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for the villages of

Burton Joyce, Bulcote & Stoke Bardolph



Murphy in action!



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EDITOR'S COMMENT

Thank you to all who sent in a photo of your dog. Our thanks also to our Judges who, by a short nose, gave top spot to Murphy, proudly owned by Jayne & Kevin.

Another busy edition and our last this year. Next year will be our fourth year producing the magazine and we are pleased it's receiving good comments and numerous views online.

Please don't forget to send in details of your events so that we can help to promote them.

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*Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year*



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OUR DOG PHOTO COMPETITION RUNNERS UP



A99 ... well go on then
'Jackson'



What ... you think this is your sofa
'Molly'

Have you seen our calendar for 2024?

It's priced at £8 and comes complete with an envelope.

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or

Delights (BJ Post Office)

They have them in stock and a copy in the shop to look at.



PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

LAUNCH OF THE 'POP UP FOOD FAYRE' AT THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING

The Parish Council has worked collaboratively over the last few months with local entrepreneur and owner of Paddington's Waffle Station, Jane Jephson to launch the first 'Pop Up Food Fayre' at the Old School Building. This exciting new venture took place at the end of October, with fellow foodie traders joining the team. The idea was borne from the recognition that there is a need for a focal point in the heart of the village on Sundays for dog walkers, families and people simply wanting to meet and have a chat. It was incredibly well supported and many of the stall holders sold out! A big thank you to all who came along, supported and enjoyed this new venture, including members of the fabulous Burton Joyce Women's Institute who had a Christmas fund raiser stall. Following its great success we would like to make it a regular event and hope to host the next ones on Sunday 28th January and Sunday 25th February 2024 11am-4pm. Look out on social media and on our website for confirmation of these dates and further details. We hope to see you there!



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FIREWORKS NIGHT

Our annual fireworks display at the Poplars Sports Ground was a huge success - we were so lucky to have a window of dry weather to enable it to go ahead! Our new system of issuing pre-paid tickets worked well and helped the queues move quickly and efficiently on the night. A big THANK YOU to The Post Office, Nola and Rhubarbs for selling them on our behalf; we couldn't have done it without you! We are also incredibly grateful to our dedicated team of staff and all the councillors and volunteers for helping us get the 1200+ spectators through the gates, also to the great concessions who kept everyone and fed and watered, and of course to First Galaxy Fireworks for the fantastic display!



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Representatives from the Parish Council marked Remembrance Day by joining the community in laying poppy wreaths at our war memorial, in honour of those who have fallen in the line of duty. This important and solemn occasion was also marked this year with assistance from the children of Burton Joyce Primary School, who made this wonderful display for the Community Garden at the Old School Building. The red poppy is a symbol of both remembrance and hope for a peaceful future and they are worn and displayed as a show of support to the Armed Forces community.



Continued ...

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

We are looking forward to the annual Christmas Lights Switch on, which will be taking place in the village centre from 3:30pm to 6:00pm on **Saturday 2nd December**. We're excited to be bringing back the very popular Jolly Jingles, who made his first appearance in the village at our Coronation Party in the summer, and are delighted to be expanding the number of stalls and food providers available by using the Old School Building community garden area as well as the Cross Keys Car park. The School Choir, Burton Joyce Choral Society and Trent Valley Singers will be singing a host of songs to get us in the Christmas spirit, with Burton Joyce Community Brass lifting the atmosphere with their wonderful musical arrangements. We will be waiting for the arrival of a very special Christmas person and his elves!! We look forward to seeing you there!



COMMUNITY GARDEN

The designers are busy integrating recent feedback from the 'Old School Building Phase II Committee' on the broad design ideas for the community garden. The brief is to provide an open, accessible, outdoor, flexible, partly covered community space with a garden to create/reinforce the heart of the village. We have asked for a design which benefits the community, promotes health and well-being, has an educational benefit and encourages community groups to host outdoor events. Once we have had a further on-site meeting with them and received the revised plan we will be holding an open event to give everyone in the community the opportunity to take a look at the proposals and make comments on what is being suggested for the site.

IN OTHER NEWS

Network Rail (NR) have contacted the Parish Council again because of their concerns regarding the behaviours of people using some of our rail crossings, the video evidence is disturbing. The crossings are vital in a village such as ours, but we need to work together with all village groups and stakeholders to address the safety and rail operation issues. We will meet again with NR soon, and expect there will be wide village consultation in the new year.

Following concern raised with the Parish Council from parents about the opening mechanism of the gate in Robert's Recreation Ground, we have installed a brand new gate which is repositioned and will now open outwards. We hope this addresses problems encountered by children entering the site and thank the parents for their input.

And as the end of 2023 approaches, may we wish you a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas, and a very happy New Year.

BURTON JOYCE CHRISTMAS FAIR & LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

Saturday 2nd December 2023

3:30-6:00pm



FREE EVENT

FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

Something for all ages.... Christmas Choirs, Brass Band, Children's Entertainment, Fun Fair, Crafts and Food... not forgetting the arrival of a very important guest to switch on the lights!

THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING

Jolly Jingles Entertainment:

Punch & Judy, Magic Show and Balloon Modelling

Christmas Stalls:

FANTASTIC Festive food, drinks and crafts, including Windmill Kindergarten's Christmas stall

MAIN STREET

- 3.30 Burton Joyce Primary School Choir
- 4.00 Burton Joyce Community Brass
- 4.30 Burton Joyce Choral Society and Trent Valley Singers
- 5:00 Burton Joyce Community Brass
- 5.15 Arrival of Santa, countdown and light switch-on
- 5:30 Burton Joyce Community Brass
- 6:00 Close

CROSS KEYS CAR PARK

Children's fun fair
Christmas food, craft and drinks stalls

Traffic Movement

It's been good to see the County Council's Traffic Department, VIA, out in Church Road and Nottingham Road quite often lately.



They've been observing vehicles and taking measurements to plan for *Speed Cameras* along this busy piece of our main road. Once the almost perpetual holdups and road works are over, there is a real danger of speeding traffic back on this road. So the Village Society welcomes this installation to ensure the legal limit is observed.

There have been suggestions that there should be a 20 mph limit in Burton Joyce, on Main Street (where 20 is hardly ever reached anyway) and even on the main Church Road itself. The County Council has no plans to bring the limit down there, but there would be advantages for road safety and air quality if it were done. It would add literally less than a minute to the time required to drive through what is at present that 30mph part of the A612. What do you think? Tell Burton Joyce Village Society your thoughts, on any of the methods shown below.

It's also good to see modern call boxes at the village's level crossings. It shows Network Rail taking the local crossings seriously. At national level, their policy is to close level crossings, both those for vehicles and pedestrians. They have contacted the Parish Council to express concern over crossing incidents and behaviour that raise concern over safety. The Village Society is firmly opposed to closure of any crossings. Access to the riverside is a vital part of our village life. We will give input to discussions between Network Rail and Burton Joyce Parish Council on the future of our crossings.



COMMENT ON THESE ISSUES OR TELL US ANYTHING ELSE YOU THINK THE BURTON JOYCE VILLAGE SOCIETY SHOULD BE DOING OR SAYING. Go to the website <https://burtonjoycevillagesociety.org>. On the site you can also pay your subscription, old or new. Payment now will cover 2024 as well: the rate will be £5 for an individual or a non-profit organisation with a local base, £10 for a commercial organisation. Or email us with comments to admin@burtonjoycevillagesociety.org. or write to us (post or hand delivery) to BJVS c/o Old School Building Main Street Burton Joyce NG14 5DZ. Or telephone 0115 931 2213.



The Benefice of Burton Joyce, Bulcote & Stoke Bardolph
with Lowdham, Caythorpe & Gunthorpe

Advent & Christmas across the Benefice

Sunday 3rd December

9.00a.m. Holy Communion, St. Mary's,
Lowdham.

11.00a.m. Holy Communion, St. Helen's,
Burton Joyce

Tuesday, 5th December

10.00a.m. Holy Communion, St. John's,
Gunthorpe.

Sunday 10th December

9.00a.m. Morning Worship, St. Mary's,
Lowdham

11.00a.m. Morning Worship, St. Helen's,
Burton Joyce

Saturday, 16th December

7.30p.m. Contemporary Carols, St. Helen's,
Burton Joyce

Sunday, 17th December:

9.00a.m. Holy Communion, St. Mary's,
Lowdham.

11.00a.m. Holy Communion, St. Helen's,
Burton Joyce

Monday, 18th December

7.00p.m. Carol Service, St. John's, Gunthorpe

Wednesday, 20th December

7.00p.m. Carol Service, Holy Trinity, Bulcote.

Thursday, 21st December

7.00p.m. Carol Service, St. Luke's, Stoke
Bardolph

Saturday 23rd

10.00a.m. Travelling Nativity starting at St.
Helen's. *Please wrap up warm and wear suitable
footwear for a walk and an outdoor service.*

4.00p.m. Carols around the Tree, St. Mary's,
Lowdham

Christmas Eve

4.00p.m. Christmas Holy Communion, St.
Mary's, Lowdham

6.00p.m. Carol Service, St. Aidan's, Caythorpe.

