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We have been producing 'The Magazine' for 4 years now, and during that time, our circulation has risen from 500 - 48 page, to 800 - 84 page copies of each edition.

With the support of our advertisers, contributors and distribution team we are all set for next year's production which we plan to be even bigger and better than this year.

This financial year we have made a donation to the Stoke Bardolph Village Hall, (see pages 4 & 5) and the BJ Football Club (more details next year).

Next year we will again be sponsoring .

**BURTON JOYCE
OPEN GARDENS**

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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STOKE BARDOLPH VILLAGE HALL

As part of our promise to the community we have made a donation of £1,100.00 to help with the refurbishment of Stoke Bardolph Village Hall so that they could open to the public for events from 1st November 2024.



In 2016 the Stoke Bardolph Village Hall was closed as it was in need of some major repairs.

This was Stoke Bardolph's only local meeting place, so negotiations were started with the owners, Severn Trent Water, to lease the building back for the village.

These negotiations took four years to complete and, during this time while the hall was closed, the wiring was chewed away by squirrels, the heating system condemned and damp had taken over.

This is a repairing lease, so fundraising had to begin in earnest and slowly the hard work by Kathy and Stuart Dixon started to pay off.



The Main Hall during repairs and being re-decorated by Tony Palmer

Continued ...

This hard work has resulting in the main hall, The Coronation Room, being fully refurbished to the comfortable standard you see below.



The room is now warm, fully decorated, and totally independent to the rest of the building. It has its own kitchen, accessible toilet and, with a great car park, perfect for any event.

As funds allow we will go on to restore the adjacent **Snooker Room** with its amazing full size table, and the institute (the original village hall), as our **Heritage Room**. Here along with Burton Joyce & Bulcote Local History Society, we will archive and display our shared collection of local memorabilia, farming and village life from Stoke Bardolph and around.



Stuart hard at work

One of the culprits!



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BURTON JOYCE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

FIREWORKS NIGHT

Our annual fireworks display at the Poplars Sports Ground was a great evening and our system of issuing pre-paid tickets worked well in helping the queues move quickly and efficiently on the night. A big THANK YOU to The Post Office, Bumbles Tea Room and Rhubarbs Tea Room 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 900 spectators through the gates. Also to the great concessions who kept everyone fed and watered, and of course to First Galaxy Fireworks for the fantastic display!



Fireworks Night 2024

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 with assistance from the children of Burton Joyce Primary School, who made this fitting 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 is worn and displayed as a show of support to the Armed Forces community.



Burton Joye Primary
School Display in the
Old School Building
Garden Garden

Continued ...

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas Lights Switch on, which will be taking place in the village centre from 3:30pm to 6:00pm on Saturday 7th December with Burton Joyce Community Brass once again creating the Christmas atmosphere with their seasonal musical arrangements, along with some new musical entertainment! Food and drink stalls and the children's fair will be available whilst we await the arrival of a *very special Christmas person* and his elves!! We look forward to seeing you there!



Christmas Lights at
the Old School
Building

POP-UP FOOD FAYRES

We were delighted to enjoy the warm and sunny day in October for our last Pop-Up Food Fayre and are looking forward to welcoming you to the next ones on Sunday 24th November and 29th December 2024.



October Pop-Up
Food Fayre

NETWORK RAIL – CHESTNUT GROVE CROSSING

We continue to seek a stakeholder meeting and request information from Network Rail to be convinced that thorough research has been undertaken on the cause of rail crossing incidents at the Chestnut Grove crossing, before consideration of any possible closure takes place. In particular we wish to see:

- Research on causes of rail crossing incidents; including human factors, crossing design, design-induced errors. If there is no research, then we make an urgent call for initiation of a research project to understand the reasons both locally and more widely.

Continued ...

NETWORK RAIL – CHESTNUT GROVE CROSSING (Continued)

- More information and public education regarding impact on train crew and the network of unsafe or inappropriate crossing behaviour.
- Improved signage at Chestnut Grove and Crifftin Farm (Lee Road), including on-gate 'STOP' signs, large clear guidance on when to cross if trains are in sight and the installation of traffic light system.
- Improvements to the St Helens Crescent underpass, to include a ramp on the river side. To consider the building of an underpass or bridge, but in conjunction with consideration of the above to ensure proper cost and benefit analysis.

OLD SCHOOL BUILDING

The small meeting room is now available to hire from 4pm onwards each day (or any time in school holidays) at a cost of £12 per hour. It seats up to 8 and is ideal for small community groups. If you are interested in hiring it, please contact the Parish Council office on 0115 931 40 84 or email us at admin@burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk.

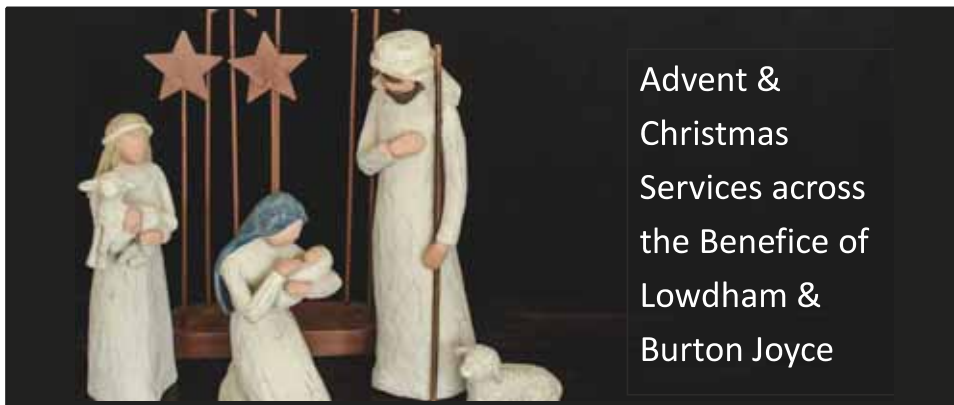
COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

We await the decision from FCC Communities on 11th December to find out if we were successful in our grant application for a further £100,000 towards the development of the Community Garden. In the meantime we have been liaising with a project management firm with a view to engaging them to help deliver this important project and continue to investigate options and suppliers.

VOLUNTEERING

As the year draws to a close, we would like to recognise the contribution volunteers make within our community and say a big THANK YOU. If you don't already do so, please consider giving some time to the many activities, groups or individuals in the village.

We wish you a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas, and a very happy New Year.



Advent & Christmas Services across the Benefice of Lowdham & Burton Joyce

Sunday 1st December

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

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

Sunday 8th December

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

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

Saturday, 14th December

7.00p.m. Contemporary Carol Service, St. Helen's, Burton Joyce

Sunday, 15th December:

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

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

Tuesday, 17th December

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

Wednesday, 18th December

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

Thursday, 19th December

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

Saturday 21st December

4.00p.m. Carols around the Tree, St. Mary's, Lowdham, *with mulled wine and mince pies*

Sunday 22nd December

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

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

Christmas Eve, 24th December

10.00a.m. Travelling Nativity starting at St. Helen's, Burton Joyce.

Please wrap up warm and wear suitable footwear for a walk and an outdoor service.

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

6.00p.m. Christmas 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, 29th December

9.00a.m. Benefice Service of the Word, St. Mary's, Lowdham

Christmas trees, presents, wrapping paper, candles, tinsel, carols, bells, snowmen, reindeer, stockings, turkey, mistletoe, mince pies & wise men. This festive season is jam packed full of tradition and history.

But no Christmas can ever be called complete without a novelty song.

You'll all have your favourite, one of mine is Stay Another Day by East 17 which was released in 1994 and reminds me of school discos and carefree times as a teenager living life to the full; however that song wasn't written to reflect that aspect of being a young person at all, and has a very sad origin.

The novelty pop songs can be distracting and even sometimes ridiculous, like LadBaby's 2019 hit I Love Sausage Rolls. The lyrical content of Christmas Carols is somewhat more appropriate.

