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This edition completes five years of producing **The Magazine**.

We feel that this is quite an achievement as our sole income is from advertisements. We have strived to produce an interesting and informative publication, free to the local community, whilst maintaining a core of reliable trades people.

Next year, apart from having a new look, we will be working hard to ensure a lasting future for The Magazine.

We are delighted to be sponsoring the Burton Joyce Football Club again this year. Look out for our logo.

We are also sponsoring the 'Village Coffee Morning' on 4th December.

Why not give it a try. It's in the Carnarvon Room - see page 15.

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Commonwealth War Graves in St. Helen's Cemetery

Due to the combined efforts of the Burton Joyce Parish Council and the Burton Joyce and Bulcote Local History Society, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, (CWGC), have recently mounted the appropriate sign at the Cemetery entrance. There are two CWGC headstones in the Cemetery, one from each of the World Wars.



Ernest Shaw – Private T2/14327, Royal Army Service Corps Died of Wounds, February 20th 1918, Age 42

Ernest was born in Burton Joyce in 1877 to William, a framework knitter, and his wife Anna Maria, a seamstress. They lived on Main Street near the bottom of Hillside Drive, in a house since demolished. Ernest was the fourth eldest of five brothers, and in 1901 was recorded in the census as being a cricket bat maker. He had a workshop in a building on land where the Co-op now stands. Ernest must have enjoyed cricket, as the picture is of him in the 1913 Burton Joyce cricket team. (They played on a ground roughly where Massey Close now stands).



By 1911 Ernest was employed as a stoker at the newly built water works on Shaftesbury Avenue. The pumps at that early date were obviously steam driven. His father had died by this time, but Ernest was still a bachelor living at home with his mother and youngest brother Alfred who was a greaser working on the railway.

Aged 37 at the outbreak of war, Ernest must have been one of the oldest of Burton Joyce men to enlist when conscription was introduced, and probably because of this he was deployed to the Royal Army Service Corps in northern France. After basic training he would have been employed on basic tasks such as transporting supplies and ammunition to the front, constructing roads, and other hard tasks. No wonder a letter home from one of his cricket team mates, Arthur Hucknall, who happened upon him in whilst serving at the front, described him as looking worn out.



Ernest was seriously injured and was invalided home, where he died on February 20th 1918.

Gunner W. Reed - 148734 Royal Artillery Died June 8th 1940

The History Society has no information regarding this Second World War casualty. If anyone knows anything about Gunner Reed the Society would be very grateful to hear about him. A contact for the Society can be found on bjblhs.uk



Steve Wright, Burton Joyce & Bulcote Local History Society

Tributes to Angela Davis

Our beloved wife and mother, Angela Davis, sadly passed away on 12th October, following a long illness. Over the last 5 and a half years, she faced that extremely difficult situation with extraordinary dignity and bravery.

Angela lived a very happy life, with a long, successful career in teaching at Stanstead Primary in Rise Park, then a deputy headship at Brocklewood Infants in Broxtowe, followed by a headteacher role at West Bridgford Infants.

She was very highly regarded by children and colleagues alike, and it's lovely to think how many minds she influenced during her days in those locations. Angela inspired many members of staff, and valued all of the children in her care, leaving an imprint that continues to shape communities.

In retirement, she enjoyed many happy trips around Europe, including numerous cruises. She was also, of course, highly active in the community in Burton Joyce, spending 20 years with the Burton Joyce Choir and also editing the Parish Magazine for a number of years.

Many people will have very happy memories of Angela, of her leadership, of her humour and of her love and care. We were very lucky to have her in our lives, and she will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her, and whose lives she touched.

From David, Anita and Jamie



Angela loved singing and so for many years she sang in St Helen's Church Choir & Burton Joyce Choral Society. In 1999 she was elected as Chair of BJCS, a post which she held until she sadly had to resign on health grounds in 2019. She relished this job, working tirelessly & efficiently to oversee the smooth running of the society. She also printed the tickets & programmes for the many concerts that

were performed & helped to organise fundraising events such as raffles & jumble sales. The highlight of the AGM was always her reading of an amusing poem often written by herself. As the accompanist of the choir I found Angela really lovely to work with and we became very good friends. Her kindness, patience & great sense of humour made her very popular with the members & she was loved by all.

From Heather Fox



Tributes to Angela Davis

We first met Angela when she volunteered to be editor of the Parish Magazine in 2007. Steve had previously taken on the role of Advertising and compiling the magazine from Rachel & Robert White earlier that year and always said that Angela was a delight to work with, always kind hearted and with a great sense of humour.

During the years we had known her we formed a great and lasting friendship.

From Steve & Anne Swann

Angela was already well established in the village because of the Parish Magazine when I first met her. We were five volunteers under the auspices of the Parish Council in drawing up a Village Plan, the predecessor of the current Neighbourhood Plan. Angela as Secretary made sure the various strong characters on that committee kept in good order and came up with a valuable analysis of the good and bad points on potential development in Burton Joyce. Her detailed knowledge of the whole area and her then energetic exertions were also a great help to me in my local election campaigns.

When The Village Society emerged from two parent organisations in 2014 Angela took on the job of Secretary and was always a valued member of the team.

From Richard Fife

SHERWOOD FOREST MAKES PROGRESS.

In November Burton Joyce Village Society was represented at the "Sherwood Forest Moot," organised by Richard Townsley in his Facebook persona as "The Sheriff of Nottingham, within the organisation of the Sherwood Forest Trust.



The meeting agreed to make progress on three fronts. There would be circular metal plaques, green and 400mm across, in areas belonging to historic Sherwood Forest. There would be a programme of tree planting, and there would be an annual Sherwood Forest day to be marked on February 20th.

The ideas have been warmly welcomed. The BJ Parish Council are well disposed to providing a site for the plaque and have started to consider involvement in the February event. The Climate Action Group like the tree planting initiative. And the Village Society is currently looking at ways to fund the plaque, to choose the right location, and to keep the community informed.

Richard Fife

TRIBUTE TO JOHN HARRIS

18.3.1930 – 19.9. 2025

John and his wife Pam with the youngest of their five children, moved to Burton Joyce in the 1980s. A civil engineer by trade and a pioneer and expert in ground freezing techniques, John worked in critical infra structure projects across the UK and the world. In the 1990s he wrote a textbook about this which is still used today. However, John's home community meant a lot to him too, and he soon became a Parish Councillor. In the 1990s he played a key role in securing lottery funding and liaising with the various bodies for the creation of the Poplar's Sports Ground. He also co-founded Burton Joyce Bowls Club, was active on the Round Table, in the 41 Club and Probus.

In 2000, Pam sadly died after 45 years of marriage. John joined the local 1:1 group where he met Mary Wilson who he subsequently married. They were able to enjoy almost 24 years together, travelling a great deal, and sharing their love of painting, photography and visiting stately homes and gardens. John continued to use his organisational skills by arranging group visits and he and Mary would often share photographs of these occasions by giving talks illustrated by their photos. In 2021, with health beginning to fail, John and Mary moved to 'Wisteria' in Bulcote. However, as a greater level of care was needed, they moved again at the end of 2024 to a new home in South Derbyshire, where John who had become very frail, eventually died. John lived a full life and will be remembered by many as a kind and thoughtful gentleman.