11.30p.m. Christmas Holy Communion, St.
Helen's, Burton Joyce

Christmas Day

9.00a.m. Christmas Worship for All, St. Mary's,
Lowdham

11.00a.m. Christmas Worship for All, St.
Helen's, Burton Joyce

Sunday, 31st December

11.00a.m. Joint Benefice Service, St. Helen's,
Burton Joyce



BULCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings in 2024

all at 7pm in Old School Building, Burton Joyce
January 15th, March 18th, May 20th, July 15th, September 16th,
November 18th

Bulcote Interactive Speed Sign on A612

For over 10 years Bulcote Parish Council have been lobbying for a reduced speed on the A612 from Lowdham through Bulcote to Burton Joyce. This project has been championed by our longest serving Councillor, Paul Mountain. We are pleased to report that after we secured a 50% grant from Newark and Sherwood District Council and with balancing money from the Parish Council we have now had an Interactive Speed Sign installed at the boundary of the village. We sincerely hope that this will remind motorists to slow down which will improve safety and the reduce the noise nuisance from speeding traffic.



Nick Leaves

Chairman

Bulcote Parish Council 07968 227989

ADVERTISING IN THIS MAGAZINE NEXT YEAR

WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON PRODUCING A QUALITY MAGAZINE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE LIVING IN BURTON JOYCE, BULCOTE, STOKE BARDOLPH AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.

ADVERTISING IN THIS MAGAZINE HELPS PAY FOR ITS PRODUCTION AND RUNNING COSTS AS WELL AS OFFERING ONE OF THE MOST ECONOMICAL WAYS OF COMMUNICATING TO THE LOCAL AREA.

FOR EXAMPLE, AN EIGHTH PAGE AD, MEASURING 45MM HIGH X 60MM WIDE, WILL COST ONLY £53 TO ADVERTISE FOR THE WHOLE YEAR AND WOULD BE DISPLAYED IN ALL OUR PRINTED EDITIONS AND ON OUR WEBSITE.

BY THEN END OF THIS YEAR WE WILL HAVE DISTRIBUTED 4200 PRINTED COPIES AND OUR WEBSITE WILL HAVE RECEIVED OVER 5000 VISITS.

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[HTTPS://THEMAGAZINE.ORG.UK/LISTING-CATEGORY/LOCAL-EVENTS/](https://themagazine.org.uk/listing-category/local-events/)

EVERYONE WELCOME

The Burton Joyce Village Lunch

You are invited to join our friendly community event and enjoy our homemade food, specially prepared by our volunteers

The Village Lunch is a Community Event,
Where you can come together with friends and neighbours
Enjoy a meal, have time for a chat and get to know other people.

During the winter months we serve.

**Soup and bread followed by
a choice of hot or cold puddings with cream or custard
And then tea, coffee or herb tea.**

In the summer our menu changes and we serve a salad lunch .
*Our food is homemade and carefully prepared by our volunteers.
We also have vegetarian options.*

The dates for 2024 are as follows.

**18th January - 15th February - 21st March - 18th April - 16th. May
20th June - 18th July - 15th August - 19th September - 17th October
21st November**

Because the food is donated and the running costs are supported by our local Councillors and other sponsors, we are able to charge just £5 per person.

Any surplus monies are donated to local charities.

We are based in the small hall to the rear of the Village Hall.

We meet on the Third Thursday of each month starting at 12 midday.

We look forward to seeing you.

Look out for our ad in *The Magazine* →



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The Burton Joyce Village Lunch

You are invited to join our friendly community event and enjoy our homemade food, specially prepared by our volunteers

**Our next lunches -
18th January '24
15th February
Starting at Midday**

We will be serving
Soup and bread
Followed by a choice of hot or cold puddings with cream or custard
Then tea, coffee or herb tea.

Small hall in Burton Joyce & Bulcote Village Hall

£5

Get Fit For Winter Health Insights – Number Five – Winter is Coming.

To all Game of Thrones fans, the phrase “Winter is Coming” has a somewhat sinister meaning. For everyone else it is a reminder that the darker and colder months are just around the corner. With Winter comes the seasonal coughs, colds, aches and pains that we find hard to avoid. However, there are things we can do to **Get Fit for Winter**.

- **First of all, we can actually take steps to get physically fitter.**
- Getting more exercise is good for both our bodies and our mental health. This could be a simple brisk walk a few times a week. Or, for those more able there are online exercise programmes provided by the NHS (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/nhs-fitness-studio/> - copy and paste this link into your browser, or open your NHS App and search for NHS Fitness Studio).
- For those less able there is an NHS Sitting Exercise programme (<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/strength-and-flexibility-exercises/sitting-exercises/>).
- **Get your jabs** – both flu and Covid vaccinations are available for vulnerable groups and everyone over the age of 65.
- **Stock up on seasonal over-the-counter medication.** It is better to have a sensible stock of medicines to hand rather than wait for when you really need them and you have to go and get them when not feeling great, or supply might be under pressure.
- **Get the Winter clothes out of the wardrobe.** Staying warm, especially as we get older is very important to good health, so making sure we have warmer clothes to hand is a sensible preparation. This goes for footwear as well, walking on wet, or icy, or leafy pavements with the wrong footwear can lead to falls and unwelcome trips to the Emergency Department.
- **Know what to do if you become unwell or have an accident at home.**
- For many simple conditions, your local Pharmacy will be able to provide advice and recommend medication.
- Your GP is there for you to look after your general health, but the GP Practice is not a 24/7, nor an emergency service. So, if you feel unwell outside normal hours what are your options?
- Use the 111 service either by phone or online – the NHS App has this readily available. The 111 processes will help you with advice or if treatment is required, they will direct you to an appropriate 24/7 service such as an Urgent Treatment Centre or an Emergency Department.
- If it is an obvious serious issue then dial 999

This can be summarised as:

					
Self Care	Pharmacy	GP	111 or 111 Online	Urgent Treatment Centre	999 Emergency Dept
Coughs Colds Minor ailments Stock up On Meds.	Unsure Want advice E.g. Eye infection.	General Health.	Fast Help wanted but not Emergency.	Advised to go by 111 Minor Accident. Sprains, UTIs etc.	Chest Pain. Not breathing. Stroke. Serious Accident.

Get Fit for Winter - continued

You will know your local Pharmacy and GP Surgeries but if you need more Urgent Help here are the contact details of local Treatment or Urgent Centres.

Nottingham NHS Urgent Care Centre Opening times for all ages: 7am to 7pm Seaton House, City Link, Nottingham, NG2 4LA 0115 883 8500	Newark Hospital Opening times for all ages: 9am to 10pm Boundary Road, Newark, NG24 4DE 01636 681681	Ilkeston Community Hospital Opening times for all ages: 8am to 8pm Heanor Road, Ilkeston, Derby- shire, DE7 8LN 0115 9305522
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Finally, look after your Mental Health

• The colder, darker months can mean an increase in loneliness and isolation – not going out as much, so not seeing friends or acquaintances etc. This can affect one's mental health. Feeling sad or anxious can, over time have a more serious impact on our mental wellbeing. So, it is important to try and make contact with others, talk over your concerns, or just experience the human contact of a chat. The NHS Every Mind Matters website may provide helpful information as well.

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/>

• The cost-of-living crisis and the rising costs of heating and food may cause significant worry to many. There are agencies who can help. For example, the Age UK Advice line (0800 169 65 65) is of particular help for the more elderly and their families. Help and advice is also available from the Local Authority. Nottinghamshire County Council have a really excellent website full of useful advice and links, <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/business-community/cost-of-living-support>, Their Customer Service phone number for those without online access is 0300 500 8080. In addition, the local Citizens Advice Bureau may be able to help. Online help can be found here <https://citizensadvicenottingham.org.uk>. Or call 0808 278 7974.

The Government website 'Help for Households' also provides help on availability of benefits to help with the current cost of living crisis. <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>

In a previous Health Insights article, we provided the contact details of organisations that could help if you are feeling low, here they are again, just in case.

BeU Notts <https://www.beusupport.co.uk> for children and young people. 121, group therapy and seamless links to local support services

MIND - <https://www.mind.org.uk/>

Rethink - <https://www.rethink.org>

Every Mind Matters - <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/>

Nottingham Counselling Service - <https://www.nottinghamcounsellingcentre.org.uk>

Talking Therapies can also be accessed via the NHS - <https://notts-talk.co.uk/>

Shout is a free and confidential 24/7 text support service for anyone struggling to cope. To contact them text the word "SHOUT" 285258. The Mix - 0808 808499

Age UK Advice Line - 0800 169 65 65. The Age UK Advice Line is open 365 days a year (8am – 7pm)

Crisis Line which is 0808 1963779 for those struggling to keep themselves safe.

The Samaritans offer 24-hour service 365 days a year. Call 116123 it is free from any telephone or, e-mail jo@samaritans.org

Harmless - 0115 880-0280.

Papyrus is a charity to help people under the age of 35

who have suicidal thoughts- 0800 0684141.

The Nottinghamshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) - 0115 8542299 or

their crisis line 0115 8440560.

Casy is a counselling service in Newark 01636 704620.

Stoke Bardolph Care Home Bowls Team Crowned Champions in Local Competition!



Residents from Rivendell View care home have been crowned champions of an inter care home bowls competition.

Going head-to-head with Edwalton Manor Care Home, Coppice Lodge, Willowbrook and Hall Park, the Rivendell View residents' bowls team scooped up first place, beating the competition by one point.