Whether focusing on shepherds in a field outside of Bethlehem, the journey of Wise Men, or the voices of angels, the events surrounding the birth of Christ have inspired generations of songwriters

Of all the carol's that we sing at Christmas, the one that best reflects the extraordinary gift that God gave the world in the form of his son Jesus, and our response to it, has to be 'In the Bleak Midwinter'.

Despite it's talk of frosty wind and earth as hard as iron, unlikely scenarios given the location of Jesus birth, we still hear the Good News that the God of heaven came to earth to be among us.

At this Christmas time, in the season of song and celebration, maybe you need to slow down and listen afresh to those lyrics we hear year after year, you might find comfort in the familiar, in the memories, or hear for yourself the story of an ordinary family making their way in the world, and the spectacular events that unfolded around that stable in Bethlehem, a story that continues to be shared in myriad ways throughout the Christmas season.

Happy Christmas

Anna



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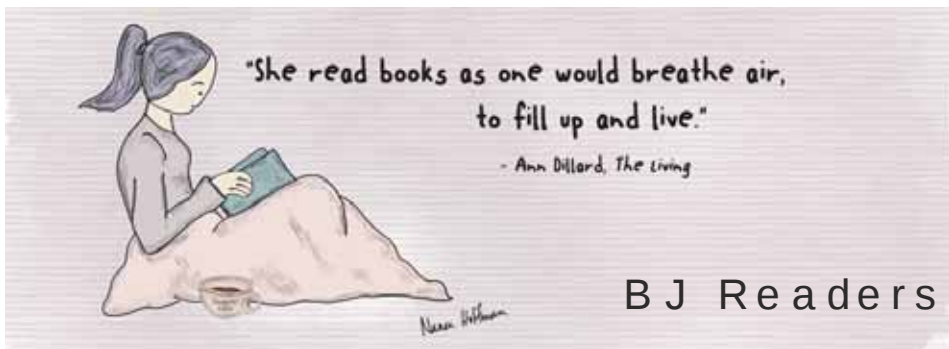
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Joy to the World

One Christmas when I was about eight, my nana, generally a kind and loving woman, told me the story of the Little Matchstick Girl (*Hans Christian Andersen*). I am now in my 60s and still suffering from PTSD from that storytelling session. Why would an eight-year-old want to hear a story about a little girl freezing to death on the streets of London? What was she thinking about? Well, I'm not making that mistake with my readers. This column is going to be about books that generate joy and happiness and feel like a Big Literary Hug. No war, no hunger, no broken hearts, and certainly no little girls freezing to death.

Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day by Winifred Watson is the story of Guinevere Pettigrew, a down-on-her-luck, middle-aged governess, who is sent by an employment agency to the wrong address. Expecting a household of unruly children, she instead encounters the delightful Delicia LaFosse, a nightclub singer involved in numerous romantic trysts with an eclectic mix of cads and bounders, most of whom are sent swiftly packing by Guinevere. Over a period of twenty-four hours Guinevere's life is forever changed. Everyone is beautiful, they all drink too much, speak with unwise candour, and dance until dawn. But it all ends up with cups of tea at 4 am, and no one freezes to death.

Three Men in a Boat by Jerome K Jerome is the ultimate guide on how not to pack for your holiday. Set in the late nineteenth century Bill, Harris and J, very possibly the cads and bounders that Miss Pettigrew sent packing in the previous novel, together with J's dog Montmorency, set out on a two-week boating trip on the Thames. Described by one reviewer as '*the most disastrous trip depicted in fiction*', their hilarious misadventures amply demonstrate how not to do almost everything in life, from picture hanging to putting up a tent to packing a frying pan. Their antics are resonant of listening to Ronnie Corbett in his big chair telling one story, which turns into another story, and then yet another, with each caper making your sides ache more.

Continued ...

The Fortnight in September by R C Sheriff, is a charming, timeless classic about Mr and Mrs Stevens and their three children Dick, Mary and Ernie, setting out on their annual seaside holiday to Bognor Regis in the interwar years. It is an uplifting story of not particularly that much, but at the same time, absolutely everything. Each member of the family faces their own personal challenge, and battles with their own individual idiosyncrasies, ranging from Mrs Steven's fear of Clapham Junction to Mr Steven's obsession with packing lists and ensuring that the garden shed is left tidy with the tools well oiled. There is no real hidden depth to the story, yet it is a glorious depiction of how small things in life really *do* matter. A life-affirming read from an author who is much better known as the WW1 survivor who wrote the play *Journey's End*. Highly recommended.

Toast by Nigel Slater is something of a gastronomic coming of age story. It starts with Slater's early childhood memories of his mother's reluctant christmas cake ritual (he loved it, she hated it), through to the discovery of tinned bolognaise sauce and cardboard canister Parmesan cheese, which was not a big hit with the family ('*Daddy, this cheese smells like sick, I tell him. I know it does, son, don't eat it.*'), picking up walnut whips, Dairy Lea cheese triangles and Butterscotch Angel Delight along the way. This is a hilarious and poignant memoir of growing up in the 1960s in the age of Instant Whip and sherry trifle. Slater was very aptly described by one reviewer as '*the Proust of the Nesquik era.*'

And finally, recommended by no less than four of my Bookclub friends, is *I Capture the Castle* by Dodie Smith. This book was one of my adolescent joys. I utterly identified with 17-year-old Cassandra, who lived in not so genteel poverty in a disintegrating castle with a stepmother called Topaz who danced naked, a father with writer's block, and a host of other bohemian characters. Of course, my own mother did not dance naked, and my father sold cars and never wrote more than a cheque out in his entire life but still, in my imagination, I was that girl. This is a gorgeous book to disappear into and recall the pain and pleasure of growing up.

Find yourself a comfy sofa by the fire, equip yourself with the remainder of the Quality Street, and treat yourself to a binge read. Get someone else to heat up that tin of bolognaise sauce, but maybe splash out on fresh Parmesan...

Jo McCarthy
BJ Readers

Many thanks to all my friends who recommended their favourite happiness books.

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WHEN THE RAINS COME AGAIN

We've had a relatively easy Autumn for weather in Burton Joyce and nearby villages, compared to some parts of the country, and to previous years. But we can't count on that continuing into the Spring. In particular, the return of the ever-more-common heavy rains brings the danger of flooding.

It's good to learn that the authorities are giving attention to roadside drain grilles, so that they will be clear to take surface water down to drainage channels in the short term in a sudden downpour. And the Parish Council regularly support local residents who object to proposals to build on open ground on sloping land above residential properties, since this would reduce surface absorption and result in more flooding lower down.

In June the BURTON JOYCE VILLAGE SOCIETY held a public meeting in the Village Hall leading to ongoing discussions about how to better deal with the risks in our area. Lowdham's Flood Action Group gives an inspiring model to follow.

Emergency Contacts means there are several organisations depending on the situation.

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Burton Joyce Flood Wardens are a group of local volunteers. They can give advice about protecting your home, and in short term emergencies can set up sandbag barriers and road diversions. (You might even be a volunteer). Contact Paul Wilson **07889 995471**.

For Sewer Flooding responsibility is at Severn Trent Water. Emergency no. **0800 783 4444**

Nottinghamshire County Council is the Lead Flood Authority. And directly in charge for Ground Water Floods, Watercourses and Surface Water. Emergencies: **0300 456 4546**.

They are also the Highways Authority.

The Environment Agency are responsible for the River Trent. (The Watercourses that come under the County Council means small local ones) Incident Hotline **0800 807060**

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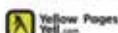
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Festive cheer, not festive fear

Close your eyes and picture your perfect Christmas. What do you see?

Many of us will picture a warm and rosy scene. A bit of time off work, spent with loved ones. Good food, games, conversation and laughter. Perhaps you're picturing the cooking going without a hitch or a cheeky Bellini with brekkie. Some of you might be picturing piles of presents. Hold that thought if so.

Perhaps you started picturing something rosy, but remembered all the things you've yet to do, or the fact you don't have enough matching plates for everyone you're hosting.

While Christmas is a time of joy and togetherness, it can also be a time of worry. Mental health charities report people feeling pressure to put on a pretence, to provide (also creating financial pressure), and an increase in reported feelings of stress and loneliness.

