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EDITOR'S COMMENT

We are delighted to be sponsoring the Burton Joyce Football Club and you can't miss the Under 7 and DSA team photos displaying our logo.

Another great news item for all - Burton Joyce Open Gardens will take place on Sunday 1st June. Take a look at the poster on page 21. If you would like to join the current list of open gardens there is still time. Just email Roxie at

bjopengardens@gmail.com

You can also see a photo on page 9 of the Accessible Toilet that we donated to Stoke Bardolph Village Hall which has now been expertly decorated by Stuart and their team of volunteers.

We have also included two Tributes this edition. Beryl (Elaine's Mum) and Dr John Fitchford.

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DSA Team Bob Rose winners



This is the spotlight on our DSA team, the winners of the Christmas photo competition, who will be proudly wearing new Hoodys sponsored by 'The Magazine' and can be seen on page 7.

Spotlight on our U7's

Our current U7 Green team was formed in November 2024 and consists of nine players from Burton Joyce Primary School. 'The Magazine' has kindly sponsored this team providing a complete new kit for all players

With the players having dreams to become stars of the future, newly qualified coaches Russ and Andy with the support of Ellie, have plunged into a new world of football coaching and management. They hope they can inspire the next generation of players to have fun, learn the skills of the game and hopefully win a few matches along the way.

They will be starting their journey in grassroots football playing in the YEL league, which will give a variety of opponents across Nottinghamshire.

We wish them all the best and 'The Magazine' will be following the team and celebrating their progression in the future.



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We wanted to thank Steve Swann and 'The Magazine' for their generous donation to Stoke Bardolph Village Hall, which enabled us to provide a brand new accessible toilet in the refurbished centre. We are feeling very 'flushed'. Do come and see it.

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BURTON JOYCE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

THANKS TO THE 'GARDEN HOLDERS' ASSOCIATION' (GHA)

Over the past few months we have been working collaboratively with the GHA to ensure the Trent Lane Allotment plots receive more of the tender loving care they deserve! Led by the Chair of the GHA, James Sylvester, we have enjoyed significant improvements to the site as a whole and would like to extend our sincere thanks to him and his band of gardeners who have helped drive these improvements through close liaison with the Parish Council. As well as more frequent inspections and some upcoming minor modifications to our tenancy agreements, James and his team of volunteers have worked hard to improve the pathways and headlands to uplift the appearance of the site as a whole.



James Sylvester GHA and Cllr Paul Hyde (Vice-Chair Amenities)

LIAISON MEETINGS WITH GEDLING BOROUGH COUNCIL OFFICERS (GBC)

We have recently instigated quarterly meetings in conjunction with the Chief Executive and Director of Place at GBC to ensure closer collaboration with borough-wide activities and to begin to open conversations regarding issues relevant to our village. To date we have had 2 productive meetings, with discussions about the potential impact of local government re-organisation, upcoming funding streams and possible effects locally on changes to planning policy nationally. We look forward to our next meeting with the officers in April.

POP DOWN TO THE POP-UP!

Since the last edition, we have held 2 further Pop-Up Food Fayres at the Old School Building, with the next one taking place on Sunday 30th March 11am-4pm. We encourage you to pop down to catch up with friends, relatives and neighbours and enjoy some hot tasty food and drinks. *Meet...Eat...Chat!*

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Work continues in the background as we await news on the tendering process from the contractor. We should have a decision by the end of March and the aim is for work to start in June 2025. In the meantime, we will be taking delivery of 3 benches and 2 bins this month, funded by a £5k grant we successfully applied for from GBC's 'Towns Fund'. These will be located at the front of the building to provide seating to support our local take-aways and shops as well as the Pop-Up Food Fayres.

Continued ...

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY ISSUES?

Applications are warmly invited to fill a Councillor position that has arisen on the Parish Council. The role of a Parish Councillor is to represent the interests and wellbeing of the whole community whilst taking an active role in the decision-making process. (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). If you are interested in joining the team of Councillors now, or possibly in the future, please get in touch with Jessica Sherrin at

parishclerk@burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk or call into the office at the Old School Building for a chat.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

We would like to welcome you to the next Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday 6th May at the Old School Building. This is an occasion for all local clubs and societies to meet and report on their activities during the year and is an excellent networking opportunity. It is also a chance to co-ordinate plans for those who run and organise activities in the village. It is open to all members of the public and we encourage you to attend. Please get in touch if you run a club, group or society and have not come along in the past, we would love to hear from you!

ROOMS TO HIRE

Just a reminder that we have 3 rooms available to hire for meetings, parties or events – if you are thinking of holding a birthday party, the Poplars Pavillion is available to hire for children's parties or with a staffed bar for over 18yrs events. The Main Hall in the Old School Building can also be hired for events, parties or gatherings. Alternatively if you need a small space, our recently refurbished Small Meeting Room is available for groups, societies and clubs and can accommodate up to 8 people. More details of all these facilities can be found on our website at <https://www.burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk/room-bookings/>

NO MOW MAY

Every year we collaborate with the BJ Climate Action Group to work on our Environmental Policy. One of the schemes we support with them is 'No Mow May' when some of the verges on the A612 will have sections left uncut for the month of May to encourage bees, butterflies and other pollinators. The sections will be marked with wooden signs produced by the Group. Our thanks are extended to them for their excellent voluntary work on this.

TRAIN SERVICES

In other news, the Chair of the Parish Council Cllr Laurence King recently attended two workshops with the BJ-Train Action Group' run by East Midlands Railways to discuss significant timetable changes being developed for later this year. We continue to seek better services at Burton Joyce, and are hopeful there will be improvement. Our thanks go to representatives of the Friends of Lowdham & Burton Joyce Stations for their dogged work in the background on this.

