance to hear about Durham Miners' involvement in the First World War with the Time Bandits re-enactment group.

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Lansdowne Bowls win their league

Lansdowne Bowling Club has won the Durham County Carpet Bowls League 2005/06 and will be promoted back to the First Division next season.

This is a remarkable achievement for so small a team, which only has nine members: Chris Gething, Anne Gething, Derek Summers, Alan Summers, George Simpson, John Alderson, Karen Penn, Val Newton and Trevor Newton.

Six of these will now be playing for outdoor bowls teams during the summer, before resuming in the top indoor bowls division next winter season.



The Oak Tree Darts Team say thanks for the Community Chest grant they used to buy a new scoring machine. (More Community Chest news on page 4)

Charter Standard achieved

Bowburn Crowtrees F.C., whose main sponsor is Bowburn & Parkhill Community Partnership, have been awarded the F.A. Charter Standard award for their contribution to Grass Roots Football.

This Sunday Morning football club are over the moon about it. A lot of hard work has been done by managers John Rowe and Kevin Stephenson and also by Gary Hutchinson, who has just come to the club. One of his first tasks was to get this award for the coming season.

"Receiving the award not only gets the club recognized but also bears well for the future", said Gary. "I'd like to thank the Durham & District Sunday Morning League for helping us achieve this, especially Andy Brown, the football development officer for clubs and schools, for helping with the application. Thanks are also due to all of the committee and players at the club. Well Done To All!"

For more information on the Charter Standard Club in-service training programme, you can visit www.durhamfa.com on the internet.

Happy birthday, Bowburn Methodist Drop-In!

by June Snowball

With the support of the Rev. Elizabeth Oliver and my husband, Sid Snowball, we opened the Thursday morning drop-in in June 1996.

The first people to arrive were Heather Kelly with her children and a lovely family from Libya.

As a thank you for all the love and support we've had over the years, we will be open from 9.00am till 12.00

noon on Thursday 8th June. We invite all who have helped us in any way to come along and enjoy a coffee and a bit of home cooking.

Most of you will be aware of the very generous grant we had from the Bowburn & Parkhill Community Partnership.

We need to show the village how this money was spent.

We will also have a display of photographs of the Bowburn miners' banners and our history.

GP surgery news

Practice Nurse Maureen Richardson is training to be the "heart nurse".

She has advised everyone over 45 years of age to have their blood pressure tested, if they have not done so in the last 18 months.

Meanwhile Wendy Graham wishes to remind people to contact her if they would like to talk about their bereavement, or know more about the bereavement group which she helps organise.

Bowburn Youth footballers bring in the trophies

by Alan Wilson

Bowburn Girls Under 10's were runners up in the Durham County FA Girls Mini-Soccer League Cup Final on 20th May, after losing 3-1 to Lumley. Congratulations to all the players for getting so far – a wonderful achievement. It was a really good day, even if we did all get soaked!

The team had already secured the runner's up place in the Durham County F.A. Girls Mini-Soccer League, on 1st April, and were presented with their cup and medals on the 20th May.

Bowburn Boys held a penalty shoot out on 3rd May 2006. The Under 7's winner was Jacob Hugill; Callum Smith won the Under 8's, John Dickinson the Under 9's Winner and Jack Straker the Under 10's. Well done to all the Boys for a

wonderful night. The winner of the Boys parents penalty shoot-out, netting 5 out of 5 penalty kicks, was Graham Kirby. Well done to all the parents that participated.

Congratulations to Steven Leonard on passing his Level 1 Coaching Badge on 12th April.

More news can be found on the Bowburn Youth FC's website, at: <http://www.freewebs.com/bowburnyouthfc/latestclubnews.htm>

Beautiful Parish Competition

CASSOP-cum-Quarrington Parish Council will again be making awards this year to those whose gardening skills help to make this a better place to live.

As before, judging will be done independently, as part of the Beautiful Durham Competition, in which all local entrants will also be included.

