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EDITOR'S COMMENT

Another bumper edition with a full 84 pages. We have included the reports of the Clubs and Community Groups which were presented to the Parish Council on May 7th. Some were rather long which necessitated reducing the print size to fit them in - but at least they are all there so apologies if you need stronger glasses.

Plenty of events to choose from and don't miss the opportunity to join the regular activities at Rivendell View Care Home or a Coffee & Chat at Carnarvon House every Friday.

Next edition will include a new adventure for our intrepid sleuth 'Meads' and Meadow Pipit's adventure along the Lancaster Canal.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

With summer here and hopefully fine weather too, we can enjoy the beautiful countryside around us, make the most of the great hospitality, cafes, and pubs etc. that we have, and all the amazing facilities such as The Poplars, Roberts Recreation Ground, The Grove, and other village venues e.g. also the Village Hall. There is a lot happening in the village, it is heartening to see so much effort being put in by clubs, societies, group, businesses, and individuals. The planning for the development of the Old School Building continues at a pace, please keep an eye on our website and have a great summer.



COMMUNITY GARDEN CONSULTATION

A big THANK YOU to everyone who took the time to call into our drop-in sessions in March and to complete the on-line survey for the Community Garden. We have now met with the designers, *Influence*, to review the findings and include your feedback and ideas into the detailed design plan. Once the technical specification is finalised the next stage is to seek quotations for the works. In the meantime we are busy applying for additional grants and funding to maximise the potential of this exciting village project.

POP-UP FOOD FAYRES

We are continuing to support the very popular and much-enjoyed Pop-Up Food Fayres at the Old School Building. These are being held on the last Sunday of the month, the next one being **Sunday 30th June – 11:00am to 4:00pm**.



Please come along and grab a coffee or a bite to eat from the different and exciting food stalls, catch up with friends and family ... *meet, eat, chat!*

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Our Annual Parish Meeting was well attended again this year, with informative updates provided by representatives from our local clubs, all run by dedicated volunteers. The Chair of the Parish Council opened the meeting by providing a comprehensive overview of the Parish Council's activities over the past year, with reference to the Annual Report, which can be found on line at

<https://www.burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk/annual-report-2023-4/>

Please take time to read.



Reports were provided by Burton Joyce Bowls Club, Bridge Club, Climate Action Group, Players, Pétanque, Flood Wardens and Archery Club, Burton Joyce and Bulcote History Society, The Magazine, Trent Valley Singers and the Women's Institute. It was wonderful to hear of the success of these thriving village groups who provide so much for the community. Apologies were given by BJTV and The Community Market who were unable to attend. Club reports can be found on pages ** of this edition of The Magazine. The full reports for each individual club can also be found on our website.

“Volunteers Week” takes place 3-9 June every year in the UK to recognise the fantastic contribution volunteers make to our communities and for us to say ‘thank you’. We hope that you will look out for the many voluntary groups and activities within Burton Joyce during that week and the rest of the year and, if you haven’t already, find an activity in which to participate.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

- Are you passionate about your community?
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- Do you have innovative ideas for the council?

If this is you, then we need you! The Parish Council currently has a vacancy for this voluntary role. If you would like to find out more, please contact the Parish Council office or speak to one of our existing councillors to find out more!

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BURTON JOYCE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT *Continued*

PICNIC IN THE PARK

The annual 'Picnic in the Park' will be taking place at The Grove off Willow Wong on the afternoon of **Saturday 7th September** – bring along your own drinks and picnic - more details to follow. We look forward to a relaxed afternoon listening to the wonderful music of Burton Joyce Community Brass at this FREE event.



IN OTHER NEWS

Parish Council Calls for Better Solution to Rail Crossing Closure Proposal

At a meeting with the Parish Council, Network Rail informed us that they will close imminently the Chestnut Grove (Nelson) rail crossing utilising an emergency 6-month emergency 'temporary' closure order.

The Council has considerable concerns, the closing of this crossing would have a significant effect on our village, and will almost certainly shift or create new problems, including additional traffic and pedestrian issues. Whilst safety is paramount, we seek better solutions to the closure of this vital access.

The Council are looking to work collaboratively on ways that enhance safety but also take a wider perspective to protect community access and amenity.

POPLARS SPORT GROUND

A welcome return of the BJFC club night, now running on Friday nights in the Pavilion.



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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday May 7th, 2024, can be found on the Burton Joyce Parish Council website. Below are the reports of the Clubs and Community Groups.



1. Community Groups

Burton Joyce Bowls Club – Steve Cantrell

Our season started on April 20th with 55 x members, which represents a healthy membership for a bowls club as over the past few years a number of clubs in the county have struggled to maintain a viable membership and sadly in ever increasing numbers clubs are closing.

On the 27th of April we held a new members day when first time bowlers can attend the club to try their hand at bowls with a view to joining the club. We had 9 x people attend the day and some have already joined, and others are considering joining. We also hold “taster” days throughout the season when other potential new players can attend, and experienced bowlers are on hand to explain the game and encourage membership. The bowling green this year is in superb condition and our thanks and gratitude once again go to David List and his team for their very hard work throughout the year.

We are playing in 4 x leagues this year with each league offering a variation on how matches are played. We also play a number of friendly matches during the season which provides a good opportunity for newer and less experienced players to play matches in a competitive but less serious environment.

In addition to the league matches we play internal club competitions and hold finals weekend on the 1st weekend in September, with the trophy presentations being made by Laurence King last year.

This year for the first time the club is also organising a club tour to Paignton where we play 4 x matches in 4 x days against clubs in the area whilst spending 5 x nights in a hotel in Paignton.

U3a Pétanque – Dil Vowles

Since last years’ meeting, I am pleased to say that we now have 2 more playing surfaces, which means that we have a set of 4 pistes. This enables 24 of us to play at any one time. The surfaces differ in their composition so that we gain experience of playing on those similar to other clubs’.

As well as the pistes we have also funded an extension to the wind barrier that was already there, so 12 more conifer treeswhich will take a while to get established and do the job!

We have also acquired a bench from the Parish Council, and we thank them for that.

We have a healthy membership, having recruited quite a few new members over the last 12 months. Now the weather is a bit drier we have seen more people playing on a regular basis.

We have continued to be members of the Mercia pétanque league and have entered teams in many of their competitions. Once again, we had a pair of players entering the International Women's Day competition and we have run a club-based melee competition throughout the Winter/Spring.

We are currently in contact with several other U3a groups, trying to organise friendly games with a more social element, something we would be unable to do without our 2 new pistes.

As always, we thank the ground staff for their assistance in enabling us to enjoy this game.

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Burton Joyce Bridge Club – Steve Wright

The Club continues to hold weekly meetings at the Poplars Sports Ground, where we appreciate the use of the facilities and the excellent help given by the staff. We were fortunate in being able to walk to the premises when the road was flooded, and the only week that was missed was due to the Club's Annual outing, this year to York. Current membership is 32, the same as last year. We have lost a few members but are pleased that new ones have come along to enjoy an afternoon's play in a friendly atmosphere. Some members travel from Newark, as well as from Mapperley, Southwell and Gedling.

Burton Joyce & Bulcote Local History Society – Steve Wright

After 23 years occupying the Carnarvon Room, in May 2023 the Society moved out, having been served notice to vacate the premises. The large archive, which included thousands of documents and photographs, has been transferred to the County Archives. The glass display cases have been donated to various organisations around the County, where they were gratefully accepted.

The loss of the Carnarvon Room as a base for the storage and presentation of artefacts and documents is a great loss to the village, and was a valuable amenity for the community.

The Society now holds nine monthly meetings in the village Library, with a break from June to August. At the monthly meetings we are entertained by visiting speakers giving talks on various topics relating to local history. Membership has reduced somewhat from 53 to 45, mainly due to advancing years and the deaths of three members.

In the summer, two outings were arranged, first to Brackenhurst in June and in July to Bennerley Viaduct, with guided tours around both places.

