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## EDITOR'S COMMENT

We would like to extend our reach to Burton Pastures and the new houses which the developers consider being in Stoke Bardolph, Burton Joyce.

However without additional funding to produce more magazines this is not possible. Maybe someone has the answer.

As mentioned in our December edition, this year we are supporting the **Village Coffee Morning** see (Page 15), by sponsoring the Carnarvon Room hire. We are, of course, also sponsoring the BJ Football Club's Under 8 girls team, see report on pages 22 & 23.



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# BURTON JOYCE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



## COMMUNITY GARDEN OPENING

On Saturday 6th December 2025, the Parish Council proudly hosted the official opening of the brand-new Community Garden—a day of celebration and reflection. The event coincided with our annual Christmas Lights Switch-On and featured a special countdown led by Santa!

The festivities began with a wonderful performance by the Rock Choir, who sang a mix of Christmas classics and popular hits. The Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Laurence King, spoke about the history of the project and expressed gratitude to everyone involved. He then welcomed The Right Honourable Michael Payne MP, who highlighted the importance of community and how the garden will bring people together. Together with Parish Clerk Jessica Sherrin, he cut the ribbon to mark the official opening. Also in attendance was Mayor of Gedling, Kyle Robinson-Payne, who shared in the celebration.



Rock Choir Performed Christmas songs followed by 'A Thousand Years' as a fitting tribute to Josh Travis.



Staff and Councillors pictured with Cheryl Raynor (FCC Grants Manager) Richard Thomas (Whiting Landscape Ops Manager) Rt Hon Michael Payne PM and Mayor of Gedling, Kyle Robinson-Payne at the official opening of the Community Garden

The garden is entirely funded by grants and donations, with 'Community Infrastructure Levy' (CIL) funds used to make up any budget shortfall. The major funding source of £100,000 is from FCC Communities Foundation, a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community projects through the Landfill Communities Fund.



Richard Thomas of Whiting Landscape said

*"It has been a great pleasure to be involved in a project which is of such importance to the local community. The area has been transformed into a multi-use space, which we hope can be enjoyed by many people over several years. We look forward to returning in the future to sample the food and drink!"*

The Parish Council is also grateful to Bentley's Project Management who have ably assisted with the tendering process, price negotiations and ensuring compliance with the necessary regulations as well as ensuring the project is delivered on time. Their support has been invaluable. We also wish to thank Influence, the designers of the garden.



OSB Site Before



Community Garden After

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON**

Following the garden opening, the village came alive with festive cheer during our Christmas Lights Switch-On and Santa's arrival! This event was a true team effort - a huge thank you to our dedicated team of staff for making it such a success as well as to the wonderful contributors; BJ Primary School Choir, The Rock Choir, Freddie Vokes, BJ Community Brass, Windmill Kindergarten, STW Farms Manager, John Jackson and the Harley riders. Not forgetting all the stall holders, food and drink providers, and the entertainers Jolly Jingles and the Giant Elf.



Burton Joyce Primary School children sang carols



Burton Joyce Brass bringing traditional Christmas spirit to the event



The arrival of Santa, with thanks to STW's Farms Manager John Jackson and the Sherwood Chapter's Harley Riders



Entertainment from the Giant Elf and Jolly Jingles along with our very own Elves!



Parish Councillors and Staff with Santa and the Christmas 2025 lights display

## PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

We were sad to lose the vibrancy and enthusiasm of Cllr Georgie Hadjigeorgiou, who having moved out of the village could no longer serve as a Parish Councillor here. We are extremely grateful for the time, energy and commitment she brought to the Parish Council in helping drive projects forward and bring in new ideas. We wish her well in her new home. As a result of her resignation we now have a vacancy on the Council. If you are interested in joining the Councillor team, please contact the Parish Clerk, Jessica Sherrin at [clerk@burtonjoyceparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@burtonjoyceparishcouncil.gov.uk) or call into the office to find out more about what this voluntary role entails.



## THE POP UPS ARE POPPING BACK!

Our popular monthly Pop-Up Food Fayres are back after a pause during the Community Garden works. They will operate with a slightly different format of being the *fourth* Sunday of the month and will be run by Meraki Markets. The Pop-Ups will feature some of the same stall holders as well as an array of new ones. We're excited to be re-starting this initiative, which will make excellent use of the new garden. The first 3 of the year will be held (10am-3pm) on:

**25<sup>th</sup> January**

**22<sup>nd</sup> February**

**22<sup>nd</sup> March**

## BUDGET SETTING

We have been working intensively to prepare the budget for 2026-7. With rising costs and the need to invest in facilities and staff, we constantly endeavoured to minimise any increase and ensure community value through continuous oversight. We are also proactive in seeking external grants to fund activities beyond our standard remit, as was achieved with the Community Garden. This year's precept request by the Parish Council to Gedling Borough Council will be for £263,581, which represents an increase of £7.76 per year for a Band D property. Utilising this annual sum plus other income from our facilities, the Parish Council manages, maintains and invests on behalf of the village in: Roberts Recreation Playground, The Cemetery, The Allotments, The Poplars Sports Ground, The Grove, The Old School Building, The Community Garden, The Millennium Sundial, The War Memorial and the Grass Verges. We also host several community events such as Picnic in the Park, Fireworks Display and Christmas Lights Switch-On.



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## VILLAGE SOCIETY TAKES UP SHERWOOD FOREST PLAN

The Village Society has agreed to erect in Burton Joyce one of the plaques produced by The Sherwood Forest Trust, as shown here, and the Parish Council have given permission to place it on the wall of the Old School Building, facing into the Community Garden which was opened last year. This will put it in clear view of the sculpture of deer recently installed, which is highly appropriate since the deer of Sherwood Forest were an important part of its purpose. The Society will also help to take forward the Trust's plan for planting trees in the whole area of Burton Joyce. Simon Rogers has joined the Committee and will take the lead in these projects.

The plan is to hold a formal unveiling of this plaque, and dozens of others in various locations, of February 20<sup>th</sup>, designated as Sherwood Forest Day. We hope this will contribute to making the Garden a centre for community life and local interest.

The boundaries of Sherwood Forest were fixed in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century. It went down to the River Trent, which in those days flowed a bit further South than now. In the East it extended to the Dover Beck in Lowdham and in the West to the River Leen. Northward it stretched beyond Edwinstowe. By Forest Law, common people were forbidden to kill wild animals and they could not cut timber, for fuel or construction. They could use as firewood only naturally fallen braches, and even then only what could be gathered from standing on proper footpaths and not by going into the woodland. They could take what they could reach from the paths, including what they could pull over "by hook or by crook." (Yes that's a legal term!)



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**Burton Joyce Village Society will be putting all its formal notices on the Community Notice Board, which is just inside the wall of the Community Garden facing onto Main Street and opposite Willow Wong. This will include information calling formal Society Meetings and Public meetings and other interesting local matters. Duplicate notices will go up in the Co-op, the Library and probably a few other places.**

**Is your membership of the BJVS up-to date for 2026? See the notice on that notice board! Local residents, voluntary organisations and businesses can all join.**

# VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

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## **A GREAT START FOR THE VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING.**

Our December and January coffee mornings were well attended despite the chilly start on New Years Day.

Our thanks to the volunteers who encouraged everyone to get together, meet up and make new friends.

Special thanks to the cake makers, 'The Magazine' for sponsorship, and the WI for their donation.

We look forward to seeing everyone next time.



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## ANOTHER DAY OUT - *By Patrick McDonough*

After the bustle of Leicester, my wife decided that we should have a day in Derbyshire. As our last trip there involved a perilous crossing of the stepping stones while the river was in flood, we gave Dovedale a wide berth and headed instead, on a recommendation, to Youlgreave.

It's quite a trek through Ripley, Ambergate and Cromford, and in fairness there's not much going on when you do get there, except for one thing. The place has lots and lots of peace and quiet, so quiet in fact we felt the need to speak softly.



After coffee, and a very delicious toasted teacake we headed for the church of All Saints, a pretty typical village place of worship similar in style and age to our own St. Helen's. There is a tomb on the altar marking the resting place of Thomas Cockayne who died in 1488. At just 3 ft 6 inches long I thought the tomb must belong to the smallest ever medieval knight, but a bit of Google research reveals that it is not in fact life sized.

A walk down the very steep Bradford road bought us to the little river Bradford, crossed by an ancient clapper bridge. Further upstream it seemed almost as popular as Dovedale with children and adults paddling in the crystal clear water. A stroll along the river bank and another steep climb bought us back to the village.