TRIBUTE to Beryl Bancroft

Sadly Beryl passed away peacefully on Monday 10th March 2025. Beryl and her husband Jim, moved to Burton Joyce in 2004 and lived on Cragmoor Road with their daughter Elaine.

Beryl was a keen tennis & badminton player, she competed at a high level in both sports and won many competitions.

She helped Elaine in 'The Paper Shop' for the past 30 years and is well known to many in the village especially dog owners. Beryl would always have a gravy bone to hand as she greeted her canine friends.

Funeral arrangements - 9th April at Gedling Crematorium, 12 Noon and afterwards at The Wheatsheaf.

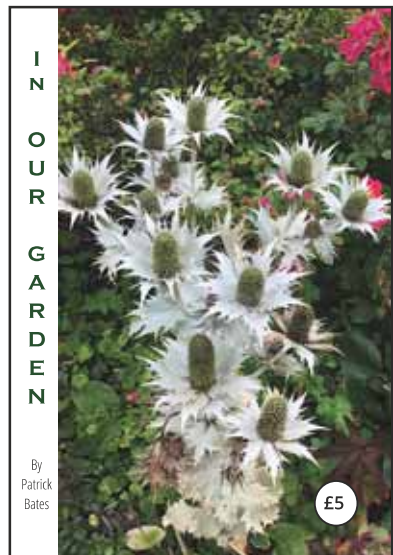


IN OUR GARDEN BOOKLET

Over the past 4 years Patrick Bates has produced a gardening article drawn from his extensive experience in his own garden.

We have collated those articles into a handy booklet which can be used both as a reference and guide. The booklet contains numerous high quality photographs together with an index which is handy for identification purposes and, along with Patrick's knowledgeable advice will surely help both new and seasoned gardeners.

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Many of the older members of the Burton Joyce community will still remember him with affection and gratitude as an old-style hard working personal doctor who formed a comprehensive seven days a week practice with Lowdham and East Bridgford doctors.

He moved to Stratford for family reasons where he built a much admired local medical service.

He was, to me, a good friend and colleague and was particularly helpful when we moved to Burton Joyce in 1968.

He died in his eighties and is survived by his wife Elizabeth, a daughter and two sons, one of whom is a doctor.



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Many thanks to James who sent us this intriguing photo of our national flags in opposition! It was taken during the storm on 26/01/25 and the positioning lasted several minutes.

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The government is going to abolish Gedling Borough Council. And Nottinghamshire County Council too. The County Council elections will go ahead on May 1st this year, but when the current Borough and District Councils complete their term in 2027 there will be no more elections for them and new organisations will take over.

In Burton Joyce at the moment we have three elected Councils: Burton Joyce Parish, basically for the village; Gedling Borough, which includes Netherfield, Arnold, Carlton and rural areas East and North, as far as Woodborough one way and Rainworth the other; and Nottinghamshire, the whole county but not including the City, which is already a separate Unitary Authority. Bulcote is in the Newark and Sherwood District, the equivalent of our Borough, and has its own Parish Council. Stoke Bardolph is also within Gedling, but has a Parish Meeting, not a full elected Parish Council; with its greatly increased population (the whole new Rivendell/Magenta Way development is within Stoke Bardolph borders) they could easily set one up.

The Government plan is to abolish the County Council, all seven Borough/District Councils within it, and the City Council, and set up two new all-purpose Councils completely separate from each other. (There is also a "Regional Mayor" covering All of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire with a fairly wide role in Planning and transport, and sometimes large grants to spend.)

The 9 Councils have debated and approximately outlined their preferred schemes in March, there will be a period of consultation over the Summer, and a final joint proposal in November. You can see the timetable and the detailed ideas on each Council's website, under "Local Government Reorganisation."

The initial eight ways of combining areas have been cut down to three preferred options:

1. Add Gedling and Broxtowe to the City to make one Unitary area; the other districts to be combined to a second area 2. Add Rushcliffe and Broxtowe to the City, leaving the rest including Gedling as the second. 3. Nottingham City alone as a Unitary authority and the whole of the rest of the County as the other. There are some hints that existing areas might be broken up across boundaries. We can see some logic in a system where, for instance, Arnold goes into the City but Burton Joyce remains outside. It could work, but would it be accepted?

Burton Joyce Village Society will be making representations when we see which possibilities have any real prospects. Our readers can make their own ideas clear, to the Society and direct to the Councils. It is regrettable that under any scheme local factors and special circumstances are likely to have lower consideration, and any Councillors will represent much bigger areas with less coherent character. So it is important that we support and get involved in our Parish Council since it will play a greater role in representing your interest in future.

Contact Burton Joyce Village Society on admin@burtonjoycevillagesociety.org or see the website <https://burtonjoycevillagesociety.org> or on Facebook. Or phone 0115 931 2213, or in writing, postal or hand delivery addressed to BJVS c/o Old School Building Main Street Burton Joyce NG14 5DZ

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My 5 top tips for learning a language:

Be SMART!

1. Specific

Decide what it is you want to do in your target language: e.g.)

- Order a drink in a bar
- Order food in a restaurant
- Ask for suggestions for places to eat
- Read recipes
- Introduce yourself and your family

2. Measurable: decide how you will know that you can do the above .

- a) Do you have a holiday booked to the country of your target language?
- b) Do you know someone who speaks your target language with whom you could practice?
- c) Could you do a language course that would cover these skills?

3. Attainable: if you have answered yes to a/b/c then pass to 4. If not, consider how you can make your objective attainable. Could you book a holiday/find a language buddy/book a course?