From Janet & Mary



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BURTON JOYCE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Community Garden

Works are progressing well at the community garden, with Whiting Landscape working hard to ensure delivery of this exciting village project on time. At the time of going to press, the pathways, benches, planter and canopy are all installed, along with all the planting schemes. Remaining items are a resin surface on the plinth under the canopy and the installation of a noticeboard, way-marker and rubbing posts as well as some subtle lighting. Our own grounds team will be installing a spherical water feature in the brick planter and Dorothy Pinkett's family of deer, having completed the gravelling at the front of the Old School Building.

Whiting Landscape is due to complete work on Thursday 27th November, when we will have a final inspection with them on site. We are looking forward to the **official opening** which will be part of our Christmas Lights Switch-On event on **Saturday 6th December** from 3:30-6:15pm, **with the cutting of the ribbon at 4:30pm**. We will have on display in the Main Hall of the Old School Building photos of the progress of the creation of the garden and information about the Parish Council's work, so please do call in to see this too.



Community Garden Progresses

Christmas Lights Switch On

The Christmas Lights Switch-On will be a bumper one this year, with the addition of the 60-strong Rock Choir performing a mix of Christmas songs and hits from under our new canopy! We will also have Jolly Jingles the clown on site at the Old School Building to entertain the children, along with a giant elf performing tricks! A new star on the scene will be local talent Freddie Vokes, who will be singing with some of his performing arts students. We will of course be welcoming back Burton Joyce Brass for the traditional Christmas tunes and starting the afternoon with the choir from Burton Joyce Primary School.

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BURTON JOYCE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT Continued

Not forgetting the arrival of Father Christmas, who is being transported into the village with kind permission of our Severn Trent local farm! The Cross Keys Pub is once again very helpfully providing use of their car park for the fair rides and food and drink stalls.

The event will run on Main Street from 3:30pm to 6:15pm (with the usual road closure between Willow Wong and Padley's Lane from 3:00pm to 6:30pm to allow for set up and clear down). We look forward to this extra special start to the Christmas season! ***See our poster on page 22***

Fireworks Night

We were delighted to see such high attendance at our annual Fireworks Night at the Poplars Sports Ground and were pleased to receive the feedback that holding the event on 5th November was a good decision. We have received nothing but a positive response to the evening, particularly on the quality of the display and organisation of the event, for which we are very grateful! We look forward to running it again next year.



Staff, Councillors and
Volunteers at the
Firework Night



Sherwood Forest

We received a request in our November Full Council for the Parish Council to consider locating a plaque in one of its amenities, which marks Burton Joyce as being within the boundaries of medieval Sherwood Forest and to consider planting ancient oak saplings within the community. The aim of this project is to recognise the rich history, culture and international importance of Sherwood Forest and its people.

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BURTON JOYCE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT Continued

The request from local resident Simon Rogers and his daughter was well received and our sub-committees will consider possible locations for both these things. Also noted the new Annual Sherwood Forest Day on 20th February, launched in February of this year. Ideas for how to make this a special day area being sought from the organisers.

Commonwealth War Graves

We are delighted to see that the Commonwealth War Graves sign has now been installed at our Cemetery to mark that the that the graves of Private E Shaw of the Durham Light Infantry and Gunner W Reed of the Royal Artillery, who fell in the First and Second World Wars respectively, are located here. Our sincere thanks to Steve Wright of the Burton Joyce and Bulcote Local History Society (pictured here with Cllrs Georgina Hadjigeorgiou and Paul Hyde, Chair and Vice Chair of Amenities Committee) for his instigation of the this project.



Installation of Commonwealth War Graves Sign at the Cemetery

Improved Train Services Arrive Mid-December!

Mid December will see the introduction of a new train timetable for Burton Joyce, and across the EMR network, which will provide hourly services for us through to Lincoln and Nottingham, with improved connectivity for trains to London. This is a significant improvement, bringing a much more useable and frequent service, and from which we can take more advantage of having a train station.

Pop-Up Food Fayres Return in January!

The Pop-Up Food Fayres have temporarily been suspended whilst the works on the Community Garden have been underway. We are delighted to say that they will be re-commencing from January 2026! These will now be managed independently and will take place on the 4th Sunday of the month. The first 3 will therefore be 24th January, 28th February and 28th March 2026. We can't wait to see the return of this venture to our brand new community garden!



Advent & Christmas Services across the Benefice of Lowdham & Burton Joyce 2025

Saturday 6th December

10.00a.m.—12 noon. Christmas Crafts, St. Mary's, Lowdham. *Everyone welcome for some festive craft making.*

Sunday 7th December

9.00a.m. Holy Communion, St. Mary's, Lowdham.
11.00a.m. Holy Communion, St. Helen's, BJ

Sunday 14th December

9.00a.m. Morning Worship, St. Mary's, Lowdham
11.00a.m. Morning Worship, St. Helen's, BJ

Monday, 15th December

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

Tuesday, 16th December

7.00p.m. Christmas Carol Service,
St. Aidan's, Caythorpe.

Wednesday, 17th December

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

Thursday, 18th December

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

Saturday 20th December

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

Sunday, 21st December:

9.00a.m. Holy Communion, St. Mary's, Lowdham.
11.00a.m. Holy Communion, St. Helen's, BJ
7.00p.m. Christmas Carol Service, St. Helen's, BJ

Christmas Eve, 24th December

10.00a.m. Travelling Nativity **(to be confirmed)**
starting at St. Helen's, Burton Joyce.
*Please wrap up warm and wear suitable
footwear for a walk and an outdoor service.*

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

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

Christmas Day

9.00a.m. Christmas Worship for All, St. Mary's,
Lowdham
11.00a.m. Christmas Worship for All, St. Helen's,
Burton Joyce

Sunday, 29th December

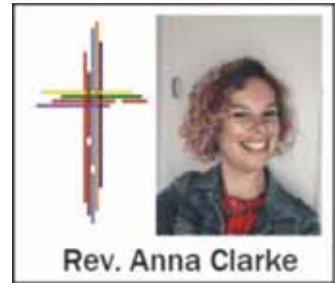
11.00a.m. Benefice Service of the Word, St.
Helen's, Burton Joyce

*The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid;
for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy
for all the people ...'*

Luke 2.10-11

LETTER FROM ANNA

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1). This is one of the most familiar bible verses that we use during the Christmas season, it contains within it the central truths of the Christian faith — God’s eternal Word, became flesh and blood in the person of Jesus Christ. This mystery is at the heart of what we believe about who Jesus is.



For ancient philosophers, the concept of Logos — or “the Word” — was an abstract rational principle that held the universe together. John takes this idea and gives it radical new meaning. The Word isn’t just some distant concept; it’s a person. Jesus is the Word made flesh. Jesus is the God who spoke the universe into being, now living among us as a human being.

God becoming human is a radical, mind-blowing idea. Why would God do such a thing? The answer lies in God’s love for us. God didn’t want to remain distant or far away. God longs for relationship with us and so enters into our world — not as a king in a palace, but as a humble baby, born in a stable. Jesus’ entire life, from birth to death upon the cross, was a powerful act of love. God was not content with merely telling us of their love, Jesus demonstrated it as the Word made flesh.

What does all this mean for us in 2025?

It means that God is not far off and distant. God draws near. Jesus, shows us God’s very nature through his acts, his loves, his care for the broken, the sick, and the lost. If you want to know what God is like, look to Jesus.

The Word incarnate, Jesus Christ, invites us into a new way of living. We are called to reflect that same love for the world through our lives. To love others and to show grace to an expectant world. Jesus shows us the way of God, and his life challenges us to follow in his footsteps.