After the competition, players from across all five homes came together for a friendly game of dominoes, lunch, and a chat. 81-year-old Rivendell View bowler, Joyce Rowbotham said, *'What a fantastic day we've had, and even better that we came home victorious.'*

73-year-old Clive Pett added, *'I'd never played bowls before moving to Rivendell View, and now I enjoy playing weekly with the team. I'm so happy we won; I had a great time at the competition.'*

Ross King, a fitness coach who offers sessions in care homes, organised the event. Ross commented, *'The idea behind this event was to bring together residents from different care homes to interact and socialise with each other.'*

'The competition went better than I could have imagined, and we can't wait for the next one!' The Home Manager at Rivendell View, Lisa Tungate, added, *'It's so important to us that our residents feel part of the community, and they always enjoy meeting new people and forming friendships.'*

'We're very proud of our fantastic bowls team, but we're even happier that they enjoyed the day so much! We're looking forward to seeing everyone again soon.'

Residents at Rivendell View are inviting the local community to their Christmas Fair on Saturday 25th November. From 13:00, all are welcome to browse stalls from local businesses, enjoy homemade refreshments and tell Santa what they want for Christmas.

To find out more about Rivendell View or the Christmas Fair, you can call 0115 666 9660, email Rivendell.view@idealcarehomes.co.uk or visit www.idealcarehomes.co.uk.

Rivendell View is a purpose-built, luxury residential and dementia care home operated by Ideal Carehomes, rated 'GOOD' by the CQC (Care Quality Commission). All 66 bedrooms are en-suite, enabling the home to deliver person-centred care in a dignified manner. Rivendell View was named a Top 20 Care Home in the East Midlands in the carehome.co.uk awards 2023.



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Inspector Mark Stanley

First of all I'd like to say thank you for the opportunity to share some of the work the local Neighbourhood Policing Team(NPT) have been doing over the summer months. The team have been busy with a number of operations and initiatives. First of all, the ongoing issue of so called 'car cruisers' in the Netherfield area, around the Victoria Retail Park and surrounding villages rumbles along. Concerned residents and councillors have continually raised this as an issue to us, and we have kept the use of motor vehicles in an antisocial manner as a priority throughout the year. Our Operation Reacher officers, and Gedling South NPT have been coordinating their activity to target this under Operation Triplefin. Resulting in numerous offences being prosecuted, as well as engagement and educational opportunities taken with the drivers they have interacted with.

Colleagues from Gedling Borough Council have been working with us to evidence the need for a longer term solution to the issue, and have been successful in the securing the granting of a Public Space Protection Order(PSPO), to prohibit the 'car cruisers' activities. We will obviously continue to work together to enforce the PSPO, and address other dangerous driving activities on our roads.

PCSO Trevor Parkinson has been diligently delivering the Community Road Safety and Speeding initiative across the borough, working with likeminded community members to identify and educate speeding motorists.

Under the leadership of Police Sergeant Mohson Hussain the NPT have been working hard with partners to address a small number of young people who have been causing numerous ASB and low level crimes in the area. Being acutely aware of how impactful ASB can be for our communities, the team have not given up. Their hard work and dedication has resulted in a number of the main protagonists receiving criminal justice outcomes and interventions to help them improve their behaviour. The team will continue to monitor the situation and take action where necessary. I hope those members of our community who have been affected have felt a difference locally.

We continue to deliver ward walks with local Councillors and beat surgeries at the Burton Joyce Library, this gives the community an opportunity to engage with the local team and make us aware of any issues you'd like to raise with us. As always we would encourage anyone to come along.

Finally, it feels like a great opportunity to offer some safety advice and guidance as the nights draw in. We would encourage our younger readers and parents with children, that it's really important to remain vigilant and safe whilst out and about this time of year. Wearing bright colours and reflective items of clothing can often be helpful, and will increase the likelihood of being seen by vehicle drivers whilst out and about.

If there are issues that local residents would be like to raise to our team of dedicated officer then I would encourage them to contact their local Beat Officers PC Mark Szeremeta, PC Ashley Dunn or PCSO Trevor Parkinson at Carlton Police Station.

THE MAGI MYTH

'Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat'...but what about the coming of the Magi? The 'Three Kings'; what is myth, fable and truth? Paintings and icons have shown a clutter of angels, shepherds and wise men, all gathered at the stable at the time of the birth of Jesus. I shall endeavour to pick it all to pieces and identify the facts.

The starting point is Matthew 2. v 1/2. [the only one of the four canonical gospel references] where it is suggested that 'wise men came from the east, bearing gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh', drawing the assumption that there were three such 'kings'. This conclusion is not verifiable because there is a quantum leap from 'wise men' to 'kings'. Furthermore, where the three named wise men originate from is also shrouded in myth. In all probability, they came from what is now Syria, or Iraq. Many eastern orthodoxies, such as Syriac, espouse that up to 27 wise men visited the birth but not necessarily at the same time. This progressive visiting makes more sense if this orthodoxy is accepted. There has been an acceptance that because of the three gifts, this concludes that there were three visitors.

The suggestion that these 'wise men' visited the stable immediately following the birth, having 'followed from the east a star' is also lacking credibility. Inter-city airlines had not been established so getting from some destination in the east to Bethlehem, so a travel plan would take weeks. It is an artistic convention combining the Adoration of the Shepherds and that of the Magi. The Magi went to see Herod who commanded them to seek out the child and bring news of his whereabouts. Clearly Herod learnt of the birth well before the Magi arrived. The New Revised Standard Bible goes on to say that upon discovery of the child, 'on entering the house they paid homage'. Given that Herod ordered the slaughter of all newly born children up to two years of age, adds credence to the fact that up to two years after the birth, the wise men came and visited and in all likelihood at the domestic home of Joseph and Mary. If that is not the case, then why would Herod have focused on 2 year olds?



Most historians and sensibly minded theologians accept that the Magi visited during a period of up to two years after the birth. Additionally, although Western tradition defines the visitors as being 'kings', that is misconceived. They were in all probability religious faith leaders. However, the last word can possibly be left to the Reformation 16th Century French theologian – part founder of the Calvinist Movement: 'The most ridiculous continuance of Papists on this subject was that there were kings....the Papists have been stupefied by a righteous judgment of God that all might laugh at their gross ignorance'.

For my part, seeing grandchildren dressed up with crowns on their heads, is good enough for me.

David Yates [Dr.]

Civilian investigator Jimmy Meads is assisting DC Dawson in tracking down the missing 'Seven Ages of Sheep,' sculptures, belonging to Ivan Eiffel. The duo visit Eiffel's agent, Quentin Slater. Unbeknownst to Meads, Dawson has been receiving additional help from computer software avatar 'CopBot.' Meanwhile, DC Chambers enters the world of the dark web, leading to an offer that Dawson can't refuse...

Quentin Slater shut down the 'Cherry, Bradd and Sewell Estate Agents' page on his computer, swivelled his chair and looked up at the two visitors that had been shown into his office: 'Well, well, if it's not Batman and Robin?' sneered Slater. 'Detective Inspector: I thought you'd been put out to pasture?'

Meads produced his notebook: 'such is my sense of public service, I've offered to assist DC Dawson here, But as I am a consultant I have reverted to plain, 'Mr' Meads.'

Dawson said: 'Ask him anything; he's a walking encyclops...aedia.'

Slater held up a finger: 'My starter for ten, gentlemen is simple; what can be done about the 'crime wave' in Winter's End?' Slater's eyes widened: 'Oh, I know the answer! The police could *actually* do their jobs!'

'That's why we're here Mr Slater,' said Meads. 'To investigate the theft of Mr Eiffel's sculptures. Could you start by telling us about your relationship with Mr Eiffel?'

'I've been his agent for around six months,' shrugged Slater. 'Next question?'

Meads looked around at framed photographs of grey-haired men in grey suits, holding bits of paper and trophies, shaking hands, looking pleased with themselves. He recognised Slater's father and the founder of the engineering firm, Tiberius, in every photo but did not notice Slater junior, in any of them. 'The art world's a long way from engineering?'

'It's all business to me,' said Slater, nonchalantly.

'Really?' said Meads, conscious that this comment supported his wife Sarah's theory, about Slater's motives.

'If you must know, there's a family connection. I bumped into Ivan at one of pater's soirees, had a bit of a chinwag and agreed to help him out, give his career...him, more...focus I suppose. Bless him, Ivan's talented but a typical 'creative type' who needs help dealing with the business side of things.'

Meads smiled: 'You have no interest in modern art, per se, then?'

'Lord no! I'm doing him a favour but if there's a few quid in it for me, I won't deny that's a Brucie bonus.'

'Whose idea was it to launch the exhibition in Winter's End?'

'Good question guv,' said Dawson.

'We discussed the matter and reached a joint decision,' said Slater.

'Surely, a sculptor of his repute could have chosen a more prestigious venue?' said Meads.

'Agreed but holding the launch here was a nod to Ivan's roots and useful publicity to kickstart the tour. Hopefully, once you have recovered the exhibits, we can get back on track and...' Slater held up his finger again, 'just a thought, solving a crime might also help you start rebuilding the reputation of the Winter's End police?'

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SEVEN AGES OF SHEEP (continued)

'Quite the Renaissance man Mr Slater? Modern art...Salad Rock?'

'Merely amusing diversions from the day-to-day running of a *highly* successful engineering firm. Besides, Ms Caravan was also a victim of Mr Camel, so it seemed only proper to carry on being her guardian angel. You may see me as a cold-hearted businessman Mr Meads but I'm more of a philanthropist, a mentor, if you will, to those in need.'

'Winter's End's answer to Mother Theresa?'