We headed on out in search of lunch, initially heading for the Grouse and Claret at Rowsley. However, there was a wake for someone who must have been a very popular person indeed as the place was packed and we could expect an hour's wait for food. Down the A6 to Matlock provided an ideal spot for a late lunch by the river Derwent.

A very different day out from last time but my wife said it was just what she needed.



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**BURTON JOYCE VILLAGE HALL**

Daisy Meredith, from a poor household in the east end of London, has won a scholarship to the very exclusive Grangewood Boarding school for Girls. It's not going to be an easy ride for her as she faces snobbish attitudes and sneaky tricks. This light hearted play, set in 1927 is very "Jolly hockey sticks" and "midnight feasts in the dorm".



**IT WILL BE FUN**

Rehearsals will be every Monday at 7.30 and Wednesday at 7.00, with Sunday afternoon rehearsals on 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April

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## ASH WEDNESDAY

Of all the 'big' festivals practised in the Christian based churches, Ash Wednesday whilst not at the top of any league table, undoubtedly lies either 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> but the overwhelming majority of folk will not recognise its significance. Ash Wednesday falls this year on February 18<sup>th</sup> and whilst the date of Easter varies, this day is always 46 six days earlier. So, why is this day so significant?



Imposition of ashes at Saint-Pierre-le-Jeune Catholic Church, Strasbourg,

It is a holy day of prayer and fasting in most Western Christian denominations, preceded by Shrove Tuesday ['pancake day'] and marks the first day of Lent; the seven weeks of prayer, fasting and almsgiving before the arrival of Easter. Several denominations abstain from the eating of meat and pledge themselves to daily devotion, making a Lenten sacrifice, forsaking all 'treats' until Easter arrives. This is particularly so in European Orthodoxy – try ordering meat in a Greek restaurant without getting disdainful looks!

There are special Ash Wednesday church services, where the congregation receive ash on their foreheads, or in some denominations on the top of their heads. The wearing of ashes has been a sign of repentance from Biblical times. The marking of ashes is usually in the sign of a cross, which signifies that the wearer is of devout Christian faith. *'Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return'*, is often recited. The ashes themselves are derived from burning palm leaves which had been retained from Palm Sunday church services the previous year, which has been strewn along the Nave to represent Christ's entry into Jerusalem. Also worshippers, who had saved and burnt personal crosses which they had kept in their houses to ward off evil spirits.

Consistent within the plethora of Christian churches is the constant theme or canticle of the 'Invitation' read by the clergy, with such words: *'We begin the holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance, love and forgiveness as shown by Jesus Christ and you are invited to observe Lent by self-examination and penitence by prayer and fasting etc.'* Essentially, you are being invited to give up all those things you enjoy and abstain from pleasures and only seek minimum sustenance.

I am not entirely sure what *'giving up for Lent'* includes, but if you are seeking to begin a weight loss plan, then surely February 18 beckons as a good starting point !

David Yates

## U12 Girls



The Burton Joyce Outlaws were formed last summer as a result of the demand for girls football increasing beyond the capacity of the original team. To ensure we could give girls more game time and development, and accommodate more girls wanting to start their football journey, the original team was divided into two and the Burton Joyce Outlaws were formed. The Outlaws has Craig Bromley as head coach, who has been with Burton Joyce for a number of years, and Rebecca Zoppi came on board as Manager for the team.

We currently have 12 girls in the team. We have three girls who are a year younger, three girls who are just starting their first season of football, and a few girls who had struggled to get game time in the original bigger team, but all of which have come together as a great bunch of girls determined to build something together. We have girls who dance, swim, run... but all who have united for their love of football.

The first half of the season was sometimes tough on the girls. The girls had no matching kit, as most was hand me downs, and they were given some really tough fixtures whilst the league tried to grade the league. They never got disheartened and never gave up though and when that first win came it was like they had won the lottery and they were all so excited to get their new kits, thanks to The Magazine.



*Continued ...*



For the second half of the season, they hope to build on where they have gotten too to date, hopefully start to move up the Division 3 table they have been placed in and have a good run in the cup. The other Burton Joyce team plays in Division 1 of the NGLFL and this teams aim is to eventually meet them there and have two teams playing Division 1 football, which is more than in the potential grasp of the talented group of girls!



The continued support of The Magazine across the Club has been much appreciated and helped a number of teams secure kit and merchandise.

### **Josh Travis**

The whole BJFC family was devastated by the tragic loss of Josh back in November, the Travis family have been a huge part of the Club for many years. A lot of Josh's friends play for our current U15 boys and girls teams. The club has been supporting these players and families since, and are looking to remember Josh within the Club in due course. Josh played for BJFC for a number of years until he was signed by Nottingham Forest. This was a great achievement for him and his family, and one the Club was immensely proud of.





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[Richard Berry](#)

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Joe's working life began remarkably early. At just 12 years old, he took his first job as a Saturday lad at G. Dodds Ltd in Sherwood, where he assisted in the TV repair shop. Demonstrating a natural aptitude for electronics, Joe advanced quickly, and by the age of 15, he was already working as a full-time engineer.

At 18, Joe secured an apprenticeship with the Co-op TV and Radio Service Department on Oakdale Road. His career progressed steadily, and by around 1985, when he was 37, Joe had risen to the role of Service Manager. In this position, he was responsible for overseeing a team of 50 engineers and support staff. Joe dedicated 28 years of loyal service to the Co-op, only leaving at the age of 46 due to redundancy.

Joe's respected reputation in the industry soon led to new opportunities. Just four months after leaving the Co-op, he was approached by Alders, a major retailer struggling with their existing service arrangements. Recognising Joe's trustworthiness and experience, they invited him to take on their service contract. This trust, built over decades, made Joe the obvious choice. Soon after, the business began working for John Lewis and House of Fraser and gained spares accounts from all major manufacturers. They were also accredited as an assigned service centre for leading brands such as Sony, LG, and Samsung. The company has won various awards for their dedication and customer service especially with Domestic & General.

Joe joined forces with Doug Milburn, a senior engineer from the Co-op, to found Correct Service on 1st April 1996. They started as a two-man operation in the Carlton Business Centre in Netherfield. As the business flourished, they moved first to Prospect Road and later to larger premises on Meadow Lane.



Andrew, Joe and Steve

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## **Celebrating 30 Years of Correct Service** (continued)

In 2009, Joe purchased the former Co-op service centre on Oakdale Road—an ironic twist, as the building had once served as a Co-op supermarket and later as its purpose-built service department. Joe and his sons worked tirelessly during evenings and weekends to renovate the building and restore it back into a functioning workshop.

The family's connection to the trade has become a lasting legacy, Joe's son Andrew joined the company at age 17, the following year as a TV apprentice engineer. Five years later, Andrew's twin brother, Steven—who had been studying for a degree in mechatronics—also joined the business. Steven's wife, Sarah Green, became part of the company a year later. Andrew's son Logan who's currently at university works on a Saturday and in the holidays bringing a young brain and IT skills to the business.

Both sons had grown up learning the trade, helping Joe repair TVs and electrical appliances in his home workshop for family and friends.

The family connection extended further, as Joe's son-in-law, Ian Vokes of Burton Joyce, a qualified TV engineer, worked part-time for the business before launching his own hearing aid company, Correct Hearing, with his wife, audiologist Sarah Vokes. Correct Hearing shares part of the Oakdale Road site for their shop, and their two sons Adam & Maxwell, both audiologists, now work alongside their parents in the business.

Correct Service currently has a team of 12 long-serving staff from age range 17 to 70, including senior engineers who started out at the original Co-op Repair Centre to young apprentice engineers. They continue to support customers across the local area and beyond, especially at a time when fewer TV repair services are available due to the rise of a throwaway culture. Correct are always interested to hear from any TV engineers or anybody with skills in this area, that may want a part time job to help train the young apprentices as sadly there are no formal qualifications for this sector, they offer in house training.

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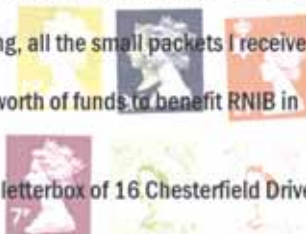
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# **JAPAN** *by Richard Berry*

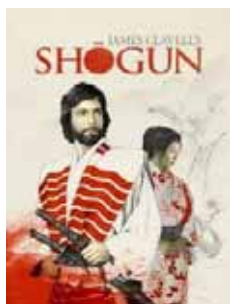
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## **INTRODUCTION**

Throughout this year in 'The Magazine,' I will select highlights from my trip and maybe persuade you to 'Go visit!'



