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EDITOR'S COMMENT

There's plenty to read in this edition covering a wide and diverse range of topics.

It's pleasing to hear that the village's voice has been heard regarding the GBC Local plan (see page 14).

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A HERO OF BURTON JOYCE

“He achieved so much for the village”; “a great man” – just some of the things people have said on hearing of the death of Steve Wright in March at the age of 80. He was in Madeira at the time, which is typical of the adventurous active life he led.

Steve was brought up in Burton Joyce, in a household where there was only one tap, and an outside loo; but always active, with walking and cycling, and he belonged to the local cubs and scouts. With good school work and exam results, he attended the Southwell Minster Grammar School. He went on to Nottingham Polytechnic, qualified as a mining engineer and took a management course with the National Coal Board (NCB). He worked as manager in many local mines. In 1996, with coal mines closing down, he became a tree surgeon: work he could do outdoors and as his own boss.

Steve married Val in 1969 and they had two sons. So walking and cycling holidays even intensified. That included Steve climbing every one of the “Munros”, the 282 highest mountains in Scotland. He became Treasurer of the orienteering group. Locally he was an active member of the Youth Club. He played billiards and darts, and was a member of the Tennis Club. From a young age he joined committees and held various offices.



Steve was active in virtually all the less athletic activities locally, including the Bridge Club, the Local History Society, the Burton Joyce Players, and Station adopters. With Val he was very active in promoting and improving the Parish Magazine, as it then was, and helped the campaign to restore the Jubilee Clock on the Old School. He campaigned tirelessly for an improved rail service and maintenance of the pedestrian crossings.

He worked hard to achieve the great improvements for the Stoke Bardolph Village Hall. In most of the local organisations he was an active committee member and often Treasurer or Chairman. At a time of changes for the Burton Joyce Preservation Society he became Chairman, and when that group evolved into the Village Society he was the Chair for many years, and remained on the Executive Committee and a Trustee.

As a founder member of the Bridge Club, it was both fitting and remarkable that earlier this year he received a presentation marking 25 years' service as Club Treasurer.

At the Annual Parish Meeting of 2025 Steve gave an address on "Volunteering," and as Vice-Chair of the Village Society turned this into an article for the Society's regular page here in The Magazine, for June that year. "Can you do that little bit more to keep our village a wonderful vibrant and happy community?" he said. He never earned any financial or material reward for all his local work, but he earned and won the respect, love and gratitude of the whole village.

Steve is survived by Val, their two sons, and their grandchildren. He leaves a lasting legacy which was powerfully recognised at his recent funeral. With attendance by many friends, relatives, and village residents, it was a fitting tribute to a true pillar of the community.

Valerie, Alexander and David wish to thank everybody who has supported us in so many ways since Steve's death. Your kindness, cards and support at the funeral have meant so much to us. Our heartfelt thanks to you all.

So far, donations to Cancer Research UK in memory of Steve have reached £955.'

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BURTON JOYCE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

TRIBUTE TO STEVE WRIGHT

We were deeply saddened to learn of the loss of Steve Wright, who played such a pivotal role in so many village and community activities. For the Parish Council his input into the creation of the Community Garden was invaluable and we were delighted for him to be the first Chair of a community group (BJ and Bulcote Local History Society) to use the brand new notice board (pictured below)! He worked closely with the Parish Council over many years, including ensuring the war graves at the cemetery were appropriately identified. His knowledge, humour and true sense of community spirit will be greatly missed by everyone.



COMMUNITY GARDEN AND THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING

We are delighted to see the new garden continuing to be used by a wide variety of people, of all ages, and to see our local cafés and take-aways benefitting from customers having a sheltered spot to enjoy the local food and drink.

We're pleased to be receiving comments on how lovely it is to see the new planting scheme growing and changing with the season and are enjoying this ourselves too. You may have noticed that the installers have rectified the issue with the finger post and it is now double

sided!! We are grateful to for their prompt response to resolve this. We also have 4 new double glazed windows at the front of the Old School Building which should help with retaining heat and making us more energy efficient.



The Pop-Up Food Fayre had a great turn-out last month and will be back again on **Sunday 24th May** and **28th June**. These events are organised by Sharon Astill of Meraki Markets and supported by the Parish Council - we look forward to seeing which new vendors will be attending the next Fayres.