Burton Joyce Flood Wardens - Paul Wilson

By way of background the inception of the Burton Joyce Flood Signage Wardens Group began during the COVID Lockdown of 2021. Originally led by the Environment Agency, the group that we know today was formed in late 2022, with the fantastic support of Dr Josh Wells of Nottinghamshire County Council's (NCC) Flood Risk Management team, the support of which continues to this day.

It has been a busy past 12 months for the group, which of course is not necessarily a good thing....The wardens were forced into action a number of times; in 2024 thus far alone, we were out of the traps from the outset with Storm Henk, which has been the most problematic over said period (and indeed for a long period of time), with subsequent calls to action in early February and towards the end of said month.

There are currently circa 14 members of the group, which increased notably post Storm Henk, which naturally drew a lot of attention post the issues which were created and faced within the village.

We are all trained in terms of putting signage out to direct drivers away from the typical areas which suffer from flooding in the village, which typically starts at the junction of Main Street and Lambley Lane (flash flooding, not helped when the Environment Agency pumping station is apparently not turned on; signs aren't typically in place for long) and Stoke Lane when the River Trent breaches (which typically happens for a longer, sustained period of time).

The Burton Joyce group also liaises with other Groups along the A612 corridor reaching out as far as Kelham Bridge, passing information on the state of flooding across local villages which can then be passed via social media to our local residents.

We volunteer our time to assist and are happy to do so.

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However, it doesn't come without its issues which fellow villagers should be mindful of. A number of the wardens are active on social media to try and make people aware of issues, albeit can receive criticism as a result on occasion, as can indeed be the case when 'on the ground'. There is also sometimes confusion created by messaging/suggested instructions received on occasion, which contravene the agreements in place with NCC's Emergency Planning Team, which informs the training us wardens complete and the policies we adhere to. We therefore ask fellow villagers to be mindful of this as we continue to provide our support; unfortunately, we suspect we'll only get busier in the months and years to come.

Burton Joyce Archers – Chris Joyce

Burton Joyce Archers has existed since the Poplars Sports Ground was established in 1998.

We currently have over 40 members ranging from our youngest junior aged 9 to our oldest member who is nearly 80.

We shoot in the Sumer period 6 days a week, the only day we do not shoot being Saturday. In the winter period we still do shoot outside, but we also shoot at our indoor venue at the Joseph Whitaker School in Rainworth.

We regularly hold open competitions during the Sumer, where we invite archers to compete at our registered archery range up to World Record status.

We have in the past hosted County, Regional and National competitions which have featured GB Olympic team members and international archers.

We hold beginners courses each year where we train up new archers who must complete a recognised archery course before they are allowed to shoot.

The cost to participate in a beginner's course is currently £60.00 with club joining fees payable on completion of the course if club membership is required.

We offer advice and coaching and currently have four coaches who are trained to level 2 AGB accreditation.

We as a club have to follow strict rules when we are shooting, and any infringement of the rules of shooting can invalidate our insurance without which we cannot shoot.

Our club currently has one member of the GB Team, and we have several archers who hold UK top ten rankings.

If anybody wishes to take up archery they can register their interest on our web site, and hopefully we can include them on the next beginner's course.

Whenever we hold open competitions visiting archers are very jealous of our shooting range and they always comment on the pristine state of the grass and the overall facilities, we do work closely with the grounds staff at the Poplars and would like to thank David and his team for the magnificent job that they do managing the Sports Ground.

Thank you.

BJ Women's Institute - Katherine Forster and Barbara Chapman

The National Chair of the WI said: "We join the WI for friendship, fun and life-long learning" mostly in that order. This will resonate strongly with many of our members who have come new to the area or the village and for others who may have lived in the village, some of them for half their lives. Visitors and new members invariably describe us as a happy friendly bunch. Probably one of the best compliments, as so much can happen from that positive starting point.

Fun - we do like to laugh a lot! You can imagine that netball sessions, learning new skills, coffee sessions, having a guided singing session, games and new activities all go down well in the fun stakes.

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We try to bring that relaxed feeling into all our meetings and events.

Learning - well learning for the WI is not just about listening to a speaker. The WI spreads it's learning across, listening, seeing, and doing. This year we have learnt about women in journalism, being visually impaired (that speaker made us laugh so much), arranging flowers, people around the world and our very lovely outdoors event in the Parish Council garden last August where we focused on Inspiring women (the WI motto).

Our numbers at the moment are healthy and we have a good program in the making for next year. Full of activities to share and develop friendships, to continue with the fun and be sure that we continue to learn.

Trent Valley Singers - Heather Fox

Trent Valley Singers have had another good year under the leadership of our lively musical director Tina Hewitt. Membership has continued to grow so that we now have over 50 members. In common with many four-part harmony choirs we could do with more tenors of either sex. New members are always made very welcome. We sing a wide variety of musical styles & rehearsals are always great fun.

We have staged several concerts during the past year including an informal concert for family and friends last July; a Christmas concert dedicated to the memory of one of our dear members Pat Marshall, who had also been a member of Vicky McClure's 'Our Dementia Choir'. TVS members were keen to support the work of that choir as music is so therapeutic for dementia sufferers, so they raised £1182 for that charity; and the Spring Concert this year when £870 was raised for the Burton Joyce and Bulcote Village Hall. Due to the increased numbers in the choir, we have now started using the BJ Choral Society's staging for our concerts, which they donated to the Village Hall. This is so much better for the audience as they can now see all the choir.

We also took part in the annual BJ Christmas Lights Switch- On which was even more enjoyable this time as the weather was so much better - bitterly cold but dry!

This year's Summer Singers have just begun rehearsing for an informal concert on Thursday July 11th. All are welcome to this free concert.

After the summer break rehearsals will start again on Thurs September 5th when we will all be looking forward to another enjoyable year of music making.

The Magazine – Steve Swann

Last year was a turning point for The Magazine as it gave us the opportunity of saying to the village that we exist and have something to offer. We now distribute 800 magazines each edition.

Quite a lot has happened in the last 12 months.

In May we produced in conjunction with the Parish Council the artwork for the Coronation Programme including the banners which all seemed to go down well.

We sponsored the BJ Open Gardens by donating the production of leaflets, programme, map and banner for the event which were well received and helped them raise a significant amount for their nominated charity and the Old Schoolroom gardens.

We applied to be a charity, but this was declined because we printed adverts for commercial organisations. We set up the BJ Magazine as a non-profit company, limited by guarantee, so as pursue the charity route. We are all volunteers, and any excess proceeds are given to charities. However, it seems that all doesn't count!

We entered the 2023 National Parish Magazine Awards and came 46th out of 450 Parish mags. Seeing how we are not a "Parish" Magazine as such, we reckon we did fairly well.

During the year we ran a dog photo competition, (won by Murphy), and produced a 2023 calendar which showed local views and included a selection of dog photos

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from the competition.

We would like to thank our fellow Director, Alan Comerie for organising distribution of the magazine and our thanks to our many deliverers who do a stalwart job. We are also very grateful to our excellent regular contributors for their stories and articles and to Anne Tate Photography for her superb photos used on our front covers. Our list of advertisers is constantly growing and is very encouraging for the future.

Burton Joyce Climate Action Group – Bobbie Prime

Burton Joyce Climate Action Group is a relatively small group, but there is growing interest and involvement in our activities from village residents. We are affiliated with the Friends of the Earth and are frequently in touch with the East Midlands Friends of the Earth co-ordinator.

We don't charge a membership fee.

Posting messages on BJ Facebook has helped highlight our activities and nationwide events and has encouraged others to join us. We have also held several stalls at the Community Market to publicise the group.

We have met regularly each month at either the OSB or the Wheatsheaf and are grateful for the hospitality of both.

PARTICIPATION WITH OTHER LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION GROUPS - We attended Gedling Climate Action Group hustings with Gedling Borough Councillors to question candidates about their commitments to environmental concerns.

We entered a team Lowdham Climate Action Group Quiz (which we are happy to say we won!)