This Christmas I hope we will experience God’s presence with us anew.

**Vicar of United Benefice of Burton Joyce, Bulcote and Stoke Bardolph with
Lowdham, Caythorpe and Gunthorpe.**

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John 13:34-35 New International Version

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

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Many thanks to EMR for donating the prizes and to Tammy Mills for judging.

The winners were:

over 18 Margaret Hutchby

11-18 Peter Oliphant

under 11 Holly and Matthew Saric

The runners -up were:

over 18 Marie Doherty

11-18 Tom Robinson

under 11 Ben Robinson



We want to use the board to support the various organisations and groups within the village. If you are interested in advertising any event that you are organising or want to increase the membership of your group, *please get in touch.*

Lynette Helmore 07967 277878



BURTON JOYCE & BULCOTE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY SPEAKER PROGRAMME

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm in Burton Joyce Library which is open from 7.00 pm, visitors welcome for a small fee of £3.00 per visitor.

10th December Social evening

2026

14th January Jeffrey A Sheard

Seely Family Dynasty

11th February Dave Mooney

The History of Busking and Street Performance

11th March Laura Parker

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Climate Action Group



2025 Round Up

We have had a busy year which included

No Mow May – raising awareness of the importance of this month for pollinator plants and the benefit of leaving lawns and grass verges for the month to allow wildflowers to grow. We worked with the parish council and residents to ensure that our village benefited from this national initiative.

We continue to maintain the **planters at the Coop** from February to October to provide flowers for pollinators. This is with the help of six volunteers from the community, whose watering kept the plants alive in the dry summer.

And we still do gentle maintenance on the **tree pens** and **hedgerows** as the tree saplings establish, many of them are thriving now!

We are managing a piece of land owned by the Wheatsheaf Pub as a **wildlife friendly space** – we have listed all the plant species on it and will be putting signs up around the land to show what is there. We hope with gentle management we can allow more plants to thrive and create an even better habitat for animals.



We have started working with our sister group **Gedling Climate Action** and together met with Gedling Borough Council to discuss how the Borough Council maintenance contracts could change over time to give our wildflowers and insects a better chance to thrive.

We are collecting **water samples** from the **River Trent** twice a year now for phosphates and nitrates and feeding our local data into a national citizen science project Earthwatch Fresh Water Blitz that maps the quality of all rivers. This is in addition to doing the Big River Watch twice a year which collects information on what you can see along the river anyone can do that – google Big River Watch anyone can take part.

We are doing **litter picks** both along the road verges and by the river. For the river litter picks we are recording the items collected as part of the Marine Conservation Society Source to Sea initiative to get a record of the amount of plastics along our waterways. We will report on this after our next litter pick in the spring.

We started the year visiting the WI to talk about what we do and with the money raised at that meeting we bought a sign board that we will use for future activities.

If you want to get involved please email burtonjoyceclimateaction@gmail.com

Burton Joyce Climate Action Group

**Christmas Lights
Switch-On
&
Official Opening of the
Community Garden!**

FOOD & DRINK!

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SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER

**AN AFTERNOON OF ENTERTAINMENT
AND CELEBRATION!**

Jolly Jingles

Fair Rides

3:30 BJ SCHOOL CHOIR

3:45 ROCK CHOIR

**4:30 OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE
COMMUNITY GARDEN**

4:45 FREDDIE VOKES

3:30-6:15 PM

5:00 BJ COMMUNITY BRASS

**5:30 *ARRIVAL OF SANTA FOR LIGHTS
SWITCH-ON!**

5:45 COMMUNITY BRASS

MAIN STREET, BURTON JOYCE



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*The Club sends a big thank you to
The Magazine for their kind generosity and
support again this year.*



*Our newly formed U12 girls team will benefit
from a new kit and we will have an update and
pictures to share in the next edition. It is great that girls
football at this age group is growing and we have been
able to create a second U12 team within the club.*



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Over the weekend of 8/9 November the BJ Football Club's teams held a minutes silence before kick-off for remembrance. We thank all players, coaches and supporters for respecting this.



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BOXING DAY

Boxing Day – ‘Offering Day’ or The Feast of St Stephen, as we all know, is regarded as the second day of Christmastide falling usually on the 26 December. When I was growing up with my parents and brothers, Boxing Day was special. Cold turkey, mashed potato and pickles for lunch, followed by a visit to see my beloved Aston Villa playing at home or away at ‘The Baggies’ [West Bromwich Albion] or ‘The Blues’ [Birmingham City]. All three grounds were readily accessible by a fleet of Birmingham Corporation buses, which were specially laid on to transport fans. My mother would then spend the afternoon, sipping dry sherry, eating Cadbury chocolates and watching ‘Oklahoma’. ‘My Fair Lady’ or ‘South Pacific’ etc in her armchair, whilst my father often took an afternoon nap. It was the highlight of her Christmas. My brother and I returned home early evening to enjoy a cold festive spread. The lunch of yesteryear is still relevant today in our Burton Joyce household.



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‘Boxing Day’ – what does the term mean? Traditionally it was a time of giving, when those who were in need received gifts from their betters. ‘Boxing’ may have been attributable to alms boxes placed in the entrance to churches, or possibly because servants and tradesmen received gifts in boxes, to acknowledge their service and contribution to their masters. When servants worked for their masters on Christmas Day, they were allowed to spend the following day with their families and often were given boxes of leftover special food from the master’s household.

Samuel Pepys in 1636 made possibly the first direct reference to ‘Boxing Day’ but the concept of giving to those in need, is grounded in it being St Stephens Day, the etymology of which goes back to medieval times, if not before. Interestingly, the day after Christmas is governed by a 1971 parliamentary Act, referring to a ‘holiday’ without naming it as Boxing Day.

Certainly, back in earlier times, as today, 26 December was a day for sporting activity. Riding to hounds was a traditional ‘sport’ [using that term loosely] with the local hunt turning out to chase the fox across open countryside often with barbarity at play. Childhood experience does not fortunately extend to such witness, with very few horsemen and foxhounds racing across my council housing estate! Horse racing and football was always prevalent for the working classes. Interestingly, there is little archival evidence to show that in Britain at least, religious observance played any significant role on Boxing Day. Perhaps the clergy were exhausted after a long stint from Advent to Christmas morning and needed recuperation.

However you are choosing to spend your Boxing Day this year – even if it means trudging round the local retail park, then take the opportunity of perhaps reflecting on those who are in need. Like Good King Wenceslas ‘who looked out on the Feast of Stephen’, how about marking the occasion by taking a box to somebody, or dropping off a box in one of the foodbank providers at the local supermarket? In any event enjoy the day and do try out cold turkey, mash and pickles.

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Digital Health?

The Magazine has been sent a “Health Insights” article by The Ivy Medical Groups Patient Participation Group (PPG) which details the advantages of installing the NHS App on your mobile phone.

For those who feel technology is too complicated for them to even consider, there is no need to panic. The NHS will still use traditional methods to access care for those who can't, or don't wish to use, digital/technical routes.

However, the move to online health care provision via the NHS app is coming regardless. So even if you're not keen on technology, you may run the risk of being left behind. The more who use the technology approach will free up traditional services helping those who cannot use it.

So what does the NHS App do.

