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Burton Joyce and nearby villages



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EDITOR'S COMMENT

January, for me, is often the hardest month of the year when doing The Magazine. Are we going to have sufficient advertisers to keep going for the year? Would we receive enough articles to fill the pages?

Thankfully I needn't have worried !

We have started the year on a high by supporting the BJ Football Club.

This year we will see the results of sponsoring the U7's and in the next editions will be featuring both their progress and the Club's fortunes. So don't forget to look out for our logo on their shirts. A sneak preview of the kit can be seen on page 70.

We will also be supporting the BJ Open Gardens and it is hoped that this year will be as successful as it was in 2023.

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Burton Joyce Football Club was very appreciative to receive a generous donation from **The Magazine** back in November.

The Magazine approached the Club to see if we could link together and do some promotional work and support within the community. The donation has gone towards a number of things.



Firstly being the sponsorship of a new kit for our newly formed **U7's**. It is very difficult to get sponsors on board in the present climate, so this gave the opportunity for the new team to benefit in getting started within Grassroots football. The team started training back in the Autumn and entered the league and started playing matches in January. We will share a photo in their new kit in the next edition.

During December the Club ran a best photo comp. The brief was to create a team photo that depicts Christmas that we could use as our social media Christmas message. The winning entry would win team leisure hoodys sponsored by The Magazine. We had eight amazing entries, so we asked The Magazine to vote, and they choose three winning entries, as shown on this months front cover.

All eight photos are shown here and we had everything from funny hats, turkeys, Christmas trees, away in a manager, even to an appearance of The Grinch! Thank you to all teams that participated.

We also ran a competition on social media, showing all eight photos and the photo with the most likes would win a prize too.

In both instances we are pleased to announce that it was our **Downs Syndrome team** who won with their contribution. This is even more rewarding as we know what a challenge it was for the parents to get them to create their message. Well done team and we look forward to sharing a photo in the next edition of you all in your new hoodys.

We look forward to working alongside The Magazine in the future to promote grassroots football within our community.

BURTON JOYCE FOOTBALL CLUB



**‘Our Downs Syndrome team’
WINNERS**

**‘Christmas tree and decorations’
RUNNERS UP**



**‘Away in a manger’
THIRD**

The other Christmas competition entries



The Grinch who stole Christmas



Christmas hats



Turkey dinner



Christmas tree with green branches and decorations at end



Christmas hats



COMMUNITY UPDATE

PS 3316 Mohson Hussain On behalf of Inspector Harding

Community Update: Since our last update to The Magazine, Insp Mark Stanley has sadly moved to a different role within the organisation. Insp Stanley contributed to the Magazine on a regular basis and was very much involved with community engagement and will be sorely missed. The new Inspector for the Gedling area is Insp Heather Harding who is aware of the local issues and will continue to support the local policing team and will have an opportunity in the future to also contribute to The Magazine.

It's always 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. Over the last several months we have continued to conduct speeding operations across the area, including Burton Joyce and Villages (on A612 Nottingham Road, Burton Joyce and Spring Lane, Lambley). 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.**

Beat surgeries have been arranged in Lambley, Burton Joyce and Stoke Bardolph, for the first quarter of 2025:-

January 15th 2025 – Burton Joyce (Burton Joyce Library)

February 12th 2025 – Lambley Beat Surgery (Community Centre at Lambley Primary School, Catfoot Lane, Lambley)

March 19th 2025 - Stoke Bardolph (New Community Centre, Stoke Lane)

There will be further beat surgeries in 2025 and SNT will communicate this via the magazine and social media pages and the new Notts Alerts system.

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. Gedling SNT continue to proactively police this under a zero tolerance approach. The first 12 months of the PSPO was successful in terms of positive outcomes and fines and we continue to make good progress alongside our partners including Gedling Borough Council.

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.

In addition, Nottinghamshire Police can update victims and residents via the Notts Alerts System (link [Home Page - Notts Alerts](#) or www.nottsalerts.co.uk). I would encourage residents to sign up for this as it would be a great way of being provided crime / safety advice as well information around future Beat Surgeries.

We hope you had 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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JOHN AND MARY HARRIS

We shall soon be moving to Derbyshire, after living in Burton Joyce for many years.

Mary moved here in May 1970, together with Harry and their four children, and two foster children.

Over the years we found both great happiness, also sadness when the unforeseen occurred. Later, in 1995 , Harry died, following a couple of strokes..

By this time, all our children had married and moved away. I moved up to Olive Grove, and six years later John was widowed, and we met and fell in love when he joined 1 to One.

John will be remembered for his work on the Parish Council, and particularly the Sports ground. He was a founder member of the Bowls Club.

We married 23 years ago, and for the last three years have been living independently at Wisteria Place. We are both in our 90s and have had a very happy life together Now we need a lot more care, and are moving into an assisted living apartment, in Richmond village, Aston on Trent, where we shall be provided with all our meals, and can take part in some of the many activities that are found there.

We look forward to keeping in touch with those we know once we have moved, which will be on January 6th,2025.

Our phone number will be: 01332 794 507 Lastly many thanks to our friends who have made us so welcome over the years.

John and Mary.



A GAVIN & STACEY

Gavin and Stacey the finale.

At Christmas we saw the last ever episode, having run a staggering 17 years, Gavin with his wife, Stacey, and best friend, Smithy.

Stacey was Joanna Page, Smithy was James Corden, also Ruth Jones, Rob Brydon, etc.

Gavin started life as Mathew Horne in Burton Joyce, his mother Mrs G Horne, worked at Burton Joyce Primary School.

The Nelson Pub was a meeting place with friends and made a good start for Matthew. A modern classic - congratulations to him.

Hilary Sentence



BURTON JOYCE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



Funding approved for our community garden!

COMMUNITY GARDEN - £100K GRANT SUCCESS!