4. REALISTIC (the most important for adult learners). I met someone recently who said they were trying to read Classic Literature in another language but struggled to put a sentence together. Many adults think that quickly they will be able to converse in their target language, forgetting that it takes the average baby 2-3 years (immersed in the language) to string words together and 4-5 years (again immersed in the language) to speak fluently. It is important not to waste energy in grammar concepts that you may not need , or passive skills (like reading) that will not help you speak.

5. Time bound: give yourself a deadline (holidays are great for this!) or a chance to try out your objectives. "In bocca al lupo!"(in the mouth of the Wolf! An Italian idiom which means Good Luck!)

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SCALE MODEL MAKERS

I know of several scale model makers in and around the village who participate in this most enjoyable hobby. For most it's a relatively private pastime which is occasionally shared with friends or family but more often within a club of mutual enthusiasts.

Would you be interested in sharing a photo with 'The Magazine' of a completed project or maybe one still in construction?



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The Lock Keeper finally left us to our own devices, and as soon as he was gone the children left too - we wondered if that was just coincidence or whether the children simply enjoyed antagonising the Lock Keeper, although, to be fair it had started to rain very heavily. In our now established custom of trying the local delicacies, we decided that that we should have a curry whilst in Blackburn. We had spotted a curry house just across the road from our mooring and debated whether we dared to leave the boat and try it. Ian had been experimenting with a remote controlled CCTV camera, so this was the perfect opportunity to try it. We left the camera set up inside the boat and had one of the most delicious (and cheap) curries we have ever eaten, while keeping a check on Meadow Pipit using the CCTV via our mobile phones.

The next morning while we were cooking breakfast and waiting for the rain to stop an elderly couple of Lock Keepers appeared, clearly unhappy to find us moored there. They were anxious for us to move as soon as possible, but I managed to persuade them to allow us to finish our breakfast and wait and see if the weather improved. After an hour or so, they finally told us with obvious delight that we had to move as there was another boat coming up the lock that wanted water, so we had no option but to set off in the rain. They helped us up the last four locks and then the sun came out.

From Blackburn there is 22 miles of canal with no locks, but instead there are a good many swing bridges, all with different mechanisms - some electrified to work with a key, some with barriers and some not, some that just need to be pushed with brute force and also with a number of different locking mechanisms. The controls for these swing bridges are nearly always on the the non towpath side, so that (historically) the horses towing the boats could carry on along the towpath without being impeded by the bridge.



A rather remote swing bridge

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As the moorings for operating these swing bridges are usually on the towpath side only, it means it is almost impossible for single handed boaters to manage them alone.

Our next stop was a delightful little village called Hapton, with a pub, a Chinese takeaway and a little convenience store - what more could you ask for? From Hapton we travelled on going across the huge Burnley embankment which is 3/4 mile long and 60' high with views of the Burnley rooftops on each side, and then onto the last flight of locks on the Lancashire side of the Leeds Liverpool Canal, which is a flight of seven locks called Barrowford Locks taking you up onto the summit pound. We

successfully ascended those locks without them breaking either and also managed to get through the Foulridge Tunnel, which despite being able to see the other end of the tunnel, has a traffic light system which requires boats to wait for the green light before entering (the lights change every hour). We moored up on the Yorkshire side of the tunnel overnight right next to a canalside cafe.

From Foulridge the canal becomes very rural, hugging the contours of the Pennines, so that very often you can see where you have just come from on the other side of the valley. Here there are upright wooden posts along the towpath with rollers that were used to keep the ropes on the towpath as the horse pulled the boat along where the canal makes a U turn around the edges of the mountains.

The canal then descends into Yorkshire first of all down the picturesque locks at Greenberfield, and then on into pretty Gargrave and Skipton. The locks at Gargrave were closed for a few months during the previous year, but luckily remained open and intact for us, and we stopped in the popular and bustling town of Skipton in the Yorkshire Dales for a few days in order to enjoy the town and take in the market and the sights.



Moored at Hapton



A view across the Pennines

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EASTER EGGS

By the time you read this article, chocolate eggs are waiting to be eaten, as Easter approaches. Whilst sitting in Epperstone church pew, allowing my mind to wander I posed the question, what is the significance of Easter [*Paschal*] eggs, their connection with the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ? I have never seen paintings or iconography relating to eggs inside churches. Despite commercialisation, the roots of the celebration of eggs go back many years. They were used by early Christians to symbolise parts of the Easter story representing the empty tomb from which Jesus was resurrected.



In early times, eggs were blessed by priests and distributed, traditionally on 'Easter Saturday'. which custom is still carried on today in Europe. I have distant recollection as a child, of services on 'Holy Saturday' where candles were lit, readings and prayers. No hymns were sung or music played and the altar in the chancel remained bare ['stripped'], to be restored very early on Easter Day, at daybreak outdoor services. The shell of the egg was symbolised as the tomb and the opening of the egg [on Easter Day] represented the resurrection. The 'Holy Saturday' service was attended by children with chocolate eggs probably the incentive. Traditionally in years gone by the eating of eggs during Lent preceding Easter was frowned upon and hence eggs after 40 days of observance were most welcome.

Easter eggs were historically painted red, to represent the blood of Christ but many faiths painted eggs, and still do, in additional different colours, such as yellow [crucifixion], blue [love]. Often biblical scenes were hand painted to symbolise aspects concerning the Easter story which were then hidden among the fabric of the church. The search began after the Easter Day service. This it is said began the tradition of Easter egg hunting, with each child being told about the meaning of each painted egg. Today egg hunts are still in evidence with eggs containing chocolate, so that upon being found and opened, children can experience both joy and happiness; the same feelings that followers of Jesus experienced when learning of his resurrection,

The first chocolate eggs were made by Fry's at York in the 1820's followed a few years later by Cadbury. My mother worked at the Birmingham Bournville Cadbury factory and as a child, I never went short of rejected 'misshapen eggs' at Easter which factory workers could take home. In our current household, a display of budding tree cuttings is made at Eastertide and decorated with multi-coloured eggs from Europe which my wife and I have collected over the years. Happy Easter and enjoy your eggs in whatever form.