'Give me the child until he is seven and I will give you the man'



'Shogun' TV series

A well-known quotation attributable to either Aristotle or St. Ignatius Loyola. I am tempted to side with Aristotle on the basis if he claimed authorship he would be tricky to win an argument against. Application of this theory to my formative years reveals my obsession in all things Japanese. From the Shinkansen (bullet train) to the madcap TV series 'Monkey,' and from martial arts to the novels of



Hai Karate Aftershave

Haruki Murakami. Japan, from afar, seemed to be heady mix of the traditional and contemporary and exuded an exoticism and effortless style.

During September 2025 I was fortunate enough to fulfill a lifetime ambition and visit Japan. Over the following months I may offer you a snapshot of this fascinating country and make insightful observations such as... Japan is big, very big. The scale of everything in Japan is bigger than you could possibly imagine. Just when you think you have come across the tallest building, most spectacular temple, jaw-dropping vista, the busiest railway station, the largest stationery shop (seriously), or just the weirdest thing you have ever come across, something else comes along to surpass it.

The scale, architecture and vision of the cities often left me feeling that I had landed on the set of Blade Runner 2049. Even though the cities surpassed my expectations, I had not anticipated how equally impressive the countryside would be with its lush vegetation, wildlife, rivers and mountains. Japan never failed to surprise or impress.

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## RYOAN-JI - Zen Temple in Kyoto

### EMBRACE THE MOSS

I have always envied Monty Don. Whereas I wage a constant war against weeds in my garden or rabbits on my allotment, Monty leads a charmed life, fretting about which species of dahlia he should grow this year.

My resentment towards him grew when I watched 'Monty Don's Japanese Gardens,' and he visited the renowned Ryoan-ji temple in northwest Kyoto. Over recent years I have dreamt of transforming my back garden into something akin to its kare-sansui or 'dry landscape,' so I can emerge each morning, rake gravel back into perfect patterns, talk to animals and retreat into a bubble of zen.

But now my ire towards the venerable Monty has lessened as I too have now visited this remarkable place.



"The Temple of the Dragon at Peace", considered one of the finest examples of dry landscape

The Ryoan-ji temple garden is only twenty-five metres by ten metres. It has fifteen stones of different sizes, placed in five groups; one group of five stones, two groups of three, and two groups of two stones.

The stones are surrounded by white smooth pebbles, carefully raked by monks. The only vegetation is moss surrounding the rocks. As I sat on the veranda and viewed the area (which can never all be seen entirely simultaneously), I contemplated my forlorn attempts to defeat moss in my garden and concluded that instead, I ought to work with it.

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The clay wall stained by age in tones of red and brown is far more than a simple background to the garden and is stunning in itself. The layout of the garden is open to many interpretations from people more qualified than I, but for me it was enough to sit quietly and absorb the wonder of it.



The wash basin (tsukubai) situated at the entrance to a holy place and provided for ritual washing of the hands and mouth



Chokushimon—the gate used specifically for the passage of the Emperor or his officials

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## SHIBUYA CROSSING TOKYO - The world busiest pedestrian crossing

### LOST IN A STATION

I had only been in Japan four days and was therefore pleased with myself that I had managed to navigate my way from Suminoe in downtown Osaka all the way to Shibuya in north- west Tokyo.

I had planned the whole route except for the final 400 metres to the hotel. But that's no distance at all is it? Michael Johnson ran it in 43.13 seconds for heaven's sake, so even if I went a little wrong, it wouldn't take much time to recover my bearings? Wrong. I emerged from one of the six exits at Shibuya station into the iconic Shibuya crossing which featured prominently in the 2020 Olympics and has popped up in numerous films and computer games.



I had no signal on my phone, there were people everywhere and enormous buildings with giant neon-lit screens bearing down on me. Not for the first time in Japan I experienced sensory overload. I attempted to ask people directions to my hotel but found my Japanese (essentially confined to martial arts terms) was somewhat limiting. In any event, I could not decipher any street names. I decided I had to move, just to give myself a chance of latching onto a clue that may be useful in reaching my destination. So, I entered the crossing with pedestrians, converging from all directions, many taking selfies and videos.

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## DINING OUT REVIEW

By  
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I located award-winning Limas Bar & Tapas in Long Eaton (Est. 2023). This Two AA Rosettes restaurant was created and developed with a Mediterranean feeling and has complementing artworks. Current special offers and forthcoming events are detailed on the website and are proving to be extremely popular.

To commence my dining time - Mixed Olives. For the 'main event' I selected Satay Chicken, (Chicken Skin Crumble, Black Garlic & Lime), plus Korean Fried Monkfish (Thai Spiced Honey, Pickled Ginger & Herb Yoghurt) and Tenderstem Broccoli (Crispy Chilli Oil, Blue Cheese Dressing). I found these dishes to be delicious, with impressive presentations. Compliments to Ben, Head Chef, who creates memorable and outstanding dishes, along with the team.

Complementing flavours of ingredients were in abundance. Further choices included other meats and seafood options, with gluten free, vegetarian and vegan preferences all being very much accommodated,

For dessert I favoured Mango & Lime Baked Alaska. This delectation came as a most perfect (for me) towards ending of the dining occasion.

The drinks menu offers something for all palates. Parties/occasions and corporate events are easily accommodated. Gift vouchers (to surprise someone special?) are available. Occasional entertainment times are very popular and booked well in advance. Outside catering can be arranged, too. Thank you to Kenny, for exemplary service throughout.

Finally, if just a drink is 'the order of the day', then just have a drink – or two. Highly recommended.

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# BJ Readers

By Jo McCarthy

## Wild for Whipple, Potty about Pym...

Avid readers of this column (should they exist) may recall that the LLoL's club (Lost Ladies of Literature) began in May '24 and we meet every six weeks in BJ library to discuss a book published between 1920 and 1980 written by a female author (see ad on page 66 of this magazine). We try to focus on lesser-known books or authors to truly embrace the idea of 'Lost', but we have also strayed into more popular territory. It would, after all, have been unthinkable not to have re-read the *Country Girls* in homage to the wonderful and mischievous Edna O'Brien, who died last year.

For this month's column, I'm going to give readers a flavour of what we've been reading at the LLoLs in an attempt to lure more members to the group, or simply (as ever) to give you some good reading tips.

Anyone heard of Dorothy Whipple? Probably not. This lost lady *authored* over 20 works of fiction, and there is a blue plaque in her honour in Mapperley Park! Her books were mainly written in the Interwar Period and are best described as domestic realism. She focuses on the lives of middle-class women, many of whom were frustrated by the absence of real purpose or opportunity for intellectual pursuit in their genteel worlds. One of her better-known novels is *We Were Sisters* (1943). This is a rare example of a mid-century novel about coercive control in a domestic situation and the tribalism of sisterhood. Think *Bad Sisters* in novel form! Continuing with domestic themes, in *Someone at a Distance* (1953), Whipple explores the fragile lives of the women who invest everything, emotional and financial, into their families, exacerbating their vulnerability and inevitable hardship when their lives fall apart at the manicured hands of the floozy French *au pair*. Critics blamed Whipple's fall from popularity on the sheer 'readability' of her books, but this is absolutely what makes them. Thanks to *Persephone*, several of Whipple's books have been republished, and a whole generation of new readers can benefit from her timeless life instructions. A bonus fun fact: there was a Wild For Whipple conference last year and rumour has it that it sold out in about ten mins. Eat your heart out, Taylor Swift.

Let's fast-forward back one century. *The Homemaker* by Dorothy Canfield Fisher (1924) is a story of radical gender role reversal. At a time when PG Wodehouse was making us howl, and Agatha Christie was keeping us guessing, this was not the sort of novel the world was expecting. The Kipp family appear to be the perfect American family. Mum (Eva) Dad (Lester) and their three children live a respectable suburban life in New England, but behind the freshly painted front door the Kipp family dynamics are toxic. Dad hates his work, Mum despises being a homemaker, and the children are suffering health issues rooted in their Mum's attempts to run her household like a CEO. In short, misery abounds. Fate intervenes when Lester slips off a roof and becomes wheelchair bound. Suddenly, it's all change in the Kipp household.

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There is an extremely moving scene where Lester covertly watches his youngest child learning to use an egg-whisk, illustrating the joy of fatherhood in a way we do not identify with that era. Carol Shields aptly described this as '*a remarkable and brave novel*'.