PARTICIPATION WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL - We joined the Parish Council to discuss the People's Plan for Nature regarding increasing pollinator friendly plants in public areas and have attended Parish Council Community Amenities meetings. We are also collaborating with the Parish Council to begin to address some changes which can be made in the way we operate to become more environmentally conscious. We have put together an Environment / Biodiversity Plan which can be found on the PC website. We participated in the Community Garden Consultation, highlighting environmental considerations in the use of materials and planting.

RIVERBANK SAPLINGS - planting and nurturing trees along the riverbank has been one of our major activities and we are grateful for the positive co-operation and assistance of John Jackson and his team at Severn Trent Farm. We mapped the 14 different pens/plantations of saplings along the riverbank, and they have been "adopted" by village residents to help maintain and nurture the saplings. Despite the serious flooding, most saplings are surviving well and are now in leaf. There are two pens near the Ferryboat at Stoke Bardolph which are in need of "adoption" so we would be glad to hear from anyone who would like to take care of them. We erected a plaque to identify the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Plantation which was planted by the Climate Action Group and the Primary School children last year.

LITTER PICKING - A small group collected many bags of rubbish from each side of the lower slopes of the Gedling Access Road. We organised 3 litter picks along various points of the riverbank after the floods and there was a lot of participation by village families. The distressing amount of plastic collected will be sent for recycling.

WARM HOMES - We held a meeting at the Wheatsheaf with Nottingham Energy Partnership to give information and advice about warm homes, and a further workshop was held at the Old School Building.

20's PLENTY - Two sessions were held at the Village Market and at the Co-Op to collect opinions from villagers about the advisability of reducing the

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speed limit to 20-mph in the village. The majority of responses were in favour. However, the recent imposition of a 30-mph limit on A612 and placement of speed cameras has resulted in our deciding to suspend this campaign for the present.

OPEN GARDENS - Ros Pither participated in the Open Gardens Day in the village last summer and visitors showed great interest in learning about how she had worked to maintain her natural garden.

Ros will be running a workshop shortly on giving advice about effective composting. 10th May, 6pm rospither@hotmail.co.uk

PLANTERS - We purchased two planters made by Men in Sheds which have been placed at the Co-Op, and the Co-Op kindly paid for a third. We have maintained the planters with seasonal pollinator plants with the help of BJ U3A Gardening Group and a team of volunteers has regularly watered and refreshed the plants.

Burton Joyce YouTube channel - Robert Scotton (written report provided)

Thank you for the invitation to the meeting, unfortunately I will be away so will be unable to attend.

We are always looking for videos of events in or around our village to add to the Burton Joyce YouTube channel.

Should any of the groups wish us to attend an event or would like to tell us what they do, we can be contacted on Facebook or via email burtonjoycety@gmail.com

BJ Players – Deborah Craddock

The Players are a drama group which has existed since the 1940s. There are currently 48 members. We continue to perform 2 plays and a pantomime each year to very good audience numbers. We are always grateful that people from the village and surrounding areas support our local group in such an enthusiastic manner. We have recently received excellent reviews and recommendations on the village Facebook pages, which are a great source of publicity. Our last 2 plays have been entered for the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Drama Association Play of the Year competition.

Our future plans are to continue to produce our 3 shows per year, but in 2025 our Autumn production will be a celebration of 100 years of the Village Hall, which was built in 1925 with contributions from the villagers. We hope other community groups will join us in this variety show.

We continue to make contributions to charity when funds allow and made a £300 contribution to the Village Hall Coronation Celebrations.

We have social events at Christmas and our annual summer picnic. We often go to see other theatre productions around Nottinghamshire.

However, our costs have risen in recent times. Hiring the costume store in the Old School Building costs over £1200 per year. Fees for hiring the Village Hall are rising and this is our largest item of expenditure. We have now lost our storage facility at Bulcote Farm and can no longer store our props and furniture.

Our long-standing members who administer the drama group could do with a boost from some younger members, so if anyone is interested in joining us, please do let us know or come and see us at the Village Hall on Monday and Wednesday evenings from August-May each season.

2. Public Session – open to members of the public to raise questions or concerns

Steve Wright – BJ Village Society thanked all the staff at the Parish Council for the hard work with the refurbishment of the Old School Clock and to all those who had contributed. With special thanks for the donations from several major donors, the general public, The Magazine and legacies from The BJ & Bulcote Local History Society.

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BURTON JOYCE VILLAGE SOCIETY
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PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday June 19th 2024 7.30 in Burton
Joyce Village Hall, Trent Lane.

All local residents welcome. Local organisations and public bodies also invited.

*Hear important information – Make your point –
Ask questions - contribute information and ideas*

Part 1 FLOODING – past present and future

1. Local historical and geographical factors: why Burton Joyce is at exceptional risk of damaging flooding.
2. Recent flooding incidents: lessons to be learned and future risks.
3. The work of County, Borough and Parish Councils, the Environment Agency and Severn Trent Water.
4. Future risk, from Climate Change and building on sensitive areas.
5. Measures to reduce future flooding, and to cope with any such events.

Representatives have been invited from all the organisations listed in item 3.

Part 2 ACCESS TO THE RIVERSIDE local level crossings

For information on this issue, see Burton Joyce Parish Council pages in this issue of The Magazine. A Motion concerning immediate issues will be presented to this Meeting, for debate, possible amendment and vote.

To be followed by the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of BURTON JOYCE VILLAGE SOCIETY Beginning at 8.30 or as soon after that as the above Public Meeting is concluded.

Local residents remaining at the end of the Public Meeting are welcome to stay and hear this AGM, but only Members of the BJVS have the right to speak and vote.

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BRIDLE LODGE - SEED TO FEED PROJECT

I would like to thank everyone who came to Bridle Lodge for coffee mornings, afternoon tea, donated, visited us at the Burton Joyce Community Market for our fundraising towards the project Seed to Feed. We started the project in 2018 and have realised our dreams of getting the polytunnel back into use.

We have invited the homes from Creative Care East Midlands Ltd to come and use the tunnel to grow their own fruit and vegetables.

We welcome members of the community to come and visit to see our work. On our opening day we invited Tom Randall MP, Cllr Mike Adams and Cllr Sam Smith.

Louise Jones



Prior to the COVID lockdown, we helped Bridle Lodge Residential Home dig out plant beds for their seed for feed project and we donated some of our Councillor Community Grant towards the project. Last week we had the pleasure of being part of the official opening of the polytunnel, which has now been built above the beds and will help the fruit and veg grow all year round! Tom Randall MP did the ribbon cutting before Bridle Lodge residents showed us around and pointed out their favourite veg!

This seed for feed project continues to be a real community effort with produce for growing donated from local businesses and residents and then grown produce shared widely Cllr Sam Smith & Cllr Mike Adams

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We have social events too.

Come and meet us. We are at the Village Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7.30pm. Just pop in and say hello or call or text me, Deborah Craddock on 07484 860480

See our Facebook page for details of our productions.



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Burton Joyce & District u3a



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BJu3a is a registered charity. Activities are financed through modest subscriptions, which are £18 per annum for an individual or £33 for a couple living at the same address. Full members of another u3a can join as Associate Members of BJu3a for just £12 per annum.

Interest Groups

We bring together people who want to pursue interests in a relaxed and friendly way. We have more than 60 Interest Groups, which cover activities ranging from Aerobics to Wine Tasting. Examples of our most popular Interest Groups are; fitness, (e.g. aerobics and table tennis), card games (bridge and canasta), walking/rambling, gardening, languages, history, and politics, as well as social groups such as dining out, jiving, and wine tasting.

Each Interest Group is run by a u3a member (a “Group Coordinator”) for the benefit of fellow members. Group Coordinators act as a point of contact, organise meetings and welcome new members. Each group meets, on average, once or twice a month, often in fellow members’ homes or in Burton Joyce & Bulcote Village Hall.