The App contains a huge amount of NHS health information as well as enabling access to personal health services once fully installed on your phone or tablet, You can then request prescriptions, access test results and full GP patient records, request help with a medical or admin issue, find the nearest open medical service (Pharmacy, GP, Dentist, ED or Urgent Care Centre), look up conditions/symptoms, seek help from 111, get messages from the NHS about appointments etc. All of this available 24/7 from your mobile device wherever you are.

A change in expectations?

Now, we all expect to see a GP face to face, but in future seeing a doctor will likely be based upon need, rather than on what we expect.

There are advantages to the online approach, availability of medical advice/help and treatments such as drugs and tests etc, without necessarily having to see a GP. An online request can be made before the Surgery opens (from 7.00am if an Ivy Medical Group patient), so a patient can ask for help rather than having to wait for opening hours. All online requests are reviewed by a Clinician and the most appropriate means of providing help selected.

Help can be given via a phone call, a text or email. Electronic prescriptions sent straight to the pharmacy of your choice. So priority for a face-to-face appointment can be given to those with conditions that need to be seen.

Get personal help

If you are an Ivy Medical Group patient there are regular help sessions on Tuesday mornings at the Apple tree surgery where Elaine Osborne, our NHS App guru can help with installation and setup of the App in one-to-one sessions. These are bookable via reception or direct with Elaine on 07423 747532 or elaine.osborne5@nhs.net

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Digital Health? (Continued)

What does the NHS mean by the term 'Digital Health'?

The recently released Government vision for the NHS – the NHS Ten Year Plan intention is to reinvent the NHS with three radical shifts.

1. Hospital to community
2. Analogue to digital
3. Sickness to prevention

This article only refers to number 2 – analogue to digital – i.e. digital rather than written records throughout the NHS. Also, much greater use of online methods for communication rather than letters or phone calls. More initiatives are being developed for access to hospital and diagnostic services which will ultimately be available online.

What can we expect as patients?

It will certainly mean greater use of the NHS App (and other online tools) for people to access healthcare. This will also mean an expansion of the use of online consultations and the seeking of appointments or advice through online booking systems. Such a system has been operated by The Ivy Medical Group since April 2023. As from 1st October **every GP Practice** should be using some form of online consulting tool so it looks like this approach is here to stay.

If you do have the NHS App on your phone please use it, if unsure about how to access certain features please book a slot with Elaine. You can also access the App via the web, just search for NHS App in your browser.

You can also access healthcare via The Ivy Medical Group's website, <https://www.ivymedicalgroup.co.uk/>

This can be accessed on your PC, laptop, I-pad or mobile phone.

It gives direct access to NHS services and additionally, once registered with the practice for their online services - consultations, appointments, advice and prescriptions are enabled online.

If you are able to use online methods it will free up phone lines for those who cannot. All requests are treated the same there is no advantage from using the phone.

More information on the NHS App and its use?

There is a guide about the App and help with installation here <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-app/about-the-nhs-app/>

This article is based on the digital health insight produced by the Patient Participation Group (PPG) of The Ivy Medical Group (IMG)



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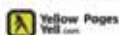


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THE FAROES: A PERSONAL JOURNEY AND EXPLORATION

FINAL THOUGHTS

By Richard Berry

Torshavn - the capital and largest city of the Faroe Islands. It is located in the southern part on the east coast of Streymoy.

Increasingly, Torshavn is being used as a port of call for cruises in Scandinavia and the arctic regions.

Ships generally dock at Skansabryggjan pier, ideal for tourists with a few hours to explore essential sites in the capital.

A five-minute walk from the harbour, brings you

to the old town of Reyni, a confusion of cobbled winding alleyways, accompanied by charming wooden buildings with turfed roofs.

Reyni resembles a model village but it is 'alive,' so you have to remind yourself not to peer too closely in the windows and alarm residents.

In the centre of Reyni is Havnar kirkja, a church that functions as Torshavn's cathedral.

The white painted timber structure topped with a grey-slate roof dates from 1788.



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THE FAROES: A PERSONAL JOURNEY AND EXPLORATION (Continued)

The craftsmanship from the blue ceiling panels dotted with gold stars to the model ships suspended from the roof is exquisite. An altarpiece is dominated by an early century painting of the burial of Christ by Daniel Conrad Blunck.

Adjacent to Reyni and stretching out on a rocky outcrop is

Tinganes; a gathering of maroon-coloured, turf roofed buildings that

house the Faroese Home Rule government and one of the oldest Parliaments in the world.



I may be romanticizing but, in a world, where those that should be accountable in organizations hide behind chat bots and automated e mails, there is something refreshing in being able to walk past the doors of the Prime Minister and his ministers. The commercial harbour, shipyards and marinas are visible from government offices suggesting that there is no hiding place for a Faroese politician.

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FINAL THOUGHTS-WILL THE FAROES EMBRACE MASS TOURISM?

Since my first visit, the most obvious change to the Faroes is a reduction in the number of turf-topped roofs in favour of corrugated steel roofs. But the skyline is not blighted with tall buildings; the historic areas are perfectly preserved and functioning. As with the marvelous undersea roundabout and highly impressive tunnel system, development of the infrastructure has been carried out with environmental concerns being paramount.

Alcohol is more freely available (though still difficult to buy) and there are more bars and restaurants, at least in Torshavn. In 2006 it was clear that restrictions on the sale of alcohol lead to the enterprising Faroese distilling their own concoctions and drinking at home. Hopefully the opportunity for more 'social drinking' in bars will help alleviate the sense of isolation that must exist for some islanders.



There are more tourists in Torshavn but there were very few elsewhere. Given that the islands are a dream for outdoor pursuits we were surprised not to see more walkers, climbers, and kayakers. The road surfaces are a dream compared to the pockmarked monstrosities that we endure, but again, there were hardly any cyclists.

I have also visited Iceland which provides the most useful comparison to the Faroes. My impression of Icelanders was that they are far more willing to change their ways to boost tourism. Reykjavik certainly has far more poor-quality art, tacky souvenirs and nightlife than Torshavn. The Faroes still have very few shops. I am sure that Iceland would have made 'a killing' from the commercial possibilities provided by Faroese jumpers worn by Sarah Lund in 'The Killing.' When I arrived in Torshavn in 2006, a McDonalds outlet had closed after only being open a week. I am delighted to report that McDonalds have not reopened, nor are there the usual chain stores that you would expect to see here. The Faroese seem to be saying: 'you are welcome to visit us but take us as you find us.'

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THE FAROES: A PERSONAL JOURNEY AND EXPLORATION *(Continued)*

Although the Faroes are now easier to fly to from the UK there are obstacles that I suspect will limit the number of tourists. The Faroes lie in the stormiest part of the North Atlantic, in the direct path of most of the Atlantic depressions and are therefore cloudy, wet and blustery most of the time. It rains on average 210 days of the year. The weather changes rapidly and it is warmer than you might expect given the high latitude. We were fortunate in only having one trip cancelled but islands can be cut off for days- hence the ubiquitous provision of board games in public places. Tourists therefore need to be flexible in planning their trips but still run the risk that a week in the Faroes could be a washout.



Public transport is widespread and apparently efficient, but I cannot help but feel that you get so much more out of visit by hiring a car. But car hire is expensive. Tolls provide invaluable access to the islands but add a significant amount to transport costs. Otherwise, prices are only a fraction more expensive than the UK.

The Faroese are a self-governing nation within the Kingdom of Denmark. In brief, the Danes take care of defence and foreign policy and the Faroes manage everything else.