It is all systems go for the community garden at the Old School Building site! We were delighted to received notification of our successful grant application for **£100,000** from FCC Communities Foundation just before the Christmas break. Cllr Laurence King, Chair of the Parish Council said "This forms a significant part of our investment in the village; in its people, place, activity and community. It is fantastic that FCC Communities Foundation has awarded us this money and we're really looking forward to our garden taking shape during 2025".

FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community projects through the Landfill Communities Fund. Cheryl Raynor, FCC Communities Foundation Grant Manager has said: "We're delighted to be supporting the community garden project and pleased our funding will provide such a beautiful space for people in the village.

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BURTON JOYCE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT Continued

FCC Communities Foundation is always happy to consider grant applications for projects that make a difference to local communities and we're really looking forward to seeing this one take shape soon."

This grant is in addition to the £69,946 '*Section 106*' fund successfully applied for from Gedling Borough Council (GBC) and a further £5,000 from GBC's '*High Street Events Fund*'. Donations have also generously been made by the *Burton Joyce Open Gardens* and *Women's Institute*, which along with funds raised at our *Coronation Party*, give a total project fund of an amazing £177,565. Some of this has already been invested on the design and technical drawings for the scheme and the rest will be allocated as detailed below.

PLANS FOR OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN

The development of the garden fulfils our long-held ambition to provide an attractive heart to the village. With the aim of bringing people together and encouraging a community spirit, the money will be used for the installation of a **wood and polycarbonate canopy** to cover the existing plinth. The canopy will be a key feature of the garden and will provide shelter or shade for community events and for casual daily use by residents and visitors alike. Market stalls will be able to operate from under the canopy in our Christmas Fayre, for example, the Brass Band for Concerts or visitors to the Pop-Up Food Fayre to sit and dine.

The **plinth is to be re-surfaced** in a resin bonded gravel to match newly installed, resin bound gravel and **curved pathways**, which will ensure the whole garden is accessible to all.

A newly planted and **landscaped garden** will be bordered with permanent **curved wooden benches** to maintain the natural theme, which will provide additional seating for events as well as allowing for casual daily use, with a further round bench encircling an existing tree and a straight bench installed on an existing brick flower bed. **Benches and bins** for the front of the building and pieces such as 'hop-scotch' for children will also be included.

A large **pergola** will be installed in the rear corner of the site to provide an additional sheltered area of the garden and provide aesthetic balance to the canopy.

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BURTON JOYCE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT Continued

Cinep **lighting for evening use** will be installed under the curved benches to provide ambient lighting for evening events, with the installation of functional lighting on the outside of the building for safety and set up / take down of events.

There will be **sensory and bee-friendly planting** scheme sympathetically located around the site and a **small water feature** in the centre of the scheme will provide a point of interest, with **information boards** to provide educational information on local history. The planting scheme creates a very natural look, with naturalised bulbs for both sun and shade, a flowering lawn and sensory herbaceous planting. Climbers will be planted to soften the structure of the pergola and trees and shrubs will be in keeping with this natural, native species theme for a tranquil environment for visitors to the garden.



We remain grateful to all who participated in the consultation process last year; your input was extremely valuable and your ideas have been taken on board to create the final designs!

Continued ...

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

We were sad to receive the resignation of David Yates last month. David served as a dedicated Councillor for 5 years, joining the Parish Council in 2020 and being Chair of the Planning Committee for much of the time he was with us. His contribution to the Parish Council has always been greatly appreciated and David will be much missed by staff and fellow councillors alike. Following the resignation of David, we now have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested in joining the active team of councillors, please get in touch with Jessica Sherrin at parishclerk@burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk or pop into the office at the Old School Building for a chat. (To be eligible you need to be 21 or over, on the electoral role of the parish and during the whole of the past 12 months have either lived in the parish or owned or leased land in the parish, worked in the parish, or lived within three miles of it).

POP-UP FOOD FAYRES

After the disappointment of having to cancel the Christmas Lights switch on due to Storm Darragh, we were pleased to see the return of the sunshine for our December Pop-Up food fayre which enjoyed a good turn-out in the period between Christmas and New Year. Our next ones will be on Sunday **January 26th** and **February 23rd** at the usual time of **11am-4pm**.



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**SUNDAY JUNE 1st 2025
1-5PM**

By popular request we are planning an OPEN GARDENS again this year but would like some additional gardens to add to our current list.

If you would like to join us and open your garden for charity we would be delighted to welcome you.

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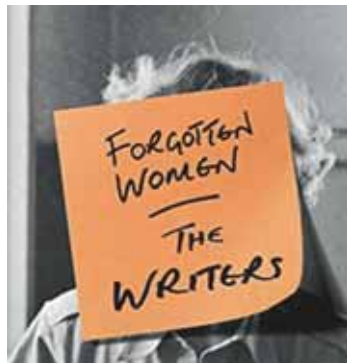
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The Lost Ladies of Literature Book Group

A literary pal and I started **The Lost Ladies of Literature** Book Group in May last year. The remit of the Group is books by female authors during the period 1920-1980, wherever possible focussing on authors or books that are not so well known (but obviously not so unknown that you can't get hold of them!)

So far we have covered Celia Dale, a cracking author of '*domestic noir*'; Dorothy Whipple; Barbara Pam; the late beloved Edna O'Brien, and Patricia Highsmith.



We meet on an approximate 6 weekly basis at Burton Joyce Library on a Thursday night.

The next meetings are on the **27th Feb and 10th April**.

The idea is that members of the Group take it in turns to choose their favourite 'lost' writer or book to explore and discuss at each meeting. There is, of course, plenty of opportunity to repair to the pub afterwards for more in-depth discussion post meeting.

There is a small charge of £5 to cover room hire, beverages and cake (always cake!) etc.

We are looking for new members to join us so please do send one of us an email if you are interested and we will send you additional details, including the book we are reading so you can join in the discussion at the next meeting.

Jo McCarthy (jomccarthy37@hotmail.com)

Julie Hughes (julesmhughes4@gmail.com)

VALENTINES

February 14th is yet another silly date in the calendar where you have [or will have] with millions of others, misguidedly believe that the day needs to be celebrated in spending money on loved ones to promote romantic gesturing. I mean of course St. Valentine's Day. Through folklore and other traditional events, it has thus come to epitomise. It is however sheer nonsense.