Speaker Meetings

We also hold monthly speaker meetings on the second Tuesday of every month in Burton Joyce & Bulcote Village Hall at 1:30pm. Attendance is free and anyone who might be thinking of joining can come to two meetings without any cost or obligation. Following the speaker’s presentation, tea. Coffee, and cakes are served. Visitors are made very welcome and information packs are available to take away.

Our speaker on June 11th is Andy Smart, a retired Nottingham Post journalist who has delivered two talks to us in the past and is back by popular demand to tell us about Nottingham’s theatre history, which goes back more than 150 years.

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We will hear stories about stars, scandals, ghosts and gremlins from the stage and behind the scenes.

Information about the next two speaker meetings is given in every edition of "The Magazine".

Social Events

Last year we held a Ceilidh Night at Burton Joyce Village Hall in October, a great fun evening dancing along to the Ceilidh band, "The Midnight Specials", with a fish & chip supper at half time and earlier in the year, in May, we had a Fun Quiz Evening attended by 72 members

On May 24th this year we put on another very well-attended quiz night, and in October we will be having a 60's evening with live music by the very popular local band, "Revival".

Outings and Trips

Visits to places of interest are also arranged. We have been to Bletchley Park, the Palace of Westminster, had a summer river cruise on the Trent, and over 50 people visited the Thursford Christmas Spectacular in Norfolk in November 2023.

In 2024 we are making plans to visit Lea Rhododendron Gardens in Matlock, Burghley House, near Stamford, the British Horological Institute at Upton Hall, The Great British Car Journey, situated at Ambergate in the Derbyshire Dales, and to The National Holocaust Centre and Museum, in Laxton, near Ollerton. The trips are usually made by minibus, a 34-seater coach, or by car sharing, and costs are in addition to the annual subscription.

And a new Interest Group, "Time Out", has recently arranged a sightseeing/shopping trip to Leicester by train, a morning Ten Pin Bowling session in Nottingham, and a night out to see a local band.

Visit our Website for more information

There's lots more information on our website, including photographs and contact details. The address is <https://bju3a.co.uk>

How can you join us?

It's easy. Either visit a monthly speaker meeting on the afternoon of the second Tuesday of the month, or download and complete the application form from our website. **The membership year starts on December 1st, so if you join now, the fee is just £12 for an individual or £22 for a couple at the same address.**

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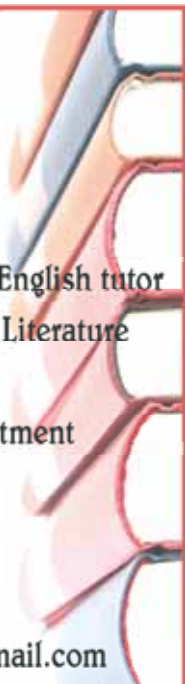
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Day trip to Lincoln by train

Thursday 11th July

The Friends of Lowdham and Burton Joyce Stations and EMR have organised a day-trip to Lincoln by train on Thursday 11th July.

Direct trains to Lincoln will be stopping at Burton Joyce at **09.43** and at Lowdham at **09.48**, arriving in Lincoln at **10.30** and will return from Lincoln at **16.34**, arriving in Lowdham at **17.17** and Burton Joyce at **17.21**. Please note that these are the only valid trains - they do not normally stop at either station.

When in Lincoln there will be an opportunity to visit International Bomber Command Centre (IBCC) and / or the Cathedral Quarter. IBCC is just over a mile from the train station and is not well served by public transport.

IBCC is well worth a visit, with a caf , extensive gardens, an impressive memorial to the members of Bomber Command from all over the world and an excellent exhibition of life in Bomber Command during the 2nd World War.

TICKETS: £10.00 for the return train trip only - with free time in Lincoln. There is a hop-on hop-o bus from the station around the city, or regular bus services to access the Cathedral quarter.

TICKETS: £16.00 for the return train trip and **either**:
sharing a taxi to IBCC for the morning and a taxi at 2.00pm from there to the Cathedral Quarter in the afternoon, making your own way back to station for the return train,
or: sharing taxis from and to the station for a full day at IBCC (leaving at 4.00pm).

Access to the IBCC is free, but there is a charge for the exhibition. Tickets can be purchased in advance online at internationalbcc.co.uk. An adult annual / day pass is £9.50, concession annual / day passes are £8.50 when purchased in advance online. Equivalent tickets purchased on the day are £1.00 more.

Complimentary drinks and savoury Lincolnshire snacks will be available on the out-bound train.

Numbers are limited, and tickets will sold on a rst-come, rst-served basis.

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Thank you to Steve for once again giving me, and the local Neighbourhood Team the opportunity to update you on the work and activity we have been doing over the last few months.

PCSO Trevor Parkinson has been continuing to address your concerns about speeding, particularly on the A612, where he has been issuing fixed penalty notices and words of advice, where appropriate, to those committing offences. Concerns have also been raised about speeding on Lambley Lane, near the stables, where a number of horses and their riders have had near misses. Again operations have taken place to detect and deter speeders in the area and we will continue to monitor the situation and liaise with concerned residents. PCSO Parkinson is always looking for new volunteers to receive training on the Community Road Safety training so if you would like to get involved please get in touch with him at Trevor.Parkinson@notts.police.uk.

The team have held a number of Beat surgeries in the last few months at Burton Joyce Library, which is an opportunity for concerned members of the community to raise issues of concern with the Beat Team. The reoccurring themes have been speeding, inappropriate and illegal parking issues and low level Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). A number of initiatives have been put in place to deal with the issues, targeting the areas of most concern. If you would like to meet the team and/or raise an issue the next Beat Surgery is at the Burton Joyce Library, 10 – 11am on Wednesday 5th June 2024.

Concerns have been raised by the Coop as a result of a number of shop lifting offences being committed. The team have worked with the staff and management to introduce a number of crime prevention initiatives which have proven to reduce the number of offences being reported. The store has excellent CCTV which assists us greatly when offences have occurred.

Concerns have been raised about a number of fly tipping issues behind the primary school on Catfoot Lane. Working with the local Councillor, Head of the school and Wardens from Gedling Borough Council the team have addressed the issue. Again they will continue to monitor the situation and respond to any further issues.

The issue of 'Boy Racers' has been a recurring issue, you may be aware that there is a Public Spaces Protection Order in place, granted by Gedling Borough Council. A number of complaints have been received around the Teal Park area, and the team continue to proactively patrol the area under our dedicated Operation Triplefin initiative, to target those drivers who use their motor vehicles to cause ASB.

With the great weather we have had recently it almost feels like we are fully in to summer. With the lighter nights we will be increasing our patrols to address concerns around ASB in the villages, and in particular under Operation Triplefin for the 'Boy Racers.' Whilst the number of burglaries across the area remains low, with the warmer weather we would always want to remind everyone to ensure you check you have closed and locked all windows and doors before going to bed to help reduce opportunities for anyone wanting to take advantage of this time of the year.

We hope you have a great, safe summer and as always if you would like to contact the local NPT you can contact PCSO Parkinson on the above email address or the two police officers for the area via email at Mark.Szerameta@notts.police.uk or Ashley.Dunn@notts.police.uk

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The day of our crossing was also wet and windy, so it came as no surprise when the Lock Keeper knocked on our boat and told us that there would be no passage that day. We went for a walk to look at the tidal lock and discovered that the local butcher in Tarleton sold superb warm, home made pork pies (almost as good as the ones made by the butcher in Slaithwaite on the Huddersfield Narrow Canal - we are pork pie enthusiasts) and the local bakery sold very tasty home made bread. We concluded that we like Tarleton!