Move forwards only a decade and the world found itself blindly stumbling into the rise of national fascism. Last year *Persephone* re-published an unknown pre-war gem, *The Crooked Cross* by Sally Carson. Published in 1934 Carson charts the inexorable rise of Nazism during the first year of Hitler's Chancellorship. Carson was not German. On the contrary she lived in North Yorkshire but had spent several holidays in Bavaria as a young woman. Through the eyes of an ordinary Bavarian family *The Crooked Cross* charts the disaffection of German youth during a period of economic instability and high unemployment, and the author predicts with disarming accuracy the absolute horrors to come. Books about Nazism are generally written from a historical perspective. This book is different. Carson's book *predicted* what was to come. She died in 1941, aged 38 from breast cancer, long before the extent of those horrors were laid bare to the world, and thus never knew the accuracy of her devastating premonitions. \*

Barbara Pym (1913-1980) was very much a lost lady, until Lord David Cecil and Philip Larkin (taking a break from insulting parents) sang her praises, and indeed, I myself first discovered her about this time. Our group, all "Excellent Women" in our own right, read the novel which goes by this title during the year. The titular phrase appears frequently throughout the novel, often used by men in a somewhat patronising way. As in many of Pym's novels, the women perform small but meaningful duties in the service of churches or voluntary organisations and are often taken for granted. The setting of *Excellent Women* is the bedsit land of London in the Interwar Period, which she drew from her own experience. She chronicles the trials of shared housing and the social interactions between single, educated women and their neighbours. Other settings in her novels – Shropshire, Oxfordshire – are all character driven, depicting a world of vicars, anthropologists and 'excellent women' who are the bedrock of their milieu. If this sounds boring, it isn't. Pym is funny, satirical and poignant. \*\*

An altogether different read was *Our Spoons Came from Woolworths* by another Barbara and Lost Lady, Barbara Comyns. Set in a more bohemian London than that of Pym's world, it is largely autobiographical. The naivety of the protagonist is painful to read as she tries to cope with 2 babies, a pet newt and a completely self-centred husband. \*\*

Take your Richard Osman or Lee Child down to the charity shop right now and make the acquaintance of one of these excellent women. You will not regret it.

Jo McCarthy

BJ Readers

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*Firstly, I hope you have all had a wonderful and safe period over Christmas and New Year. I remain grateful for having the opportunity to contribute to The Magazine again this year and would like to take this early opportunity to update you on our plan in regards to our community engagement. We have historically organised Beat Surgeries once a month in Burton Joyce/Lambley/Stoke Bardolph on a revolving basis. However, we have seen reduced attendance so commencing from April, we will be trialling a Beat Surgery once every 3 months. We will be filling this gap through 'Lets Talk' events which is an opportunity for residents across the area to see a Police Officer and a PCSO to discuss your concerns. These will take place in place in Supermarkets, Leisure Centres or Car Parks in the summer. As an example, PCSO Trevor Parkinson conducted a 'Lets Talk' engagement at the Saturday 0900 hrs Park Run event at Gedling Country Park in December 2025. As always, we are open to feedback about how this works and we will aim to remain flexible and adaptable to needs of the community.*

*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](mailto:trevor.parkinson@notts.police.uk).*

*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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 1400 hrs at Burton Joyce Library, Burton Joyce, Nottinghamshire*
- ☐ *Lambley Beat Surgery – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 at 1400 hrs at Lambley Church, Church Street, Lambley, Nottinghamshire.*
- ☐ *Stoke Bardolph Surgery – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 at 1400 hrs at Stoke Bardolph Community Centre, Stoke Lane, Stoke Bardolph, Nottinghamshire*

*There will be further beat surgery and 'Lets Talk' events 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.*

*More recently in Gedling, PC 2358 Mark Szeremeta has led an operation to tackle a spike in vehicle crime (theft of vehicles, theft from vehicles and vehicle interference) around Chase Farm Estate/Gedling Village. The area saw around 13 offences between 0500-0600 hrs on random days between Sept-Dec 2025.*

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*The team took on a problem-solving approach and ensured there was a multi-faceted operation in place which included patrols (both high visibility and plain clothes), education and awareness, and an enhanced investigation and enforcement strategy. On 21.12.25 PC Szeremeta and the team arrested a suspect who is now on police bail with a curfew and conditions to stay out of the area. I am pleased to report there has been a significant reduction in offending which is a testament to the problem solving approach that has been adopted.*

*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.*

*Could I once again take the opportunity to encourage residents to sign up to the Notts Alert ([www.nottsalerts.co.uk](http://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 4332 Trevor Parkinson at [trevor.parkinson@notts.police.uk](mailto:trevor.parkinson@notts.police.uk) or PC 2358 Mark Szeremeta at [mark.szerameta@notts.police.uk](mailto:mark.szerameta@notts.police.uk). We look forward to seeing you at some of the future Beat Surgeries.*




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The garden is quiet as we start the New Year so I thought I might consider one or two small shrubs that have given us pleasure over the years at Dumbleside.

I will start with cherry *Prunus incisa*. Fig1. Most of the ornamental cherries we grow are small trees and while often stunning in flower take up a lot of room in a small garden and furthermore are quite greedy and so difficult to underplant. *Prunus incisa* is really quite small and reliable with pinkish tinged white flowers in March making a nice start in an area we call the shrubbery. While I have called it



Fig 1, *Prunus incisa*

small for this article and it is I don't want it to take up too much room in this small area and am going to trim it back after flowering and I am fairly confident it will in due course make buds for next year. I have been tempted by several of the larger ornamental cherries over the years but none have held their place in the garden and have been dug out. I can enjoy them in Padleys Lane for example and other peoples gardens and make better use of the space at home.

I was tempted by the name *Daphne transatlantica* eternal fragrance. Fig2. Said to flower over a long summer season. This indeed has been the case with ours now a dense rounded shrub in a little raised bed by the steps down to the lawn no more than two feet high. It is evergreen and is always neat and respectable. It is scented but perhaps not to be compared with *Daphne Jacqueline* Postill the huge and ungainly shrub that fills the kitchen yard with scent but does earn its keep.



Fig 2, *Daphne transatlantica* eternal fragrance

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## IN OUR GARDEN (continued)

Coronilla Valentina Fig3 does not often get a mention in the garden columns. It has a pretty pale green leaf and is evergreen which is particularly attractive as I write against the rich brown leaves the beech hedge keeps all winter. The yellow flowers appear in spring and again in autumn and have the scent of a ripe peach. There is a pale yellow form ( citrina ) which is really pretty but tender in my garden and I have lost it.



Fig 3, Coronilla Valentina

I have written about fuchsias before, furthermore they are not usually thought of as shrubs but are fun to grow and particularly good for the end of the season. There are hundreds of varieties and forms but I don't think any family has a prettier flower which has been bred with such attractive appeal making use of reds, whites, pink and purples. They root with extreme ease from cuttings and can be trained to grow as a standard or smaller shrub by pinching out side shoots to shape them.. I grew three nice varieties I had from friends in this way where they thrive and grow happily in a sunny spot. I found a very floriferous dwarf one which at about ten inches makes a patch of colour in the gravel garden later in the year. Fuchsia magellanica Pumilla Fig4.



Fig 4, Fuchsia magellanica Pumilla

Finally I would recommend Ceratostigma willottianum to grow against a sunny wall. It produces a rich blue flower in late summer and is loved by bees. The leaves are tinted a rich red in autumn. It makes a fine companion for the fuchsias I have described.



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## MEADOW PIPIT

### Cruising the North East

PART 3

It so happened that on the Sunday while we were there the Melbourne Raceway were holding a "Run what you brung" day, and Ian was keen to go. As it was only a mile away we decided to walk - which would have been fine if we had set off in the right direction! After three wrong turnings and about four miles walk we finally found the Raceway entrance only to discover that it was a further mile to the actual track.

Thankfully, a kind soul in a car offered us a lift which we gratefully accepted. There were all kinds of cars racing - some of which just looked like normal cars and some of which had amazing adaptations; my favourite were the huge American cars and pick up trucks. The highlight, however was a jet car which had been built by a bored engineer during lockdown. This massive vehicle was on display during the day, and we just had to wait to see it run before we left. The build up was electric, and the bang as it set off deafened me for some time after, but to see this thing racing past with flames leaping out from behind was quite a sight - it reached just short of 200mph. Luckily we found a shorter walk back, and the next day, after a very happy week in Melbourne we bid goodbye to everyone and returned back to the Derwent and Barmby Barrage ready to lock back out onto the tidal River Ouse and cruise up to Selby on the next flood tide.