Slater gritted his teeth then forced a smile: 'Forgive me *Mr Meads*, I sense I'm being treated as a suspect rather than a sort of co-victim? I know you bear a grudge because of your 'unmasking' by me but you were the author of your own misfortune that night at 'The Sheep.' A word to the wise, you really should put aside any prejudices you have, if you're to track down these perpetrators. Now, if that is all?' Slater stood up and fastened a button on his waistcoat.

DC Chambers looked at her iPad as she approached Meads and Dawson's desk:

'I've had a nibble!'

Meads looked up from a notification he had just received from CAMRA on his phone: 'Probably a flea feeding on the detritus stuck to DC Shrewsbury's shirt.'

Dawson pulled open a desk drawer: 'I've got a tube of Savlon Aunt Tabetha borrowed me, you can use.'

Meads said: 'Sorry to be a grammar pedant, Dawson but that sentence is wrong on so...'

'Guvs!' said DC Chambers loudly. 'I've been contacted by a seller. What do I do?'

Meads said: 'We need to ascertain it's genuine. What's the name?'

Chambers pointed at the screen: 'Here; it's Todd McFarland.'

'Todd McFarland!' shrieked Meads.

'You know him?' said Chambers.

'Yes! I mean not personally but the name's a clue. Don't you see?'

'Not yet guv. Can you give us a clue... to guess the clue?'

'Ooh! This is like charades,' said Dawson, 'every Christmas I do my Forrest Gump impression. It's so good my family seem to guess it quicker each year.'

Meads explained: 'Roy McParland and Colin Todd both played for the Derby County side that won the First Division title in 1971 or...72...ish? Derby's nickname is 'The Rams,' which are sheep, get it?'

'You don't think 'Todd McFarland' is their real name?' said Dawson.

'I'm going out on a limb here Dawson but I suspect that a criminal, international art dealer on the dark web is likely to use a pseudonym.'

'So you're saying the theft was pulled off by former Derby County players or supporters?' said Dawson.

'For once I will spring to their defence of our woolly friends. Arranging theft and then sale on the dark web requires a degree of cunning beyond that of your average dweller of our neighbouring county.'

'What next?' asked Chambers.

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SEVEN AGES OF SHEEP (continued)

'As you young people would say, 'simples.' Josie, arrange a meeting with Mr. McParland so we can buy 'The Sheep,' back.'

Dawson cautioned: 'Just one problem with that guv. After tenpin night, the office kitty is down to fifteen quid. Even if we have a whip round, I'm not sure we could afford them.'

'It seems your 'friend,' Mr Tidy has moved from the printed word to the internet? Here,' said Sarah handing Meads her phone. 'I suggest a deep breath before reading this:-'

Hatebook

WINTER'S END BREAKING NEWS!

First 'The Pumpkinhead Killer,' terrorized Winter's Enders!

Now priceless sculptures has been stolen from under police's noses!!!

Local sculptor Ivan Eyefull launched his exhibition 'Seven Ages of Sheep,' in the Village Hall.

Later that night the exhibits were stolen!

Just when you thought things couldn't get any worse, who gets put on the case? - no other than

Detective Inspector 'Donut' Meads!!!

Meads looked up from the phone: 'They were stolen from his parents' house not the village hall, so it's hardly 'under our noses'! Never let facts get in the way of a good story! Mind, could be worse; that's quite a short missive for our Mr Tidy.'

Sarah looked sheepish: 'You haven't scrolled down to the comments?'

'Er...no, let's have a look,':-

Red Ben: Spotted The 'Donut' at The Worried Sheep – supping when sheep wuz taken!

Bozzo: TBF he's drinking all those pints he missed when he wuz banned from there!

Emma Nicely: DI Meads was very good to me. Only yesterday he helped me across the road and found my glasses case.

Bozzo: Nice to see he's been dealing with serrious crime! He'll be taking on maffia next!

Meads handed the phone back: 'I mean...who... don't these...why...haven't they...' 'Exactly.'

'Least Miss Nicely seems nice; don't remember meeting her though?'

'You didn't.'

'You?' Sarah nodded. Meads continued: 'I suppose it's obvious, you're the only one that can spell but you shouldn't have commented.'

'Somebody had to say something nice about you!'

'I can stand up for myself thank you very much. What's more, my command of the English language is not confined to dodgy syntax, a limited lexicon and over reliance on exclamation marks. But you will have to show me how to use Hatebook so I can reply to these halfwits!'

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SEVEN AGES OF SHEEP *(continued)*

'That's the last thing you should do! You'd just be giving Tidy more ammunition. Even innocuous comments like 'it's a nice day,' will prompt responses like: 'what's wrong with horrible days! Have you got something against them! That's how Hatebook works.'

'Don't people sue for libel?'

'Do that Jimmy and the person who made the original post starts a crowdfunding page for legal fees. They become a martyr and people pile in and make hateful comments about you. Jimmy, trust me, it's impossible to have a rational exchange of views on Hatebook because users post random comments that have no context. It's pointless.'

'I blame the youth; they're only used to absorbing information in bite-sized chunks.' 'There's just as many offensive silver surfers. Remember that woman in Nuneaton who was on the news?' Meads nodded. 'She posted a comment about how nice the display of flowers looked in her village. She had so many hate posts and vile threats she complained to the police. She ended up being put in a witness protection scheme with a new identity and is supposedly living in South America.'

'Because of HateBook?'

'Because of some of the people using it.'

'What do I do about Tidy then?'

'Easy. Ignore him.'

DC Chambers placed a sheet of paper on the desk between Meads and Dawson:

'Right guvs. I've set up a meet with the sellers.'

'Good work Josie, where are we off to?' Meads craned his head to read the details:

'Ortigia? Rings a bell. Lincolnshire way?'

'You do start off on the A46 guv, but then keep going until you reach the M1 all the way down to Luton airport where you hop on a flight to Sicily.'

'Abroad Sicily?' said Dawson.

Meads said: 'There is no other. Don't tell me Dawson, you haven't been abroad before?'

'I've got an aunt in the Isle of Wight and Aunt Bessie in Berwick upon Tweed. Last time I visited her on the train and we stood on the border. She let me put a foot in Scotland. That counts?'

'I could go, guvs?' said Chambers.

'Thanks Josie,' said Meads. 'But it makes sense for you to carry on navigating the dark web. Myself and Michael Portillo here, will have to go.'

'I get dead seasick,' said Dawson.

'We'd better fly if we're going to wrap the case up this month,' reasoned Meads.

'I've not been on a plane: I might still get seasick?'

Meads plucked two marshmallows from the top of Dawson's hot chocolate, stuffed them in his cheeks and said in a high-pitched hiss: 'DC Dawson, I'm going to make you offer you can't refuse! You're coming to Sicily with the Godfather!'

'You alright guv? Shall I get Mrs Guv?' said Dawson.

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SEVEN AGES OF SHEEP *(continued)*

Meads hooked out the marshmallows from his cheeks, thought about returning them to Dawson's hot chocolate but tossed them in a wastepaper bin: 'It's Vito Corleone from 'The Godfather?'

'That's a great Marlon Brando,' said Chambers.

'Thanks, Josie. Perhaps when I return from my sojourn I will lend my talents to the Winter's End Players.'

Sarah Meads finished counting to ten for the second time. 'Let me get this straight. When I suggested Sicily to celebrate our silver wedding anniversary you said it was too expensive, so we ended up staying a week in a static caravan in Minehead. Now, suddenly *you* get to go to *my* dream holiday destination?'

Meads held up his hands: 'Call it serendipity.'

'I can think of a much better word.'

'It's work!'

'So there'll be absolutely no eating of Italian ice cream or soaking up Sicilian sun?'

'Me and Dawson'll be straight in and out; forty- eight hours tops; like a well-oiled SAS operation.'

'I can see you getting well-oiled alright. As for the pair of you being SAS!'

Meads looked hurt: 'Admittedly, we will rely more on guile and cunning than brute force.'

'Well, no heroics, you don't know who you're dealing with.'

'Fear not, we'll locate the villains; and then the local carbonara will swoop in to make the arrests.'

'It's not fair Jimmy; promise me we'll go somewhere nice when you've finished this consultancy stint?'

'Funny you should say that,' mused Meads.

'You've found somewhere romantic to whisk me off to?'

'Indeed! This very morn. I had an e mail from CAMRA. It seems the longest 'Mild and Stout Trail,' in the world can be found in Mold. Imagine, nineteen pubs and a different dark elixir in each! I took the liberty of looking up a few B and Bs. I thought 'hang the expense.' No more static caravans for Mr and Mrs Meads!'

A tortoiseshell cat sat, paws tucked under its chest, observing an Ortigia fish market. Stallholders were packing up, leaving the roadside splattered with fishy offcuts and entrails. Two men were unloading a large cardboard box labelled 'SCULPTURES-FRAGILE' from the back of a transit van. They were supervised by a squat man in shorts who looked like he had been chiselled out of rock. He had a cigar stubbed in his mouth and wore a black coppola; the traditional Sicilian flat cap: 'Attento con quello!' he barked at the men, who apologised repeatedly, then carefully carried the box through a garage into a room at the back of a bar. They placed the box down in front of a man in his thirties, sat on an upturned beer crate.

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SEVEN AGES OF SHEEP (continued)



They followed further orders until they reached the dockside where a man with a slate grey face, topped with a fedora, guarded a small fishing boat. He wore a suit so sharp it could have filleted fish; a machine gun draped by his side. The men scurried away

Has the trip to Sicily scuppered Meads' chances of persuading Sarah to go on the 'Mild Trail,' in Mold?