THE POPLARS SPORTS GROUND

The doors of the Poplars Sports bar were thrown open on Friday 8th May for the recommencement of the **Friday Summer Nights at the Poplars!** The bar will be open on Friday evenings from 5:30 – 8:30pm from now to the end of July to make the most of this fantastic village facility. We have recruited 2 new bar staff members, Poppy and Evie to join Sam and Ruby, who we welcome to the team!

With summer months just around the corner, bowls have re-started and the cricket season is now underway. It is always a pleasure to see the return of these well established clubs a this time of year. As well as bowls and cricket, the Poplars Sports Ground is home to archery, bridge, football, petanque, walking netball and yoga – if you are interested in joining, please contact the clubs directly (links on our website:

<https://www.burtonjoyceparishcouncil.gov.uk/poplars-sports-ground/>)



We were delighted to support Burton Joyce Primary School for their ‘End of SATS’ party, which they held in the Grove on Friday 15th May and look forward to welcoming them to their end of year celebrations at the Poplars Sports Ground on 22nd July.

Also at the Poplars, Burton Joyce Football Club will be hosting their annual Presentation Day on 28th June and the Hindu Temple will be holding their Sports Day on 5th July. We are thrilled to see the facility being so well used. If you are interested in holding an event / birthday celebration / party or even a wedding party (not ceremony – we’re not licenced!) at the sports ground, please get in touch via our email: poplars@burtonjoyceparishcouncil.gov.uk

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We have been busy organising our upcoming village events and have set the date for the **Picnic in the Park** at The Grove (off Willow Wong) as **Saturday 27th June 1pm – 3pm**. Burton Joyce Community Brass will be playing a fantastic medley of tunes and this year we are welcoming the addition of Mike James and his Roland Aerophone (Wind Synth Instrument) who will also be entertaining us. Bring along your picnic rugs, food and drink for this **FREE** event and cross your fingers for sunshine!



We have also re-instigated the ‘**Live and Local**’ events and have booked the Village Hall for the evening of **Saturday October 17th**. Our Events Working Group have shortlisted 3 acts and are awaiting confirmation of which of our selection we have been allocated. So watch this space for further details...



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Steve Wright

Among the many roles he played in the life of Burton Joyce, as seen in The Magazine and many other places, Steve was pivotal in creating and running the **Burton Joyce Village Society**.

In 2012 there was a General Meeting of the **Burton Joyce Preservation Society** to vote on a motion to wind it up. Steve was in a minority on the Committee, but a majority in the hall, who opposed that move.

He became the new Chair. He then presided in the setting up of the Village Society, a merger in which the BJPS was the largest element, in 2014, and served for most of the years since then as Chair.



New Local Plan

It's good news! Gedling Borough Council, like all similar Councils, was required by the government to alter the existing Local Plan to provide for greatly increased house building.

Four sites were put up for consideration in Burton Joyce, all of which were unsuitable since three would cause increased danger of flooding to neighbouring homes and one was itself notoriously open to floods. The Village Society objected, and so did the local people at the public meeting we held on the subject last year. The Planning Department has considered all options and none of those sites is in the recommended scheme sent to the GBC Cabinet. This should then go to a full Council meeting on June 10th and following the decision then there will be a six-week consultation period. Everybody can take part in this process.

The Cabinet papers are at

<https://democract.gedling.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=127&Mid=3518&Ver=4>. The consultation after June 10th is at

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BULCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th May 2026 at 7.30pm
in The Old School Building, Burton Joyce



Present: Councillors; Rob Anderton (RA), Mick Tobin (MT) and Victoria Curran (VC).

In Attendance: Terri Dixon (Clerk, TD), Cllr Tim Wendells (TW) and Cllr Roger Jackson (RJ). **Apologies:** Cllr Nick Leaves (NL)

Election of Chair: Cllr Robert Anderton. **Election of Vice Chair:** Cllr Victoria Curran. **Statutory policies adopted and signed.**

Reports from District and County Councillors

TW: Noted that Bulcote Farm development was top of agenda for all at the preceding Bulcote village annual meeting – Cllr TW endeavours to take back his actions to NSDC, including chasing a build plan for the site and to continue to explore the landscaping plan to ensure 'like for like planting is obtained'.

Tetra Pak recycling update – throughout NSDC, residents can now put more packaging in the silver recycling bin. Ongoing pilot testing for food waste within NSDC, which will be rolled out in the near future. RJ: Update regarding changes to Reform Council practices.

NCC community grant funding to open in May 2026 – date of closure TBC.

Question to RJ – re: new pedestrian crossing, on the 'main village side', there is still flooding on the textured slab due to standing water – RJ to chase with those who did the original works.