Melbourne Raceway



The Jet car

We moored overnight on the visitor moorings ready for penning out at 8.30am, and were surprised to see the lights turn from red to green inviting us into the lock earlier than expected. A quick call to the Lock Keeper on the VHF radio to see what was going on, and it transpired that the river levels had come up dramatically overnight and he was anxious to get us in the lock as soon as possible or the tide may bring the river up too high for us to get under the concrete footbridge going over the lock. We went straight into the lock but as the water began to rise the bridge above us got closer and closer, until there were only a few inches of headroom left. However if the gates were opened and River Ouse flow came into the lock Meadow Pipit could get stuck under the bridge.

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We decided not to risk it, so the Lock Keeper emptied the lock again and we reversed out back onto the moorings. The next morning the Lock Keeper was leaving nothing to chance - we were in that lock at 7am and safely through it by 7.30. We tied up in the slack water outside the lock entrance and watched the tide rushing in. We wanted to get to Selby Lock, where we would be going up onto Selby basin and the Selby Canal, at high water to make it easier to enter the lock from the river, so that meant waiting a while. It would also mean the force of the incoming tide would have slowed down and there would be more water in the river and less chance of going aground.



Barmby Barrage and the bridge

Finally the branches and debris flying past along the river seemed to be slowing down and we decided to go for it; the early morning sun took the chill out of the air and it was a magical cruise to Selby. We had been warned that the section of the Ouse between Barmby and Selby is the most dangerous, and certainly there were some very steep corners where huge logs seemed to congregate, lying in wait for unsuspecting boaters - it is said that the flotsam and jetsam on the Ouse is hundreds of years old and just gets carried backwards and forwards by the tides. As the water was high, we got a fantastic view of the countryside and the elegant houses dotted along the riverbanks. Finally we reached Selby Swing Bridge (which didn't need to be swung for us) and we called up the Selby Lock Keeper on the VHF who assured us that everything was ready for us to go straight into the lock. After a few anxious moments trying to identify the lock entrance amongst the tree foliage, we saw the lock gates and managed a perfect turn into the lock without even touching the sides. We moored in the basin by the lock and had a well earned breakfast on board while warming up by the fire.

We knew we liked Selby from a previous visit, so planned to stay for a few days, which was lucky as it began to rain heavily and didn't stop. There's something about being moored safely next to a tidal river, and it was fascinating to go and see how high it got every day at high water. Certainly it was getting increasingly higher and there was flooding in the surrounding countryside. What we didn't realise until after the event was that at the height of the flooding, the Lock Keepers were up all night monitoring the water levels and debating whether to close the flood gates above the lock. The purpose of the flood gates is to hold back the tidal waters of the River Ouse from entering the basin and the Selby Canal, but the problem was that a lot of the flood water was draining into the canal further down, so if that water wasn't allowed out through the lock sluices the canal and basin would be flooded too. I'm glad that we were sleeping peacefully through it all, blissfully unaware of the potential danger until it had passed.

**NEXT EDITION - the Selby Canal**

This month we see life start to emerge again in our gardens. Bulbs are starting to flower and leaves are starting to burst. It is an exciting time for gardeners!

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

- Brighten up your home with some colourful houseplants
- Feed the birds, our feathery friends need some extra help this month
- Ensure frost protection is in place for those chilly winter nights
- Plant up any empty pots you have with winter colour.
- Plant out bare-root fruit trees, fruit canes and bushes
- Look for dull areas of the garden that can be brightened up with colourful evergreens or striking stems of deciduous trees and shrubs.
- Get chitting your potatoes. This gets them sprouting ready for planting
- Sow under cloches broad beans, peas, radish and summer cabbage

## This Month look Out For.....Peonies

You will find an extensive selection of Peony available to purchase this month, with many new and exciting varieties becoming available each year.

Chinese Tree peonies are particularly special as they come in the most beautiful



Chinese Tree peonies

colours. Look out for

deep, rich purple and sunny, golden yellow! Growing up to 2m in height with either single or double blooms in late spring and early summer, these shrubs are a must try for your 2026 garden.

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Snowdrop season is here and you may have noticed swathes of these delightful flowering bulbs in wooded areas, some grass verges and in gardens. Create your own sensational snowdrop display by planting snowdrops 'in the green' now. By planting actual plants as opposed to the bulbs you can plant in the autumn, you can be sure of growing success as snowdrop bulbs are notoriously temperamental when it comes to growing them yourself at home.



Look out for other wonderful bulbs to plant out now too including Bluebells, Lily of The Valley , Wood Anemone and more!  
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The Friends of Lowdham and Burton Joyce Stations, has once again been shortlisted for a Community Rail Award, a national accolade that celebrates the inspiring work of community rail partnerships and station volunteer groups across Britain.

The local group of Station Adopters is a finalist in the Small Project Award category for its project - Newark Brake Trials, which you may have read about in a recent Village Magazine. The group brought local school children together at the Air and Space

Institute where they constructed carriages using shoe boxes with kits supplied by Primary Engineer. The children then tested the reliability of the brake systems. They learnt about the importance of the brake trials which took place 150 years ago on the Nottingham to Lincoln line. They had lunch on board a fuselage of a plane that students use as part of their training and also all had an opportunity to take the controls of a flight simulator. A rewarding, inspiring and fun day for everyone involved.

The Community Rail Awards, now in its 21st year, celebrate the remarkable contributions of local groups and volunteers who transform stations into welcoming, inclusive spaces and connect communities with rail travel. Their efforts play a crucial role in promoting sustainable transport, reducing isolation, and ensuring communities have a voice in shaping their railways.

This year's winners will be revealed at a prestigious ceremony in Derby on Thursday 19th March, bringing together leaders from across the rail industry and community sectors. Organised by Community Rail Network and headline partnered by East Midlands Railway, the Awards showcase a wide range of initiatives that foster social inclusion, encourage greener travel, empower communities, and support local economies. The event highlights how community rail builds connections and creates positive change, benefiting communities and often transforming lives.



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## Burton Joyce Primary - Spring Term Highlights to come.

Happy New Year from Burton Joyce Primary! The school has kicked off 2026 with exciting topics and activities across all year groups.

### Foundation Stage

Our youngest learners are diving into the world of castles. They'll explore stories like *The Legend of Robin Hood* and *Rapunzel*, create collaborative castle models in Design Technology, and experiment with materials to see what makes strong castle walls. Maths focuses on numbers to 10, shapes, and early time concepts, while English includes writing labels, posters, and simple stories.. Welly Wednesdays continue fortnightly for outdoor learning adventures.



### Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

KS1 pupils are comparing life in England and Kenya through geography, art, and literature. They'll read *Handa's Surprise*, write postcards inspired by *Meerkat Mail*, and create vibrant jungle art in the style of Henri Rousseau. Year 1 is tackling addition, subtraction, and place value to 50, while Year 2 focuses on money and multiplication/division. Science lessons explore living things and habitats, and children will even record their own audio books.

### Years 3 & 4

The theme for this half term is rivers, with a big question: *Why does our River Trent flood in winter?* Pupils will study river features, world rivers, and take part in fieldwork, including a walk to the River Trent on 2nd February and a trip to Perlethorpe on 5th February. In English, they'll write poetry inspired by Valerie Bloom and explanation texts about the water cycle. Maths covers multiplication, division, and perimeter. Science focuses on states of matter, while art explores Rachel Whiteread's sculptures. Music lessons feature Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man*, and PE includes dance and gymnastics.

### Years 5 & 6

Building on their WWII studies, pupils will begin the term exploring Anne Frank's life and diary, culminating in writing biographies. They'll also create Renga poetry and enjoy reading *The Escape Room*. Maths focuses on multiplication, division, and fractions for Year 5, while Year 6 tackles algebra and decimals. Science explores classification of living things, and geography looks at global trade and its environmental impact. Art lessons feature the works of William Morris, and computing includes podcast production with sound engineering techniques.

**Our after school clubs this half-term include Dodgeball, Multi-Skills Sports, Drumba, Craft Club and a Construction club.**  
**Special events include a Peter Pan Pantomime on 16th January and a Valentine's non-uniform day on 12th February.**



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## **SPRING TERM**

### **Rewards all round at Carlton le Willows**

We experienced a colder than usual start to the spring term but the academic year is hotting up at Carlton le Willows. Over the coming term we will be sending our brightest science minds from Years 9 and 11 up to the Delta head office to take part in the Trust-wide Science Mavericks event. This gives Carlton le Willows students the chance to pit their wits against their peers from other Delta schools, all vying for the top place spot.