To enter, please return this form to "Beautiful Parish Competition", c/o Bowburn Community Centre, by Friday 30th June 2006.

Entry Form

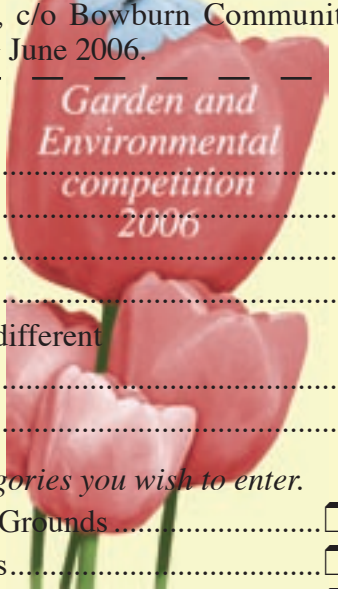
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Please tick the categories you wish to enter.

- 1. Best Public House Grounds
- 2. Best Hotel Grounds.....
- 3. Best Commercial Premises.....
- 4. Best Industrial Grounds.....
- 5. Best Group Environmental Project (e.g. by Schools, Youth Clubs, Community Groups and Centres, Local Residents Groups etc.).....
- 6. Best Group of Bungalows.....
- 7. Best Residential Area (e.g. Street or Estate).
- 8. Best Floral Containers.....
- *9. Best Small Garden (Under 150m²).....
- *10. Best Large Garden (Over 150m²).....
- *11. Best Older Person's (Over 60) Small Garden...
- *12. Best Older Person's (Over 60) Large Garden...
- 13. Best Backyard or Patio Garden.....
- 14. Best Allotment or Kitchen Garden.....

(* You may only make One Entry in Categories 9, 10, 11, 12.)

Christ the King Church

by Maureen Robinson

It is with regret I wish to tell you of the trouble we are having with the children (mostly junior school age) who are causing a lot of damage to the church and risking injury to themselves.

At first it was simply climbing onto the flat roof, then kicking in all of the glass in the main roof of the church, now it is breaking through the roof entering and stealing

The roof is in a very dangerous condition!

We have put up signs, we have boarded up the windows and now we are boarding up the hole in the roof, all of which costs money. This however is the least of our worries if a child falls through the roof he/she could be very severely hurt, if not worse.

Please, please, warn your children not to climb onto the church. It isn't a game, it isn't fun, it's dangerous. You may say it's not your child. Are you sure?

I have spoken to Mrs. Lyons and we are arranging a day when (at her suggestion) we will lead the children through the church and show them how dangerous it really is playing on the roof.

The last thing we want is to have a child hurt. Please help us to make sure this doesn't happen.

End of Season Table – Durham League Third Division (thanks to Gary Hutchinson)									
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Burnside Wmc FC	26	22	3	1	170	22	148	66*
2	Birtley Board Inn FC	26	19	2	5	84	40	44	59
3	Black Lion FC	26	17	4	5	122	55	67	55
4	Houghton Chilton Lodge	26	17	1	8	102	58	44	52
5	Newton Hall Jovial Monk	26	14	4	8	102	54	48	46
6	Durham City Coach and Eight	26	13	6	+7	105	64	41	45
7	Bowburn Cooperage FC	26	13	4	9	72	70	2	43
8	Bowburn Crowtrees FC	26	12	3	11	69	81	-12	39
9	Witton Gilbert White Tun	26	10	3	13	84	102	-18	33
10	Washington Honest Boy	26	9	2	15	74	109	-35	29
11	Durham Stonebridge FC	26	9	1	16	62	108	-46	28
12	Greyhound FC	26	6	4	16	65	119	-54	22
13	Bearpark WMC	26	1	1	24	27	168	-141	4
14	Lumley Snooker Club	26	1	0	25	31	119	-88	3

* Points have been deducted

Free transport to the Miners' Gala (See page 4.)

I would like to book seats on a bus to go into Durham on Saturday 8th July.

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(Please return this to Bowburn Community Centre.)