Local Roads

Highways & Footpaths: Footpath up to Burton Joyce from behind Bulcote church has now been reopened, thank you to all those facilitating this development with the footpath access.

Lengthsman scheme discussed. Successful application at the end of financial year 25/26. Full Council resolve to continue to apply for Lengthsman Scheme moving forwards.

Finance

Council discussed and approved: Reconciliation of monthly accounts; Payments for authorisation; Payments received; Internal Audit paperwork has not yet been returned for AGAR forms to be signed. *Full details included in approved minutes.*

Community Matters

Community Room/Farm Development updates:

Item covered in preceding Annual Village Meeting – Minutes of which are available in full on the website.

Village mowing and trees

TD liaised with groundsmen at Via on site in the village last week. Confirmation from BPC to continue to trim areas appropriately, with some wild flowers left in place where it can be done so. Via pointed out that there are low lying branches of many trees in the parish which has prohibited them from mowing all areas – TD to report low lying branches to NCC asap.

MOP question about hedges encroaching on roads – confirmation that hedges are landowner's responsibilities and urged for residents to discuss with individual landowners where appropriate. If necessary, BPC can discuss with landowners directly.

Planning

Applications: 26/00593/DISCON – **Bulcote Farm** – Discharge of condition 21 – no response from BPC
26/00397/LBC – **The Manor House** – Replace single glazed window – no comments from BPC required.

Decisions: 26/00125/OUT – **Kings Barn** – One new build property - Planning permission granted

26/00106/ADV – **Bulcote Farm** - 3 non-illuminated signs – Refuse advertisement consent

26/00164/ADV – **Bulcote Farm** - 2 non-illuminated signs – Refuse advertisement consent

26/00454/TELNOT – intention to install lightpole on Old Main Road – granted

26/00299/DISCON – **Bulcote Farm** – Discharge and variation of conditions – part conditions discharged

26/00122/DISCON – **Bulcote Farm** – Discharge and variation of conditions – part conditions discharged

26/00121/DISCON – **Bulcote Farm** – Discharge and variation of conditions – part conditions discharged

Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 13th July 2026, 7pm at Burton Joyce Old School Building. All public welcome to attend.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED.
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The event, organised by Community Rail Network and supported by headline partner East Midlands Railway, took place in Derby on Thursday 19th March. A record-breaking 610 guests attended, including volunteers, community leaders and rail industry figures from across England, Scotland and Wales.

Judges reviewed more than 300 entries showcasing the extraordinary work taking place across Britain to connect communities with their railways.

We won the award for our Newark Brake Trials Project, which marked the 150th anniversary of brake trials which took place on the Castle Line from Nottingham to Lincoln in June 1875.

40 local primary school pupils from Burton Joyce and Bleasby worked with EMR, local engineering students and station adopters at the Air and Space Institute at Newark. They toured the cutting edge institute, built their own model train carriages with working brake systems and had an opportunity to fly a plane on the institute's own simulator. All of this was delivered at a remarkably low cost.

The judges praised the project for its exceptional educational value, strong partnerships and creativity, offering a high quality experience that made railway history and engineering exciting and accessible for young people.

David Moore, Chairman of The Friends of Lowdham and Burton Joyce Stations said:

It was perhaps the most significant event in railway safety progress in the last 200 years that nobody has ever heard of!

So how to make it known? Talks at local history societies? Information boards at the stations? Yes, but how to make it FUN?

Get 40 primary school kids from 2 schools to travel on the very section of railway, on the exact anniversary, to Newark where they made a 'railway carriage' out of a shoe box, fitted with 'brakes', (most of them actually worked), and then push them down the disabled access ramp to see if the brakes would stop them before they crashed at the bottom! Points were awarded for brakes that stopped the carriage in time, and for it travelling straight, and for it being well-decorated.

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Health Insights – A periodic look at topical health-related issues.

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) of The Ivy Medical Group (IMG) are running a series of health promotion initiatives with the full support of the practice.

Health Insights – Number Fifteen - The Lifesaving Importance of Breast Cancer Screening

Breast cancer remains one of the most common cancers diagnosed in women worldwide, with approximately 1 in 8 women expected to face a diagnosis in their lifetime. While a diagnosis is frightening, medical advancements have made this disease highly treatable, particularly when found early. Regular breast cancer screening is a critical, proactive tool in this fight, significantly improving survival rates and altering the trajectory of the disease.