Will Dawson get seasick on the aeroplane?

Did the tortoiseshell cat feast upon red herring?

Can Dawson find enough money to buy back 'The Seven Ages of Sheep'?

When Meads gets to Sicily will he order spaghetti carabinieri?



Trent Valley Singers

We are a friendly 4 part choir, singing an eclectic mix of music. There are no auditions & the ability to read music is not essential. New members - altos, tenors or basses would be very welcome.

We meet on Thursdays 1.45 - 3.45 in
Burton Joyce & Bulcote Village Hall.

The Spring term starts on Thursday January 11th when we will start rehearsing for our next concert on Friday April 19th.

Our Christmas Concert Friday 1st December, BJ Village Hall, 7.30pm



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Performances will be on
24th - 27th January 2024 at

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7.30pm – 11pm

Admission £8

Licensed Bar and Raffle



THE VOYAGES OF MEADOW PIPIT



Living the Dream

What could possibly go wrong!

I have written a few articles about our adventures (with plenty more to come) and the delights of living on a narrowboat, but I thought it might be interesting for you to learn about some of the challenges too - it isn't always a bed of roses!

Starting with the basics, it's wise to always have plenty of water in the tank; there's nothing worse than running out of water half way through a shower when you're covered in soap. Our water tank is below the front deck; we fill it from taps provided along the inland waterways by using our hose - the tank holds 300 litres and takes about an hour to fill depending on the water pressure. Our engine heats the water, so if we've been cruising during the day there's plenty, but otherwise the engine has to run for at least 40 minutes before there's enough hot water for a shower or bath. For washing up we either leave it until we have been cruising or boil the kettle.

The loo tank also needs to be carefully monitored. Some boats have a cassette loo with a detachable tank which must be emptied every couple of days at an Elsan point, found regularly along the waterways. Ours is a pump out - a fixed tank which holds the effluent and has to be pumped out every few weeks at a cost of approximately £20. There are pump out machines along the waterways, or most marinas will do it for you. Having to rush to a pump out facility with your legs crossed has happened to most boaters, but is to be avoided if possible! It's a well known fact that when boaters get together it's only a matter of time before the conversation turns to toilets and the great debate over which type is preferable - to complicate matters more there are now composting toilets, but I'm not going to go into detail about those as I think that's enough on this subject. If you want to find out more then I suggest you look it up!

We also have to watch our fuel (diesel) level. We have no fuel gauge, so every time we fill up we make a note of the date and the reading on the hour meter (what we have instead of a mileometer) so that we can calculate how much fuel will be in the tank. Meadow Pipit uses 1.5 to 2 litres an hour depending how fast we run the engine. Running out of fuel is never ideal, but if it happens on a river with a fast current you can be in real trouble.

We make our own electricity from alternators powered by the engine and this is then stored in batteries - we have a mixture of lithium and lead acid batteries. We have solar panels on the roof which are great on sunny days but not so good on dull days or if we're moored under a tree. If we let our batteries run low then it's dinner by candlelight, as running your engine between the hours of 8pm and 8am to charge batteries is forbidden.

All boats need maintenance, and as Meadow Pipit is 30 years old our insurers require a survey every 7 years. The latest showed pitting in the hull as a result of galvanic transference, which occurs when boats are moored close to each other and plugged into mains electricity. The electrical current causes tiny particles of metal to move through the water from one boat to another. During lockdown Meadow Pipit was moored at a boat club and plugged in for a few months so we suspect this is when the damage was done. The surveyor's advice was to paint the hull with a two pack epoxy to protect it. Her hull was previously painted with bitumen, but two pack doesn't mix with bitumen, so she had to be shotblasted to remove all of the bitumen before the two pack could be applied.

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Living the Dream - What could possibly go wrong! (Continued)

We cruised Meadow Pipit into the dry dock at Staniland Marina in Thorne on the Stainforth and Keadby Canal where she was secured with ropes to keep her straight, the marina lads shut the gates behind us and opened the sluice to let the water out of the dock so that she would gently descend onto the wooden chocks at the bottom of the dock. I elected to stay on board for the process, which I thought would be fun - big mistake! An hour and a half later and very bored I was finally able to climb down the ladder onto a very muddy dry dock floor and make my escape.



We didn't stay on board in the dry dock, but came to see the shotblasting being done; there were clouds of dust and we couldn't even make out the boat - a totally wasted journey! I can't even begin to tell you the state she was in when we finally came back to her; the roof (normally orange) was black - covered in tiny grit particles as was the whole of the outside of the boat. The grit even got inside the boat through the closed windows and the air vents. Every time I cleaned an area, it got dirty again as I moved the grit from elsewhere; I cleaned the whole boat about four times! Even now, a couple of months later, we are still discovering odd pockets of grit.

It wasn't all bad, though - we asked Steve Ellis Boatfitters (also based in Stanilands) if they could cut a hole in our kitchen floor to keep our wine in the bilges, which they duly did, so we now have our very own wine cellar on board which nicely chills the wine as it is below water level.

As I'm writing this (at Goole) storm Debi is hitting, and Meadow Pipit is swaying in the wind - a pleasant sensation but it means we won't be going anywhere today. Narrowboats are flat bottomed and the wind makes them very hard to handle, so all experienced boaters stay moored up in windy conditions.



It looks like a day ahead of chilling out and then an evening with our neighbours, who have a tame peahen called George that lives with them on board.

This boating lark can be such a hard life!

By Polly on Meadow Pipit

Inspiring courses at Burton Joyce Library

This academic year has seen several Inspire Learning courses for adults take place at Burton Joyce Library, from Macramé to the Nottinghamshire locations of Lord Byron. There are more courses planned for 2024 with literature leading the way in the form of creative writing and local literary history, as John Smith, Inspire's Lead Tutor for Gedling, explains:



If you enjoy writing short stories, or have ever fancied having a go, then there's a great course for you at Burton Joyce Library starting in January. You will learn about creating characters, dialogue and plotting, and engage in a variety of writing exercises and discussions. The course is suitable for beginners and seasoned scribes. History buffs and literature lovers alike will enjoy the Nottinghamshire's Women Writers course occurring in March. You will discover the lives and words of local authors and poets, from the 17th Century to the present day. This journey through time will include many fascinating women to have made their mark on history including Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, Mary Howitt and Ada Lovelace. By the end of the course learners will have been able to compile their own top ten women writers of Nottinghamshire.

Creative Writing Short Stories: January 23rd to February 6th, 10:30am-12.30pm, Tuesdays, Free or £18.

Women Writers of Nottinghamshire: March 4th to 11th, 1pm-3pm, Mondays, Free or £12.

To book your place on one of these courses or to view other Inspire courses at Burton Joyce Library please visit www.inspireculture.org.uk/learning If there is a course you would really like to see at the library then please email john.smith@inspireculture.org.uk

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Meet Nottingham's newest Cat Rescue: Meow and Furever

We are an innovative, forward looking, friendly, foster based cat rescue specialising in the rescue, rehabilitation and re-homing of cats & kittens.

The founders of the rescue, have personal experience that spans three decades of caring for animals and are united by their love of cats.

Established in memory of Holly, who along with her three siblings, were saved from being put to sleep. Their crime; being two weeks of age and having suspected cat flu. With love, passion and many sleepless nights, Holly lived until she was 22 years of age.

We are unique in offering an oldies for oldies scheme where an older cat can become a companion animal to an older person to help counter loneliness.

We have cat fosterers across Nottinghamshire and are always seeking passionate people to join the team.

You provide the love and warmth of a home, we'll provide everything else you need including 24/7 support.

We try to engage with our community by providing social events that in turn raise much needed funds. Follow us to hear more about our planned Knit n Natter event, designed to bring the community together for a shared cause.

If you have any surplus food/litter, please don't let it go to waste. Or if you have or any items that could be used for our tombola and prize draw events, then collection can be arranged or a suitable drop off point provided.

Please visit our website, where you can find other ways to support us and see the cats we have available for you to adopt www.meowandfurever.co.uk

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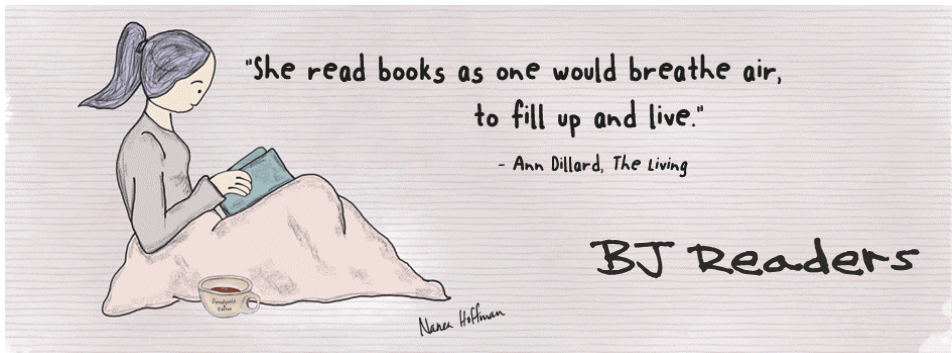
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A Christmas Tale

If you are thinking of buying someone a book for Christmas, then the aim of the game is to ensure your book does not appear in the Hospice Shop a couple of weeks later. In short, avoid hardback sports and political biographies. Sorry Nadine and Harry but you do have other income streams. What a festive coup it would be to gift a book that the recipient can never part with. Look at your own bookshelf and find that special 'book you would never lend'. That maybe is the one to buy and gift.