This self-determination and a willingness to preserve a lifestyle and standard of living that is one of the highest in the world, makes me hopeful that they will be able to manage the increase in tourism to these magical islands. Hopefully it will not be another eighteen years before my next visit.



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Castle and the caves, within the city boundary, attract visitors throughout every year, along with the arts, sporting events, world-class entertainments and more. The restaurants and eateries in Nottingham provide a 'wealth' of different cuisines, with foods (and drinks) to suit all varying dietary requirements.

I located Hemisphere restaurant at West Bridgford, Nottingham. This family-owned and run independent restaurant opened during October 2024 and offers cuisine to a high standard, serving breakfasts, brunches, lunches, plus afternoon and evening dining opportunities. Renowned and highly-respected chef Paul Thacker and Paul's wife Rachel, the team behind Uramaki Handmade Sushi www.uramaki.co.uk have created this exceptional dining venue. The team of chefs bring with them years of industry recognition, which drives passion and all that Hemisphere has become known for.

For my first dish I favoured Crispy Chicken. This really excellent commencement had the flavours and texture absolutely appreciated. Opting for a next choice of Miso-Glazed Black Cod (passion fruit miso glaze, bok choy) was another excellent selection. Complementing flavours, succulence and tenderness were in abundance. Head Chef, Cong Dang and the brigade ensure the impressively presented delights. 'Compliments to Chef' were duly dispatched. Further popular dishes offered seafood, meats, sushi, sashimi and others.

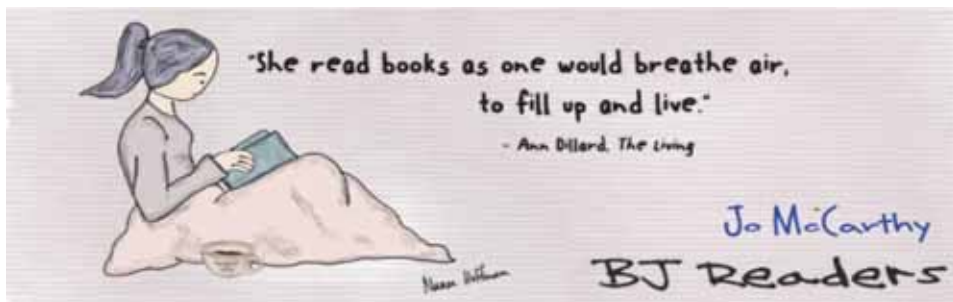
The choice for dessert went to Bitter Chocolate, Mango & Miso - a grand (near) ending to the dining occasion. Wines and drinks have beverages for everyone.

With celebrations, occasions and corporate arrangements being easily accommodated, I found Hemisphere restaurant to be most outstanding for its cuisine and further offerings, which include private hire, with full service bar, music system and bespoke dining options. Gift vouchers are available (great idea for a surprise), plus collections/deliveries and outside catering opportunities. Thank you to TJ, for exemplary service throughout. Highly recommended.

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A Christmas to Die For

Imagine, it's Boxing Day and you're at the point of offering an arsenic-laced chocolate orange to your mother-in-law, or perhaps you want to bump off that teenage nephew who's been playing on his phone all through the festive feast that took five hours to prepare. Less dramatically, you could just be fantasising about how work is not such a bad place to be after all. I encourage you to cast aside those criminal intentions, (prison is not a nice place, or so I am told) and, instead, see the season's frustrations through with a good murder in page format.

When I told my adult daughter that I was going to recommend thrillers and murder yarns to the Readers of BJ she chortled, pointing out that I had never been known to read a Dan Brown or John Grisham in my entire life, unkindly inferring that my idea of a 'thriller' was not likely to thrill my readers. Well, I'm not being bossed around by my kids on literary issues, and I am running the gauntlet on this one. I guarantee that the following books will have you riveted. The body count may be a bit on the low side with some of my recommendations, but the writing is to die for...

Let's start at the beginning of the last century.

John Buchan was working for the British War Propaganda Bureau in the first months of the War when a fortuitous duodenal ulcer detained him at home and he turned to writing. In a matter of a few short weeks, he produced *The 39 Steps*, described by him as a 'dime' novel. Published in 1915, this was the ultimate spy thriller, perfectly timed to enthrall a generation riding high on colonial jingoism. In protagonist Richard Hannay, Buchan created the perfect British meld of insouciance and reckless courage. *The 39 Steps* gives you the lot. A dead man pinioned to the floor with a knife through his heart, swiftly followed by a comedic Benny Hill style escape (Hannay escapes dressed as the milkman), then the infamous romp through the Scottish Highlands, all clad in tweed suit, tie and brogues, culminating in the discovery of a major spy plot by German Spies and a country saved. Phew, I feel exhausted just writing that.

Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood* has been described as the ultimate true crime novel or, alternatively, the birth of investigative journalism. Despite being an instant critical and financial success, it yielded considerable controversy at the time of its publication in 1967.

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The book, described by Capote as 'literary non-fiction', is an exhaustive account of the senseless murder of four members of the Clutter family on their farm in Kansas in 1959. The bounty for the two perpetrators of this sickening crime was 40 dollars and a portable radio. Capote's pre-publication earnings for the book were estimated at somewhere in the region of two million dollars, equating to fifteen dollars a word. True bounty indeed! In literary terms, the book was well-regarded for its unusual triple narrative of accounts from the murderers, the victims, and other members of the rural community in alternating sequences, although some critics disliked Capote's perceived bias towards the killers. Read it for yourself and decide. Fair reporting, or naked exploitation?

Moving to more contemporary literature, I adored William Boyd's *Gabriel's Moon*. This is a classic Boyd novel with his pitch-perfect sense of place (his protagonist is a travel writer) and era (it is set in the early 1960s). His trademark gentle humour is ever-present and his complex tale evolves through the gradual development of authentic and credible characters. The story has possibly the saddest opening chapter I have ever read. Gabriel is tragically orphaned age six when his widowed mother dies in a house fire. Move on a quarter of a century and we find our protagonist unexpectedly securing an interview with the newly appointed (and shortly to be assassinated) president of the Congo, Patrice Lumumba. Gabriel is drawn inexorably into a labyrinthine world of spies, double agents, and I think possibly even a triple something might be in there. Boyd is not known as a 'spy thriller' author, and perhaps the book is better described as a novel with a spy theme but, genre aside, this is a truly great yarn guaranteed to keep you hidden in your shed for many hours far from the mother-in-law and annoying nephew.

Sticking with more recent publications, *The Proof of My Innocence* by the ever-reliable Jonathan Coe is an excellent, thought provoking read. He leaps masterfully from cosy crime (murder in a crumbling stately home) to political treachery in darkest academia (secret societies in Cambridge), with eccentric detectives and helpful vicars thrown in by the fistful. Coe has a unique ability to force his readers to confront Big Themes, whilst seducing us with his unputdownable narrative.

And finally, a few round up suggestions for the die-hard (!) murder addicts. If you are looking for a series to get your teeth into then I highly recommend Abir Mukherjee's *Wyndham and Banerjee* mysteries set in the 1920s in Calcutta. A sort of Morse with a touch of the exotic. Or you could dip into one of the 66 crime novels written by our beloved Agatha (I must confess to only having read three). Or, for the purists, you could return to base and read Edgar Allan Poe's *Murders in the Rue Morgue* (1841), hailed as the first modern detective short story.