David Yates [Dr.]



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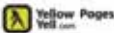
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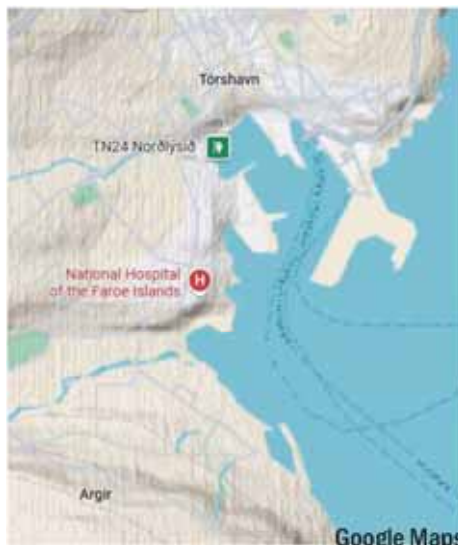
  

THE FAROES: A PERSONAL JOURNEY AND EXPLORATION

SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY MORNING

By Richard Berry

Saturday 17th August 2024 I could make out the outline of jagged rocks and the occasional light as we approached Vagar airport with a little bit too much sea either side of the runway for my liking. Our flight delivered the airport's only passengers, so we were swiftly in the duty-free shop. During my first visit in 2006 I discovered that alcohol was not available to buy in public because of the strong evangelical Lutheran influence. Not that this stopped the Faroese family who I stayed with then and many other resourceful islanders from simply distilling their own ample supplies of alcohol. I knew that licensing laws had been relaxed but decided to take no chances and bought a bottle of whisky.



Argir - where we stayed in an Airbnb

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The short walk for Argir to Torshavn takes in stunning scenery ...



Our host Alvor is a shipbroker and artist. The arts are thriving in the Faroes thanks to the surroundings, the light and encouragement from public bodies.

The next morning, we wandered from our AirBnB accommodation from the village of Argir along the sea front to the centre of Torshavn. Houses were placed in a higgledy-piggledy fashion on hillsides as is they were each trying to dodge the prevailing wind.



Many grey corrugated steel roofed buildings

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THE FAROES: A PERSONAL JOURNEY AND EXPLORATION (Continued)

There were the familiar trademark turf roofed buildings, painted in an array of pretty pastel colours but eighteen years later, to me, there seemed to far more grey buildings with screwed down corrugated steel rooves; functional but with less character.

I remembered the first office I worked in and an illustration on an office wall of one rat saying to the other: 'They say you're never more than five yards away from a lawyer.' The Faroese equivalent is to state that you are never far away from water; either it's raining, or it soon will be, or if you cannot see water, whether it's the North Atlantic, a spectacular lake or waterfall then you are probably in a tunnel... although they drip with water.

We took refuge in the Paname Café which appeared to be the only place open on the main thoroughfare in this capital city. As the waitress painstakingly prepared what turned out to be excellent coffee, we wandered around the mostly wooden building that also contained a small museum about Faroese writers, a space for playing boardgames (handy in times of challenging weather conditions) and the H.N. Jacobsen bookshop which is the oldest on the islands. We were soon to become accustomed not only buildings being multi-purpose but for people to be multi-skilled and take on several jobs they carry out in different seasons. We emerged into the old town in the city centre, peering at lots of sculptures and enjoying the refreshing lack of obvious tourist paraphernalia.



Maybe this is the world's most stylish lavatory with a turfed roof



Man and Woman (1971) by the Faroes foremost sculptor Janus Kamban, whose works are found in public buildings as well as outside in the centre of Torshavn.

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THE FAROES: A PERSONAL JOURNEY AND EXPLORATION (Continued)

We ate Sunday lunch at Katrina Christiansen restaurant in a building dating back to the early 1700s.

This was the only restaurant I remembered visiting in 2006 dining on cod and caviar. This time we ate what was on the menu – except that there was no menu.

The only food on offer was the traditional Sunday lunch of Faroese lamb, cabbage, peas and potatoes. This saved the usual ‘umming and arrghing,’

about what to have. The food arrived swiftly but we were not hurried. The only other time I recall this approach to service is in Bamberg, Franconia where you can only order Rauchbier, a smoky beechwood beer which is either the best beer in the world (which it is) or undrinkable because it tastes of wood.

I came away from Katrina Christiansen wondering what Giles Coren, the Times food critic would have made of the experience. There were no amuse bouches to deconstruct or design of cutlery to whinge about. But then I remembered that Giles never travels outside of London, so the question was academic.

In 2024 weekly flights from Gatwick and Edinburgh to the Faroes resumed for the first time in a decade. There was a chance that a nation, defiantly independent for so long could change with increased tourism. There

were admittedly more shops, more people and more than the one set of traffic lights I had encountered previously. But my first impressions upon return was that, yes there was change but much like the service in the café and restaurant, it was at a reassuring, unhurried pace.



The excellent Sunday lunch at the Katrina Christiansen restaurant- just do not expect to be served a menu.



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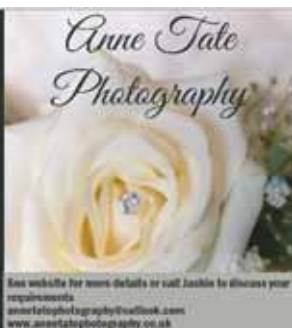
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I located Lagan restaurant (opened November, 2023) in Nottingham. This venue has created a lot of interest since unlocking their doors and is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The area upstairs has its own cocktail bar and lounge, which is also available to hire for private functions. The highly-trained chefs have worked at five-star venues in Dubai and India.