The next day (July 3rd) was the last day the tide times were suitable for making the crossing, and the weather forecast didn't look encouraging. If we couldn't go, then the next possible crossing wasn't until August, and that would put us on too tight a schedule for getting to Thorne (near Doncaster) by the end of August where we had a booking to come out of the water for work to be done in the dry dock. We had resigned ourselves to having our dream of cruising the Lancaster Canal thwarted yet again. To our amazement, the next morning, the Lock Keeper announced that we could go if we wanted; there were eight boats wanting to make the crossing, and there was a real possibility that there would not be enough time for us all to get to Savick Brook (which carries boats from the Ribble Estuary up onto the Lancaster Canal) before the tide dropped too far, meaning that we would have to spend the night in Preston Dock instead, and it was pouring with rain, but we didn't care - we were going!!

We made our way up to the lock, and (with another of the 8 boats) were in the last locking to go out onto the tidal River Douglas. We went out on a flood tide, and so were cruising with the flow of the water which carried us up as far as the Ribble Estuary. Once at the Estuary, the river widened out, and we were almost out at sea - straight on was the Irish Sea, but we had been instructed to turn right and onto the mighty River Ribble, but only after passing the Asland Lamp, keeping the Lamp to our starboard (right hand) side, to avoid the hidden shallows.



Punching the tide on the River
Douglas



The Ribble Estuary and Asland
Lamp

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Once past the lamp, the river banks gradually closed in again, and then we spotted the entrance to Savick Brook on our left, which we negotiated successfully despite all of the warnings and joined the eight other boats waiting for the tide to drop enough to allow us to continue our journey along the Brook and up onto the Lancaster Canal. We thought at that point we were through the tricky part, but not so; even though the rotating sea lock behind us had now been closed, the Brook was extremely shallow.



Entering Savick Brook

At times it felt like being in a jungle, and while waiting in the small pounds for our turn to pen up some of the locks we had to be careful not to run aground. The good news is that the sun came out, but we didn't realise until the next day that we had been bitten to bits by horseflies lurking in the jungle!



Savick Brook Jungle

The Ribble Link was a millenium project; five locks and a three rise staircase lock were constructed to take boats up from Savick Brooke onto the Lancaster Canal; before that it was not possible to reach the Lancaster canal from the Inland Waterways system. Cargo was taken into Preston Basin at the south end of the canal, which no longer exists, and then across the Ribble by tram; it was originally the intention to build an

aqueduct to take the Lancaster Canal over the River Ribble and connect it to the rest of the canal network, but this never happened.

We were elated to have finally made it onto the Lancaster Canal; now we had to decide which way to turn going out of the basin to explore - right or left...?



This very rough map gives an idea of Meadow Pipit's journey as described in Editions 1 and 2.

Ukrainians in Burton Joyce

More Hosts Needed!



Despite being overshadowed now by other world events, the war in Ukraine continues, and Ukrainian people still need safe homes in the UK, in our area even!

Gradually, since the first Ukrainian guests arrived here in 2020, their presence in the village has become less visible. The work of BJ Homes for Ukraine Group, so central at the outset as a support mechanism for new hosts, has receded, as guests have settled in, and the needs of hosts and guests have changed.

It would be easy to think the need for hosts has gone away - guests have moved back home or found rented accommodation. This is far from the truth. A few mothers with children have indeed returned to Ukraine, despite the dangers, to be reunited with husbands and families. For the rest, finding rented accommodation is difficult. Rents, as we all know, are very high, prohibitive for Ukrainians whose work prospects are limited. Some of our BJ guests have improved their English to the extent that they can take up jobs, but only in unskilled, often zero-hour contract or part time work, far removed from their professional careers back home. Some are students studying remotely in Ukraine, some even work remotely at jobs based in Ukraine, whilst also studying hard on their English.

Ukrainians are still dependent on the generosity of hosts, as they were at the beginning of the war. Helping people from a country at war can be challenging, but it can bring huge rewards. In Burton Joyce, Ukrainian guests still attend weekly English classes run by volunteers. Originally set up within the framework of the BJ HUG group, these classes have become the focus for guests to meet regularly and get to know each other. As friendships have formed between students and volunteers, regular fun social events have emerged, and many different kinds of help have been given from getting hold of bikes to helping with job applications.



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As well as BJ guests, we have had members from Calverton, Lowdham, Southwell and Sneinton. We are still going strong, with a wonderfully warm community, and ready to welcome new members!



One village resident said 'it has enriched my life, working with younger people and forming friendships'. Another commented 'our former guests are now part of our family and always will be'. 'It's so good to know we are making a difference to a few people's lives in these challenging times'.



Nottinghamshire County Council have a team dedicated to supporting Ukrainians. They tell us that many new hosts are still needed under the government scheme, some for newly arrived guests, but also for Ukrainians who have been in the UK for more than 6 months, whose original hosts cannot continue to offer a room. (A much easier role for the host as the guests are already established in UK life). Although originally a commitment to a minimum of 6 months hosting was needed, NCC are currently also looking for short term temporary accommodation. All hosts receive a substantial monthly 'thank you' payment to offset expenses.

To strengthen the NCC efforts, the two of us have set up Burton Joyce Host a Guest (BJHaG). See our Facebook posts! We hope to attract more hosts, by providing information, encouragement and support, with the help of the experienced HUG team and the many volunteers in the village.

More information can be found on the NCC website.

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/business-community/support-for-ukraine/information-for-hosts>



If you are interested in hosting, and would like a friendly chat with someone who has had the experience of hosting and working with the Ukrainian community, please feel free to email us artbehamy@outlook.com

Alison Chippindale
Beverley Myers

Burton Joyce Timeline

This potted history of the village is intended to enlighten recent incomers, as well as to remind older residents, of our interesting history. From an ancient settlement to an agricultural and cottage industry village, to eventually being a commuter suburb of Nottingham, as well as a retirement location, there is still a village atmosphere with which we can identify. I hope that a greater knowledge of our history will be of general interest to all. The Burton Joyce and Bulcote Local History Society will try and answer any enquiries at secretary@bjblhs.uk

Origin of place name

Berg-tun – A fortified settlement. Later Bertune, then Burton.
Joyce – from the Jorz family, Lords of the Manor

Populations (approx.)	1086 (Domesday)	10
	1600	145
	1700	350
	1800	550
	1900	930
	2010	3500
C300-200 BC	Iron Age Settlement (Top of Lambley Lane)	
3 rd -4 th Century AD	Romano-British settlement (Same site)	
8 th - 11 th Century	Saxon settlement in the valley (including a church)	
1080	Geoffrey Alselin, one of the Norman knights, Lord of the Manor	
1086	Domesday Book, population 10, included one woman, a priest, and a slave.	
1130	Jorz family Lords of the Manor	
1303	King Edward 1 st stayed at the manor in the village	
1341	Robert de Jorz buried in the Parish church.	
1380 – 1540	The Stanhope family are Lords of the Manor	
1540 – 16	The Chesterfield family become Lords of the Manor, after which the Earls of Carnarvon inherit and own much land within the village.	
1609	The first map of Sherwood Forest. Burton Joyce lay within the forest bounds, and is depicted on the Map	
1644	The Civil War. The Battle of Shelford affects Burton Joyce.	
1675	The Main Road from Nottingham to Newark, and Grimsby, ran through the village, with a Toll Gate on Meadow Lane. It continued down Green lane to Gunthorpe and beyond.	
1720	The first framework knitters work in the village, to start an industry producing fine lace that lasted 200 years. At one stage 40% of the male adult population worked as knitters.	