Year 11 took part in a series of trial exams just before Christmas. Their dedication and hard work made their teachers proud and hopefully they will have enjoyed taking part in the rewards assembly last week, where attainment, progress and effort was recognised and celebrated.

All other year groups took part in rewards assemblies at the end of autumn term. These are joyous events where students are rewarded for attendance, behaviour and good work through Tri-Stars, Beautiful Work and Proud Thursday awards. Students with 100% attendance were congratulated and this year a new Learning Manager award has been introduced. The aim is for this to be presented termly to one student in each year group who consistently demonstrates qualities encapsulated in the Academy ethos – The Willows Way.

The Willows Way encourages students to develop seven key qualities – including respect, helpfulness, politeness and resilience – and exhibit them in their every day lives. They were developed in conjunction with the Academy Student Council at the end of last academic year and are now being embedded across the school. We look forward to seeing who the Willows Way Learning Manager award goes to next!

# HARLEY FOUNDATION

Harley Foundation announces 2026 exhibition programme, including new museum display, the Harley Open exhibition, plus contemporary shows exploring mining and mythology.



## **Jennifer Vanderpool: Bread and Roses - Welbeck's Untold Stories**

17 January 2026 – 4 May 2026

American artist Jennifer Vanderpool creates collages and films exploring the social and cultural impact of industrial decline on working-class communities. In this exhibition, her immersive floor-to-ceiling collages are combined with historical objects and video interviews to explore the history of coal mining in Nottinghamshire, and the impact on local communities following the closure of the mines.

## **Coal Mining Stories**

17 January 2026 – 3 January 2027

Celebrating the creativity of the area's coal mining communities, the Harley Gallery will exhibit a selection of artworks by ex-miners and from the wider mining community alongside archival material exploring the history of Welbeck's connections to coal mining.



## **The World's Mine Oyster: Art, Nature and Collecting the Globe**

20 March 2026 – 8 April 2029

In this new museum display, visitors will learn the stories behind the Portland Collection – built up over 400 years by the Cavendish family and their descendants – for the first time. The exhibition brings together previously untold stories with new research to explore how this family saw and used the natural world, both at home and across the world.

*The World's Mine Oyster* includes artworks that have never been on public display before, such as the newly restored *A View of Antwerp*, and the latest research giving new perspectives on well-known works, such as Michelangelo's *Madonna del Silenzio*.



## **Serena Korda: Triple Goddess**

16 May 2026 – 6 September 2026

*Triple Goddess* combines new works by British artist Serena Korda, with important past works, many never seen before in the UK. This bold installation explores three archetypes of a woman's life: Maiden, Mother and Crone.

Korda takes inspiration from history, folklore and myth. For this exhibition Korda will make new work in collaboration with her 6-year-old daughter, creating family portraits in ceramic influenced by the miniatures in the Portland Collection.

These exhibitions are on show at the Harley Foundation, Nottinghamshire throughout 2026.

All exhibitions are free to enter and there is a large, free car park.

The gallery is open every day. Please check [www.harleyfoundation.org.uk](http://www.harleyfoundation.org.uk) for opening times.

The Harley Foundation is on the Welbeck estate, on the A60 south of Worksop. It is 15 minutes from both the A1 and M1.



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We would like to thank everyone who took part in our Christmas concert, all those who supported us & all who gave donations. The sum of £1,112 was raised for Haywood House.

**We meet on Thursdays 1.45 to 3.45 in Burton Joyce Village Hall.**  
**For more information phone**  
**Tina 07742 670732 or Heather 0115 8440872.**



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We received this letter from Mary just after the December edition had been printed and would like wish Mary (and Mike, of course) our very best for the future.

They have advertised in 'The Magazine' for the last 5 years and many editions of the Parish Magazine previously, and we are very grateful for their support.

Thank you  
The Magazine team

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**dennis hairstyles**

Prop. Mrs M Storr

After 46 years serving the good people of  
Burton Joyce,  
I sadly have to tell you that I will be closing the salon for  
the last time on  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026

For almost half a century we have been cutting, perming,  
blowdrying and colouring the hair of local ladies (and  
more than a few gentlemen!) and I have enjoyed every  
minute of being part of village life and I will miss you all  
terribly

May I take this opportunity of thanking you for your  
custom over the years.....and I wish you and yours,  
Season's Greetings

Mary

## LOCAL EVENTS



**BURTON JOYCE  
COMMUNITY  
MARKET**

THIS MONTH'S CHARITY **AGE Concern** Carleton de Strathclyde

THIS MONTH'S CHARITY **MAGGIE'S** Homecare & Support

**Saturday 10 til 1pm Saturday**

**February 14<sup>th</sup> March 14<sup>th</sup>**

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### The Burton Joyce Village Lunch

Everyone is welcome to join our friendly community event and enjoy our homecooked food, specially prepared by our volunteers.

Our next lunches are on  
**Thursday 20th February  
& Thursday 20th March**  
at 12.00 noon

We will be serving our  
**Winter Menu:**  
**SOUP & BREAD**  
**DESSERT**  
**TEA, COFFEE or HERB TEA**

**MINIMUM £5 DONATION**

**SMALL HALL  
BJ & B VILLAGE HALL**

## The 'Lost Ladies of Literature' Book Group

**We are looking for new members for our Book Group.**

We meet on an approximate 6 weekly basis at Burton Joyce Library on a Thursday night between 7m and 9pm (and sometimes go to the pub after!)

**The next meetings are on the 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, and 9<sup>th</sup> April**

This month's BJ Readers Article, in this edition, will give you a flavour of the type of books we read and discuss.

There is a small charge of £5 to cover room hire and beverages etc.

If you would like to join us please do send me an email and I will send you additional details.

**It's lots of fun, and not at all high brow.**

**Jo McCarthy ([jomccarthy37@hotmail.com](mailto:jomccarthy37@hotmail.com))**

**07939 148624**

## BURTON JOYCE & BULCOTE WI

[www.burtonjoyceandbulcotewi.weebly.com](http://www.burtonjoyceandbulcotewi.weebly.com)

A member of the Nottinghamshire Federation of Women's Institutes



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

### Future Meetings

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| February 12 <sup>th</sup> | Local Ecologist Mike Reid on<br>'Wildlife in Nottingham'    |
| March 12 <sup>th</sup>    | Clare Leggett – First Aid and CPR                           |
| April 9 <sup>th</sup>     | Gillie Ford - Voyage around the<br>Great British Sewing Bee |

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.

## **BURTON JOYCE & BULCOTE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY SPEAKER PROGRAMME**

Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11 <sup>th</sup> February | Dave Mooney<br>The History of Busking and Street Performance |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> March    | Laura Parker<br>Excavations on the Burbage                   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> April     | Chris Weir<br>Village and Town Bands                         |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> May      | Peter Liddle<br>Bradgate Park                                |

Contact: Christine Shepherd, Meetings Secretary 0115 9618840



## **BURTON JOYCE & DISTRICT u3a**

BJu3a provides the opportunity for those no longer in work to socialise, and learn for fun. You can enjoy activities from walking to wine tasting, book clubs, bridge, canasta and cribbage, dining out, fashion, gardening, languages, pétanque, table tennis, ukulele, trips and social events. Pay a visit to one of our speaker meetings - there's no charge, no obligation, and you will be made very welcome.

### **MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETINGS**

Monthly speaker meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in Burton Joyce & Bulcote Village Hall, Trent Lane, Burton Joyce, at 1:30pm.

### **TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2026 – JOHN TODD – “OUR NHS TODAY”**

John studied Physics at university and went on to study applications of physics in medicine, which covers radiation safety and nuclear medicine, IT, electronics and imaging. He was appointed head of department at City Hospital in 1978 and by the late 1980s had taken on wider management responsibilities. In 1991 he was appointed a Director at Leicester Royal Infirmary responsible for information, medical records and hitting all the targets aimed at reducing waiting times for patients, and for one year he managed the Glenfield Hospital. He also served on the NHS/BMA committee developing rules for accessing data held in NHS. When he was trained at BBC Nottingham to cope with the media, he was told he had the face, voice and demeanour to deal well with bad news!

The NHS has always been under pressure to meet the demand and needs of patients but over the past 15 years waiting times and major issues have increased. This talk explores the reasons including population growth, patient expectations, clinical developments and pressures on services in the community, including GP practices. These pressures have been apparent and known for many years, but correcting them is difficult to put into practice. John explains the issues, his big concerns, looks at actions being considered to bring about improvements, and shows how we compare with other countries in terms of facilities and survival from cancer.