Early Detection Equals Better Prognosis



The primary objective of screening—usually through mammograms—is to detect cancer before symptoms appear. Mammography can identify tiny tumours or abnormal cells (such as ductal carcinoma in situ) that are too small to be felt during a self-examination or by a clinician.

Early detection makes a profound difference: when breast cancer is found at its earliest, localized stage, **the 5-year survival rate is over 99%**. Conversely, if the cancer is allowed to grow and spread to surrounding tissues or distant organs before detection, treatment becomes more complex, and survival rates decrease.



Reduced Risk of Death and More Treatment Options

Regular screening has been shown to reduce the risk of death from breast cancer by roughly 20% in women invited to participate. This reduction is due to identifying tumours early, often long before they become life-threatening.

Furthermore, early detection enables less intensive treatment. Cancers found early are more likely to be treated successfully with breast-conserving surgery (lumpectomy) rather than full breast removal (mastectomy), reducing the need for aggressive treatments like intensive chemotherapy. This profoundly affects a patient's quality of life during and after treatment.

Beyond the Machine: Breast Awareness

While mammograms are the gold standard, they are not 100% accurate and can miss some cancers (false negatives). It is crucial for women to be familiar with their bodies and report any new or persistent changes—such as lumps, skin dimpling, or nipple discharge—to their doctor immediately, even if they have had a recent, normal mammogram.



Understanding Screening Guidelines

The NHS typically invites women aged 50–70 for mammogram screening every three years. However, screening decisions should be individualized. Women with a high family history or genetic predisposition (such as BRCA gene mutations) should discuss starting earlier with their GP. However, it is important to realise that whilst the regular screening program, where you will be called for a mammogram every three years, stops at 70, you can still request screening yourself every three years after that age. **As the risk of breast cancer increases with age, getting yourself screened over the age of 70 can still help limit the risks of breast cancer.**

Over 70? You can request screening directly (no need for GP referral) by calling the Nottingham Breast Screening Service 0115 993 6649 or by emailing Nuhnt,breastscreening@nhs.net.

World Class Treatment in Nottingham

We are fortunate that The Nottingham Breast Institute, based on the City Hospital campus is an internationally recognised centre of excellence for the treatment of breast cancer. Once diagnosed, treatment is generally rapid and may involve surgery to remove the cancer, followed by radiotherapy, and/or chemotherapy and a long-term course of tablets to help prevent recurrence.

Breast cancer screening is not just a routine checkup; it is a vital, lifesaving health action. By participating in regular screening, women take control of their health, providing the best opportunity for early intervention and long-term survival. Regular screening transforms fear into hope, and potential cancer into curable health conditions.

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A big Solar Farm.

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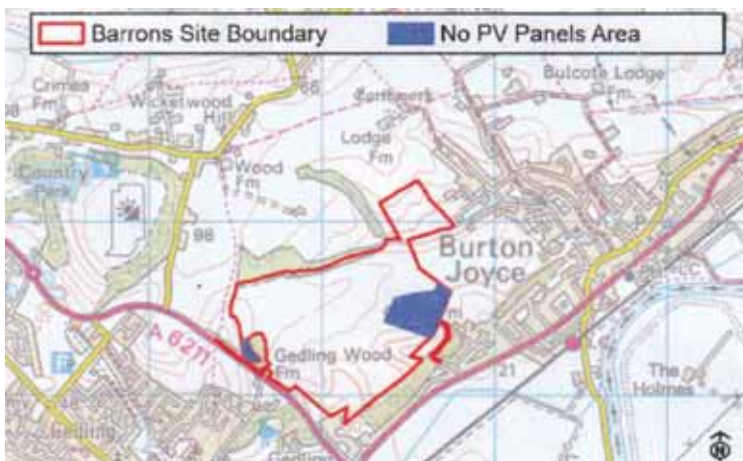


Burton Joyce Village Society is in favour of renewable energy. But this plan, called Barrons Solar Farm, raises several worrying questions. The obvious one is potential flooding. All the houses in the area adjacent to the site have had increased flooding recently, and reducing the absorbency of the land surface could make it worse. As people in an around Woodside Road have learnt, even leaving open ground, but clearing trees, increases surface runoff of rain water: research has found that tree-covered land can absorb 20 times as much rain as open land. The construction process itself, with heavy vehicles, could be very disruptive, especially if the site is accessed via residential roads. Perigus says there will be benefits to the local economy and refer to provision of aggregates. Is this the gravel-digging threat again? We fought very hard for many years to resist proposals to destroy our riverside to provide aggregates for concrete, and then again to stop similar proposals for the Shelford side of the Trent. Our riverside, and views and access, are very important to Burton Joyce.