So much more to stuff into this literary stocking but I am fast running out of word count, so I will simply conclude by wishing you all a thrilling Christmas and a murderously good New Year.

By Mohson Hussein on behalf of
Inspector Steven King (Gedling SNT)

We are grateful for having the opportunity to contribute to The Magazine once again. We continue to receive feedback about speeding across Gedling South. PCSO Trevor Parkinson and the team will continue to conduct local operations over the following quarter as we understand that this remains a community concern. 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 would like to encourage more attendance so we can identify and address local matters of concerns. Below are the further dates for Beat Surgeries for all three areas (Lambley, Burton Joyce and Stoke Bardolph) for the first quarter of 2026:-

- ☐ Burton Joyce Surgery – Wednesday 1st January 2026 at 1400 hrs at Burton Joyce Library, Burton Joyce, Nottinghamshire
- ☐ Lambley Beat Surgery – Monday 23rd February 2026 at 1400 hrs at – location to be confirmed (will update on ALERTS)
- ☐ Stoke Bardolph Surgery – Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 1400 hrs at Stoke Bardolph Community Centre, Stoke Lane, Stoke Bardolph, Nottinghamshire

There will be further beat surgeries in the second quarter of 2026 and SNT will communicate this via the magazine, social media pages and the Notts Alerts system. Even if you live in a surrounding area, we will be happy to speak to anyone who has issues or concerns.

In October 2025, the Police conducted a multi-departmental speed related operation. The Forces Roads Policing Unit (RPU) were in the area under the command of Police Sergeant Carrington whose team issued 14 Traffic Offence Reports for various speeding offences including excess speeding, seatbelt offences and driving without due care and attention. PCSO Trevor Parkinson complemented this with a Speeding Operation in the locality as well. Overall, it was a successful operation with officers taking positive action for offending.

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 to always be vigilant. If you see something concerning, please report to 101 in a non emergency, or 999 if a crime is taking place.

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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 PC 2358 Mark Szeremeta at mark.szerameta@notts.police.uk. We look forward to seeing you at some of the future Beat Surgeries.

With Christmas and New Year coming up, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our residents and the community a very peaceful festive period and thank you for all your support over this past year. May 2026 be a peaceful and prosperous year for us all.

Inspector Steven King

(Gedling SNT)



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Larger Clematis

Before moving on to the larger Clematis, I will repeat my recommendation made briefly in my last issue of the spring flowering Clematis macropetala fig1. This is not too vigorous and combines comfortably with a medium sized shrub like a flowering currant or a Cornus alba and its blue flowers come as a pleasant surprise in April. Look out for it in the supermarket or garden centre in the spring.



Fig 1. Clematis macropetala

Now for the larger ones.

Clematis montana is white and was certainly my first choice for clothing one of the many large holly trees and hawthorn bushes that I inherited. There are a number of frilly mauve forms such as Elizabeth and Rubén's fig 2 and some are quite scented. They flower in May and certainly make a great show but only for two weeks or so. Nevertheless my pink one does bring a large holly tree on the edge of the lawn to life in May. I wish I could hide the very prominent main stems which show up the whole summer.

I have no reservation in recommending Clematis montana JC Wilson. It seems to climb discreetly but nevertheless covers a huge hawthorn/holly clump in white flowers a good month later than the other montanas and the scent literally fills the adjacent lawn in June.

Clematis armandii fig3 is popular as an evergreen species, the leaves a pleasant coppery colour when young and it flowers in early April. I first grew it on an east



Fig 2 Clematis Rubén's

wall. It shot to the top of the house, eighteen feet and flowered well but died in two to three years. I have since planted it to grow over the roof which protects my outdoor potting bench. It survives there in a rather starved spot but the golden stamens of the white flowers are a great bonus. Bits die back from time to time but others grow and it gives some limited pleasure.

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IN OUR GARDEN

Clematis alpina is a European species which also flowers in April. I have tried a number of cultivars including Francis Rivers which was very tempting, Willy and White Moth. The only one that has stood the test of time is Columbine, a pleasing pale blue with white stamens growing to about nine feet on a North wall.

My favourite of these taller clematis perhaps equal to JC. Wilson is *Clematis cirrhosa* fig4 an evergreen variety with quite nice leaves and covers a completely windowless north wall to eighteen feet. It starts to bloom in November/December with smallish white flowers covered in freckles. It would be quite difficult to appreciate the flowers but for the fact that a window in the passage upstairs overlooks the top of the plant and provides a good view of the very pretty small flowers, wands pick well as cut blooms. They are followed in spring by lovely fluffy seed heads. I suspect that the climbing stems which must be quite substantial after many years are unsightly but they are completely hidden by the vigorous growth of winter jasmine *J. nudiflorum* and a little higher by the pleasing foliage of *Mahonia lomariifolia*, in glorious flower as I write. Both these flower in winter and are plants of character. It is nice to have a protecting wall to plant shrubs that isn't cluttered up with windows!

I see that I have now considered the clematis thriving in our garden, there is hardly a mention of the well known hybrids, Jackmanii, Nelly Moser or Earnest Mahler etc. This is not because I don't like them. Indeed they make a spectacular show and I have tried many but over the years they died back or failed to maintain the floriferous habit. It may be they succumb to the clematis wilt which is a fungus disease. I think the professionals spray regularly. I do from time to time but those I have described in the past two numbers of the magazine are I suspect robust and relatively resistant to the fungus. Certainly they have been doing well for a number of years.

Despite some hazards I have warned about, Clematis are a great asset to any garden.



Fig 3. *Clematis armandii*



Fig 4. *Clematis cirrhosa* 'Freckles'



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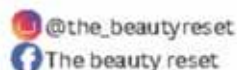
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PART 2

Once we could see Drax Power station we called the Lock Keeper at Barmby Barrage to warn him of our imminent arrival; there is a bell for boats to ring wanting to use the lock, but we had arranged in advance to be penned through the lock, so he was expecting us. It was a tricky 90 degree turn to the right, but we managed it safely and were penned through up onto the River Derwent where we moored up on the visitor moorings for the night. Barmby is an attractive little, Fen like, village with a pub which serves Italian food, so obviously we had to support the local economy by eating there to celebrate having survived the challenges of the tidal Ouse.



Barmby Barrage Lock

The next morning we set off up the Derwent, and as there was nowhere else to moor we cruised the 12 miles to the junction with the Pocklington Canal. We would have liked to continue on up the Derwent which used to be navigable as far as the historical village of Stamford Bridge where King Harold defeated the Vikings before later losing the Battle of Hastings in 1066, but sadly there is a lock a few miles further up the Derwent that is closed to boat traffic. It was restored in 1972 by the Yorkshire Derwent Trust who replaced the bottom gates,



**Cottingwith lock
with its distinctive paddle gear**

but now the gates are locked and it is closed to navigation. We turned right onto the Pocklington Canal, and suddenly the water became considerably more shallow and the undergrowth more encroaching; we were reassured to see a sign welcoming us onto the Pocklington Canal which was just about visible between the trees, and then we came to the first lock, Cottingwith Lock, which had winding gear and anti vandal mechanisms completely different to anything I had seen before. Once I had figured out how to operate the lock, we moored up above it for the night.

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There are few places to moor along the Pocklington, and very few boats on the canal, so it is acceptable to moor up to the lock moorings provided enough room is left for another boat to reach and operate the locks in the unlikely event that any other traffic passes through.

