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World Premiere of *W.I. BLUES* by local playwright John Peel

Burton Amateur Dramatic Society (B.A.D.S.) is proud to present the **World Premiere** production of ***W.I. BLUES***, a new play by Cumbrian playwright, **John Peel**, on **Friday 29** and **Saturday 30 July** in Burton Memorial Hall, commencing at **7.30pm**. **Tickets are £5 each** and may be pre-booked by phoning Alison Murphy on 01524 781007, or pay on the door.

W.I. BLUES is a contemporary comedy/drama set around a meeting of five members of the Women's Institute. Their plans for assuming control of the local W.I. branch are subsumed by news from the personal lives of the women themselves as long-buried, and new, secrets are revealed, and things are not all they appear. Laughter jostles with tears as the story unfolds to the plot's final twist.

The producer once again is *B.A.D.S.* stalwart Alison Murphy, and the all-female cast comprises Paula Firth, Alison Flanders, Felicity Holloway, Yvette Humphries and Jennifer Wetherill.

For further details or to book tickets please contact Alison Murphy on 01524 781007. John Peel may be contacted by phone on 015242 72818.

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Notes for Editors:

John Peel was born and raised in West Cumbria and is a direct descendant of the legendary huntsman of the same name. After a career in the construction industry John turned to writing. Now living in Kirkby Lonsdale with his wife Daphne, John has had competitive successes with several of his short plays, and his first novel, *Hot Property* (set around Morecambe Bay), was published in 2002. Two further plays, *Pastures New* and *Don't Bury The Banjo*, are being published later this month.

Burton Amateur Dramatic Society was formed in 1953 to provide entertainment for the community of Burton-in-Kendal, Cumbria. Recent past productions include: *Out of Focus* by Peter Gordon, *Let's Pretend* by Vanessa Brooks, and *Dead Man's Hand* by Seymour Matthews, all produced by Alison Murphy. *W.I. BLUES* is B.A.D.S first all-female cast production.