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1784	A proper towpath constructed by the River Trent by William Jessop, from Newark to Nottingham. Inns and stables built on the site of The Lord Nelson and Ferry Boat.
1823	The first non-conformist chapel erected on Willow Wong.
1846	The railway comes to BJ, on the Nottingham - Lincoln line
1850	The first school is built on Chestnut Grove
1868	The second school is built next door to the first, to accommodate 182 pupils.
1875	The first housing estates start to be built, St. Helen's Grove, Crifftin Road, Gordon Road, Wellington Road and Shaftesbury Avenue.
1880	Stoke Farm and Sewage Works is built to serve Nottingham.
1900	Bulcote Farm is built. Both farms have a major impact on village life. The Pumping Station is built on Shaftesbury Avenue, bringing piped water to the village and surroundings.
1907	The new Methodist Church is built. The old chapel becomes a Co-Op store.
1914-1918	The Great War. 14 local men die in the conflict.
1922	The War Memorial is built to honour the dead, and a commemorative row of Poplar trees planted down Stoke Lane as far as the river.
1925	The Earl of Chesterfield sells much land in the village to fund his archaeological digs in Egypt, where he discovers Tutankhaun's tomb.
1927	The Village Hall is built, on land given by the Earl of Chesterfield.
1932	Church Road is constructed to 'by-pass' the village centre.
1936	The ford linking Burton Joyce with Shelford is blown up to allow deeper vessels to navigate the River Trent. New locks constructed at Gunthorpe and Stoke Bardolph.
1939-1945	The Second World War. 13 local men die in the conflict.
1947	Major flooding of the River Trent. Church Road under 1 foot of water from Station Road to the Wheatsheaf.
1950's	Flood banks built on both sides of the river to compensate for subsidence due to coal mining from Gedling Colliery workings extending towards Shelford.
1960's	Major developments in the village, including Padley's Lane, the Co-Op, new shops, library, and school. Many old buildings in the village demolished, including The Hall.
2000	The Millenium Sundial erected. The row of Poplars extended to Stoke Bardolph.

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DINING AT KOTTARAM

The history of Nottingham is renowned throughout the world and the City attracts countless visitors through each and every year. Be it Nottingham Castle, caves, Robin Hood or architecture, culture or customs that appeal, the City of Nottingham certainly has a lot to offer. Sports and world-class entertainments draw numerous admirers, audiences and spectators. Shopping in Nottingham is extremely popular, with well-known high-street names, independent stores and businesses offering everything from our daily needs to bespoke and designer options. Many eateries and restaurants provide that snack, quick bite, full meal and/or drinks, to suit all requirements.

I located Kottaram, Pan-Indian restaurant within easy distance of Nottingham Castle, the Old Market Square, Theatre Royal and Royal Concert Centre. This restaurant has proved its popularity since opening during 2022, with the chefs being chosen for their knowledge and expertise.

Poppadoms and Pickle Tray commenced proceedings for my visit. This was excellent to arouse taste buds. To continue I chose Tandoori Trio Chicken. Very good flavours and presentation made this an ideal starter (for me).

Main course dishes offer a most impressive array, listing North and South Indian specialities of chicken, lamb, prawns, plus 'Fisherman's Net' and more, including excellent vegetarian and vegan options. I favoured Beef Kizhi (cooked with aromatic, authentic Kerala spices and wrapped in banana leaves, served with Kerala porotta). The complementing flavours of ingredients, plus the succulence and tenderness – all absolutely 'spot on'. 'Compliments to Chef', for sure! Head Chef, Visakh Suraj and the brigade really do ensure that all diners are very impressed.

For dessert I selected Kottaram Royal Falooda (creamy, rich and delectable). This made a perfect ending to the meal. Quality wines and drinks, gift vouchers (perhaps a surprise for someone?), collections, deliveries and outside catering are all available too. Parties and celebrations, with private dining offering a separate entrance/exit and own bar facilities, are also available at Kottaram.

Events and special offers, for dining, are further plus points. Thank you to Jummy and Joseph for their positive welcome and exemplary service throughout. Highly recommended.

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Independent guide to care and support in Nottinghamshire – a crucial time for information

A new, updated, independent Care Services Directory has been published recently which gives readers crucial information on how to access, and pay for, care services throughout Nottinghamshire. In an increasingly digital world, this printed publication is a useful resource to keep handy if you find it difficult to get online.

If you're growing concerned about your care options, or just want some more information on what your choices may be, this Directory can help. With information to help you understand your options, where to go for advice and how the paying for care system works, the Nottinghamshire Adult Social Care Directory can support you to make informed decisions.

The new edition of the independent publication and accompanying website give information on all aspects of arranging care and support in Nottinghamshire. It includes how to stay independent for as long as possible, the different care and support options available and what to look for when choosing a care provider. It also offers guidance on important issues such as paying for care and what financial assistance may be available from the local authority. There are comprehensive listings of all registered care services throughout Nottinghamshire, plus checklists to help you ask the right questions when visiting services.

The Directory will be available throughout the region from outlets including carers' centres, hospitals, GP surgeries, Age UK and the Alzheimer's Society. It can be downloaded from www.carechoices.co.uk and is also available in spoken word. You can also order a copy to your door by visiting www.carechoices.co.uk/order-copies-of-a-directory

Jo Dovey, Director of Policy and Communications at the Directory's publisher, Care Choices, commented: "This is an invaluable source of information for anyone considering short- or long-term care in Nottinghamshire, and contains vital information to help people decide what type of care and support is best for them.

"With the current crisis in social care, finding a care service for yourself or a loved one that meets their needs and is affordable can be a daunting and unfamiliar task. This new independent Directory has been compiled to help people understand the process and offer them reassurance at every step of their journey."

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Making use of Paths

Crazy paving has long been out of fashion but when I arrived here 50 years ago the house was surrounded by narrow crazy paving and ash paths from the days of coal fired boilers.

Early on I acquired a large lorry load of York flagstones discarded by Sheffield Railway station and I planned to use them around the house. I also discovered under a laurel bush a large pile of crazy paving which my predecessors hadn't used. After some thought I decided to keep the crazy paving as it is less formal and easier to fashion curves. So I substantially widened the paths being careful to leave plenty of border round the house to accommodate climbers. Fig1



Fig 1

Many plants including weeds love cracks between stones but it is relatively easy to control these with Round up or Pathclear (or even cement) but quite soon I found as summer progressed some very attractive flowers started to appear. Some like Echium blue bedder self sown from the previous years planting. So while I still use weed killer selectively I began to experiment with plants that put themselves in the path from year to year and it is this I will discuss as they have given us and visitors over the years immense pleasure. The most reliable and prolific are many varieties of evening primrose (Oenothera) A small one maybe O acaulis opens its flowers at dusk and almost shines if there is a moon. We have counted 50 flowers in one evening but by daylight it is finished. O fruticosa is yellow, one foot tall, flowers in the day and is very valuable. Also in fig 1 is the blue Campanula lactiflora, a valuable seeder and Papaver rupifragum. The double orange form comes true from seed.

The picture also shows the value of making the path as wide as aesthetically acceptable, it can then be used as part of the flower garden as well as a path. In practice one's feet seem to miss the plants and if they get squashed there are plenty more. The walkway in the path evolves itself.

Another point to bear in mind as was pointed out in Robin Lane Foxes excellent book , Better Gardening the gaps between stones are a perfect habitat for choice alpiners bearing in mind the underlying soil.

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IN OUR GARDEN

I have a raised gravel garden adjacent to my crazy paving (fig 2) as the land drops away and I use the paving to accommodate larger plants like thyme which love paving and which have seeded into the steps.

Also scented is the peppermint *Mentha requienii*. Touching it to savour the scent as we weed round it on a summer day is real pleasure.

The Pasqueflower *Pulsatilla vulgaris* grows into large clumps. fig 2.

Normally violet, there are red forms

and it is these I encourage by removing any mauve forms before they seed. Also in the picture is a speck of a yellow Welsh poppy. I mention this as any gardener knows only too well, this is a prolific seeder as it has here in the gravel but I have never seen it grow in the paving. Why? Nature is always intriguing.

Other plants emerge as the summer progresses. The yellow *Bidens ferulifolia* is a prolific seeder and very valuable. Many bulbs seed well in paving. A surprise was *Tigrida*. This is a showy and vigorous summer flowering bulb in red and yellow but somewhat tender so does not survive from year to year but under the protection, I suppose, of the paving makes a wonderful show. (Sadly I haven't a picture) Later in the season *Verbenas* bring a welcome freshness of newly opened flowers. *V. Bonaire sis* is a great seeder as is the native *Vervain* an attractive medicinal herb. (I use it to stave off my depression as

summertime comes to an end!) I don't want this article to appear as a list as the fun we have is in using new things that have sown themselves like the vast biannual *Onopordum* fig3. But I am grateful for the loyalty of *Echium blue bedder* which continues to come up every year.