The next day we cruised the five miles to Melbourne Basin which is home to the only nine boats that moor on the Pocklington Canal (and are usually the only boats on it). The journey involved one more lock and seven swing bridges, most of which were quite stiff due to lack of use, and one of which was in the middle of the lock.

The canal meandered through remote countryside and the occasional person that we came across was delighted to see us and very friendly; it is obviously quite a treat for them to see moving traffic on their canal. As we approached Melbourne I began to notice some curious birds which looked like pheasants, but were totally white - I discovered later that they were indeed white pheasants and were bred by a local farmer.



Melbourne basin

Eventually we turned sharp right and arrived in the basin at the end of the short Melbourne Arm where we were immediately made welcome, shown the facilities, and told that if we wanted to stay longer than the 48 hours on the designated visitor moorings that would be fine - which was lucky, as, having made the effort to get there we were planning on staying for a week to explore the area. The basin was enchanting, and full of wildlife as well as friendly locals and boaters, and with a great pub a short walk away we were as happy as could be. The only downside was that any washing took days to dry - I presume a combination of tall trees and lack of air movement. The Pocklington Canal Amenity Society run a trip boat from the basin every Sunday and are working to maintain the canal and restore it as far as Pocklington itself. In 2018 they completed a further two miles of restoration beyond the Melbourne Arm but since then have struggled to make any further progress on the final three locks and one mile remaining to take the canal into the delightful Canal Head and Pocklington Town.

We soon discovered all of the essential local knowledge (mostly from the pub) including the details of the white pheasants, a local raceway track, and a bus service from Melbourne to Pocklington that runs once a week.

Cosy nights in, frosty winter walks, colourful evergreens and striking deciduous stems....it's what December is all about!

Can you believe it is December already? The nights have drawn in, our beloved summer plants have now gone and jobs in the garden are becoming scarce now, however, if you fancy wrapping up and getting outside, here are some jobs you can be doing in your garden this month;

- Feed the birds, our feathery friends need some extra help this month
- Ensure frost protection is in place for those chilly winter nights. Any frost tender plants should have been moved indoors by now.
- Plant up any empty pots you have with winter colour. Its amazing what a difference a planter can make to a winter garden. They also make excellent gifts.
- Prune apple and pear trees this month
- Want to move any trees or shrubs? Do it now whilst the roots are dormant.
- Harvest cabbage, carrots and parsnips
- Sow seeds for lettuce, radish and summer cabbage now
- Late flowering perennials should have died back well by now, cut back completely to ground level and mulch. If there are still seed heads visible or attractive dried flowers, leave them for that extra interest over winter.
- Have a go at creating your own Christmas wreath or arrangement. There is a wealth of stems, berries and colourful foliage to choose from at this time of year to create your very own homemade decoration.
- Love to grow? Grow some salad leaves such as mixed oriental leaves and red mustard leaf for winter salads.

If you have a heated greenhouse have a go at growing some Geranium seeds for bountiful blooms throughout the summer and autumn next year.

This time of month can be a dull time in the garden, with many trees and shrubs displaying bare stems, it can be easy to think winter gardens are lacking in colour and interest. One of the best ways to add a blast of colour is with winter flowering plants, such as; Hamamelis (Witch Hazel) – buds begin to burst open from late November and continue into the new year.



Hamamelis - Diane

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Shades of yellow, orange and crimson are displayed on striking, angular stems. Growing steadily to between 2.5m and 4m in height and spread, these shrubs make a wonderful addition to your winter garden.

Climbers can add colour and interest in December too. Look out for winter flowering Jasmine, Jasmine nudiflorum and Clematis 'Jingle Bells'. The jasmine bears bright yellow flowers on bare green stems and the Clematis is adorned with nodding single white flowers above evergreen foliage. Both these climbers will reach over 2.5m in height, perfect for adding some interest to bare walls and fences.



Hamamelis - Arnold Promise

Well that's another year of gardening almost over, lets get thinking about next years garden and all the joys it will bring. Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and happy New Year everyone!

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We started off the new half term with a special Wellbeing Day themed around 'Be Kind'. Each class spent time exploring what kindness means and how it looks in everyday life. The children shared thoughtful ideas about how they can show kindness to their friends, families, and the wider community. It was a heartwarming start to the term!

Foundation Stage have settled into school wonderfully and in History, they are learning about Christmas past and present, and in Science, they are discovering what happens when the sun sets.

Key Stage 1 are diving into acrostic poems linked to Christmas and are also learning to code in Computing.

Years 3 and 4 are reading the Maya folk tale 'The Chocolate Tree' and exploring the Maya civilisation in History.

Years 5 and 6 are studying World War II, focusing on the events that led up to the war and the impact of rationing. In Science, they are learning to understand circuit diagrams.

On Tuesday 11th November, we held a Remembrance Assembly to honour those who have served and sacrificed in times of war. The children showed great respect and understanding as we reflected together.

We are also looking forward to supporting Children in Need this term, with activities planned to raise awareness and funds for this important cause.

Our after-school clubs this term include:

- Drumba
- Craft
- Multi Skills
- Foundation Fun and Games
- Spaghetti Maths

All classes will also be busy preparing for their Christmas Productions, which we're very excited about!

Don't forget — our Christmas Fair is on Saturday 6th December from 12–3pm. We hope to see you there!

It looks like it's going to be a busy and festive term!



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November Update

Autum term in full swing at Carlton le Willows

AUTUMN term is in full swing at Carlton le Willows where students from all year groups are working hard to achieve their goals.

Our new Year 7 cohort are now well settled in to the school community and many are taking advantage of the extensive choice of extra curricular activities on offer each day.

Our new Year 11 have also hit the ground running. Already, the dedication and determination of this cohort is evident with large turnouts at after school intervention showing their commitment to succeed. Those who attended multiple interventions, had good attendance and behaviour were rewarded to a pizza afternoon at the end of half term and are already looking forward to even more reward events.

Many of this cohort also took part in the Academy's annual Pie Night this month- a chance to pick up revision materials and learn more about how best to prepare for summer exams, as well as enjoy a pie and pea supper with friends. This event was combined with our annual Sixth Form Open Evening where students learned more about the choice of courses on offer post 16 at Carlton le Willows Sixth Form. We were delighted with the high turnout, which resulted in a positive and engaging evening for all.

Another evening which promises to be a night to remember, is the annual whole school show, which this year will be Beauty and The Beast. Talented students turned up in force to take part in auditions earlier this term, with more than 130 students from Years 7 – 13 keen to take part.

Said Head of Performing Arts Mrs Bullin: "We have been truly blown away with talent, kindness and patience all the students involved have shown. We already know it's going to be an incredible show. "



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Monthly Meetings - Second Thursday in the month
Burton Joyce Village Hall 7.00 pm start
Future Meetings

December 11th – Craft Christmas Party

January 8th – Understanding the National Resolutions for 2026

February 12th – Mike Reid on 'Wildlife in Nottingham'

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

Other Activity Groups

Craft Club – first Tuesday of the month
Rummikub – second Tuesday evening of the month
SWALK – short walks last Wednesday of the month
Walking Group – first Wednesday of the month
Walking Netball – 9.30am every Monday (except Bank holidays),
at The Poplars Sports Ground, Stoke Lane, Burton Joyce.