To commence lunch I chose Chicken Momo (famous Nepalese dish) and my taste buds really appreciated the flavours. For main I opted for Lagan Feast (includes fillet of Grilled Seabass, Salmon Tikka, Lamb Chops, Chicken Tikka, Malai Tikka). Arriving with style, the presentation impressed. The complementing flavours were in abundance and all was perfectly cooked - 'Compliments to Chef'. Head Chef, Prakash and the team ensure most memorable dining experiences. Other main course favourites included fish, seafood, meat, curries and more. For dessert I selected Gulab Jamun with ice cream - splendid!

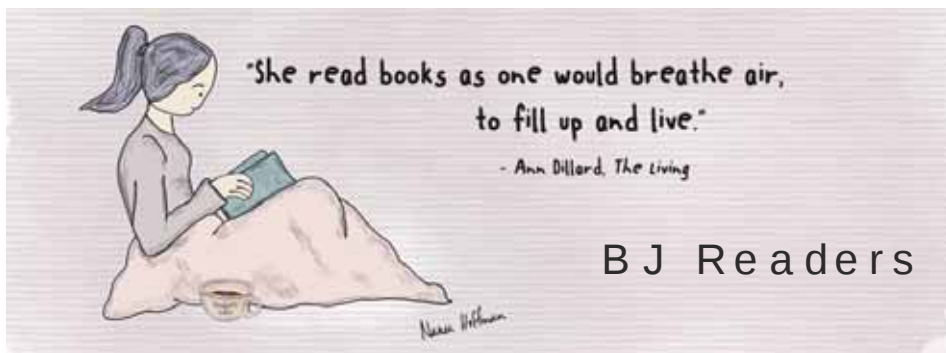
The fixed-price offers can include choices of 3 tapas, with a beer, sparkling wine or gin & tonic. Bottomless Brunch has become a very popular feature also. Proprietor Suraj and the chefs' special creations are enjoyed by many diners too. Wines/drinks offer beverages for all. Gift vouchers (surprise someone special?), collections and deliveries are available, plus outside catering. Parties and occasions are easily accommodated. Their VIP Club offers are most worthwhile checking out. Thank you to Kumar for exemplary service throughout. Highly recommended.

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How to Murder.....a Good Book

How often, and in what ways, do we contemplate 'murder'? Well, right now, I could 'murder' a gin and tonic, but in my time, I have also fleetingly considered murder in the more traditional sense, when severely provoked. Now, let me see.... there was that man who carved me up on the motorway last week, and the ex who was impossible to shake off. Oh, and I also harboured murderous thoughts about the hockey teacher at school.

Before you stop reading this on the basis that the nice woman who writes the book column for The Magazine is, in fact, a complete psychopath, let me explain. The point I am making is that murder is a very wide concept indeed. Let's be honest, murder is by far and away the most popular genre of entertainment in television and the arts. Its hardly a new obsession either. In Shakespeare's *Titus Adronicus*, the body count reaches 13, and an entire household is murdered in *MacBeth*. There's also a nasty bit of eye gouging in *King Lear*.

This month, just under 2000 years ago a very famous 'murder' took place on a hill in Golgotha, in Jerusalem. More commonly known as The Crucifixion. As Easter approaches it seems fitting to start my review of 'murderous' literature right on that famous hill with Colm Toibin's *The Testament of Mary* which was shortlisted for the Booker prize in 2013. This is the story of the victim's mother. An exploration of her grief, her guilt and her sheer frustration at the circumstances of her son's death. Why did he hang around with such a strange crowd? Did he really need to perform all those miracles that led him to such a sticky end, she wonders? Described as both '*grim and lovely*', this is a unique take on an execution and its consequences. A stylish, subversive and smart story.

Julie Myerson's *Something Might Happen* was long listed for the Booker in 2003, and is very much not a whodunit. Hunting down the killer is a mere side issue. Instead, Myerson focusses on the impact of the murder of a young mother in a small seaside town on the wider community. Myerson perfectly captures how tragedy can rob us of our belief in, and reliance upon, the ordinary, and remove in one deadly stroke our ability to enjoy careless happiness.

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BJ READERS

Alias Grace by Margaret Atwood, shortlisted for the Booker in 1996, is a fictionalised account of the true life of Grace Marks, a sixteen year old Canadian girl who was convicted of the double murder of her employer and his housekeeper in 1843. She was sentenced to death but her sentence was later commuted to life. Marks spent 30 years in prison, and was eventually pardoned in 1873.

Atwood's story centres around a period of time when Grace was serving as a domestic servant to the Prison Governor. A well-intentioned committee of members of the Methodist church hoped to have her pardoned and released. She claimed to have no recollection of the events of the murderous day and exhibited signs of hysteria, an affliction often attached to women who do not follow normal patterns of behaviour. The Methodist minister hires Dr. Simon Jordan, a psychiatrist, to interview her, and an arrangement is made for Jordan to talk with Grace during her afternoons in the sewing room in the governor's mansion. From here, her tragic backstory begins to emerge. This is a compelling and immaculately researched piece of fact-based fiction. Atwood at her best.

Sticking with fact-based books Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood* (1966) is regarded by critics as the 'original non-fiction novel'. The book is about the 1959 quadruple murder of the Clutter family in a small farming community in Kansas. Capote learned of the murders before the killers were captured and travelled to Kansas with his childhood friend and fellow author Harper Lee. They interviewed residents and case investigators, compiling many thousands of pages of notes. The result was a triple narrative giving voice to the murderers themselves, their victims, and members of the wider community. The book has been described as compelling, but also controversial, not least because the amoral young killers, Perry Smith and Dick Hickcock are authentically portrayed as being both entirely reprehensible, yet unnervingly human.