There is evidence that Saint Valentine was a minor cleric during the 3rd Century in the Roman Empire who administered to the needs of persecuted Christians. Principally, he officiated at weddings of those who were forbidden by Roman Law to marry; these included the weddings of Roman soldiers. He was eventually martyred, buried on the Via Flamina in Rome on 14 February, allegedly 327 AD. By the beginning of the 8th Century, the notion of love and romance began to be generated. There is dispute as to where he was buried, with his relics appearing in all manner of places, including the Dublin Carmelite Church, where pilgrims entered – mainly those desperately seeking with pious hope to meet a marriage partner. There is in that Dublin church a book for requests to be written, such as 'God has someone in mind for me and obviously haven't met him yet – St Valentine will assist me'. Perhaps with a hint of cynicism on my part, a contributory payment to the church coffers may assist? The list is endless of European relic locations, with hapless people seeking such assistance.

The development of 'Valentines' is lacking any firm foundation, but I note that Shakespeare makes reference to it in Hamlet: '**And I a maid at your window be my Valentine**'. By 1840, with the penny black postage stamp emerging, over 400,000 postings of cards took place with 3,000 women engaged in card production, often with 'racy' overtones. By 2015, it is noted that £1.9 billion was spent on cards, flowers, chocolates etc., precipitated by the USA market – St Valentine now ranking as key as Independence Day or Thanksgiving. Over 200 million cards are sent annually in the USA alone. Where does this leave us? Romance and love have nothing to do with a 3rd Century minor cleric with even the Roman Catholic Church not recognising him as being a 'senior saint'. Like so many other 'celebration days', naked commercialisation has taken over and the people are being duped. Having said that, I had been receiving an anonymous card for many years, being unable to identify the sender. However, regrettably chocolates never came my way.

David Yates.





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The Friends of Lowdham and Burton Joyce Stations

are pleased to announce that we have been shortlisted for 'It's Your Station' at Silver Level.

This is a National award organised by Community Rail Network. Our award entry featured not only our gardening

activities and local history boards but also the artwork which involved Lowdham and Burton Joyce Primary Schools.

We were also able to include our very successful trip to Lincoln which we are planning to repeat this year! We mentioned the support that we have received from local councils - both Parish and Borough - as well as the local Specsavers who provided hi-vis jackets for the schoolchildren. We also acknowledged the support from both village WI's who helped knit poppies to display at the station.

Last but not least, we have received so much support from the two Community Ambassadors since the group of Station Adopters was formalised during lockdown. With their help and grants from EMR and Community Rail plus those already mentioned, we really have made a difference.

We continue to campaign for more stopping trains at Burton Joyce too. EMR has now accepted that we should have more according to the size of our population which is a major step forward. The award ceremony is being held in Newcastle this year. We have been shortlisted before but didn't win, so fingers crossed this time. Even if we don't, it is a major achievement for our small group of dedicated adopters.

Thank you to everyone who has played a part in this.



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MEADOW PIPIT

Cruising the Leeds Liverpool Canal

PART 1

We continued our cruise along the Leeds Liverpool Canal as far as the junction at Wigan and then it was decision time; do we risk carrying on across the Pennines to Leeds trusting that for the first time in years the Leeds Liverpool Canal would stay open, or do we head back towards Manchester and take one of the other routes to the marina in Thorne where we had to be by the end of August? We threw caution to the wind and decided to risk the Leeds Liverpool route to Leeds.

Our first stop was Wigan and the notorious Wigan flight - 21 locks in 2.5 miles! There's a group of locals called The Wigan Flight Crew who will help you through the locks if you're lucky; they have a Facebook page and you can post on it to request help or ask if any other boats want to travel with you - the locks are double locks so two boats can go through at a time.



We moored up at the bottom of the locks ready to tackle them the next day and went off exploring. Wigan itself was very down at heel, but there was a massive amount of work going on thanks to the levelling up funding, so hopefully in a year or so things will look very different. We discovered that there was a pub just after the second lock, so that evening we went in search of it and to sample the local delicacy - a Wigan kebab, which for the uninitiated, is a meat and potato pie in a breadcake. The pub didn't look open, but we found a door and ventured in - it was very much open, but the beer was not great and the whole place stank of disinfectant. We did, however get plenty of advice about where to find a Wigan kebab. We found the recommended chippy further up the road, but as they only had one meat and potato pie left, we had one genuine Wigan kebab and one with a meat pie. Tasting notes - it was better than expected, but we couldn't tell the difference between the meat pie and the meat and potato pie!



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We teamed up with another narrowboat to ascend the locks - a friendly couple who were being joined later in the day by their son and grand daughter. I had laid in bread buns, bacon and pork pies as sustenance for any helpers that might appear. We got into a good stride, and when their family arrived we made great progress, with one person going ahead to set the next lock every time. We made it up the flight in 3.5 hours, but the bacon butties had to wait until we had moored up, as there was never an opportunity to cook them while working the locks.



We went for a well earned celebratory pint in the pub at the top of the flight - owned by an Asian family who also ran a little shop in a portacabin in the car park selling all sorts of essential provisions that boaters might need.

The following morning we carried on our journey; the next flight of locks is the pretty Johnson's Hillock Locks, just north of Chorley. At the bottom of the locks is a now disused branch which was originally part of the Lancaster Canal taking boats as far as the River Ribble where it was the intention to build an aqueduct over the River Ribble at Preston to join up with the rest of the Lancaster Canal. The aqueduct was never built, but the cargo from the boats used to be put on a tram and be taken across instead.

We successfully negotiated the 7 locks in the flight, feeling relieved that yet another flight and potential obstacle preventing our journey to Leeds had been passed (unless of course something broke ahead of us and we had to return the way we had come). As it happened, it was only a few days later that we heard the news that a cill had blown on one of the Wigan flight Locks, and so the flight was once again closed to boats, leaving us no choice but to carry on and hope we could complete our journey.