What if, when you picture that perfect Christmas, you give yourself a break? Instead of thinking the perfection must come from you, perhaps it could come from the togetherness - everyone having their own contribution. What if, instead of thinking of what you need, you think of what you've got. It's already enough.

This isn't touchy-feely nonsense. It's reassurance for your mind. It's good for your wellbeing. And the environment. And for those you'll be spending time with!

An unfortunate truth is that Google searches for decluttering spike in December.

GWP Group (a packaging manufacturer) estimates that a whopping £42 million of unwanted Christmas presents go in the bin - mostly to landfill - every year and that only 1% of all presents bought for Christmas are still being used six months later. We're also chucking 54 million platefuls of food and 500 tonnes of Christmas lights each year.

Social media would have you believe that decluttering and organising is about having loads of plastic boxes and glass jars and emptying your stuff into them. But it's not.

It's about how we relate to our stuff, our loved ones, and our own world.

One thing it's not about is judgement. I may be a Declutterer & Organiser, but I've succumbed to pressure to perform, provide, perfect, and to buy, buy, buy. Advertisers spend a lot of money making us believe we need things we don't, so it's no surprise that sometimes, we cave. A huge part of removing clutter from your life and mind is removing your own self-judgements. A huge benefit of that is, you can have a good time instead!

Time is our most precious resource and means more than monetary gifts in the long run. So, lighten the load this Christmas. Give yourself the gift of taking the pressure off.

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Burton Joyce Players are setting sail for Tangiers in their next panto, Sinbad The Sailor, at the village hall from January 29th to February 1st.

Widow Drachma and her dim-witted son Ali are down on their luck. But things are looking up when Sinbad returns - only this time it's not booty he's brought home but a magic sword.

And that's where our hero's adventure begins, as he sets off in search of treasure and true love.

Packed with laughs, songs and a wicked Vizier to boo, make sure you're Morocco-bound with Sinbad The Sailor.

Hannah Smith stars as Sinbad along with a cast of familiar and new faces. The director is Kathy Matthews.

Tickets will be available online at ticketsource.com and Rhubard's and Bumbles in the village.



Panto read through

BIRTH IN A MANGER

Luke 2: v.7 Mary gave birth to her first-born, a son, wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room in the inn.

The whole Christian world is aware of Jesus Christ being laid in a manger in Bethlehem probably the most well-known bible story transcending Easter. The 'crib scene' is portrayed in various forms – with countless pictures painted by leading artists. Look at any Christmas card stand. Was Jesus born in a stable as has been generally accepted throughout the ages? Participating in Communion at Oxton and Epperstone parish churches I often reflect upon another alternative interpretation.



There needs to be a closer examination beginning at a basic level, with the earliest form of recounting Gospel accounts written by Greek scholars. '*Kataluna*' was the original text in the Greek language, interpreted as an 'inn' but was in fact a reception room in a private house; '*padocheion*' is the correct word translated as an inn or another place such as a reception room for strangers to be welcomed. But this is irrelevant because, given the mandatory process of all Jews having to register in their own designated family village or town, Joseph was of Bethlehem and would have returned to stay with family relatives. That was the custom of earlier Palestinians – not staying with strangers. To do so would have been an insult to the family. The first port of call surely would have been his family. Further, the convention was that registration had to be completed within one year, so the travelling to Bethlehem was not a 'last minute decision'.

In this context therefore, it is inapplicable to suggest that given the proper interpretation of *kataluna*, Joseph and Mary would not have been obliged to seek some lonely inhospitable location but accommodated as family members. This was especially the case with Mary being at the end of full-term pregnancy. Given the need for an all-embracing family registration [following the Augustus Ceasar decree issued nationally] it would have made sense for all the family to be together, albeit somewhat crowded. An historical study of early Palestinian dwellings and domestic culture demonstrates that most families lived in a single-story house, with animals taken indoors in the evening, either at the ground floor level or in a shed at the rear. This is still the case today in rural village communities, where animal heat from percolates into the upper floor. There would inevitably have been a mixing of people and animals periodically. To suggest therefore that Jesus was born in a '*stable*' [in the sense that we understand] is misconceived; it may however be the case that a manger was used as a makeshift crib within the house as were large dresser drawers used in European cultures in earlier times.

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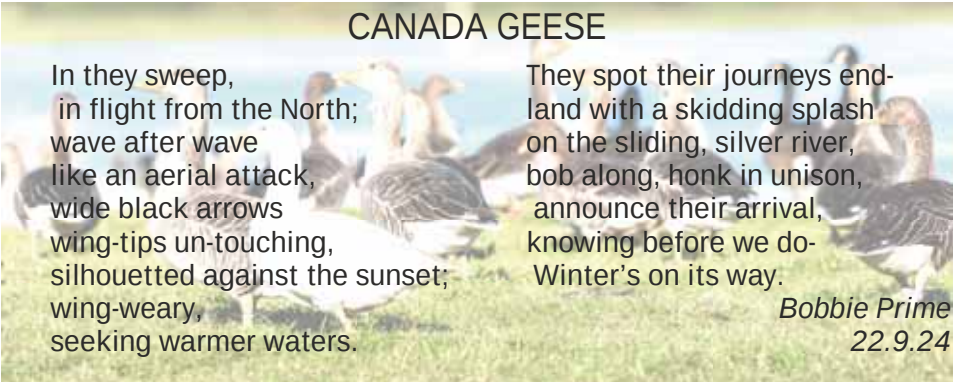
The whole question of 'inn, stable and manger' is not new, when as far back as the mid-16th Century a leading theologian [Francisco Sanchez Brozas] was denounced together with followers, at the Spanish Inquisition, imprisoned and tortured on instructions from the Papal Authority, for challenging the accepted approach. The argument as to the interpretation of the birth of Christ has continued down the ages, with scholastic interpretation of the Nativity being challenged by university academic theologians. The Catholic Church – with Anglicans and others following closely behind – perhaps arguably prefer to keep to the traditional approach because it reinforces the notion that Jesus was born in perceivably lowly circumstances – from 'divinity to basic humanity'. Born in a stable, with peasant shepherds in attendance, strikes a theological doctrinal chord. The alternative viewpoint that Jesus was born in the midst of a loving supportive family 'rocks the boat' and may not have been considered appropriate to support a certain strident religious agenda. The early Christian church [in all forms generally] were anxious to promote the idea that Jesus came from the humblest of backgrounds to be the Saviour of the world.

As to Bethlehem itself, apart from the issue of the Roman decree of registration, there is clear biblical Old Testament reference which predicted the coming of Jesus in that location – see Micah 5: v.2 Bethlehem was also special because the shepherds in the locality provided lambs for sacrifice in the Jerusalem Temple. There was also a strong connection between King David, shepherds, lambs and the town, so irrespective of the decree, it was not without coincidence that Jesus was born there. Doctrinally God ordained Bethlehem as place of birth. The importance of Bethlehem is also noted: Matthew 2: v.5 and John 7: v.42. Furthermore. it is not mere coincidence that references to 'The Lamb of God'...[who takes away the sin of the world] sacrifice for all etc., within world-wide religious catechisms shows the corollary between sacrificial sheep and Jesus being 'sacrificed for our own sake'.

Readers may form their own conclusions as to a construction of the Christmas story. Seeing young children, dressed in all sorts of outfits, [with tea towels wrapped round heads] in a junior school Nativity play, will be enough to gladden out hearts and dismiss as irrelevant the alternative approach. Like a lot of newspaper reporting – why let a good story be spoilt by factual inaccuracies? Merry Christmas.

David Yates [Dr.]