And, finally, one for the history boffins. In 1990, Josephine Tey's *Daughter of Time* received the highest accolade when it was voted number one in The Top 100 Crime Novels of All Time list compiled by the British Crime Writers' Association.

The protagonist, Inspector Alan Grant, is confined to a hospital bed with a broken leg having fallen through a trap door whilst pursuing a villain. Not his finest moment. Grant is known as a man with a keen interest in human faces so, to amuse him, a friend brings in some historical pictures, including a portrait of Richard III. From his prone position, Grant spends weeks sounding out the medical staff, his visitors and anyone who will listen, about the life of Richard III, a King remembered principally for his part in the Murder of the Princes in the Tower. The evidence begins to mount and Grant comes to the conclusion that the universally held belief in Richard III as a murderer is no more than Tudor propaganda. This murderous monarch is, in fact, a kindly and misunderstood man.

So, loyal readers, why not partake of a criminal indulgence and 'murder' a good book over the Easter break. Hardly an indictable offence!

It remains a pleasure to be able to continue to contribute to Burton Joyce and nearby villages and provide you an update for the surrounding areas. Speeding is a particular concern and more recently over the last three months, the team have conducted a monthly speeding operation in the areas of A612 Nottingham Road and Spring Lane which are our usual hotspots. 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. We are trying to encourage more attendance so we can identify and address local matters of concerns. We have also now identified dates for Beat Surgeries for all three areas (Lambley, Burton Joyce and Stoke Bardolph) for the second quarter of 2025:-

Burton Joyce Surgery – Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at 1400 hrs at Burton Joyce Library, Burton Joyce, Nottinghamshire

Lambley Beat Surgery – Monday 12th May 2025 at 1400 hrs at Lambley Primary School, Catfoot Lane, Lambley, Nottinghamshire

Stoke Bardolph Surgery – Tuesday 17th June 2025 at 1400 hrs at Stoke Bardolph Community Centre, Stoke Lane, Stoke Bardolph, Nottinghamshire

There will be further beat surgeries in the third quarter of the year and SNT will communicate this via the magazine and social media pages and the new Notts Alerts system. Even if you live in a surrounding area, we will be happy to speak to anyone who has issues or concerns.

The most significant incident in the area was in March 2025. On Saturday 8th March 2025, there was singular vehicle incident on Church Road, Burton Joyce, Nottinghamshire where a vehicle had flipped over. Thankfully there were no injuries and the police identified the driver. Your local Beat Manager, PC 2358 Mark Szeremeta is currently conducting an open investigation and will be pursuing a prosecution under The Road Traffic Act 1988. We would like to thank the local public who assisted in getting the male driver safely out of the vehicle and were also extremely cooperative towards the police enquiries, which has been very much appreciated by our local officers.

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.

Could I once again take the opportunity to encourage residents to sign up to the Notts Alert (www.nottsalerts.co.uk). This is a great way of being provided crime / safety advice as well information around future Beat Surgeries.

Please do not hesitate to 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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Hellebores

Christmas and Lenten Roses are probably the gardeners most valuable family throughout the winter months, but I must start with the sad warning that my and many others favourite The Christmas Rose *H. Niger* has lost its stamina.

Most gardens had a clump of this species whose buds developed ready for picking in a Christmas vase. White flowers with yellow stamens lasted well in water. New plants I have bought in recent years have not thrived.. I suspect in breeding in an attempt to get longer stems for this little gem has weakened the plant. I have seen them still on sale this year in garden outlets. If you have a strong clump I would love to try it again.

But the Lenten Roses *H. Hybridus* which flowers through January, February and March are a vigorous group which seed freely and are readily split in April. They are now a mixed group of mostly white, pink and purple which have been usefully enriched by hybridisation with other species.

I put aside a shady bed on the east side of the house near the drive and planted a white and several nice purples and allowed them to spread. I think I have produced a valuable feature when there is little else flowering at ground level. Throughout these bleak months I get great pleasure when I draw the hall curtain as I come down to breakfast and see this fine show of healthy clumps of flowers. I have added a few snowdrops which go well with them in season and some cyclamen which struggle but manage to flower in August.

Very dark forms are tempting. I have picked a good late flowering one and grown it separately with the daffodil February Gold and white *Corydalis*. Fig 1

The evergreen leaves must be removed as the buds appear in early January. If left any later it is difficult to remove them without damaging the flowers. They are also greedy feeders so I give them a generous helping of the manure I collect in Winter from my friend with horses and a handful of Growmore in April.



Fig 1 Hellebore with February Gold daffodils

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IN OUR GARDEN

They produce a complete range of colours. One fine speckled pinky one with bits of green I have split and bulked up in the woodland where I can enjoy it on its own.

I have once or twice tried some special plants with double flowers but these have always died out. Indeed I have never seen a good clump of these in other gardens and I think they are much more susceptible to the virus carried by the Helleborus aphid which destroys them.



Fig 2 Yellow Hellebore

Recently yellow forms have appeared. One we have had a few years has made a vigorous clump. Another with a speckled centre has pleasingly upright flowers obviously selected for this character. Fig2. Nearly always Helleborus flowers face down wards so have to be lifted to enjoy to the full. Let us hope it has not lost its vigour in the breeding.

Finally we should not neglect the charms of our native *H. viridis* Fig 3. I grow it on the bank of the ditch where it has seeded and looks after itself, but I have moved some into the woodland which I think is its natural habitat and being slightly taller stands above the other ground cover. Its charming leaves are a great asset here.