We cruised on to Blackburn where we had decided to moor at the services in the middle of the Blackburn flight of six locks. We ascended the first two locks with the help of some very friendly locals and found a Lock Keeper at the services. When we told him we were planning to moor there overnight he was not at all happy; he said we could if we really wanted to, but it was at our own risk, and he wouldn't advise it. He went on to regale us with various horror stories of how the local children had caused havoc for other boaters who had moored there. As he was telling us this some children did appear on the other side of the basin throwing stones, but despite everything we decided to moor there overnight as planned.



See Edition 2 to find out if Meadow Pipit survived the night unscathed!



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A Field in Bulcote

By Sally Smith

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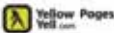
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THE FAROES: A PERSONAL JOURNEY AND EXPLORATION

YOU MEAN, YOU WENT TO EGYPT?

By Richard Berry

Shall we get the puns out of the way first? I do not refer to the rulers of ancient Egypt but instead the Faroes, eighteen islands loosely resembling the shape of an arrowhead stuck in the North Atlantic midway between Iceland and Scotland. You may know them from the shipping forecast, or via Sarah Lund the detective from the Danish television series 'The Killing,' who discovered that wearing a Faroese sweater helped to track down serial killers. If you are a Scottish football supporter, you will also be aware that your national team have twice endured humiliating draws against a nation with only 50000 inhabitants. But let's not dwell on that.

Throughout 'The Magazine' 2025 I will embark on a travepotch: an examination of my minor obsession with this remarkable island nation, centred mainly around my trip there in August 2024 with my brother Robert and son Tom. There will be forays into my first sortie to the islands in 2006, some research and if the editor permits, the odd reflection on my part. So not the conventional travelogue? But then the Faroes are the sort of place to break convention. Future editions will cover art, literature, the economy and government, football, food, wildlife; hopefully something to interest all readers. So where to start? A little background and an undersea roundabout seem as good a place as any.



My first visit to Torshavn in 2006

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BACKGROUND

One way to annoy the Faroese is to suggest that the islands are Danish. You will soon be informed that they are in effect a self-governing region since the passing of the Home Rule Act of 1948. They have their own government, parliament, flag and currency, albeit one linked to the Danish krone.



They do not belong to the European Union and although Denmark is still responsible for policing, justice and defence, the Faroese administration is purportedly moving towards full independence. If that were achieved the Faroes would lose substantial subsidies from Denmark, so for some, it is a step too far. Whatever the merits or not of full independence, to this visitor, however they are governing themselves, appears to be working.



Streymin Bridge is the main bridge connecting the island of Eysturoy to Streymoy (where Torshavn is).
It is the most used bridge on the Faroes.

Put simply, for a bunch of islands stuck in the middle of the North Atlantic, 4 degrees from the Arctic Circle they seem to have adapted supremely well; inhabitants enjoying a standard of living measured amongst the highest in the world.

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Their enviable infrastructure extends beyond merely being chuffed at an absence of potholes, to the construction of a sophisticated network of tunnels and bridges and crowned by the world's only undersea roundabout.

EYSTUROY TUNNEL AND UNDERSEA ROUNDABOUT

Located under the North Atlantic the Eysturoy tunnel opened in December 2023 and links the capital Torshavn (pronounced Torshon) with both sides of the Skalafljóur fjord.



As we drove along the 10.9 km long tunnel down to its deepest point 155 metres below the seafloor, the trip became increasingly surreal as we contemplated just where we were.

This sensation was enhanced by accompanying aquamarine lighting and wall drawings of the Faroese chain dance by renowned Faroese artist Trondur Patursson. The roundabout resembles a giant dome-shaped jellyfish, so, slightly mesmerized, we completed two circuits of it while listening to 97FM and its unique piece of ambient music composed using sounds from the tunnel's construction.



To me the undersea roundabout embodies the heart of the Faroese psyche—the forging of tradition and contemporary methods in a unique testament to independence and self-determination. Or again, put simply, bonkers but brilliant.

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SANDOY TUNNEL AND ISLAND

For our first journey out of Streymoy we plunged into the long Sandoy tunnel.

We were relieved to finally surface at an impressive, foreboding coastline.



We hiked to the Utsyni viewpoint. Regrettably it is not mentioned in any tourist information or guide. There is such stunning scenery all around the Faroes.



Utsyni viewpoint - 'No matter how bad the visibility the view was breath taking.'

At Skopun, one of the two villages on Sandoy, enterprising islanders secured a place in the Guinness Book of Records by constructing the then largest postbox in the world. It now serves as a landmark for fishermen; not that we saw any boats.

Intriguingly, the tunnel to Sandoy is the first stage of a project to link the northern islands with the most southernmost island of Sudoroy. Scheduled to be open in a decade, the tunnel will be a staggering 22.8 kilometres long, 9.5 meters wide, cost a projected 4 billion DKK... and provides a good reason to return one day.



The 10-8 km long Sandoy Tunnel connecting the main island of Streymoy with Sandoy to the south opened on 21 December 2023.



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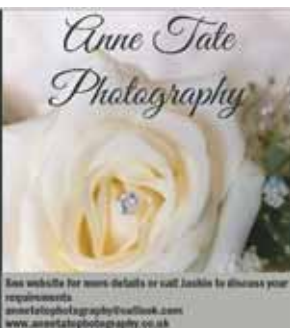
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I located ViDa by Lorentes (Established 2020) in Nottingham. Having had it recommended, I found this eatery very worthwhile seeking out. Certainly, with the ambience and setting, we could easily be in Spain! The welcome, by Vicente, is genuine and sets a relaxing experience, with authentic Tapas, Arroces, Picoteo, Cured Meats and more.