Finally come the autumn all is over and a grand clear up is necessary. Perhaps a little tedious but it is nice to remember what a colourful six months the paths have given us.



Fig 2



Fig 3

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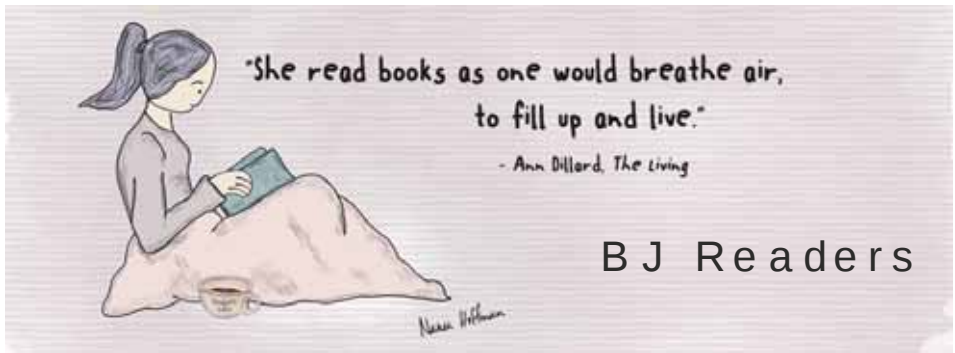
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Believe it, or not....

We all possess something resembling faith, or belief, or maybe an absence or possession of both. My mother was a passionate non-believer. So much so that the minister at her funeral generously described her as an '*evangelical atheist*'. I, on the other hand, am too fearful to eschew the idea of a God entirely and tend towards an either way bet.

The most well-known Christian book on faith can, of course, be found in the bedside drawer of most major hotel chains. Indeed, if you stay with Marriott you will be provided with the Bible and the Book of Mormon. When sleep eludes you forget the overpriced whiskey in the mini bar and try a story from the Gideon Bible. Mystery, murder, mayhem and miracles. They are all there, or so they tell me. Personally I prefer the mini bar.

Colm Toibin's '*The Testament of Mary*' (shortlisted for the Booker 2006) is something of a biblical novella. At 110 pages it is less daunting to tackle than the Bible (which is 3200 pages in equivalent paperback terms.) Toibin's gives us a Mary who is an ordinary woman living in exile and in fear for her own life. She tries desperately to make sense of the events that led to her son's brutal death. To Mary her son was a vulnerable, even foolish figure, surrounded by men who could not be trusted, living in a time of turmoil and fear. A sentiment common to all of us with children in these current times. This is a moving story of the grief of a mother. Mary is a towering figure in some Christian religions, portrayed as all nurturing and all powerful. Here we find a different Mary, a Mary who recognises the limits of the maternal bond and is prepared to admit that 'the pain was his and not mine'.

Claire Keegan's *Small Things Like These* (shortlisted for the Booker 2022) is a small book about a small town with a vast theme. This brief and brave novella takes on the complex subject of Ireland's systematic misogyny depicted through the infamous Magdalene Laundries. Although the story centres on Bill Furlong, a modestly successful coal merchant and his family, every character in this 1980s Irish town contributes substantially to the whole. The 'whole' being the communities we inhabit, and how passivity can facilitate a communal blindness. Keegan's story impresses upon us that everything each one of us does matters.

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This modest tale of nuns, grocers and small-town behaviours demonstrates what can happen when we fail to challenge injustice, either as individuals or as part of a community. Passivity is what enabled the punishment of 30,000 young Irish women to persist and, in other contexts, may have contributed to genocide and beyond. A restrained, but viscerally moral tale, achieved by this exquisite writer without an ounce of preachiness.

And now is my regular Graham Green fanzine moment. Greene converted to Catholicism when he met his wife, Vivien Darrell-Browning (bonus fact...Darrell Browning was regarded as the World's foremost expert on Dolls' Houses). There is nothing so engaging as the fervour of the convert. Greene was not, however, an uncritical convert.

Novels like *The Heart of the Matter*, *A Burnt-Out Case*, *The End of the Affair* and *The Power and the Glory* became collectively known as Greene's 'Catholic novels'. Theologians were divided in their views of Greene. The traditional denounced him as a heretic, but the more progressive saw him as a vehicle of progress in terms of the depiction and promulgation of faith. The '*End of the Affair*' is the story of a love affair set in the London Blitz between the jealous and cynical Bendrix and Sarah Miles, a married and tormented Catholic soul. Following a tryst one night when Sarah believes Bendrix has died she makes a bargain with God. *Let him live and I will give my lover up*. Bendrix becomes convinced that her rejection of him must be due to another lover. The private detective he employs does not suspect that the romantic rival is no less than God himself.

When I picked this theme for my column, I asked my bookclub friends if they could recommend anything. Drolly, but accurately, I was told that anything Irish was bound to include the subject of religion in some guise. John Boyne is a renowned Irish writer, yet it has taken him 12 books and 15 years before finally setting one in his home country of Ireland. *A History of Loneliness* recounts the decline and fall of the power of the Priesthood in Ireland. Odran Yates entered the priesthood in the early 1970s, a time when Catholicism ruled Ireland with a rod of iron. At the beginning of the book the recently ordained Father Odran is on a train and finds himself beset by offers of food and beer. A priest in your carriage being the next best thing to sharing a seat with God himself. But that was 1972. Four decades later Odran is spat at in a Dublin department store. A family tragedy then opens wounds from Odran's past and he is forced to confront both his own demons and the institutional demon that he is a part of. This is a tremendous story of the tumultuous descent of the Catholic Church. Arguably another tale of the communal avoidance of truth.

To conclude, I urge each and every one of you to keep the faith. Believe in the power and glory of a good book. It will never let you down.

Jo McCarthy

BJ Readers

Summer officially begins this month!

The long days, bright sunshine and gloriously warm temperatures are here. Potentially mixed in with some cloudy wet days, but that is British summertime after all.

Let's take a look at some jobs to be doing this month;

- Get planting your hanging baskets and pots now with colourful annuals for a stunning display
- Water regularly, paying particular attention to pots as they dry out much quicker than borders
- Harvest spinach, early potatoes and early carrots
- Prune any flowering shrubs that have now finished
- Dead head annuals and perennials regularly
- Start feeding your lawn with a high nitrogen feed for a lush, green lawn.
- Install plant supports around tall growing perennials such as delphinium and peony
- Water houseplants regularly
- Create an alpine bed

Looking Good This Month

This month look out for Nepeta. A wonderful alternative to lavender, this perennial produces a striking splash of blue throughout summer. There is a variety for every size garden too, with some varieties staying quite short, whilst others grow that bit taller. Still similar sizes to lavender. A fantastic addition if you want to encourage pollinators also as butterflies and bees love it!



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Also Looking Good This Month

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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.

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The fraudster will tell the victim they are sending them a one-time passcode which will allow them to join an upcoming video call for group members. The criminal then asks the victim to share this passcode with them so they can be "registered" for the video call.

In reality, the criminal is asking for a registration code to register the victim's WhatsApp account to a new device so they can take over their account.

Once the fraudster has access to the victim's WhatsApp account, they will enable two-step verification which makes it impossible for the victim to regain access their account. Other members of the group, or friends and family in the victim's contacts, will then be messaged asking them to transfer money urgently as they are in desperate need of help.

How to secure your WhatsApp account:

- **Set up two-step verification (2SV) to give an extra layer of protection to your account.** Tap Settings > Account > Two-step verification > Enable.
- **CALL.** If a family member or friend makes an unusual request on WhatsApp, always call the person outside of WhatsApp to confirm their identity.
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May Update

Summer starts at Carlton le Willows

SUMMER at Carlton le Willows always heralds the start of GCSE and A Level exams for our Year 11 and 13 students. As the sun starts shining these cohorts are working at their hardest, a culmination of all the effort and dedication put in over the past two years. This year, once again, our exam cohorts are making us very proud and we look forward to sharing their successes with them when results are finally released.