The eclectic recommendations that follow have all brought me immense satisfaction this year, and I hope one of them at least will to you too. There is no particular theme here, and my choices cover the whole gamut from romance to war, classic to cryptic.

They say you should never go back to an old love. Where books are concerned I beg to differ. Evelyn Waugh's *Brideshead Revisited* [1945] is the ultimate re-read. In a modest 402 pages (7 hours reading time according to the internet) Waugh's painful masterpiece explores the lot. Innocence, redemption, persecution, martyrdom, war, peace to name but a few themes. I first read this book in the early 80s whilst avoiding exam revision (and no, I didn't study English, so no excuses). Reading it again this year I felt I was running back to a long forgotten old friend. The themes in this enduring classic remain as relevant today as they were 80 years ago. You may struggle to find a copy in the charity shops because it's a book that readers hang onto and want to pass on, or believe they will re read.

Moving on 60 years, *Strange Sally Diamond* by Liz Nugent [2023] defies genre. At its core this is a classic psychological thriller, but it is also a rare and sensitive foray into how a small community reacts and adapts to a neurodivergent woman who has unwittingly committed a horrific act. Set in contemporary rural Ireland, 44-year-old Sally lives an isolated life with her elderly father, a retired psychotherapist. When he dies, Sally is forced to interact with the community. Some prove to be kind, others cruel and condemning. Together Sally and the friends that she makes help her explore a chilling family legacy of gargantuan proportions. A tale involving the best and worst of humanity, and a meditation on whether it is ever possible to overcome immense trauma.

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BJ Readers *(Continued)*

If a good spy novel is your fancy, then look no further than Kate Atkinson's 'Transcriptions'. Actually if, like me, you don't particularly care for a good spy novel you should also look no further because this book is so much more than 'just another' spy novel. It is 1940- and 18-year-old orphaned Juliet Armstrong is reluctantly, almost cluelessly, recruited into the world of espionage. Sent to an obscure department of MI5 tasked with monitoring the comings and goings of British Fascist sympathisers, she discovers that her work alternates between utter tedium, and extreme terror. But after the war has ended, she mistakenly presumes the events of those years have been relegated to the past forever. The atmosphere of both wartime and post war London is exquisitely captured. You can smell the smog and taste that dull wartime food. Authentic and compelling.

And there must be a Tale of Love for the Christmas stocking. Rose Tremain is the competent mistress of agonised love and complex relationships, and her new book *Absolutely and Forever* does not disappoint. This is a small, but never slight, novel. Ostensibly a tale of adolescence love set in the affluent Home Counties of a repressed post war Britain. 15-year-old Marianne is obsessed with Simon, 3 years her senior. Her life moves on, but her love does not. His life moves on, but not in the way she, or he, had expected. Many authors have written about adolescent self-discovery, the agony of maturity etc, but Tremain is mining something quite different here. A small story with a huge emotional underbelly. There is a quirkiness to the story that some critics have compared with Dodie Smith's delightful *I Capture the Castle*. It has the same slightly ethereal quality.

I agonised over many possible 'wild card' recommendations, and finally settled on David Nott's *War Doctor*. In the light of the recent Israeli conflict there has never been a more relevant time to read this tough but necessary book. This is Nott's front line memoir of 25 years of surgery in almost every reported war zone. If a hospital has been attacked, David Nott has probably operated in it. The reader is not spared, and neither should he be. It is accounts such as this that bring home the reality of war and make us pathetically grateful for what we have, and equally grateful that such amazing people exist. He shows a remarkable candour in relation to his motivation and admits that where most people strive to avoid trouble, he seeks it out, it is, he says, 'a kind of addiction'. I am not a Royalist, but there is an account in the book where he talks to the Queen about the trauma of war and she engages her Corgis in administering post trauma therapy. Dogs, it seems, have the answer to everything.

Jo McCarthy *BJ Readers*



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For Local by Local - Please help



Many people think they know a lot about charity but in most cases they are just scratching the surface. You might be surprised to know that there are over 2000 local charities and community groups in Nottinghamshire. Each offering their community or interest group, like sports clubs, day care centres or after school activities, essential facilities and often life saving services.

So many people rely on local charities in ways they might not even realise and sadly many have been forced to close due to the reduction in local council funds for the voluntary sector. Interestingly the average UK adult gives £150 annually to charity (of course some give £10 and others give £10,000) however that means for the Nottinghamshire Area with a population of just over £ 1 Million there is more than £150 million donated to charity every year and this usually ends up in London with big national charities.

Most people want to give locally but many tell us they do not know who to give to and this is where we can help; Nottinghamshire Community Foundation is a local charity serving all districts and villages of Nottinghamshire. <https://www.nottscf.org.uk/about-us/>

We distribute local legacy, family tribute and charitable trust funds to local community groups and charities in each neighbourhood. According to the donor's wishes, we administer their funds (sometimes anonymously) to their chosen theme and area, like 'Young people in Gedling'. We also work closely with the Charity Commission to modernise outdated Trusts to bring them back into usefulness in the location and theme of their original objects.

We advise clients for free on where the greatest need is and which groups are fully assessed for their legal, financial, safeguarding and operational excellence. We minimise risk and maximise benefit.

We need local companies, local families, local people to help us move at least 10% of that £150 million back into Nottinghamshire Communities where it belongs. We all know several local charities who would cry their eyes out for £5,000 or even £500 and we can't say that for the big nationals!

So please spread the words '**Give Local**' and come and talk to us for free advice. Our aim is to shift the National giving to Local giving and put thousands back into the hands and hearts of local people, where you can guarantee 100% of it is spent locally on.

We already deliver over 45 funds for local people, local Trusts and local companies, giving grants to community groups and local charities in the geography and theme of their choice.

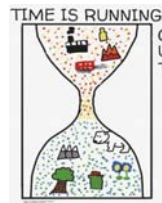
If you wish to talk to us about leaving a local legacy or setting up a fund in your own name or in tribute to someone else please email me on nina@nottscf.org.uk for free advice or visit our website: www.nottscf.org.uk

If you wish to receive a grant for your group please apply to any of the funds on our website which cover your criteria.

If you wish to donate to a local cause or village, again please email me and we can have a chat about the safest and easiest way to do that to ensure your generosity goes to the right people for the right reasons.

Nina Dauban CEO Nottinghamshire Community Foundation - Charity no: 1069538

Burton Joyce CLIMATE ACTION GROUP



In October, as the dark nights and colder weather started, Burton Joyce Climate Action Group hosted a talk on "Warmer Homes", practical advice to reduce energy bills and the benefits of this to the environment. The Speaker was Mark Kirkwood, programme manager for "The Nottingham Energy Partnership", a climate change and fuel poverty charity. Mark gave us a lot of useful information and advice and here are some of the main points;

Household emissions represent one of the UK's largest sources of carbon emissions - higher than manufacturing or even transport. More heat is lost through the walls of a house (35%) than the roof (25%). Adding insulation to walls as well as in the loft can significantly reduce heating costs and CO₂ emissions. How is Gedling Borough doing in all of this? - out of 43,300 households 27,400 have an energy performance rating (EPC) of only D or below (where A is best and G worst). This is lower than the national average.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Insulation

- Mark advised using "The Fabric First Approach", which aims to reduce demand for heat and power through insulation and airtightness, combined with adequate ventilation, before thinking of installing renewable energy systems such as solar panels and air source heat pumps (ASHP'S).
- Modern building regulations require a depth of 270mm (10") of loft insulation. In the 1980's it was only 25mm, so it's definitely worth popping up into the loft and checking.
- The type of wall insulation depends on whether you have cavity or solid walls. Cavity walls were introduced in the 1920's and 30's. Cavity wall insulation is the most cost effective measure, typically reducing heat loss through the walls by 75%. So very worth considering if you haven't already got it.
- Solid wall insulation can be internal or external. For a mid terrace house this could produce savings of up to £430/yr and reduce your carbon footprint by 800 KG/yr, which is the equivalent of 7-11 flights from London to Madrid.

Heating Your Home

- Replacing an old boiler with a new, efficient one can save up to £415 in a semi detached house.
- Optimise your boiler's efficiency by reducing its temperature setting. When boilers are installed they are set at 80 degrees C. Reducing it from 80 to 55 degrees C could potentially save 16% or £236/yr.

AirSource Heat Pumps

- The government has set a target of 600,000 new heat pumps fitted per year by 2028.
- Fitting an ASHP can save you money if you are replacing an old gas boiler, electric storage heaters or an oil/LPG or coal boiler (up to £1,500/yr and reduce your CO₂ by 3,400KG/yr)
- HOWEVER you may not save if you are replacing a newer gas boiler or if your home is not insulated effectively.

The main take home message from the evening was "WRAP YOUR HOUSE", ie make it as insulated and airtight as you can to reduce both your bills and carbon footprint.

Sharon Meldrum



Some ideas for using foliage



I spend a lot of time in my workshop in the loft and looking out of the window at the trees (see above photo), I realised how important foliage is in the garden. I thought I would discuss some of the plants which make a particular impact. There is no doubt that the plant most often admired is the *Cornus controversa variegata* on the right. Like many dogwoods it is easy in most soils but appreciates a damp spot. The variegated form is usually grafted and so is moderately expensive but it does form layers and I have given away (and been given) such offspring taken off young plants. It comes into leaf quite early and only once or twice in my 50 years has been severely damaged by frost. Similar is *Cornus alternifolia Argentea* which leafs up later and is quite safe in this respect but doesn't have such a stunning "wedding cake" affect and the white flowers in May are not so prominent.