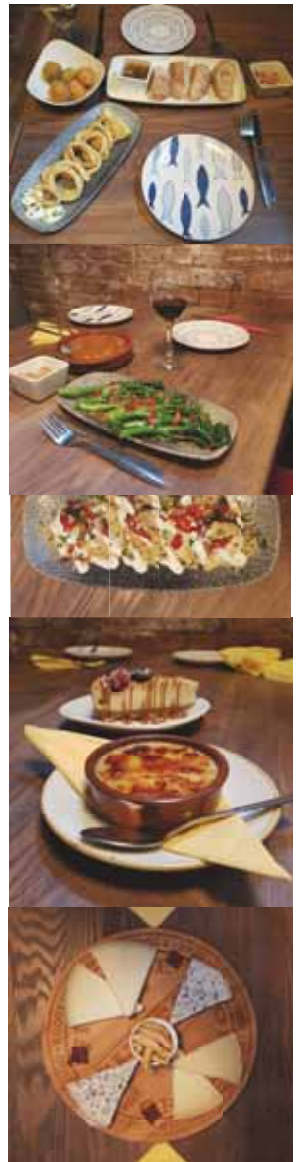
To commence, I opted for ALMENDRAS (Olive oil fried and salted almonds). Just perfect, for setting the progression of my taste buds on to the further courses. Next, I chose POLLO CON COUSCOUS (Fried chicken bites with a vegetable couscous topped with a yoghurt and mint sauce), from a splendid list of tapas selections. Superb flavours prevailed and, absolutely, 'Compliments to Chef', were very much justified. The complementing flavours and presentation added to the enjoyment of this dish. Head Chef, Albi and the team impress – very much so – with knowledge and skills to satisfy, memorably.

For Postres, I selected TARTA DE QUESO (Homemade cheesecake baked in the oven). Excellent! Grand Spanish cheeses and cured meats are also available and very popular too. Quality wines/drinks, including beers and ciders, have something for everyone. Cocktails have many 'devotees' here, also.

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Insight from Action Fraud reports suggests the individuals were defrauded after receiving unexpected messages and emails from a Booking.com account belonging to a hotel they had a reservation with, which had been taken over by a criminal. Using this account, the criminals send in-app messages, emails, and WhatsApp messages to customers, deceiving them into making payment and/or requesting credit card details.

The specific account takeovers are likely to be the result of a targeted phishing attack against the hotel or accommodation provider, and not Booking.com's backend system or infrastructure.

Adam Mercer, Deputy Head of Action Fraud, said:

"With more than 500 reports made to Action Fraud, those who have booked a holiday on the Booking.com platform should stay alert to any unexpected emails or messages from a hotel using the Booking.com platform, as their account could have been taken over by a criminal.

"If you receive an unexpected request from a hotel's account you booked with using Booking.com, asking for bank details or credit card details, it could be a fraudster trying to trick you into parting ways with your money. Contact Booking.com or the organisation directly if you're unsure.

"Remember to report any suspicious emails by forwarding it to report@phishing.gov.uk, or if you receive a fraudulent text message, you can forward it to 7726."

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One of the Village Society Committee members is pushing to get a collection point put back in The Wheatsheaf. That was



removed by the Council several years ago.

The idea is to give us back a collection for tetra-pak cartons, the very last type of bin that was left until it disappeared from Tesco last year.

Nearby Broxtowe Borough Council is considering providing home collection bins for food waste, which many other places do. It is up to Boroughs or Districts to collect waste, and the County Council to dispose of it.

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There are vague suggestions that the current government is going to compel all councils to provide a greater number of collecting bins for house-to-house collection. There are other ways, as some of these pictures show. Other areas can recycle foil, food waste, cartons, aerosols etc. as on these pictures: and it doesn't need to be by extra bins to be kept at home.

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The Damp Garden

Like several gardens on the hillside of Burton Joyce we have springs seeping out of the slope of the garden and draining into the Dumble. If you pause at the drain outside 100, when walking up Lambley Lane you can hear one trickling into it. What a waste!

Several visitors said how lucky we were to have water but as new gardeners when we arrived it was not immediately obvious how to use it to good advantage. I thought therefore an account of how we developed ours might be of interest.

When we arrived like much of the garden it was overlaid with weeds. The strong plantation of ground elder I dug out a small patch at a time. It is not deep rooted and the roots are white and show up well. Not having to preserve any plants in the area I could clear it completely in the first year. At the same time the spring formed itself into a stream running down the middle which I accentuated with stone edging to separate water from damp.

Many primulas thrive in the damp areas and sow themselves and I think are my first choice for making a natural display. Names are daunting but they are necessary here as there are many species only a few of which are suitable.

An easy one to start with is the drumstick primula, *P. denticulata*. Round headed in mauve and white they come up regularly scattered plants in the early spring. Another early one is *P. rosea* Delight a very strong pink. It often sows itself on the damp edging stones with little soil, definitely one to try to introduce. fig 1.

I tried orange primula *bulleyana* but could never keep it. For mass effect in later spring the candelabra primulas are unbeatable. My single plant of *P. japonica* Millers crimson after three or four years produced a stunning effect. Fig2.



Fig 1 Variegated Iris & Primula Rosea



Fig 2 Primula japonica & Iris Sibirica

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IN OUR GARDEN

The stems have a succession of crimson flowers for many weeks. Some years ago I introduced *P. pulverulenta* a similar deep crimson but with the bonus of a white mealy coating on its tall stems. The last primula to flower with me in June is the yellow primula *florindae*. This has a tall drooping head of scented flowers. It grows in the water running over stones which take it over a steep drop. Not so showy as the candelabra but a very valuable plant.



Fig 3 Snakes Head Fritillaries

Early in spring among the primulas are the magical Snakes Head Fritillaries. I think these are the easiest plant to naturalise in damp conditions, fig3.

As the primulas finish flowering a separate patch of *Lilium pardalinum* produces its large orange flowers. A river side American lily is happy in our neutral soil unlike the common Asiatic species.

Finally I must consider Iris. Many grow in shallow water. The variegated form of our native flag makes valuable foliage. Fig 1.