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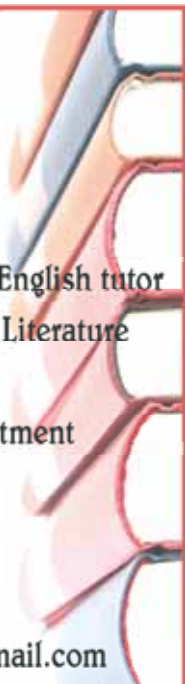
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THE VOYAGES OF MEADOW PIPIT



Continuing our journey on the Lancaster canal
Preston Dock

As our return crossing was booked for the 19th July, I decided to walk the mile or so into Preston to enquire at the marina office at Preston Dock if we could moor in the dock. They couldn't have been nicer - yes of course we could enter the Dock and stay there for the night for a charge of £15; they were delighted that a narrowboat actually wanted to visit - usually the narrowboats that go there resent having to pay a fee to be somewhere they don't want to be. I also spoke to the Lock Keeper at Tarleton and told him of our plan - as there were other boats booked to make the crossing back the day after us, we would be able to join them a day later and cross over the Ribble Estuary onto the River Douglas.



Tide out at Preston Dock

After I got back to Meadow Pipit we set off on the short cruise to the basin at the top of the locks going down to Savick Brook only to come across a narrowboat being held on a rope from the towpath by a passer-by while the owner was up to his waist in the canal. We stopped to see if we could help (boaters will always help each other out if they can) and it turned out that he had a tyre wrapped round his propellor that he couldn't move, and it had made his prop stop turning so suddenly that his tiller handle had been thrown in the water and he couldn't find it, and as it was made of brass a magnet (which we had on board) would be of no help. All we could offer him was some spare hacksaw blades, as his were already blunt, so we wished him well and went on our way to the basin where we moored up for the night ready for the descent down the locks the next day. I'm delighted to say that a few hours later, the same narrowboat came into the basin with a piece of scaffold pole being used as a tiller handle; somehow he had managed to remove the tyre from his prop, dried out, and cruise to the basin with his cobbled together replacement tiller arrangement - boaters can be very resourceful!

The next morning when the Lock Keepers arrived we told them of our cunning plan to detour to Preston Dock. "What on earth for?" was their reaction, but they had no objection, so when we got to the junction where Savick Brook meets the River Ribble we turned left and headed towards Preston as all of the other boats turned right.



Preston Dock

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Being a flood tide, the current carried us along and we arrived at Preston Dock after about an hour. In order to get into the Dock there is a large lock and a road bridge (which also carries a railway line) that has to be swung to allow boats to enter the Dock. As previously instructed by the Marina Office, I called them up on the VHF and the massive bridge began to swing and the lock gates opened for us; we felt so tiny and very privileged that this massive bridge and lock were being opened for little old us!!

The Marina Manager was waiting to welcome us on the visitor mooring, and told us where all of their services were which we were welcome to use. Why narrowboats don't want to go to Preston Dock eludes me!

It is possible to enter Preston Dock from one hour before high water at Liverpool and up to two hours after, so we kept our VHF turned on so that we could hear other boats requesting a pen through the lock, and some very attractive sea going yachts came through after us. Preston Dock is the largest single container dock in the country and is 1/4 mile long, but sadly the container ships have now become so huge that they can no longer fit in the Dock. Apart from the moorings close to the entrance, the Dock is unused and being stagnant water suffers from blue green algae, so cannot even be safely used for water sports such as paddle boarding and canoeing.

The next day we went to explore and found a butty van next to the Dock selling, amongst other things, a local delicacy - spam and egg butties, so of course we had to try one. Fan-blooming-tastic is all I can say, and now we always have a tin of spam on board. As we cruised back along the River Ribble, we saw in the distance the five other narrowboats emerging onto the River from Savick Brook to cross back over the



Estuary. We soon caught them up, and once we had crossed the Estuary the tide took us with it along the River Douglas to the tidal lock at Tarleton and back onto the Leeds Liverpool Canal. We stayed the night at Tarleton, mainly in order to stock up with the butchers superb pork and beef pies before leaving; we know where all of the best pork pies can be found along the canals, and the butcher at Tarleton rates very high on our list!

Meadow Pipit was booked into the dry dock at Stanilands Marina in Thorne (near Doncaster) for the end of August to have her hull shotblasted and painted with 2pack, so now we had to decide on what route to take to get there. There were four possibilities - the Huddersfield Narrow Canal, which we know and love, but which struggles if there is a lack of water, the Rochdale Canal which is quite rough in places and full of rubbish, back the way we had come down the Trent and Mersey, through Nottingham and Newark and then north on the Trent to the Stainforth and Keadby Canal, or carry on travelling east along the Leeds Liverpool Canal.

For the previous few years the Leeds Liverpool had been closed due to lack of water and emergency repairs during the summer months, but we heard that some repairs to the infamous Wigan Flight of locks had just been completed and the canal was open again. That would be our preferred route to Thorne - dare we risk it??

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CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

Personal safety: how to stay safe

Tips for making other people feel safer on the streets
Some of this advice might seem obvious, but there are some simple things we can do to help other people feel safer when they're out in public.

Keep your distance

When walking behind someone, particularly at night, try to leave a good amount of distance between yourself and the person ahead of you. Remember that the closer you are, the more threatening you might seem.

Don't stare

A stranger staring at you can be intimidating and unsettling. Focus on something else to show you're not a threat. Look out of the window, message a friend, or read a book or newspaper.

Cross the road

Somebody running up behind you, particularly at night, can be frightening.

If you're out for an evening run, or walk, and see someone walking ahead, cross the road, call out to let them know you're about to run by them or make sure to leave a good amount of space when you pass them.

Keep comments to yourself

What you might think of as just a bit of fun, or flattery, can be insulting, upsetting or even scary to someone else. Keep any comments or opinions to yourself.

Keep your friends in line

If you're in a group of people where someone is harassing another person on the street, try to calm the situation. They may just need to be told that they're behaving inappropriately.

Be an active bystander

If you notice someone is uncomfortable with another person's behaviour, show your support by being an active bystander. It can be as simple as standing between a person and their harasser to block their line of sight. Ask that person if they need any help, and back up anyone else who is intervening.

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MEADS AND THE CASE OF THE 'FULL ENGLISH.' Part 3

The kitchen at Winter's End Academy had been cordoned off with black and yellow 'CRIME SCENE-DO NOT ENTER' tape. Meads sat alone at a canteen table, surrounded by intermittent sobs and whispers from members of staff. The investigation team had seconded the staffroom and every fifteen minutes or so, a detective would appear and summon the next person for questioning. Meads felt frustrated at not being able to do more. There was a killer on the loose and former DI Meads knew how to catch killers, even if his approval rating on the 'Rate My Detective,' website was a lowly 1.5 stars. Meads stirred a third spoonful of sugar into his tea and tried to imagine what had sort of criminal would stoop so low as to use the humble baked bean as a murder weapon, leaving enough tomato sauce splatter to make the kitchen resemble a scene from the 'Texas Chainsaw Massacre.' Bodger's demise was tragic enough but Meads was also sparing a thought for the wasted baked beans when he heard a familiar voice chirrup: 'Guv!' 'Morning Dawson. It's been a while,' said Meads, putting a hand on his knee as he levered himself up.

Dawson vigorously shook the hand of his former boss: 'I thought it was coincidence, someone called 'Meads,' on the list of potential witnesses but it really is you!'

'Fraid so,' said Meads.

'Why not come to the staffroom and say hello to the lads? Some of them will be pleased to see you.'

'If it's all the same to you Dawson, could you take my statement here? I'm not really in the mood for 'all our yesterdays,' and it's not like I've had chance to get to know staff here yet, so we won't be interrupted.'

Dawson sat down: 'Okay guv. So, what are you doing here? You're like way too old to be a student and I can't see you being a teacher, even though you learned me a lot.'

Meads fought his urge to correct Dawson's speech: 'Today was going to be my second as a classroom teaching assistant, until I heard, what I presume, was your first radio interview?'

Dawson put a hand on his forehead: 'Soz guv. I forgot to give you a shout out!'

'I'm glad you didn't.'

'Did I sound okay on the radio?'

'Rest assured Dawson, it was an exceedingly 'NAFF,' interview.'

'Thanks guv. Blimey, a body found on the first day of your new job? That's rotten luck, if you were like looking to get promoted?'

'Spare your sympathy for poor old Bodger.'