The silver tree in the middle is a willow *Salix alba sericea*. This is less vigorous than some forms of the species which is an advantage in most of our small gardens and anyway can be cut back in winter. It is the best silver leaved variety and has been very effective this year.

Next left is a small weeping silver birch. These are pretty small trees but often grow too big for the site. For some reason this one which is the oldest tree in the picture has remained rather stunted. Otherwise I think it would have been removed.

Left again is a really valuable tree. The yellow leaved form of the Indian bean tree *Catalpa bignonioides*. This grows into a large tree and is stunning in flower in the summer but there isn't room there for it as a tree so it is trimmed hard most years to keep it in proportion to its site and with a little

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IN OUR GARDEN

compost or Growmore each year it thrives on this treatment. Unlike many yellow leafed trees it is not significantly scorched even like this one planted in full sun. Because this is such a stunning yellow leafed feature don't be tempted by the purple leafed form of the bean tree as it is quite dull and there are better red and purple leafed shrubs to choose from.

The prominent large green leaves in the middle belong to the much admired Tetrapanax. This is a suckering shrub which needs a certain space and its suckering has to be controlled. This is easily done and given away to a friend. I used to think it might be tender but it is growing well in the garden of a friend with a serious frost pocket .

Under all this is a wandering low growing smoke bush *Cotinus coggygia* with dark red leaves producing its smoke (flowers) in the summer.

The plant on the edge of the lawn with a bluish tinge to the leaves is a self sown *Euphorbia* which shows up well. Its yellow flowers in early spring are a real treat. It is one of the magical features of the garden when a plant puts itself in just the right spot and in this case it is a miracle as it is on the edge of a wall , in grass and has been there for ten years .

It would be nice if I had planned and planted this group when I arrived here 50 years ago, but I must confess they are the present survivors of a succession of plants I thought wonderful when I planted them. Like for many the first one to come and go was a cherry!

None of the above save the smoke bush give significant autumn colour an important subject in itself, perhaps for another article. However I do want to mention two such plants which have been outstanding this year as always and are not often featured.



Vitis coignetiae

Euronymus alatus is a small shrub which anyway can be cut to size in winter . It always gives a scarlet glow for several weeks of the year . The crimson glory vine *Vitis coignetiae* is an extremely vigorous climber. It will grow into a mature tree if you give it a start a little way from the trunk as I have done in the silver birch illustrated. It will also cover a fence.



Euronymus alatus

You can see all of Patrick's "In our Garden" articles by copying this link & pasting it into your browser,

<https://themagazine.org.uk/category/in-our-garden/>

A quieter time in the garden.

The festivities have started, the nights are drawing in and Christmas is just around the corner. Much of our gardens are now dormant for the winter months ahead. Do not let this put you off looking out for the splashes of colour and interest this month still has to offer.

There may not be many jobs to be doing this month, but if you fancy wrapping up and getting out in the garden, here are some jobs you can be getting on with;

- Feed the birds, our feathery friends need some extra help this month
- Ensure frost protection is in place for those chilly winter nights
- Plant up any empty pots you have with winter colour. Its amazing what a difference a planter can make to a winter garden.
- Prune apple and pear trees this month
- Want to move any trees or shrubs? Do that now whilst the roots are dormant.
- Harvest cabbage, carrots and parsnips
- Sow seeds for lettuce, radish and summer cabbage now
- Late flowering perennials should have died back well by now, cut back completely to ground level and mulch
- Add some indoor plants to brighten your home. Poinsettia, Cyclamen and Christmas cacti are great additions to have at Christmas time. Plus you can keep them from year to year!
- Have a go at creating your own Christmas wreath. There is a wealth of stems, berries and colourful foliage to choose from at this time of year to create your very own homemade decoration.
- Add a living Christmas tree to your garden. A little Picea or Cupressus with some fairy lights on will brighten up any doorway or patio. Even better, you can decorate that same tree for many years to come.

At this time of year, certain plants look their absolute best and truly shine. You will find interesting leaf colours, berries and flowers to brighten up those December days. If you are looking for festive plants to give you colour and interest, look no further than Skimmia.

Skimmia jap. 'Olympic Flame' has an abundance of bright red berries now. Clusters of them adorn this elegant evergreen shrub and provide a truly festive look.

For something a little different look out for Skimmia jap. 'O'Berries White'. A sumptuous Skimmia prolific with perfectly pure white berries. A wonderful contrast alongside the traditional red berries at this time of year.



Skimmia jap. 'Olympic Flame'

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Skimmia enjoy an ericaceous soil and prefer a partly shaded position. They keep themselves neat and require little maintenance. Being an evergreen, they provide year round interest and structure. Be sure to plant a pollinating partner nearby such as the male variety 'Rubella'. This will ensure you continue to get masses of those delightful berries! These plants really are a great all rounder, look out for them in your local garden centre today!



December is a wonderful time of year in the garden.

There is always something going on. Buds developing, colourful foliage gleaming and even flowers blooming. It's all there, you just have to know where to look!



Skimmia jap. 'O'Berries White'







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The Burton Joyce Co-op COMMUNITY page

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THINKING OF EXTENDING YOUR HOME!

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Finding the right builder is a challenge. A recommendation is always best or ask a friend or relative if they know of someone. Be careful! If you rely upon giving a verbal description of the scheme. Builders could interpret your descriptions differently and come up with a quote that doesn't meet your requirements, or, if obtaining more than one quote, incomparable prices.



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Burton Joyce Primary School – November 2023

Foundation have now started fortnightly 'Welly Wednesday' sessions where they are enjoying exploring the wider school site whilst learning about autumn and celebrations such as Bonfire Night and Diwali. They have started going into our Friday rewards assemblies and are excited to start learning songs for their first school nativity.

KS1 have had a fantastic busy term so far, they went on a walk around the village, studying human and physical features and taking pictures. They then sketched some fantastic landscapes of the Village. During Harvest, the children enjoyed visiting the village church and sharing some songs with the parents. Last week the children enjoyed their first school trip learning about historical Nottingham and exploring the caves.



Our PRIDE integrity ambassadors recently met with Cllr Mike Adams to share their thoughts about road safety around the village. They discussed issues that the children across the school had recently raised regarding crossing the roads safely, parked cars and the speed of drivers near the playground on the main road. Cllr Adams listened to the children and was able to give the children some reassurance that some changes were in progress.

Year 3/4 have had a great start to the year learning all about mountains in Geography and Ancient Maya in History. In October, the children enjoyed sharing Harvest and Autumn poems and songs in church and are looking forward to their Christmas performances in December. Year 4 have begun their swimming lessons again at Carlton Forum and year 3 are due to start in a few weeks.



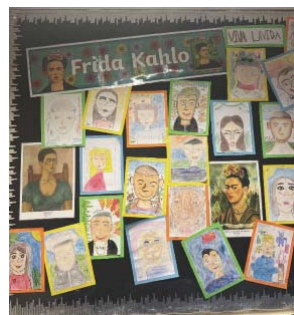
During the first half of the Autumn term, our Year 5 & 6 pupils delved into and explored the world of 'Weirworld' from the text Goodnight Mr Tom. Using this as their stimulus, our children produced their own fictional texts based upon children being evacuated from the major cities to rural locations during World War II. In maths, the children consolidated and furthered their understanding of number and place value. Our

children explored the geographical and geological processes involved in the production of steel and explored science revolving around an understanding of light. The children engaged in a unit of art work, which involved a study of drawing in 1 and 2 point perspective. In PE, the children developed their orienteering skills and ability to play tag-rugby.

All school have also been busy making Poppies for the Community Garden which you will be able to see shortly.

Can you help us? Does anyone have any classic story books at home they no longer need? We would be grateful if you would consider donating them to school for our library. We are more than happy to collect or you are welcome to drop off.

Please contact Wendy Haywood office@burtonjoyce.notts.sch.uk or call on **0115 9312373**.



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November Update

Rewards culture at Carlton le Willows

Autumn term is always an exciting time at Carlton le Willows but never more so than this year as students and staff embrace a positive rewards culture at the Academy.

Students in all year groups are now familiar with Proud Thursday – the weekly opportunity for those who have had their ‘beautiful work’ recognised in class to receive additional recognition from senior leaders. The queues to get a certificate are growing week on week and it is lovely to see so many students striving to earn their reward.



Years 7 to 10 are now being encouraged to get in the running for Carlton le Willows’ 25 Days of Awesome event. To be eligible for this reward – yet to be revealed! – students must have more than 95% attendance, no C4s and give 100% effort while at school. This follows on from last half term’s Fun Fest event, when students who fit this criteria had time together enjoying quizzes and sweet treats in recognition of their commitment to school.

Year 11 are also well into the rewards culture. As this is such an important year for our young people due to sit GCSEs in summer, the aim of these rewards is to keep Year 11 focused on their studies but with room for a bit of downtime in return. Last term more than 150 Year 11 went to Alton Towers for the day after demonstrating an excellent approach to their studies. This term the reward is a Christmas shopping trip to Meadowhall and it has been great to see so many students turning up for the daily after school intervention sessions. All of this will of course give them the best chance possible when they sit their GCSEs in just a few weeks’ time.