While the dramatic upward facing flowers of *Iris laevigata* provide contrast fig 4. Another easy one for damp soil is *I. Sibirica*. The blue one is the most vigorous fig 2.



Fig 4 Iris Laevigata

There are two general aspects of damp gardens to consider. I spend more time weeding this area than all the rest put together. The primula leaves cover the ground well in summer but it is necessary to weed conscientiously early in the season. I gloat over the spread of the primula seedlings but am ruthless with the hairy bittercress before it shoots its seed pods all over the place.

Finally I would avoid shading a damp area. The plants I have described like the sun and the sky reflected in the water is an added pleasure.



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BESS Planning Application Wood Farm, Lambley

In May 2024 residents of Lambley and Burton Joyce met with residents of Grenergy to hear about the BESS Development at Wood Farm, Spring Lane, Lambley, (a “Battery Farm”).

After a long ‘consultation’ process a decision on the Application is imminent. A Public Meeting was held in Lambley Village Hall at which the following points were discussed;

1. Why over 250 people objected to the plans.
2. Details of the 250 documents lodged on the GBC Planning Portal
3. The potential impacts of the Bess site on the Greenbelt, Noise, Fire Risk, and Flood Risk to Burton Joyce.
4. What alternative sites there were that could have been considered.

Most important – what can you do about this.

Although you will have missed the above meeting, objectors to these proposals can attend the Gedling Borough Planning Meeting, scheduled for 6pm on Wednesday, February 12th, where it will be possible to have a say before the decision is made.

**“It’s Lambley and Burton Joyce
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Health Insights – Number Eleven

Ivy Medical Group PPG AGM Chair's report

A slightly different Health Insight from our usual topics this time. The AGM of the Ivy Medical Group's Patient Participation Group took place last month and presented below is the Chair's report covering 2024. If anyone would like to see the full AGM Report it is available on the IMG website here: <https://assets.practice365.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/1127/2024/12/ENC-3-PPG-Annual-Report-2024.docx>

Chair's Report

Thank you for reading our Ivy Medical Group (IMG) Patient Participation Group (PPG) Annual Report for 2024.

The PPG have continued to engage with the patients of IMG over the last 12 months. Behind the scenes we also engage with other organisations associated with the healthcare sector, such as Digital Notts, Social Prescribers, the CVS and other PPGs to share best practice and promote better community healthcare. But as part of our work with IMG the focus has remained on five key themes:

Access with the online patient triage service. The PPG have promoted the use of online access using the Total Triage system and IMG have one of the shortest waiting times for an appointment in the area.

Best practice. The PPG held an End-of-Life Care focus group and will take forward the key request for better signposting, especially for bereavement care. We have supported the NHS App officer to deliver one-to-one support for patients and signposted our support across multiple communication channels. I am the patient representative on the county-wide NHS Digital forum and am proud to report that we are one of the best performing practices for NHS App uptake and are being invited to share our patient triage experiences.

Improved communication. PPG members regularly update notices boards in surgeries and local venues. We share our news on social media, parish magazines and use the surgery text message services to reach out to patients. The PPG continue to publish articles on health awareness, known as health insights. These are shared widely.

Valuing the workforce and volunteers. We have seen new nurses and GPs join the surgery. We added two new members to our PPG, Anne Butler, who brings her experience of the legal sector to our group.

Continued ...

Health Insights – Number Eleven (Continued)

We are aware that some patients want the website to include more information on who works in the practice and the practice will be taking this forward with support from Anne in the coming weeks.

Sadly, we said goodbye to Brandon our under-18 lead. Brandon started his studies to become a doctor and we extend our thanks and wish him well with his medical career. We have recruited Grace Riley, a local sixth former, who is taking forward the under-18 work. During 2025 Grace will work with a first-year university student to inform the production of an NHS help guide for young people leaving fulltime education or moving to university.

We were proud that the CQC report 2024 noted that “the practice had an enthusiastic PPG who were actively involved with quality improvement projects. The PPG had a representative membership, one member of the group had learning disabilities, evidencing how the practice involved and interact with their patient population, promoting equality and diversity.”

Premises. Securing new premises will improve the working environment and make recruitment much easier. Internal plans with the local NHS are on track and the practice will be making these public as soon as it is allowed. All our patients and local people can be assured of being consulted and involved.

I would like to thank all members of the PPG for their work and enthusiasm over the past year. We are here as advocates of the patient population. We volunteer our time to that end with the aim of helping the practice improve their service and to promote better healthcare in our community.

The PPG will always put the best interests of patients at the heart of everything we do as we move forward into 2025.

The PPG wish you and your loved ones a healthy and happy Christmas and all the best for 2025.

Bob Barrett

Chair, IMG PPG

We will return to our usual format for Health Insights in the next edition, where we will be covering the topics of Alzheimer's and Dementia and support for these conditions.

A time for hope in the garden as we begin to see life again. This month is a time for preparation and anticipation for the warmer months ahead.

Let's take a look at some jobs you can be doing in your garden this month;

- Brighten up your home with some colourful houseplants.
- Prune winter flowering shrubs
- Ensure frost protection is in place for those chilly winter nights
- Sow seed indoors such as spinach and lettuce
- Plant out bare-root fruit trees, fruit canes and bushes
- Look for dull areas of the garden that can be brightened up with colourful evergreens or striking stems of deciduous trees and shrubs.
- Get chitting your potatoes
- Prepare soil, turn over your soil and add well rotted farmyard manure to help improve drainage and improve the soil

Looking Good This Month

A delightful and brightly coloured Jasmine, *Jasmine nudiflorum* is looking superb right now. Often coming into flower in January, this early flowering shrub will brighten up even the dullest of winter days. What makes this shrub even more desirable is that it blooms on bare stems! So, you can enjoy the flowers without them being hidden by foliage.



Jasmine nudiflorum

Also Looking Good This Month

Snowdrops, the true acknowledgement of spring, often pushing through snow to announce the end of winter. Low growing, these delicate plants create a white carpet of nodding bell-like flowers which

form attractive drifts under trees and in lawns. Famous for naturalising, you can enjoy the many masses of more snowdrops as they naturalise each year.