'You knew him?' said Dawson starting to tap away on his phone keypad.

'Knew him? You know I worked with him for over twenty years!'

'Sorry guv.' Dawson scrolled down his phone: 'See...I'm thinking that *me* interviewing you could get confusing, as I might not ask you questions, I already know the answer to, but if I forget to ask them, I wouldn't get the answer noted down and that would be like really unhelpful, especially for other officers. Is that clear guv?'

'I have become accustomed to your means of communicating Dawson.'

'Sorry guv?'

'I hear you loud and clear Dawson.'

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'T'riffic and is it okay if I pretend that I don't know you? I've got the added pressure of interviewing someone who was like brilliant at interviewing and done it loads of times compared to me?'

'If it makes it easier for you Dawson.'

'Right will do. So guv, sorry, Mr *Meads* can you start by giving me your full name?'

'James Sirrell Meads.'

'Mr Meads, do you know anyone who might've wanted to cause harm to Mr Barrington?'

'Bodger was on the force his whole life; he put away hundreds of villains, mostly by the book, other times... on other occasions, let's just say, Bodger was 'old school,' not averse to taking a short cut, so yes, there'll be plenty of ex- cons who had it in for him.'

'Anyone specific?'

Meads blew out his cheeks: 'I'd not seen Bodger for years. I bumped into him in the staffroom and had a five-minute catch-up, that's all.'

'You don't know anyone here who had it in for him, who really hated him, showed psychopathic tendencies, perhaps had a doll at home that they'd call 'Bodger,' they'd stick pins in? I remember I had a PE teacher who'd do things like that. Any names would be dead useful.'

'As I said, I haven't had time to get to know anyone yet.'

'Thank you, sir, but Mr Meads, if there's anything, no matter how small, that you remember, please tell me.'

'Thank you for reminding me how this process works detective and... come to think of it, Bodger did mention he'd started a card school; could be significant?'

'He was teaching people how to play cards?'

'A card school, Dawson, is simply a gathering of people who wish to *play* cards.'

'Like when my Auntie Sheila used to get us all to play Snap?' suggested Dawson.

'It's more for grown-ups. Knowing Bodger there'd have been gambling as well. He mentioned a Maths teacher whom he suspected was cheating but I don't know the name. I also gathered he's paying a divorce settlement to an ex-Mrs Bodger. Again, no names but there's three to my knowledge. Typical Bodger; always skint,' reflected Meads.

'Blimey guv...card schools, a dodgy teacher, ex Mrs Bodgers... how long did this five-minute chat go on for?'

'Just because King Crimson have stopped touring that does not mean Robert Fripp ceases to be a guitarist.'

'Could you like give me a clue as to what you just said guv?'

'I mean, I may be retired Dawson but I'll always be a sleuth,' said Meads, tapping his nose with his index finger. 'Years of training have heightened my senses and powers of perception to a level ordinary mortals can only aspire to.'

Dawson nodded knowingly: 'Like my Aunt Bessie's bloodhound; I swear it can sniff out a bag of pickled onion flavoured Monster Munch from a mile away.'

'A dog with impeccable taste.'

'One final question guv?'

'Go ahead.'

'Any idea why Bodger would be wearing a red hanky on his head?'

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'None springs to mind. He was quite a snappy dresser.'

Dawson scrolled to a photograph on his phone: 'Not sure I should show you, but this is Bodger's head after it was pulled out of the beans.' Meads winced as he looked at Bodger's corpse draped across a stainless-steel worktop. Dawson continued: 'See.' Meads dragged two fingers across the screen to magnify the photograph: 'That Dawson, if I'm not mistaken, is no handkerchief. I believe it is a bandanna; head attire normally worn by pirates.'

Meads touched the red button on his phone and looked across at Sarah, her pen poised over a puzzle book. Meads explained: 'That was the Academy. They want me to work the whole week, what with them being a man down.'

'You should go. Staff and students will be in shock and you're more used to dealing with situations like this,' said Sarah.

'Hmm,' pondered Meads, sitting back in his armchair and returning his feet to a resting position on a pouffe. 'I could help out until they find Bodger's replacement?'

'I'm sure they, and Marjorie, would greatly appreciate it, but Jimmy, remember, you are there as 'Mr Meads teaching assistant,' not 'DI Meads.' Practise what you preached and let the police get on with their jobs, Agreed?'

'Agreed...as long as they do it properly.'

Sarah snapped shut her puzzle book: 'Meaning?'

'Dawson's leading the investigation. I mean, he's been in the job two minutes and already promoted to DS! In my day you had to do the hard yards, get a wide range of cases under your belt, earn respect.'

'I thought he'd been fast tracked because of his 100% clear-up rate?'

'Statistics can be notoriously unreliable.'

'Because your clear-up rate was?'

'That's not the point. Dawson's only had a handful of cases, some with a very big helping hand from yours truly. Now, suddenly, he's the new Poirot!'

'But this 'handful' of cases have received a lot of favourable press for the police after a few unfortunate incidents.' Meads looked away from Sarah but she continued: 'You should view Dawson's success as a reflection on you being his mentor.' Meads grunted, Sarah continued: 'Jimmy, I mean it. After Sicily, you swore that this was your final investigation in *any* capacity so don't go getting involved.'

Dawson had been pleased to bump into Meads but it had been a reminder of station tittle-tattle, that he had only been promoted after hanging onto the coat tails of his former boss. If he could wrap up the Bodger murder swiftly and on his own, it would help silence those doubting his ability.

Dawson had a long evening ahead. First, the Academy reception CCTV footage from the night of the murder had just landed in his inbox. And then there were those comments made by Meads about his conversation with Bodger. It had Dawson an inkling of something and made him requesting copies of all governors' meeting from the last two years.

Dawson undid his tie, turned off his phone, ripped open a large packet of marshmallows and started by sifting through the CCTV coverage.

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Meads felt his phone vibrate so he took off his earphones: 'Dawson?' Meads motioned to Sarah to turn the television down. She obliged and sat up on her chair with her feet tucked under her. Meads continued: 'You'll have to speak up Dawson, there's a lot of background noise.' Meads placed a finger in his ear and listened. 'I see... are you being a bit hasty? ...if you're absolutely sure?' There was a lengthy pause during which Meads' brow furrowed deep enough to plant the potatoes he had chitting in his allotment shed. 'I know I have said about 'following your gut instinct' Dawson but you must realise the implications...' Sarah mouthed 'what?' at Meads but his focus was entirely on what Dawson was telling him. Meads continued, 'your call Dawson, thanks for letting me know and sorry I can't make it to your Aunt Agatha's Taekwondo demo. Goodbye.'

Meads placed his phone on the coffee table and looked pleadingly at Sarah: 'what's for tea: I'm famished.'

'Never mind that!' cried Sarah, 'what did Dawson say that had you looking so fraught?'

'Ah. Not good news I'm afraid. He's only gone and made an arrest.'

'For Bodger's murder?'

Meads nodded.

'That's good, isn't it?' said Sarah.

'Not if you're Marjorie it's not. She's currently being dabbled and charged. I could hear her in the background. You wouldn't think a convent educated girl would know such language.'

'But that's absurd! How could Marjorie possibly drown someone of Bodger's size in baked beans?'

'I agree. She'd be more your draught of hemlock slipped into a cup of tea type of killer; I fancy.'

'She's not any type of killer Jimmy! She can be scary, intimidating even, but her doing something like that is unthinkable.'

Meads nodded sagely: 'We could weigh up the evidence, over tea. Did I spy a cottage pie being popped in the oven?'

'No food until I have answers Meads! What possible grounds could Dawson have for charging her?'

'Several, it seems. Marjorie was recorded on reception CCTV footage entering the building shortly before the murder; something she apparently denies. Also, Bodger was discovered wearing a red bandanna as if dressed like a pirate. The eagle-eyed Dawson noticed on a poster that Marjorie is directing the Winter's End Players' production of 'Pirates of Penzance' and upon further investigation it appears that this bandanna was hers.'

'But...so what? I mean what possible motive could Marjorie have?'