BURTON JOYCE & BULCOTE WI

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Monthly Meetings

Second Thursday in the month Burton Joyce Village Hall 7.00 pm start

Future Meetings

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| 14th December | In-house Christmas celebrations |
| 11th January | 2024 Resolutions with relevant speaker |
| 8th February | 'The rapid pace of change in Journalism' –
Natalie Fahy of The Nottingham Post |
| 14th March | A Musical Evening with Heather Fox and
Tina Hewitt |

**We welcome visitors and new members to join us to learn new skills,
meet inspiring people, support our local community, make friends
and have fun!**

Other Activity Groups

- Craft Club – first Tuesday of the month
- Walking Group – first Wednesday of the month
- Walking Netball – 9.30am every Monday (except Bank holidays)
at The Poplars Sports Ground

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Come and try us out at one of our speaker meetings. There's no charge, no obligation, and you will be made very welcome. You can also visit our website for more information, at <https://bju3a.co.uk/> or follow us on Facebook.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly speaker meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in Burton Joyce & Bulcote Village Hall, Trent Lane, Burton Joyce, at 1:30pm. Our next meetings are:-



TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER CHRISTMAS MEETING

Our Ukulele group will be performing again at our Christmas meeting, and there will be a quiz, mulled wine, and festive fayre. It's always a very sociable event, getting us into the mood for Christmas.



TUESDAY 9th JANUARY – ROGER BROWNE – THE KING'S TIGER RAG

Roger Browne is an actor, singer, speaker, musician, director, composer and writer. As a jazz pianist, he has accompanied many top International and UK based jazz artists including George Chisholm, Humphrey Lyttleton, George Melly, Marion Montgomery, Stefan Grappelli, Louis Armstrong all-star, Bud Freeman, Scott Hamilton, Danny Moss etc. Roger presented "The Great American Songbook" to us in January 2023 to great acclaim, so we booked him again for January 2024, when he will tell us the strange story of the role that King George V played in bringing Jazz to Britain in 1919 with The Original Dixieland Jazz Band. Roger will perform music from the Jazz era, and there will be audience participation!

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Pauline's poems

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we would play on the grass and climb up the trees and we never bothered about scuffing
our knees

then there would be a Picnic crisp and jam and because she was grown up our Mam had
cooked ham.

then into the hall a wonderful place that had birds and butterflies safe in a glass case.

when you entered the hall the first thing you saw was a large Giraffe that made you feel
small but

the very best bit and you had to be brave was to see the Gorilla inside his glass cage.

*I looked in the mirror and what did I see
a different face looking back at me
the eyes they still sparkled I'd still got the nose
but I wish I could give those feet back to the crows
some say not to worry because you can't change that,
but I'm going to try and then find me chap !*

CODEWORD

Codeword is the crossword puzzle with no clues. The number in each square corresponds to a letter. Work out the words in the grid using the letters provided. Fill in these known letters first, then use skill and judgement to work out the others.

**ANSWERS
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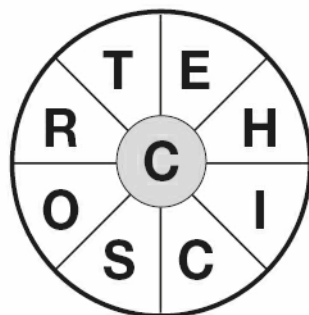
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Fill in the grid so that every column, row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains the digits 1-9. There is no guesswork involved, solve the puzzle using logic.

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WORDWHEEL

You have 10 minutes to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others. Letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. There is at least one 9-letter word to be found.



How you rate:
25, average; 35, good;
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Burton Joyce Library

Wow! Where did the year go? It has been such a very busy one at the library. If you haven't seen the results of our fantastic refurbishment, where have you been? Call in and have a look, borrow a book, make yourself a coffee/tea (for 50p) and enjoy our lovely space. You can join the library for free by filling in a brief form at the Help Desk, or by signing up online at:

<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/libraries/joining-and-using-libraries/>

Have you found anything to interest you amongst the courses on offer at Burton Joyce Library? There is a Macrame courses (think Christmas presents!) in December with further courses in the New Year on such diverse subjects as Creative Writing, Mental Health Awareness, Women Writers of Notts and Book Making – so really something for everyone. To register for the courses and to see the full list visit <https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/skills-learning/community-learning/> and search for 'Burton Joyce' in the 'Location' box on the right hand side, or call Ask Inspire on 01623 677 200.

We can't get to Christmas without a children's craft session and this year it will be on Saturday 16th December. Drop in between 10.30am and 12.30pm so that the children can leave with a suitably festive 'make'. We have lots of children's Christmas books available to borrow to get into the Christmas groove. Our weekly Rattle, Rhyme and Roll sessions on Wednesday mornings at 10.30 always include an opportunity for the under-5's to jingle some bells whilst joining in with the tunes.

Our final opening day of 2023 will be Saturday 23rd December, when we will close at our usual time of 1pm and then re-open in 2024 on Wednesday 3rd January at 9.30am. If you can't manage without us, remember that you can order and renew books online using your library card and pin number (please ask us for that if you haven't used it before), and you can also download audio, books, magazines and newspapers for free as a library member. Have a look at the Inspire website and follow the instructions

<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/digital/>

That's it for 2023 other than to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Emma and Elizabeth at Burton Joyce Library. Make borrowing a library book one of your resolutions! We look forward to seeing you very soon.

OPENING TIMES (SEE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE TIMES ABOVE)

Monday	9.30 am – 1 pm	Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	9.30 am - 1 pm and 2 - 6 pm	Thursday	2 – 5 pm
Friday	9.30 am – 1 pm and 2 – 5 pm	Saturday	9.30 am – 1 pm
Sunday	CLOSED		

Burton Joyce Library, Inspire:Culture, Learning and Libraries
Meadow Lane, Burton Joyce, Nottingham NG14 5EX



Summary Train Timetable: THE CASTLE LINE – Burton Joyce

21st May 2023 to 9th December 2023

	From BJ to Nottingham	From BJ to Newark Castle
Mon - Fri	06.23 06.50 07.59 08.59 09.59 11.59 14.59 17.02 18.01 23.52	05.53 07.00 08.07 12.08 14.08 16.08 17.08 18.04 19.02 21.41 22.47
Sat	06.25 07.59 08.59 10.03 11.59 15.01 16.59 18.02 21.30 22.30	06.05 07.00 08.08 12.10 16.07 17.08 18.08 19.07 21.43
Sun	09.54 12.18 15.32 17.29 19.45 23.44	09.43 11.35 14.37 17.37 22.40

	From Nottingham to BJ	From Newark Castle to BJ
Mon - Fri	05.43 06.50 07.57 11.58 13.58 15.58 16.58 17.54 18.52 21.33 22.37	05.58 06.27 07.36 08.41 09.36 11.36 14.36 16.39 17.38 23.32
Sat	05.55 06.50 07.58 12.00 15.57 16.58 17.58 18.57 21.32	06.00 07.36 08.41 09.40 11.36 14.38 16.36 17.39 21.10 22.10
Sun	09.33 11.25 14.27 17.27 22.30	09.29 11.53 15.07 17.05 19.21 23.20

PLEASE NOTE:

From BJ, all eastbound trains call at Newark (some continue to Lincoln and Cleethorpes), and all westbound trains go to Nottingham (most continue to Crewe, but some go to Leicester).

Due to frequent uncertainties in the railway industry, it is recommended that train times are checked before travel on such systems as www.nationalrail.co.uk

Information provided by John Flynn, 11/05/23.

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ricochet, ricochets, scorch, score, scotch, scoter, sect, sector, soccer, stoic, tech, thrice, torc, torch, torches, trice, troche.

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6	2	3	7	9	1	5	4	8
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7	8	2	4	3	6	1	9	5
5	6	9	1	7	8	2	3	4

Useful NAMES and CONTACT DETAILS

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Benefice Administrator	Tracey Akehurst	0780 516 2088
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Cllr. Sam Smith	cllr.sam.smith@gedling.gov.uk	07939 816704
Cllr. Michael Adams	cllr.michael.adams@gedling.gov.uk	0115 7147148
Tom Randall MP	tom.randall.mp@parliament.uk	
Police	Call 101 for non emergency call Call 999 for emergency	
Ivy Medical Group	4 Wheatsheaf Court	0115 9312500
Pear Tree Dental Centre	22 Nottingham Road	0115 9312935
BJ Primary School	Padleys Lane	0115 9312373
BJ Library (Cl.Tuesday)	Meadow Lane	0115 9313360
Voluntary Car Service	Anne Swann	0115 9313671
	Alan Comerie	0115 9312221
Pathfinder Bus Info		0115 9506070
Train Information		0845 7484950
Westwolds Care Home	4 Park Avenue	0115 9313659
Carnarvon House	8 Willow Wong	0115 8440032
Red Cross Medical Loans	Phoenix Park	0115 8528029
Village Hall Hire	bookings@bjvillagehall.org.uk	07706 005739
Old Church Hall Hire	Tracey Akehurst	0115 9652114
Church Centre		
Carnarvon Rooms		
Main Hall, Old School Bldg	Jayne Savage	0115 9314084
Poplars Sports ground	David List	07957 7869096 or 9314084
Tennis Club	Heather Ankers	0115 9537137
Delights + Post Office	Nicky & Julie 53 Main Street	0115 9313487 0115 9313141

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