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February



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January Update

Carlton le Willows students show generosity

IT MAY be cold outside but students at Carlton le Willows have made a warm-hearted gesture through the Academy's annual food bank appeal.

Boxes of essential food and household items were donated by students across all year groups and taken to the Hope foodbank in Netherfield as the Academy looked to support people in need in our local community.

Now the festive break is over it is time to focus on the year ahead with our newly formed student council keen to make their mark and have a positive impact in school. Their first task was to help sort donations for the food bank appeal but they will be raising their profile throughout the year as they get involved with even more projects.

Students studying music and drama are also raising their profile, with our exam cohorts in Year 11 and Year 13 preparing to put on a couple of music and drama performances in the coming weeks as part of their pre-exam preparations. We are sure that the audience will be in for a treat.

In January we are looking forward to seeing parents of both our Year 11 and Year 9 students as we hold parents' evenings for those year groups, with evenings for other year groups following later in the term.

Many Carlton le Willows students are also looking forward to taking part in more whole Trust level events. Last term our Year 9 scientists attend a Science Mavericks event at the Delta Trust headquarters. Here they pit their wits against schools from across the Trust – ending the day as Champions!

The Delta Mavericks scheme is run every year and gives the brightest science minds from each school the chance to compete against their peers from other schools. Our Year 10s are now keen to see if they can retain the title when their Mavericks event comes around.





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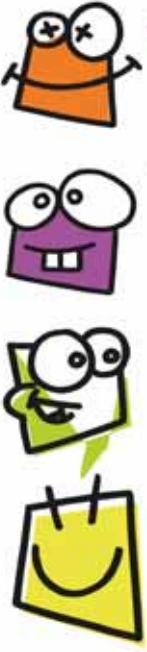
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9 April - David Speed

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Thanks Dil



Huge thanks to all those that have posted packs of used postage stamps through my door this past year! They all add up, so much so that I have posted off stamps to the value of £60 worth of funds to benefit RNIB in the past year...and another envelope ready to post to them! Thanks again BJ !!!

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| 13th March | The Changing Face of the NHS –
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| Saturday
29th March | Nottinghamshire Federation Annual Meeting
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**We welcome visitors and new members to join us to learn
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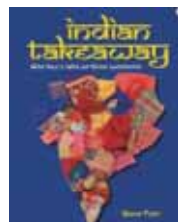
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MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETINGS

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 11th FEBRUARY - BHARAT PATEL - "INDIAN TAKEAWAY"

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TUESDAY 11th MARCH – MIKE NEWBOLD – “MY EXTRA LIFE”

Mike first started in amateur dramatics over 20 years ago with the Carlton Operatic society and Nottingham Operatic Society, performing at both the Nottingham Playhouse and The Theatre Royal. He was a television extra for 18 years, encountering some strange and interesting people, and he'll talk about the rules and regulations, the pitfalls, the jargon, the pay and his experiences.

TUESDAY 25th MARCH – SCAM TALK - HOW TO BEAT THE FRAUDSTERS

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The Ivy Medical Group, Burton Joyce - Moving forward in challenging times.

On behalf of all of us at Burton Joyce Medical Practice, I would like to wish our patients a very Happy New Year.

We were deeply touched by the kindness shown by our community over the recent festive period, and the thoughtful cards, gifts and well wishes we received were genuinely appreciated. It truly strengthens our commitment to serving Burton Joyce to feel such support, especially during what can be a more demanding time of year for us all, both within the practice and at home.

This winter, like many before it, brings with it the familiar challenges of Flu, the persistent cough of RSV, and other seasonal illnesses. While we are fortunate to have the protection offered by the Covid vaccine, which has made a significant difference, these other viruses can still cause illnesses. If you're experiencing milder symptoms like a stuffy nose or a mild sore throat, your local pharmacist is an excellent first port of call for advice on remedies, treatment and self-care. For more significant illness please reach out to our clinical triage teams to help.

To ensure we can provide the most appropriate care to everyone in a timely manner, we operate a clinical triage system here at the practice. It's reassuring to know that our approach to managing appointments and assessing patients' needs has been positively recognised by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), the independent regulator of health and social care in England. Their recent inspection highlighted that patients found it easy to make contact and felt their needs were quickly assessed, allowing our dedicated team to direct them to the most suitable healthcare professional – whether that be a GP, urgent care or an emergency response.

This system means we can ensure those with the most pressing needs are seen as quickly as possible, making the best use of our appointment availability. Many of you have shared your positive experiences directly with the CQC, and we are grateful for that feedback. You can read their full report on their website.

As we navigate these winter months together, remember that simple steps like frequent handwashing can help prevent the spread of illness. We've also seen an increase in patients contacting the practice for minor ailments such as impetigo, infected insect bites, earache, sore throat, sinusitis, urinary tract infections (UTIs), shingles, and minor burns or scalds. For many of these conditions, our community pharmacy teams are a fantastic resource. Pharmacists are trained to provide advice and effective treatments for these issues, often saving you the need to visit the surgery.

Finally, we'd like to remind our patients of the importance of looking out for one another, especially during the colder months. If you know of elderly or vulnerable neighbours, consider checking in on them to ensure they have everything they need to stay warm and well.

As we begin the new year, let's remain committed to supporting one another and prioritizing our health. Together, we can work towards a thriving and resilient community, no matter what challenges lie ahead.

Wishing you all a healthy and prosperous year ahead,

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The timetables introduced in December give us a roughly hourly service from Burton Joyce to Nottingham during the morning, and from Nottingham to Burton Joyce in the afternoon and early evening. However, we still have 3- and 4-hour gaps between some daytime services. Burton Joyce Train Action Group is continuing to lobby and campaign for an hourly service throughout the day, and we are pleased to report that East Midlands Railway has recognised that the population within the catchment area of the station justifies a better service.