In summary hellebores like heavy damp soil, perhaps some shade; bearing these requirements in mind they make excellent plants to play with and April is the ideal month. We have just pricked out some seedlings from our yellow plant and await with excitement the flowers we hope will appear in three years time.



Fig 3 H. Viridis



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Tuesday 8th April

10.00a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, Bulcote

Sunday, 13th April, Palm Sunday

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

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

Tuesday 15th April

10.00a.m. Holy Communion, St. Luke's, Stoke Bardolph

Thursday 17th April, Maundy Thursday

7. 00p.m Maundy Thursday Service Holy Trinity, Bulcote.

Friday 18th April, Good Friday

10.00a.m – 12 noon Easter Crafts, St. Mary's, Lowdham

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3.00p.m. Last Hour at the Cross, St. John's, Gunthorpe

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Health Insights **Alzheimer's and Dementia**

Alzheimer's and Dementia are terms often thought of as the same thing. However, Alzheimer's is a disease (of which there are several different types) and is one of several diseases that can lead to the condition Dementia.

What is Dementia?

Our brains control everything we think, feel, remember and do.

There are diseases that stop a person's brain from working properly. When a person has one of these diseases, they may have problems thinking, remembering and speaking. They might say or do things that seem strange to others, and find it harder to do everyday things. They may not seem like the person they used to be.

When these problems get worse over time, doctors may use the word Dementia to describe them.

- Dementia is not something that just happens to everyone as they get older. It is caused by different diseases. These diseases affect different parts of the brain, so they affect people in different ways.
- There are over 1 million people with dementia in the UK and unfortunately in many cases it can lead to death as the brain loses the ability to control basic bodily functions such as breathing and swallowing.
- According to Alzheimer's Research UK, in 2023 dementia led to more than 75,000 deaths, accounting for 1 in ten of all deaths that year

Symptoms of dementia

Forgetting recent events, names & faces

Asking the same question in a short space of time

Putting things in the wrong place

Finding it hard to pay attention or make simple decisions

Not being sure about the date or time of day

Getting lost, mainly in places that are new

Finding it hard to use the right words or to understand other people's words

Changes in how someone feels, like becoming sad or easily upset, or losing interest in things

Treatments for Dementia.

Whilst there is a huge amount of research going on about the causes and hence, possible treatments for Dementia, there is, as yet no cure. However, there are medicines that can help control some of the symptoms. As cases of dementia differ between patients the treatment will depend upon a proper clinical assessment. So, it is vital to seek medical help from your GP if you think you may be developing symptoms of dementia.

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Health Insights Alzheimer's and Dementia (Continued)

What can you do to help prevent dementia

There is no sure way to stop anyone from getting dementia, but there are things we can do that may make it less likely that we will.

Ask your doctor to check your heart health, including blood pressure, follow advice given

If you have diabetes keep to doctor's advice

Don't smoke

Keep your weight healthy

Eat a balanced diet with plenty of fruit & vegetables

Keep using your brain - through activities or social groups you enjoy

Stay active - try not to spend too long sitting down

Drink less than 14 units of alcohol per week

Help and advice.

If you would like to know more about Alzheimer's and Dementia a good starting point would be

- NHS website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/dementia/>
- Alzheimer's Research UK at <https://www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/> they have lots of leaflets
- The Admiral Nurses offer people with dementia and their families practical advice, support and tips 0800 888 6678
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- Dementia UK at <https://www.dementiauk.org/> (helpline 0800 8886678)

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The social Prescribers at your GP Practice will also be able help point you at local authority help and will be aware of other resources to help patients and their families.

The Ivy Medical Group Social Prescribers have a meeting in the Carnarvon Rooms, Burton Joyce at 1.00pm on the following dates 15th April, 13th May, 10th June, 15th July, 12th August, 16th September, 14th October, 11th November and 16th December.

Acknowledgements: some text and graphics taken from Alzheimer's Research UK published material.

This month sees the beginning of the gardening season. Us gardeners are eager to get out in the fresh air and get planting, digging and caring for our gardens. Let's take a look at some of the jobs you can be doing in your garden this month;

- Sow salad seeds directly
- Under the protection of a cloche or in a greenhouse start to sow tomatoes, sweetcorn and courgettes now
- Get planning your summer bedding displays. There is a huge choice of summer bedding plants available this month. Why not try a new colour scheme or have no colour scheme at all and go wild with a mix of colours!
- Be sure to keep an eye on night time temperatures as late frosts can still occur
- Plant out hardy herbs
- Prune early spring flowering shrubs that have now finished
- Prune hydrangeas now.
- Pinch out the new growth on Fuchsias and Petunias. This will prevent them becoming leggy and will create a much bushier, healthier looking plant.

Looking Good Now

Amelanchier are one of my absolute favourite trees, they are sensational and tick almost every box! Coming into blossom now, these delightful trees produce masses of white blossom at this time of year. A particular favourite is 'Rainbow Pillar' a columnar variety which keeps itself to itself neatly, requiring little to no maintenance at all. Enjoy the pretty fruits that are produced after the flowers and the beautiful autumn foliage colour later in the year. Birds love to eat the berries of Amelanchier so you can enjoy encouraging more birds to your garden with this tree too!



Also Looking Good This Month

Magnolia are coming into their own this month. There is an abundance of choice when it comes to choosing a Magnolia. There are the bold blooms of the 'Grandiflora', the delicate starry flowers of the 'Stellata' and the colourful flowers of the 'Leonard Messel', truly something for everyone!

New varieties are also becoming available regularly, look out 'Starburst' also columnar in habit, this variety can reach up to 5m in height if allowed, and will grow in most acidic to neutral soils.