### **TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2026 - AMANDA HARRIS - "SHE WILL NEVER"**

Amanda was diagnosed with a visual impairment when only a few weeks old but went on to gain a degree and create a successful career as a business owner and motivational speaker. Her honest, moving story highlights her transformation from the only disabled child in the playground to a strong and independent woman. Amanda is often asked how she manages in everyday life and to dispel disability myths her answers to FAQs are frank and humourous, and will assist those who want to fully engage with people experiencing sight loss. She proves disability is no barrier to being successful.

<https://bju3a.co.uk/events>

## Burton Joyce Library

**Happy New Year to all our readers!** We're raring to go at Burton Joyce Library, with lots of fresh stock on the shelves, a brand-new jigsaw to add to, and of course the option to buy a cup of tea or coffee for 50p to warm you up while you browse.

If you've challenged yourself to learn something new in 2026 why not grab a copy of our new **Spring Inspire Adult Learning Course Guide?** There's something for everyone with courses covering Family Learning, Languages, Maths, and Music with lots of others in between. Courses are all low cost or free depending on your personal circumstances. You can book online at [inspirelearning.org.uk/learning](https://inspirelearning.org.uk/learning) or by calling 01623 677 200.

**Made a resolution to read more books in 2026? Burton Joyce Library Reading Group** celebrated their **10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in January** and are always looking for more enthusiastic book lovers to join their friendly bunch. The Group will be discussing books with a sense of place (in the UK) in February and books linked to artists in March. Come down to the library on the second Monday of the month for 10am.

**Rattle, Rhyme and Roll** continues each **Wednesday in the library, from 10.30am-11am** – pop in to have a sing with your pre-schoolers, hang around to change your books and have a chat after. This under-fives session is free, and you don't need to book. Hope to see you soon!

Join us for a **special Storytime at the end of each singing session through to Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** as part of the BookTrust Storytime – children can collect a sticker for each of the 5 books they read (or listen to) and can vote for their favourite story by adding a sticker to our wall chart!

| 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 |

Burton Joyce Library, Inspire:Culture, Learning and Libraries  
Meadow Lane, Burton Joyce, Nottingham NG14 5EX



Supported by Burton Joyce Parish Council, The Friends of Lowdham and Burton Joyce Stations, the Village Society, Women s Institute and Trent Valley Councillors

## An hourly train service throughout the day for Burton Joyce station

As announced in the last edition of The Magazine, the new timetable, giving Burton Joyce an hourly service throughout the day from Monday to Saturday, is now fully operational. We are already seeing more residents using the station, whether for commuting to Nottingham, Beeston, Derby or Newark or for connections to Leicester, London, Birmingham, the South-West, West Coast Main Line, Scotland, Gatwick and Manchester airports, and Eurostar services to the continent.

As shown in the timetables below, almost all trains stopping in Burton Joyce heading towards Newark continue through to Lincoln, making a day-trip to Lincoln by train an attractive proposition - we are delighted to note that the U3A organised just such a trip on 23rd January.

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!

For best value, advance tickets to all destinations can be booked up to 3 months ahead via the EMR website, [eastmidlandsrailway.co.uk](http://eastmidlandsrailway.co.uk), where you can also find detailed timetables. Tickets can also be booked via [thetrainline.com](http://thetrainline.com)

Burton Joyce Train Timetables

| Monday to Friday timetable to 15th May 2026                                                                                                                                                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |                    |               |                            |                  |                    |       |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|
| 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 Matlock |                  |                    |       |       |
| 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                                                                                                                                                                                      | 6.46  | 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 to 16th May 2026                                                                                                                                                          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |                    |               |                            |                  |                    |       |       |
| 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 |
| 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 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |                    |               | To Derby + Matlock         | To Derby + Crewe | To Derby + Matlock |       |       |
| 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 to 10th May 2026                                                                                                                                                            |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |                    |               |                            |                  |                    |       |       |
| Lincoln                                                                                                                                                                                      | 8.53  | 11.09 | 13.10 | 15.09 | 18.09 | 22.50 |       |       |       |       |       |                    | Nottingham    | 9.33                       | 12.54            | 14.54              | 17.25 | 22.30 |
| Newark Castle                                                                                                                                                                                | 9.24  | 11.39 | 13.39 | 15.39 | 18.39 | 23.21 |       |       |       |       |       |                    | Burton Joyce  | 9.44                       | 13.05            | 15.05              | 17.36 | 22.41 |
| Burton Joyce                                                                                                                                                                                 | 9.48  | 12.04 | 14.04 | 16.04 | 19.04 | 23.45 |       |       |       |       |       |                    | Newark Castle | 10.09                      | 13.30            | 15.30              | 18.02 | 23.06 |
| Nottingham                                                                                                                                                                                   | 10.00 | 12.15 | 14.15 | 16.15 | 19.15 | 23.57 |       |       |       |       |       |                    | Lincoln       | 10.43                      | 14.00            | 16.00              | 18.33 | 23.37 |
| These trains go to Beeston, Long Eaton, Derby and Matlock                                                                                                                                    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | To Chester + Crewe |               |                            |                  |                    |       |       |

## ORGANISATIONS & CLUBS

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|  <p><b>BURTON JOYCE</b><br/>PARISH COUNCIL</p> <p>Clerk and RFO to the Parish Council:<br/>Jessica Sherrin 0115 9314084</p>                                                     | <p>Laurence King [C]<br/>Paul Hyde [VC]<br/>Jeanette Johnson<br/>Richard Fife<br/>Terry Hazard<br/>Yvonne Greenfield<br/>Georgina Hadjigeorgiou<br/>Hazel Chadbourne-Doyle<br/>Haydn Gregory<br/>Richard Rolls</p> | <p>07768438590<br/>07867 538548<br/>0115 8449042<br/>07947 045975<br/>0115 9312472<br/>07788 435857<br/>07790143645<br/>07754 676498<br/>07958 011681<br/><small>richard.rolls@burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk</small></p> |
|  <p>Clerk to the Parish Council:<br/>Terri Dixon<br/><a href="mailto:clerk.bulcotepc@gmail.com">clerk.bulcotepc@gmail.com</a></p>                                              | <p>Nick Leaves [C]<br/>Victoria Shillaker [VC]<br/>Paul Mountain<br/>Carl Springthorpe<br/>Mick Tobin</p>                                                                                                          | <p>07968 227989<br/><br/>0115 9313226</p>                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p><b>STOKE BARDOLPH PARISH MEETING</b><br/>Parish Clerk Amanda Bethell<br/><a href="mailto:stokebardolphclerk24@gmail.com">stokebardolphclerk24@gmail.com</a></p>                                                                                             | <p>Chairman<br/>Mike Terry <a href="mailto:michael.terry2@me.com">michael.terry2@me.com</a></p>                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|  <p><a href="http://www.ivymedicalgroup.co.uk">www.ivymedicalgroup.co.uk</a></p>                                                                                               | <p>Apple Tree Medical<br/>Practice<br/>4 Wheatsheaf Court<br/>Tel 9312500</p>                                                                                                                                      | <p>Lambley Lane<br/>Surgery<br/>6 Lambley Lane<br/>Tel 9312500</p>                                                                                                                                                         |
|  <p><b>Burton Joyce and Bulcote WI</b><br/><i>A member of the Nottinghamshire<br/>Federation of Women's Institutes</i></p>                                                     | <p>Burton Joyce Village Hall 7.00 pm start<br/>Other Activity Groups: Craft Club – Lunch Club –<br/>Walking Group – Walking Netball<br/>Contact: Lesley Comerie 07805 426483</p>                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|  <p>Chairman<br/>Membership Secretary<br/><a href="http://www.bju3a.co.uk">website-www.bju3a.co.uk</a></p>                                                                     | <p>Michael Dobbs<br/>Gemma Gill</p>                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>0300 102 1383</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|  <p><b>Burton Joyce &amp; Bulcote<br/>Village Hall</b><br/>Hazel Doyle 07706 005739<br/><a href="mailto:bookings@bjvillagehall.org.uk">bookings@bjvillagehall.org.uk</a></p> | <p>For Meetings, Classes, Gatherings of all kinds<br/>including Parties. To view all the facilities<br/><a href="https://bjvillagehall.org.uk">https://bjvillagehall.org.uk</a></p>                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|  <p><b>Burton Joyce<br/>Community Brass</b><br/>Meet in Old School Premises.</p>                                                                                             | <p>Charlotte Davenport</p>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p><a href="mailto:charlotte.davenport10968@gmail.com">charlotte.davenport10968@gmail.com</a></p>                                                                                                                          |
|  <p><b>Burton Joyce Bowls Club</b><br/>Poplars Sports Ground<br/>You would be most welcome.</p>                                                                              | <p>Secretary.; Dil Vowles<br/>07879 425643<br/><a href="mailto:dil.vowles@talk21.com">dil.vowles@talk21.com</a></p>                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|  <p><b>Burton Joyce Football Club</b></p>                                                                                                                                    | <p><a href="mailto:info@burtonjoycefc.co.uk">info@burtonjoycefc.co.uk</a> 07476 744065</p>                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## ORGANISATIONS & CLUBS (continued)