'Money?' mused Meads. 'The preservation of her reputation and that of the de Winters clan in the community? Dawson has done some digging and found that Marjorie appears to have abused her position as school governor in pushing the Academy to appoint a new catering firm, 'Funky Foods,' of which she just happens to be a director. Dawson's gone through the governors' minutes with a fine-tooth comb and nowhere does she admit to having an outside pecuniary interest.'

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As you'd expect, governors must disclose any roles which might lead to a conflict of interest. The contract was highly lucrative. There were four other tenders. 'Funky Foods' were the most expensive and received the worst feedback from taster sessions with students and staff, but somehow got the contract. Since then, a student survey and teachers' unions have raised numerous concerns about the standard of cooking, cleanliness of the kitchen and the rudeness of 'Funky Food' staff. In my brief time there, I noticed that all the staff seemed to be bringing their own food in. You mentioned that Marjorie could possibly be having a few money issues?

'A chipped cup and dismissal of a maid is hardly reason to embezzle money or whatever you're insinuating?'

'Not to the likes of us but...look it's not my case and I don't know all the details. I'm just being Devil's Advocate, trying to get into the head of Dawson and the CPS.'

'But even if Marjorie did 'abuse her position,' as you put it, I don't see how this links to Bodger and certainly not what she allegedly did to him?'

'Seems Bodger was onto her little scam. He didn't mention Marjorie but hinted there was something dodgy going on in the kitchen and he was in the process of compiling evidence and exposing what was going on.'

'So was Bodger *blackmailing* Marjorie?'

'Possibly. You know yourself how much her standing in Winter's End matters to her. Perhaps she would have gone to any lengths to stop this scandal from coming out?'

Sarah shook her head: 'The whole idea's preposterous.'

'Not according to Dawson. He's run it past the CPS lawyers, they say there's a realistic prospect of conviction, so she's been charged.'

'It's all circumstantial evidence?'

'Yes, but if you put enough bits of circumstantial evidence together you can make the evidence compelling even without, say a confession or eyewitness ID.'

'That's nonsense!'

'It's the law.'

'But Jimmy, you must *do* something.'

'Me?' said Meads pointing at himself.

'Yes! Dawson looks up to you. Surely you can get him to think twice. Marjorie could be the victim of a grave miscarriage of justice. Meanwhile, the real killer is still out there.'

'Hang on a minute. You've told me, firmly, to keep my nose out of any investigation?'

'But Dawson doesn't know Marjorie like we do; he's adding two twos and coming up with five.'

'But there is *prima facie*, a case?'

'Okay, DI Meads are you telling me, hand on heart that you think Marjorie killed Bodger?'

'She may not fit the typical profile of a killer, but as they say, anyone in a given set of circumstances...'

'You're evading the question! Do you think she would be capable of such a crime?'

Meads grimaced and shook his head: 'No, of course not.'

Will the case conclude next year?

(Richard Berry - author)





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OUT AND ABOUT

by Trevor Langley



DINE IN STYLE: MASALA JUNCTION FINE DINING

With the city of Nottingham being a major tourist attraction, many visitors, from worldwide origins, find a lot of interest and enjoyment in what Nottingham and Nottinghamshire both have to offer, with a vast amount of architecture or history, to world-class entertainments, sports and much more. Historians can have a 'field day' in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. Numerous eateries and restaurants provide that much welcomed break, from shopping or sightseeing, to also include romantic dining occasions and/or private dining experiences. The cuisine, foods and dishes are most diverse, in the numerous places to dine, throughout Nottingham and the surrounding county. I located multi award-winning Masala Junction in Nottingham. This Indian fine dining restaurant is very well established and has locals, plus visitors,, regularly dining here (always a good sign).

To commence, pickles and chutneys, with popadoms. Then, to start, my choice was for Amritsari Machli. This came flavoursome and most pleasurable. For the main course I favoured Lamb Nihari (Slow cooked lamb shank braised in golden browned onion with aromatic Junction garam masala), plus selected sides of Kale Kofta and Mushroom Rice. This exceeded expectations, with aromas, complementing flavours, succulence and textures, giving overall delight and enjoyment (Compliments to Chef). Head Chef, Bheem and the team delight in going the 'extra mile', to absolutely produce the 'magic'. Other popular dishes included more fish, seafood and meat selections.

For dessert I opted for Rasmalai – a popular 'treat' in countless homes in India. This was my perfect (towards) ending to an exceptional dining experience. Quality wines, spirits and other beverages offer something for everyone.

Private dining is regularly booked, with celebrations and parties being most enjoyable occurrences. Collections and deliveries are available too and the occasional entertainment is very popular. If outside catering is required – no problem. The gift vouchers could be an idea to surprise someone special?

Thank you to Israr for a true welcome and Jess for exemplary service throughout. Certainly, advance booking is very advisable. Highly recommended.

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Traffic Stoppers

As I contemplate my article for the end of the year, memories occur to me of plants which caused visitors to stop and comment as they came round the garden in the summer. Plants which put crudely had a wow factor or which I prefer to call traffic stoppers (though I am pleased to say very little traffic comes up our Bridle Road).

In doing so I will take into account how long they do the job as well as their peak impact. The exquisite yellow paeony *P. Mlokosewitsch* familiarly known as Molly the Witch is truly beautiful but only for a day or two and furthermore takes up quite a lot of space. I would not put it high on the list. Conversely some plants are pretty good all summer but in doing so lose their impact by becoming boring. I must start with the plant which most consistently attracts comments and for a long summer season our wedding cake tree *Cornus contraversa* variegata . How does it do it?

1/ It has a clean contrasting white edge to the green leaf.

2/ When it comes into flower in the late spring the white flowers bring new magic to emphasise the horizontal branches which without any trimming maintain a layered effect. As it ages it doesn't waste energy making leaves on the lower branches which die and should be cut back to the trunk, but this itself increases the stature and dignity of the tree.

As autumn approaches the leafstalks take on a pinkish colour which is quite striking. Our tree is helped, as its feet are close to a spring and *Cornus* like damp soil. It is taller than any other specimen I have seen. Further, some years ago I put a *Tetrapanax* next to it and the large dark green leaves of the suckering plant provide ideal contrast.

Next I will consider the vigorous climbing vine *Vitis coignetiae* for its brilliant red autumn colours. Those of us who live up the hillside above the rich valley soil do not have the best conditions for *Acer*s or tree of heaven to give a really good autumn display but this vine is 100% reliable in this respect. It is a vigorous climber for a fence or tall tree so don't put it over a small shrub. I have it up an



Fig 1 *Vitis coignetiae*

old Silver birch Fig 1. As there were no lower branches I had to start it up a tall wigwam for a year or two and bear in mind that all climbers take time to get going as they can't rush up until their roots are deep enough to sustain them.

Continued ...

IN OUR GARDEN

Given early attention with a nice deep compost rich hole to start and water if it turns dry it is very reliable. Its first leaves start to turn red in early September gradually increasing the show in October when the picture was taken . It is stunning against the trunk of the silver birch and so remains until it dumps its leaves in early November. I don't know a tree or a shrub with such a prolonged autumn display.

If you want a small shrub which reliably gives a good red on any soil use Euonymous Elata . The colour is good for a week or two.

On a different scale is the annual , Convolvulus Mina Lobata Fig 2. This is a gentle climber for a small shrub or pea stick type support. It is important not to start it too early as it will not grow. Indeed it will die if planted out before the summer has warmed up. (I may say I know as I have often done so with a sad failure) Plant two or three seeds in a good compost in a deep pot in late May. Keep in the greenhouse or window sill until a spell of warm weather is safely forecast. Then plant out in a sunny space where it can grow on until August or September. Everyone will say What's that? Another annual is the tall Persicaria ovale Fig 3. This is an easy plant to grow and self sows abundantly but is slow to germinate in the greenhouse. I usually dig up and grow on in pots the seedlings from the beds as soon as I see them but last year a friend told me they soon come up if you nick the little hard black shell and thus get an earlier plant.