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Burton Joyce Primary School - Spring Term

Whole school:

World Book Day:

A fabulous world book day on Thursday 6th March. A very busy and successful breakfast and opportunity for parents to share books with their children. Followed by a busy day of book related activities and celebrations.



Valentines art:

We had a wonderful gallery to showcase our Valentines artwork in February, which raised funds for our PTA.

Wellbeing day (skateboarding): Our first day back after half-term.

A fantastic opportunity for children to try something new as well as an opportunity for others to showcase their talent.

Year 5/6

Many of our Year 5 & 6 pupils are participating in 2-day training sessions (Bikeability). Our Year 6 pupils are demonstrating superb focus during their after-school maths and English booster classes, which are designed to give them that little bit of additional knowledge and confidence as they build towards their SATs tests. For science week, we are looking to create model aeroplanes using paper straws and this week will culminate in a 'Sublime Science Day'.

Year 3/4

At the beginning of February, Year 3/4 had the opportunity to learn and have a go at Boccia. The children had a great time and a wonderful opportunity to showcase our perseverance and determination values.

Year 1/2

We will be attending our Easter Assembly at St Helens Church on the 3rd April and we are busily learning our songs. This term we are learning about the Great Fire of London and we have drama workshop coming in soon to show us more about what happened.

Foundation

This half-term our topic is Our Farms and we are learning about the different types of farming in the local area. Our art topic is inspired by Vincent Van-Gough and his Flower Fields. We also will be having our Easter Assembly at St Helens Church.

And finally thank you in advance for...

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March Update

World Book Day at Carlton le Willows

STAFF at Carlton le Willows Academy pulled out all the stops as they dressed up as well-known literary characters for World Book Day last month. The chance to see staff in costume has become a much-loved annual feature of the Carlton le Willows school year and every World Book Day brings a different surprise.

This year was no exception, with our learning manager team creating quite a stir popping up in their Where's Wally costumes. Just how long did it take students to spot all six of them??

As ever the English department were also out in force, along with our teaching assistants, with a varied array of fictional characters gracing the classrooms. We had everyone from Gandalf, Hagrid and Sherlock Holmes to Sully and Mike from Monsters Inc. Always with an eye on those set texts, Head of English Mr Ruffles even came as Birnam Wood!

As they saw Mr Ruffles approaching our Year 11 students would hopefully be recalling their Macbeth quotes as exam season is nearly upon us. Our Year 11 and 13 cohort are currently in the throes of mock exams with the 'real thing' due to start in a matter of weeks.

For those Year 11s who have attended intervention regularly, had consistently high attendance and no behaviour issues, last week provided the chance to relax and enjoy themselves with Mr Bond-Taylor's pizza and quiz rewards event. Nothing is more likely to revive the spirits and boost morale than a delivery of pizzas in the school minibus – eaten while student and staff teams pitted their wits against each other.

Pizza quiz night is one of a variety of rewards events – last term saw Year 11 spending the afternoon competing in an Academy Taskmaster competition, while year groups lower down the school are invited to attend celebration assemblies and rewards events throughout the year.



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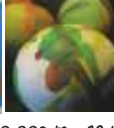














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May 8th Annual Meeting

June 12th The Core Centre by Becky Lord

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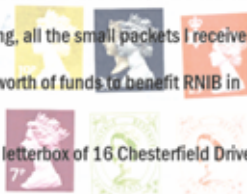
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What sort of man was Richard III really? And how did he end up under a car park in Leicester? Dave's talk will be illustrated by pictures and sound.

TUESDAY 13th MAY – CHRIS WEIR JESSE BOOT AND THE BUILDING OF THE BOOTS EMPIRE

Chris worked in Nottingham as an archivist for over 40 years. He is a member of The Nottinghamshire Local History Society and also a published author. The talk will tell us how Jesse learned the business from his father John Boot, an agricultural worker, who moved to Nottingham to open a small herbalist store on Goose Gate in 1849, and how Jesse's talent for business led to customers flocking to buy his products, and to expansion, firstly into larger premises on Goose Gate in 1881, then more shops in Nottingham and beyond.



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Train times from Burton Joyce station

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 was represented at a series of workshops held by EMR to discuss a major overhaul of routes and timetables to be instigated in December. The proposals are very encouraging for a significantly improved train service in Burton Joyce, but the proposals have yet to be confirmed in detail, as the whole EMR network is affected. There will be an update at the next meeting of the Nottingham Lincoln Stakeholder Board - we will report on this in the next edition of The Magazine.

We continue to encourage residents to use the train whenever circumstances permit.

As reported in our previous articles, Sunday is currently the only day we can travel to and from Lincoln from Burton Joyce without having to change at Newark Castle - we are hopeful that this will change in December.

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	19.56	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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Hello to all our lovely readers. Those New Year Resolutions are distant memories now and it's time to plan for warmer weather days – whether that means spending time in the garden (we've got a book for that!) or getting out and about on holiday (we've got a book for that too!) or just being inside/outside with a good story and a cuppa (we've got PLENTY of books for that!). If you can't find what you're after at the moment, then ordering a book is a bargain 30p and you can do that from home (using your card and PIN) or call in and we can have a look for you. Sorted!

We have another date in our diary for a **Police Drop In Surgery** which is taking place here on Wednesday 2nd April 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.

We have a **free children's craft drop-in on Saturday 12th April, 10.30-12.30** – call in to make an **Easter themed craft** to take home. You don't need to book, hope to see you there!

If you're looking to progress your career or up-skill why not check out our range of accredited career-boosting courses? We have courses in volunteering, teaching, coding, health and social care or counselling, and business and management. Pick up an Inspire Course Guide from the library, find more details on the Inspire website, by contacting Ask Inspire ask@inspireculture.org.uk or by telephone on 01623 677 200.

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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	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.
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