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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 9th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS MEETING

Our Christmas meeting will begin with a talk by Mike Burton, who spoke to us a few months ago about the River Trent. “A Christmas Story” will cover its customs and traditions, its roller coaster history, from a crazy over-the-top festival in Tudor times, to near-extinction, then to a modern reinvention. Our Ukulele group will then perform Christmas favourites and there will be a table quiz, mulled wine, and festive fayre.

TUESDAY 13th JANUARY 2026 – NEIL HALLAM

“FROM POLICEMAN TO CRIME AUTHOR”

An accomplished mountaineer and adventure cyclist, Neil has travelled to some of the world's most fascinating places, including the Himalayas and the Mongolian Steppe.

His police career, in both uniform and as a detective, took some unusual turns. A specialism in CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological & Nuclear) terrorism, involved him in cases like the Alexander Litvinenko assassination and the Salisbury Novichok poisonings. Neil also spent five years leading an anti-corruption team (the real Line of Duty). Already a qualified photo-journalist, Neil's police and travel experiences led to writing his series of crime thrillers. The subject matter, all adapted from real-world experience, cover diverse subjects, including; people trafficking, nuclear terrorism and the smuggling of rare animals.

Neil's policing experience, and his ability to turn it into drama, led to commissions as a Police Advisor on TV shows, including Coronation Street and Waterloo Road. His enquiring mind also turned itself to historical research, and a historical novel, based around the iron and coal industries of the Derbyshire village he calls home.

Neil's talk From Policeman to Crime Writer weaves his real-life experiences through the creation of his 10 books. Explaining the creative process, and where fact meets fiction.

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An hourly train service throughout the day for Burton Joyce station in the New Year

As announced in the last edition of The Magazine, there will be major changes to timetables throughout the EMR network from mid-December:

We will have an hourly service throughout the day until early evening from Monday to Saturday in both directions.

Almost all trains stopping in Burton Joyce heading towards Newark will continue to Lincoln.

An 8-minute transfer time in Nottingham and the introduction of the Aurora bi-mode trains on the East Midlands Main Line will mean that we will be able to get to St Pancras within 2 hours of leaving Burton Joyce. We will no longer have to change in Long Eaton or drive to Newark or Grantham!

The new timetables, summarised below, come into effect from mid-December and advance tickets are now available. We would advise checking times on the EMR website before travelling as there are likely to be some teething problems during December as the new Castle Line timetable is part of a network-wide overhaul of timetables and will probably take a few weeks to bed in.

Monday to Friday timetable from 15th December 2025																			
Lincoln	5.16			8.37	9.42	10.42	11.42	12.42	13.42	14.42	15.40	16.40	17.40	18.08	19.14	21.14	23.00		
Newark Castle	6.01	7.01	8.01	9.08	10.10	11.08	12.10	13.08	14.10	15.08	16.10	17.08	18.08	18.39	19.44	21.45	23.43		
Burton Joyce	6.25	7.25	8.25	9.31	10.31	11.31	12.31	13.31	14.31	15.31	16.31	17.31	18.31	18.59	20.03	22.04	0.04		
Nottingham	6.38	7.37	8.37	9.42	10.42	11.42	12.42	13.42	14.42	15.42	16.42	17.42	18.42	19.11	20.14	22.16	0.16		
these trains continue to Beeston, Long Eaton, Derby, Stoke-on-Trent & Crewe and generally connect in Nottingham with xx.50 departures to London St Pancras, arriving 1 hour 37 minutes later														These trains go to Macc					
Nottingham	5.37	6.27	7.17	8.25	9.27	10.27	11.27	12.27	13.27	14.27	15.27	16.27	17.22	18.27	19.50	20.50	21.27	22.34	
Burton Joyce	5.48	6.38	7.28	8.36	9.38	10.38	11.38	12.38	13.38	14.38	15.38	16.38	17.33	18.38	20.01	21.01	21.38	22.45	
Newark Castle	6.13	7.03	7.51	9.01	9.59	11.01	11.59	12.53	13.59	15.01	15.59	17.01	17.58	19.01	20.22	21.20	21.57	23.06	
Lincoln	6.45	7.36		9.27	10.27	11.27	12.27	13.27	14.27	15.27	16.27	17.27	18.34	19.33	20.55	21.51	22.28	23.38	
Saturday timetable from 20th December 2025																			
Lincoln	5.16		7.50	8.37	9.42	10.42	11.42	12.42	13.42	14.42	15.40	16.40	17.40	18.07		19.14		21.32	
Newark Castle	6.01	7.01	8.19	9.08	10.10	11.08	12.10	13.08	14.08	15.08	16.10	17.08	18.08	18.39	19.12	19.44	20.09	21.56	
Burton Joyce	6.25	7.25	8.39	9.31	10.31	11.31	12.31	13.31	14.31	15.31	16.31	17.31	18.31	18.59	19.30	20.03	20.31	22.15	
Nottingham	6.38	7.37	8.51	9.42	10.42	11.42	12.42	13.42	14.42	15.42	16.42	17.42	18.42	19.11	19.42	20.14	20.43	22.27	
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Nottingham	6.27	7.21	8.25	9.27	10.27	11.27	12.27	13.27	14.27	15.27	16.27	17.22	18.27	19.24	20.50	21.42			
Burton Joyce	6.38	7.38	8.36	9.38	10.38	11.38	12.38	13.38	14.38	15.38	16.38	17.33	18.38	19.35	21.01	21.53			
Newark Castle	7.03	7.58	9.01	9.59	11.01	11.59	12.53	13.59	15.01	15.59	17.01	17.58	19.01	20.00	21.20	22.15			
Lincoln	7.36	8.27	9.27	10.27	11.27	12.27	13.27	14.27	15.27	16.27	17.27	18.34			21.51	22.49			
Sunday timetable from 14th December 2025																			
Lincoln	8.53	11.09	13.10	15.09	18.09	22.50	Nottingham Burton Joyce Newark Castle Lincoln						9.33	12.54	14.54	17.25	22.30		
Newark Castle	9.24	11.39	13.39	15.39	18.39	23.21							9.44	13.05	15.05	17.36	22.41		
Burton Joyce	9.48	12.04	14.04	16.04	19.04	23.45							10.09	13.30	15.30	18.02	23.06		
Nottingham	10.00	12.15	14.15	16.15	19.15	23.57							10.43	14.00	16.00	18.33	23.37		



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Don't forget that you can buy a cup of tea or coffee in the library for only 50p so please call in to see us for a browse and a cuppa.

We're running another of our popular **free craft sessions on Saturday 20th December, 10.30-12.30**. No need to book, just call in and create something festive to take home!

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. This under-fives session is free and you don't need to book. Hope to see you soon!



OPENING TIMES

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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	Michael Dobbs Gemma Gill	0300 102 1383
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 Burton Joyce Community Brass Meet in Old School Premises.	Charlotte Davenport	charlotte.davenport10968@gmail.com
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Burton Joyce Football Club info@burtonjoycefc.co.uk **07476 744065**

ORGANISATIONS & CLUBS (continued)

 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
 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 Kathy on 07730 471613 or Deborah on 07484 860480 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 Alison 07875 316043 for details
 1st Burton Joyce Scout Group For Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	Contact Rachel on 07930 271455 1stburtonjoyce@centralnotts.org.uk
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NOVA	Paul Mittam	07973 872213
Phoenix Art Society	Rachel Huskinson	07930 271455
Probus	Ian Wood	9119124
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Saturday Singers	Dick Huskinson	9312157
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