I was going to write about one or two dahlias, clematis or our tulip tree which are certainly traffic stoppers but I think they need an article on their own. Fig 4 Dahlia Chimborazo

I now can't wait until the end of January when the first display of Crocus Tommasinianus will burst out on a sunny day!



Fig 2 Convolvulus Mina Lobata



Fig 3 Persicaria ovale



Fig 4 Dahlia Chimborazo

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amazing adventures as there is nothing to do at home because of all the rain! These picture books are all aimed at 2-6 year olds. And now Mark is in the process of printing a children's novel entitled 'The Trials of Christmas' which is aimed at 9-11 year olds.

Mark will be selling his books locally on Saturday 7th December at Burton Joyce Primary School (between 1-3pm) AND on Saturday 14th December at The Springfield Inn, Lowdham (between 12-5pm).



The QR code in this article enables children, and people of all ages, to enjoy Mark's books by listening to him reading and watching his music videos.

(For further information about Mark's books, or to find out more about future book sales, please contact: 0797 4533 935)



Those Who Returned

The men and women of the Armed Forces who served in the two World Wars and did return home



Walter Gamble RFC



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Samuel Mason RN

We have recently paid homage and tribute to the men of Burton Joyce and Bulcote who gave their lives in the Great War and World War Two. The original “Tommies” song, “Onward Joe Soap’s Army” contains a line; “The boys who did the job are dead and in their graves”. This song was obviously sung by living soldiers, and many thousands of them did return home, probably with mixed feelings and emotions. How much do we know about these men and women now? Apart from reading books and obituaries, and hearing about certain “Captain Tom” characters, these individuals are rapidly disappearing from our collective memories. The medals that many of them received have survived, along with their citations, and many families will probably have knowledge of predecessors, probably along with photographs and with treasured memories. This article is merely to remind readers of the numbers of men from the two villages who did return home. Hopefully it will remind us of the debt we owe to all who served, both the survivors and those who did not return.

The Burton Joyce and Bulcote Local History fortunately has lists of the men and women who served in both Wars, and the following figures show in which category the survivors served, how many came home early due to medical discharge, and how many came home late due to being released from Prisoner of War camps.

The Great War

Total number who served – 162

Total who returned – 145

Category in which they served

Army - 154	Navy -1	Air corps/RAF – 5	Early returning – Medical discharge - 2
			Late returning POW's – 2

World War Two

Total number who served – 184 (inc. 8 females)

Total who returned - 171

Army - 151	Navy -13	RAF -12	Early returning = Medical discharge – 7
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Late returning POW's – 11

We do not know how many service men/women served without going abroad, but in the Great War most served in France against the Germans. In World War 2 a significant number served in the Far East, where six of the seventeen fatalities occurred.

Steve Wright, Burton Joyce & Bulcote Local History Society

The season of berries, pine cones, hot chocolates, fir trees and festivities has begun!

The decorations are going up, the nights are getting colder and we are all getting in the festive spirit. Jobs in the garden are becoming scarce now, however, if you fancy wrapping up and getting outside, here are some jobs you can be doing in your garden this month;

- Feed the birds, our feathery friends need some extra help this month
- Ensure frost protection is in place for those chilly winter nights. Any frost tender plants should have been moved indoors by now.
- Plant up any empty pots you have with winter colour. Its amazing what a difference a planter can make to a winter garden. They also make excellent gifts.
- 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. If there are still seed heads visible or attractive dried flowers, leave them for that extra interest over winter.
- 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.
- Review your 2024 garden, why not create a notebook of what you have liked most about your garden this year and perhaps what you would want to change in the coming year.



This time of month can be a dull time in the garden, with many trees and shrubs displaying bare stems, it can be easy to think winter gardens are lacking in colour and interest. One of the best ways to add a blast of colour is with berries.

Skimmia 'Reevsiana'

Continued ...

Skimmia 'Reevisiana' is a wonderful variety of Skimmia, staying low and compact, this evergreen shrub is ideal for pots and borders alike. The bright scarlet berries begin to appear in the autumn and will remain over the winter until the new flower buds start to open.



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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. Happy Christmas!

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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;
45, very good; 60 or more, excellent.

On behalf of Insp Mark Stanley, it is a pleasure to be able to continue to contribute to Burton Joyce and nearby villages and provide you an update for the surrounding areas. I am aware speeding is a particular concern. To address this, Gedling Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) conduct monthly speeding operations in various areas across the divisional area. In August 2024, a Speeding Operation took place which was managed by PCSO Trevor Parkinson. We are usually intelligence led and will focus on areas where we receive complaints – directly from the public and through local councillors. To this end, we usually conduct at least one operation per month across Gedling South but we do aim to cover Burton Joyce and surrounding areas (A612 near the layby and A612 near the Wheatsheaf PH). In October 2024, SNT completed an Educational Speeding Operation and pleased to report all drivers were adhering to the speed limit. It is also important to remember, the Police deal with all traffic matters including mobile phone and seat belt offences. PCSO Parkinson continues to look for new volunteers to receive training on the Community Road Safety (CRS) 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 across the area and we continue to listen to your issues and concerns. Gedling SNT cover Lambley, Burton Joyce and Stoke Bardolph. Over the coming months, our intention is to run a Beat Surgery once a month in all three areas on a revolving basis. This is to ensure the public have fair access to the police and equally importantly, we understand the different concerns our communities face. There would be nothing stopping residents from a neighbouring area visiting the Beat Surgery to discuss their problems. If you would like to contact the team for the dates for the next meetings please email one of the officers on the below email. The next beat surgery for area will be at Stoke Bardolph on Weds 11th December 2024 (14:00 hrs) likely to be at The Old Severn Trent Social Club. There will be further beat surgeries in 2025 and SNT will communicate this via the magazine and social media pages.

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. As per Insp. Stanleys previous updates, though this issue is slightly out of the Burton Joyce and villages area there are issues around noise at night. Gedling SNT continue to proactively police this under a zero tolerance approach.

Continued ...

The first 12 months of the PSPO was successful in terms of positive outcomes and fines. Police issued 17 Section 59's, 5 x motor vehicles were seized for ASB and 13 drivers issued with £100 fines by Gedling Borough Council (GBC) for breach of the PSPO. Since then, GBC and the Police have issued several more fines.

In further news, some personnel changes have taken place. PC 3379 Ashley Dunn has moved on to Colwick and Netherfield Beat Area. I would like to thank him for his work and dedication to the area. As of July 2024, PC 209 Saara Nawaz has joined the team. She is very much looking forward to making a difference to the area. In terms of crime statistics, the area remains safe and the crime figures are low. There are no particular crime patterns or trends that are of a concern, but I would like to take this opportunity to remind residents to ensure they secure their properties and always be vigilant. If you see something concerning, please report to 101 in a non emergency, or 999 if a crime is taking place.

We hope you have a great festive period and if you would you 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 saara.nawaz@notts.police.uk.

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November Update

Carlton le Willows opens its doors

AUTUMN term is well under way and as is usual at this time of year, staff and students have been welcoming visitors into the Academy to showcase all that Carlton le Willows has to offer.

We began the term with our annual Year 6 open events, a series of mornings where prospective parents and children had the chance to see the Academy during the working day, chat to members of SLT, staff and students. This was followed by our ever-popular open evening when all departments welcomed visitors to show the best their subjects have to offer. This also gave us the chance to showcase our brand-new facilities in the recently refurbished West building, including new business rooms and state of the art science labs.

At the other end of the academic journey we have Year 11, working hard towards their GCSE examinations in summer and starting to think about their options for education post-16. With this in mind Carlton le Willows invited all Year 11 students and their families in to school for our now annual Pie Night. This offers the chance to sit and eat a pie and pea supper with family and friends, as well as the opportunity to gather a wealth of revision resources to help them in their coming studies.

Pie Night was run in conjunction with Sixth Form Open Evening, which saw current A level students working alongside staff from all subjects to give a flavour of what subjects are on offer in our successful sixth form. There was also the chance to find out how the application process works and how parents can support their children.