While Year 11 and 13 are at the end of their secondary journey, summer term is the time when we welcome a new cohort to the Carlton le Willows family, with Year 6 pupils joining us for transitions days. In July our new Year 7s will be coming in to visit, meeting new friends, getting to know staff and finding their way around our school site. It is an exciting time for us all as we get to know this new year group and show them all that secondary school life at Carlton le Willows can offer.

There are of course many opportunities at Carlton le Willows. This term we have students taking part in athletics championships in the Gedling area. Our teams have enjoyed considerable success in this sporting activity for some years and this year is no exception, we expect to be bringing home some medals yet again.

Our keen netballers recently enjoyed a weekend residential where they got to play in a mini tournament with players from other schools and we have had a series of Duke of Edinburgh expeditions taking place over recent weekends as students develop the skills necessary to progress to the next level of the award. Slightly further afield, we have the MFL department organising a trip to France for Year 8 students later this term and a group of Year 11, 12 and 13 students are currently fundraising towards their trip to Cambodia as part of the Camps International programme. So much to look forward to for so many Carlton le Willows students!

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Foundation have kick started the summer term with their Forest topic. They have been learning about the animals that live in forests and how forests are also used for timber. Staff and children are excited about their upcoming trip to Sherwood Pines where they will be taking forest photos from different angles, creating clay animals and tree shaking for mini-beasts!

At the start of this term, three teams across school were selected to compete and show off their marble rollercoasters at the grand finals of the Equals Trust Scitech event at Heymann primary. We were super proud of everyone that took the time to create a marble roller-coaster and to all those that attended the final.

Up against fierce competition, we were delighted when our year 1 & 2 team managed to pull off the longest recorded distance travelled to win their heat. Yes 3/4 have had a fab start to the summer term exploring their geography topic on Coasts. In DT, we have been learning about the German artist Anni Albers and the children have thoroughly enjoyed practicing the skill of weaving and are looking forward to creating their own.

Our Year 6's are working exceptionally hard in the build up to their SATs tests, which they will be sitting in the middle of May. Meanwhile, our Year 5 pupils are engaging with the DAaRT (Drug, Alcohol and Resistance Training) programme: a series of ten lessons designed to instil the knowledge and skills the children will need to lead fulfilling and healthy lives. In science, we will be learning about the key bodily systems and in geography we are delving into a unit of study based around volcanoes and earthquakes.

Busy? Yes! Enjoyable and rewarding? Certainly!

We continue to collect plastic bottle tops for the charity Dove Cottage, these can be dropped off in school or the library.



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17 th August	Annual Saturday Coffee Morning in the Village Hall 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

**We welcome visitors and new members to join us to learn new skills,
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MONTHLY SPEAKER 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 two meetings are:-

TUESDAY 11th JUNE – ANDREW SMART - “NOTTINGHAM’S THEATRE HISTORY”

Retired Nottingham Post journalist Andy Smart took us on a fascinating stroll down memory lane at our January 2021 meeting, flicking through the pages of the Post's popular Bygones magazine which he edited during his days with the newspaper. That meeting was held via Zoom during lockdown, and was so well-received we invited him back in April 2023.

Andy is a reliably good speaker, and other U3As in the surrounding area have recommended this talk, in which we will hear stories about stars, scandals, ghosts and gremlins from the stage and behind the scenes, supported by lots of facts and illustrated by fascinating photographs.



TUESDAY 9th JULY – DAVID SKILLEN - “BRITAIN'S BLOODIEST BATTLE – THE BATTLE OF TOWTON, 1461”

Another excellent speaker, David is making his third visit to Burton Joyce.

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It's almost **Summer Reading Challenge** time! The annual children's challenge begins on 6th July with the launch of **Marvellous Makers!** Open to all ages from 4 - 11 (with a mini challenge available for younger ages), the challenge invites children to read six or more library books over the summer. There are stickers for every book read with a medal and certificate when the challenge is completed. Children can pop in with their library card and **sign up for free from 6th July.**

We'll be holding a **free children's drop-in craft session 10.30am-12.30pm on Saturday 20th July**, why not pop in to create a marvellous make of your own? No need to book in advance, just call in and get those creative juices flowing!

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	The Village Climate Action and Bio Diversity Group		We are an affiliated Friends of the Earth Action Group. If this sounds of interest to you and you'd like to join us, please get in touch! Contact Julia_smith24@yahoo.co.uk
	Trent Valley Singers A friendly, fun,mixed voice choir who sing a wide variety of music.		Rehearsals are on Thursdays in Burton Joyce Village Hall at 1.45pm. For more information contact Tina on 07742 670732 or Heather on 0115 8440872
The Burton Joyce & Bulcote Local History Society Evening meetings in the Village Library Meadow Lane			Secretary:Teresa 07855 032416 email:secretary@bjblhs.uk Meetings Secretary: Christine Shepherd 0115 9618840
	Burton Joyce Players We perform two plays and a panto each year.		We always welcome new members for both stage and backstage work. Contact Tracey on: 07866 417257 or email info.bjplayers@gmail.com
Burton Joyce Macular Society Support Group We meet on the 3rd Thursday of January, March, May, July, September, November at 10.30am.			The meetings are open to anyone affected by central vision loss. family, friends and carers are also welcome. Please contact Angela 0115 8411756 for details
	1st Burton Joyce Scout Group For Beavers, Cubs & Scouts		Contact Rachel on 07930 271455 1stburtonjoyce@centralnotts.org.uk
Burton Joyce Village Lunch			Come and join us at Midday every 3rd Thursday for Soup, Dessert and Tea or Coffee in the Village Hall. Just £5 per person.
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Baby & Toddler			Rev Anna Alls07535 017591
Bridge Club			Val & Steve Wright9313592
BJ Community Market			Karen Taylor07769 708506
NOVA			Paul Mittam07973 872213
Probus			Ian Wood9119124
Recreation Ground			Laura Smith07803 054124
Rotary			Ian Wood9119124
Saturday Singers			Dick Huskinson9312157

Useful NAMES and CONTACT DETAILS

Benefice Administrator	Tracey Akehurst	0780 516 2088
BJ Library (Cl.Tuesday)	Meadow Lane	0115 9313360
BJ Parish Council (Clerk)	Jessica Sherrin	0115 9314084
BJ Primary School	Padleys Lane	0115 9312373
Carnarvon House	8 Willow Wong	0115 8440032
Cllr. Michael Adams	cllr.michael.adams@gedling.gov.uk	0115 7147148
Cllr. Sam Smith	cllr.sam.smith@gedling.gov.uk	07939 816704
Core Centre Community Hub	Collyer Road, Calverton	0115 8470551 07305 109358
Delights + Post Office	Nicky & Julie 53 Main Street	0115 9313487 0115 9313141
Ivy Medical Group	4 Wheatsheaf Court	0115 9312500
Main Hall, Old School Bldg	Jayne Savage	0115 9314084
Church Centre	Tracey Akehurst	0115 9652114
Pathfinder Bus Info		0115 9506070
Pear Tree Dental Centre	22 Nottingham Road	0115 9312935
Police	Call 101 for non emergency call Call 999 for emergency	
Poplars Sports ground	David List	07957 7869096 or 9314084
Red Cross Medical Loans	Phoenix Park	0115 8528029
Rev. Anna Alls	reverend.anna.alls@gmail.com	07535 017591
Rivendell View Care Home	Magenta Way, Stroke brdolph	0115 666 9660
Stoke Bardolph Village Hall	Kathy Dixon	dixons.hebbsfarm@btinternet.com
Tennis Club	Heather Ankers	0115 9537137
Tom Randall MP	tom.randall.mp@parliament.uk	
Train Information		0845 7484950
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