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|  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Burton Joyce Village Society</b><br/>Find out more about us at<br/><a href="http://burtonjoycevillagesociety.org">burtonjoycevillagesociety.org</a></p> | <p>Chair: Brian O'Neill; Vice Chair: Steve Wright<br/>Secretary: Richard Fife. 0115 931 2213 ,<br/>Treasurer: Martin Roe, Membership &amp; Communications Secretary; Hazel Doyle</p>                                                |
|  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Village Climate Action and Bio Diversity Group</b></p>                                                                                             | <p>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 <a href="mailto:Julia_smith24@yahoo.co.uk">Julia_smith24@yahoo.co.uk</a></p>   |
|  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Trent Valley Singers</b><br/>A friendly, fun, mixed voice choir who sing a wide variety of music.</p>                                                  | <p>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</p>                                                                             |
| <p><b>The Burton Joyce &amp; Bulcote Local History Society</b><br/>Evening meetings in the Village Library Meadow Lane</p>                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Secretary: Teresa 07855 032416<br/>email: <a href="mailto:secretary@bjblhs.uk">secretary@bjblhs.uk</a><br/>Meetings Secretary: Christine Shepherd 0115 9618840</p>                                                               |
|  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Burton Joyce Players</b><br/>We perform two plays and a panto each year.</p>                                                                           | <p>We always welcome new members for both stage and backstage work.<br/>Contact Kathy on 07730 471613 or Deborah on 07484 860480 or email <a href="mailto:info.bjplayers@gmail.com">info.bjplayers@gmail.com</a></p>                |
| <p><b>Burton Joyce Macular Society Support Group</b> meets on the 3rd Thursday of January, March, May, July, September, November 10.30 until 12.00, Carnarvon Room, Burton Joyce</p>                                                                                       | <p>The meetings are open to anyone affected by central vision loss. family, friends and carers are also welcome.<br/>Please contact Alison 07875 316043 for details</p>                                                             |
|  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1st Burton Joyce Scout Group</b><br/>For Beavers, Cubs &amp; Scouts</p>                                                                                | <p>Contact Rachel on 07930 271455<br/><a href="mailto:1stburtonjoyce@centralnotts.org.uk">1stburtonjoyce@centralnotts.org.uk</a></p>                                                                                                |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Burton Joyce Village Lunch</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Come and join us at Midday every 3rd Thursday for Soup, Dessert and Tea or Coffee in the Village Hall. Just £5 per person.</p>                                                                                                   |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vedic chanting</b><br/>An ancient Indian meditative and uplifting voice practice. A friendly group – open to anyone.</p>                                                                                                                 | <p>Saturday mornings / Thursday evenings in Old School Building. Try a free taster. Contact Liz: <a href="mailto:elizknot52@gmail.com">elizknot52@gmail.com</a> or 07929 963907 to find out more.</p>                               |
|  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Burton Joyce Tennis Club</b></p>                                                                                                                     | <p>Cragmoor Road <a href="mailto:burtonjoycetennis@gmail.com">burtonjoycetennis@gmail.com</a><br/>For coaching enquiries contact Charlie Wood 07971 235020</p>                                                                      |
|  <p style="text-align: center;">DINA BALISTRI<br/>Social Prescribing Link Worker<br/>07826 898588</p>                                                                                   | <p>Primary Integrated Community Services Ltd<br/>H2 Ash Tree Court, Nott'm Business Park<br/><a href="mailto:dina.balistri1@nhs.net">dina.balistri1@nhs.net</a><br/>Website: <a href="http://picsnhs.org.uk">picsnhs.org.uk</a></p> |

## ORGANISATIONS & CLUBS (continued)

|                                                 |                    |              |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <b>BJ Archers</b>                               | Chris Joyce        | 07779 517679 |
| <b>Baby &amp; Toddler</b>                       | Rev Anna Alls      | 07535 017591 |
| <b>Bridge Club</b>                              | Val & Steve Wright | 9313592      |
| <b>BJ Community Market</b>                      | Karen Taylor       | 07769 708506 |
| <b>NOVA</b>                                     | Paul Mittam        | 07973 872213 |
| <b>Phoenix Art Society</b>                      | Rachel Huskinson   | 07930 271455 |
| <b>Probus</b>                                   | Ian Wood           | 9119124      |
| <b>Recreation Ground</b>                        | Laura Smith        | 07803 054124 |
| <b>Rotary</b>                                   | Ian Wood           | 9119124      |
| <b>Saturday Singers</b>                         | Dick Huskinson     | 9312157      |
| <b>Stoke Bardolph Visitor Moorings Maint Gp</b> | Robert Aspey       | 07812 300694 |

## Useful NAMES and CONTACT DETAILS

|                             |                                                                                          |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Benefice Administrator      | Tracey Akehurst                                                                          | 0780 516 2088                |
| BJ Library (Cl.Tuesday)     | Meadow Lane                                                                              | 0115 9313360                 |
| BJ Parish Council (Clerk)   | Jessica Sherrin                                                                          | 0115 9314084                 |
| BJ Primary School           | Padleys Lane                                                                             | 0115 9312373                 |
| Carnarvon House             | 8 Willow Wong                                                                            | 0115 8440032                 |
| Carlton Le Willows Academy  | Burton Road, Gedling                                                                     | 0115 9565008                 |
| Cllr. Michael Adams         | <a href="mailto:cllr.michael.adams@gedling.gov.uk">cllr.michael.adams@gedling.gov.uk</a> | 0115 7147148                 |
| Cllr. Sam Smith             | <a href="mailto:cllr.sam.smith@gedling.gov.uk">cllr.sam.smith@gedling.gov.uk</a>         | 07939 816704                 |
| Michael Payne MP            | <a href="mailto:michael.payne.mp@parliament.uk">michael.payne.mp@parliament.uk</a>       | 01159 902670                 |
| Core Centre                 | Collyer Road, Calverton                                                                  | 0115 8470551                 |
| Community Hub               |                                                                                          | 07305 109358                 |
| Delights + Post Office      | Nicky & Julie 53 Main Street                                                             | 0115 9313487                 |
| Ivy Medical Group           | 4 Wheatsheaf Court                                                                       | 0115 9312500                 |
| Main Hall, Old School Bldg  | Jayne Savage                                                                             | 0115 9314084                 |
| Church Centre               | Tracey Akehurst                                                                          | 0115 9652114                 |
| Pathfinder Bus Info         |                                                                                          | 0115 9506070                 |
| Pear Tree Dental Centre     | 22 Nottingham Road                                                                       | 0115 9312935                 |
| Police                      | Call 101 for non emergency call    Call 999 for emergency                                |                              |
| Poplars Sports ground       | David List                                                                               | 07957 869096 or<br>9314084   |
| Red Cross Medical Loans     | Phoenix Park                                                                             | 0115 8528029                 |
| Rev. Anna Clarke            | <a href="mailto:reverend.anna.alls@gmail.com">reverend.anna.alls@gmail.com</a>           | 07535 017591                 |
| Rivendell View Care Home    | Magenta Way, Stoke Bardolph                                                              | 0115 666 9660                |
| Severn Trent helpline       |                                                                                          | 03457 500500                 |
| Stoke Bardolph Village Hall | Kathy Dixon                                                                              | 0115 9870168<br>07895 787838 |
| Tennis Club                 | Heather Ankers                                                                           | 0115 9537137                 |
| Train Information           |                                                                                          | 0845 7484950                 |
| Village Hall Hire           | <a href="mailto:bookings@bjvillagehall.org.uk">bookings@bjvillagehall.org.uk</a>         | 07706 005739                 |
| Westwolds Care Home         | 4 Park Avenue                                                                            | 0115 9313659                 |

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