Feedback from the event was resoundingly positive with 100% of parents surveyed on the night saying they found staff enthusiastic and professional and that the evening was helpful and informative. They also praised the academy for being welcoming, communicative and friendly.

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Burton Joyce Primary School – Autumn Term 2



The Respect Ambassadors did a whole school assembly to introduce this year's theme for anti-bullying week. We reminded everybody what bullying is, recapped the different types of bullying and what we can do to look out for each other. Many children and staff came to school wearing their odd socks to join together to celebrate difference and stand up against bullying and discrimination.



On Monday 11th of November Mrs Cook did a whole school assembly to mark Remembrance Day and remember the services and sacrifice of those who have died in conflict. Staff and children ended the assembly with a traditional two-minute silence. Thank you to all who have purchased poppies from the office, to raise money for the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal.

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- ☐ Who are carers, struggling to meet the demands of caring for others.
- ☐ Who need help with Housing, Debt etc

If you feel in need of help with any of the above or would just like to meet others in similar circumstances then there is a drop-in session every four weeks from 1.00pm - 3.00pm in The Carnarvon Room, 5 Chestnut Grove, Burton Joyce, NG14 5DP (opposite the Co-op Car park),

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These sessions are for patients of the Ivy Medical Group and other practices in the Arrow Primary Care Network (other medical practices in the area have their own Social Prescribers and run similar sessions).

The current timetable of meetings is as follows.

19th November and 17th December 2024.

21st January 2025, 11th February, 11th March, 15th April, 13th May, 10th June, 15th July, 12th August, 16th September, 14th October, 11th November and 16th December.

If you cannot make a drop-in session but still need help, please contact Dina using the details above. Or ask in your GP surgery. Dina can also access help for you if you are struggling getting to grips with contacting the NHS via technology, e.g. Using Smart phones or online, so if you need help, please do give her a call. Dina works Mon – Fri 08.00 to 16.00.



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Future Meetings

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9th January

Understanding the WI Resolutions

13th February

The Framework Knitters in Ruddington with Susan Russell

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

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Walking Group – first Wednesday of the month

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WORD WHEEL

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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.

TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER – XMAS MEETING



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In the event of a tie, the “studio” audience (that is, all those present) become the extended jury and cast their votes. Whatever the outcome, the presenter will provide some facts about each song. The emphasis throughout will be on fun and a lot of laughter can be expected, especially if the jury play their part well.

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Our **Christmas stock** has been very popular, why not pop in for a browse? We have a wide range covering fiction, crafts, and lots of children's books. You can also enjoy a warming cup of tea or coffee in the library for only 50p.

We're all set for our **children's Christmas craft drop-in – just call in between 10.30am-12.30pm on Saturday 21st December** to make something festive to take home! These sessions are always popular, are completely free, and you don't need to book.

The library will be **closed for Christmas from 1pm on Saturday 21st December**, reopening at 2pm on Thursday 2nd January 2025.

Made a resolution to read more books in 2025? Burton Joyce Library Reading Group is looking for more enthusiastic book lovers to join their friendly bunch. Come down to the library on the second Monday of the month for 10am.

Rattle, Rhyme and Roll continues each **Wednesday in the library, from 10.30am-11am** – pop in to have a sing with your pre-schoolers, hang around to change your books and have a chat after!

Why not also join us for **Story Hullabaloo each Friday 2.30pm-3pm?** Story Hullabaloo sessions are relaxed, interactive story and rhyme sessions for under-fives. These fun and friendly sessions are a great way to help build a love of books and find new stories to share together. Both under-fives sessions are free and you don't need to book. Hope to see you soon!

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More trains stopping in Burton Joyce from mid-December

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Burton Joyce Train Action Group is continuing to lobby and campaign for an hourly service throughout the day, but we welcome the new timetable as a step in the right direction.

We would encourage residents to use the train whenever circumstances permit - journey time to Nottingham is only 10-15 minutes, compared with more than half-an-hour on the bus or suffering increasingly congested road conditions on the A612. Nearly all the trains to Nottingham continue to Beeston, Long Eaton, Derby and stations to Crewe, as noted below - could you use the train to commute?

Having a train station and regular services is a significant asset to any community and there have been recent improvements to the station. Greater use of the existing services will assist enormously in making the case for more stopping trains in the future.

There are no changes to the Sunday timetable. However, Sunday is the only day we can travel to and from Lincoln from Burton Joyce without having to change at Newark Castle

Monday to Friday timetable from 16th December 2024												
Newark Castle	5.58	6.25	7.36	8.41	9.36	10.36	11.36	14.38	15.37	16.37	17.38	0.13
Burton Joyce	6.23	6.49	8.00	8.59	10.00	11.00	12.00	15.02	16.01	17.01	18.02	1.07
Nottingham	6.34	7.01	8.13	9.11	10.15	11.15	12.12	15.15	16.14	17.15	18.14	1.18
< these trains continue to Beeston, Long Eaton, Derby, Stoke-on-Trent & Crewe>												
Nottingham	5.43	6.50	7.57	11.57	13.58	14.56	15.56	16.56	18.00	18.52	21.33	22.37
Burton Joyce	5.53	7.00	8.07	12.07	14.08	15.06	16.06	17.06	18.11	19.03	21.46	22.59
Newark Castle	6.17	7.24	8.30	12.33	14.28	15.26	16.27	17.28	18.30	19.28	22.05	23.50
Saturday timetable from 21st December 2024												
Newark Castle	6.00	7.36	8.43	9.39	10.39	11.35	14.38	15.38	16.38	17.38	21.10	22.10
Burton Joyce	6.25	7.59	9.01	10.03	11.03	11.59	15.02	16.02	17.02	18.02	21.30	22.30
Nottingham	6.36	8.15	9.15	10.15	11.15	12.11	15.15	16.15	17.14	18.14	21.40	22.40
< these trains continue to Beeston, Long Eaton, Derby, Stoke-on-Trent & Crewe>												
Nottingham	5.53	6.50	7.58	11.55	15.56	16.56	17.58	18.55	21.32			
Burton Joyce	6.03	7.00	8.09	12.06	16.06	17.06	18.08	19.06	21.43			
Newark Castle	6.29	7.24	8.33	12.32	16.28	17.29	18.25	19.31	22.05			
Sunday timetable from 15th December 2024 (no change)												
Lincoln	9.00	11.24	14.38	16.35	18.52	22.51						
Newark Castle	9.29	11.53	15.07	17.05	19.21	23.20						
Burton Joyce	9.54	12.18	15.32	17.29	19.45	23.44						
Nottingham	10.05	12.31	15.44	17.40	19.58	23.56						
Nottingham	9.33	11.25	14.27	17.27	22.30							
Burton Joyce	9.43	11.35	14.37	17.37	22.40							
Newark Castle	10.09	12.01	15.03	18.03	23.06							
Lincoln	10.40	12.31	15.33	18.34	23.36							

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 Chairman Membership Secretary website – www.bju3a.co.uk	Alan Comerie Gemma Gill	0300 102 1383
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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 meets on the 3rd Thursday of January, March, May, July, September, November 10.30 until 12.00 St Helen's Church Centre, Burton Joyce			The meetings are open to anyone affected by central vision loss. family, friends and carers are also welcome. Please contact Paul 07769 494 087 for details
	1st Burton Joyce Scout Group For Beavers, Cubs & Scouts		Contact Rachel on 07930 271455 1stburtonjoyce@centralnotts.org.uk
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Useful NAMES and CONTACT DETAILS

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BJ Parish Council (Clerk)	Jessica Sherrin	0115 9314084
BJ Primary School	Padleys Lane	0115 9312373
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Main Hall, Old School Bldg	Jayne Savage	0115 9314084
Church Centre	Tracey Akehurst	0115 9652114
Pathfinder Bus Info		0115 9506070
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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, Stoke Bardolph	0115 666 9660
Stoke Bardolph Village Hall	Kathy Dixon	dixons.hebbsfarm@btinternet.com
Tennis Club	Heather Ankers	0115 9537137
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Village Hall Hire	bookings@bjvillagehall.org.uk	07706 005739
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