We have now been represented on the Nottingham Lincoln Stakeholder Board for over three years, and our lobbying has persuaded the Board to amend its strategy document to recommend that Burton Joyce should receive an hourly service - upgraded from the two-hourly service suggested in its 2018 strategy.

EMR are currently planning the December 2025 timetables and we understand that improved services on the Castle Line are a high priority. Watch this space for more news!

We would continue to encourage residents to use the train whenever circumstances permit. Greater use of the existing services will assist enormously in making the case for more stopping trains in the future.

Monday to Friday timetable to 16th May 2025												
Newark Castle	5.58	6.25	7.36	8.41	9.36	10.36	11.36	14.38	15.37	16.37	17.38	23.32
Burton Joyce	6.23	6.49	8.00	8.59	10.00	11.00	12.00	15.02	16.01	17.01	18.02	23.52
Nottingham	6.34	7.01	8.13	9.11	10.15	11.15	12.12	15.15	16.14	17.15	18.14	0.03
< 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	21.41	22.47
Newark Castle	6.17	7.24	8.30	12.33	14.28	15.26	16.27	17.28	18.30	19.28	22.05	23.08
Saturday timetable to 17th May 2025												
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 to 11th May 2025												
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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Burton Joyce Library

Happy New Year to all our readers! We look forward to seeing you in the new year and to welcoming new members too. If you don't yet have a library card, you can join here in Burton Joyce bringing proof of your address. **You can also join online or via Ask Inspire [completing our joining form](#)**, then visit any Nottinghamshire library with suitable identification quoting your temporary membership number. Under 14's can join when accompanied by a parent or guardian. We can't wait to meet you!

If you haven't any plans for the next Burton Joyce Primary Inset Day (which we are informed is on **Friday 14th February**), then pop over to the library for one of our **children's craft events**. **Drop in between 10.30am and 12.30pm to make something suitably lovely!**

Talking of crafts...have you had a look at the courses on offer here during the first part of 2025? From Gel Plate Printing and Bobbin Lace, to the Bletchley Codebreakers and Alan Turing. More details on the Inspire website or by contacting Ask Inspire ask@inspireculture.org.uk or by telephone on 01623677200.

We have another date in our diary for a **Police Drop In Surgery** which is taking place here on **Wednesday 12th February from 2-3pm** (subject to operational requirements). If you have anything you would like to ask or share, come in and have a word. PCSO 4332 Trevor Parkinson will be pleased to see you.

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!

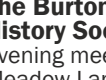
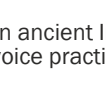
OPENING TIMES			
Monday	9.30 am – 1 pm	Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	9.30 am - 1 pm and 2 - 6 pm		
Thursday	2 – 5 pm		
Friday	9.30 am – 1 pm and 2 – 5 pm		
Saturday	9.30 am – 1 pm	Sunday	CLOSED

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ORGANISATIONS & CLUBS

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 Burton Joyce and Bulcote WI <i>A member of the Nottinghamshire Federation of Women's Institutes</i>	Burton Joyce Village Hall 7.00 pm start Other Activity Groups: Craft Club – Lunch Club – Walking Group – Walking Netball Contact: Lesley Comerie 07805 426483	
 Chairman Membership Secretary website-www.bju3a.co.uk	Alan Comerie Gemma Gill	0300 102 1383
Burton Joyce & Bulcote Village Hall <i>Hazel Doyle 07706 005739</i> bookings@bjvillagehall.org.uk	For Meetings, Classes, Gatherings of all kinds including Parties. To view all the facilities https://bjvillagehall.org.uk	
 Burton Joyce Community Brass Meet in Old School Premises.	Charlotte Davenport	charlotte.davenport1@9968@gmail.com
 Burton Joyce Bowls Club Poplars Sports Ground <i>You would be most welcome.</i>	Secretary.; Dil Vowles 07879 425643 dil.vowles@talk21.com	
 Burton Joyce Village Society Find out more about us at burtonjoycevillagesociety.org	Chair: Brian O'Neill; Vice Chair; Steve Wright Secretary: Richard Fife. 0115 931 2213, Treasurer: Martin Roe, Membership & Communications Secretary; Hazel Doyle	

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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
	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.
	Vedic chanting An ancient Indian meditative and uplifting voice practice. A friendly group – open to anyone.	Saturday mornings / Thursday evenings in Old School Building. Try a free taster. Contact Liz: elizknott52@gmail.com or 07929 963907 to find out more.
	Burton Joyce Tennis Club	Cragmoor Road burtonjoycetennis@gmail.com For coaching enquiries contact Charlie Wood 07971 235020
	DINA BALISTRI Social Prescribing Link Worker 07826 898588	Primary Integrated Community Services Ltd H2 Ash Tree Court, Nott'm Business Park dina.balistri1@nhs.net Website: picsnhs.org.uk
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Baby & Toddler	Rev Anna Alls	07535 017591
Bridge Club	Val & Steve Wright	9313592
BJ Community Market	Karen Taylor	07769 708506
NOVA	Paul Mittam	07973 872213
Phoenix Art Society	Rachel Huskinson	07930 271455
Probus	Ian Wood	9119124
Recreation Ground	Laura Smith	07803 054124
Rotary	Ian Wood	9119124
Saturday Singers	Dick Huskinson	9312157
Stoke Bardolph Visitor Moorings Maint Gp	Robert Aspey	07812 300694

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
Carlton Le Willows Academy	Burton Road, Gedling	0115 9565008
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Cllr. Sam Smith	cllr.sam.smith@gedling.gov.uk	07939 816704
Michael Payne MP	michael.payne.mp@parliament.uk	
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, Stoke Bardolph	0115 666 9660
Severn Trent helpline		03457 500500
Stoke Bardolph Village Hall	Kathy Dixon	0115 9870168
Tennis Club	Heather Ankers	0115 9537137
Train Information		0845 7484950
Village Hall Hire	bookings@bjvillagehall.org.uk	07706 005739
Westwolds Care Home	4 Park Avenue	0115 9313659

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