The Village Society Committee will be looking into all these matters and contacting

Perigus directly.

We will have a committee meeting on June 2nd: if you want to be there, contact the Secretary on 07947 045975





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Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance Opens New Charity Shop in Arnold

Life-saving charity brings high-street presence to Nottinghamshire and calls on local volunteers to get involved

The Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance has officially opened a new charity shop in Arnold, bringing life-saving charitable retail to the heart of the community while creating new volunteering opportunities for local people.

Located on 86-88 Front Street, Arnold, NG5 7EJ the new shop offers a wide range of quality pre-loved clothing, accessories, homewares and bric-a-brac, with every purchase supporting the charity's vital service. The shop is now open and welcoming shoppers, donors and volunteers.

The opening marks a key step in expanding the charity's retail footprint across Nottinghamshire, helping to fund its critical work delivering rapid pre-hospital emergency care by air and road. The Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance relies almost entirely on public donations and fundraising, with retail income playing a crucial role in keeping the service operational.

To support the launch, the charity is actively recruiting volunteers to help in the Arnold store. Volunteers get involved in sorting and preparing stock for sale and helping create an inviting shop environment serving customers.

"We're delighted to open our new shop in Arnold and become part of the local high street," said Elizabeth Wright – Head of Retail at the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance.

"This shop will generate essential funds to help us reach patients when they need us most – but it simply couldn't operate without volunteers. Whether someone has a few hours a week or one day a month, volunteering in our shop is a fantastic way to support the cause and meet new people."

Volunteering offers a range of benefits, beyond making a vital and direct contribution to saving lives across Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire. Our shop volunteers love the social aspect of the role, building confidence and a feeling of giving back to the community. No previous experience is required, with full training and ongoing support always provided.

Local residents are encouraged to support the shop by shopping, donating good-quality items, or volunteering their time. Donations can be dropped off in-store during opening hours.

The Arnold shop is part of the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance's wider commitment to community engagement, providing people with an accessible way to support the charity's frontline crews and help ensure the helicopter and critical care teams can continue to respond 365 days a year.

For more information about volunteering in the Arnold shop or across the charity's retail network, visit <https://www.ambulance.org.uk/retail-volunteer-recruitment/> or pop into the shop to speak to a member of the team.



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We had stalls at the community market and in the Coop where people could make cash donations and they did! The last session in the Coop with the Guides helping us, we got over £100 in cash alone.

We will start the monitoring in May after being trained by staff at the Trent Rivers Trust. We thank the River Trust for their support. We will monitor the water quality twice a month for 12 months sending the data to the Trent Rivers Trust who will produce a report for the Environment Agency.

We have already been doing our own monitoring, with Freshwater Watch kits, but the Trent Rivers Trust testing and training will be more detailed and will test for more pollutants. We will report on our findings as we get them. We are hoping to involve local people in the data gathering - please get in touch in any of the ways set out below if you are interested.



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JAPAN

by Richard Berry THE HANKEI TRAMWAY
PART 1

'ALWAYS MOVING FORWARD' BUT WITH A FOOT IN THE PAST

We had based ourselves in Osaka because the accommodation was far cheaper than Kyoto and Tokyo and well situated for places we intended to visit. But we ended up having far more to see...literally, because of a tramway on our doorstep.

The Hankei tramway connecting Osaka City and Sakai City was established in 1897.

Many Japanese cities had extensive tram systems until the 1960s, when increased car usage led to closure of some lines. Other lines, particularly in larger cities, were replaced by subway lines or converted their interurban routes to suburban railways.

The Hankei tramway has two lines;

the Uemachi (blue) and Tennoji- Ekimae (green) We travelled the length of the latter, hopping off at a selection of its 31 stops to enjoy sights relatively undiscovered by non-Japanese tourists. *Continued ...*

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They work hard; a tram arriving every five minutes. Indeed, we found, the public transport to be so good in Japan that we soon got out of the habit of checking timetables, safe in the knowledge that a train or tram would arrive imminently.



I am no trainspotter. Nonetheless it was exciting to discover that the Hankei network has four of the M0161 series of trams; the oldest regular trains still operating in Japan today.

The tramway gave us far more than novelty value, affording us a different way of seeing areas not found in guidebooks or featured on television travelogues: in some respects, a more 'real' Japan.

STOP 12 -SUMIYOSHITORIMAE

Our apartment was in Suminoe, one of the 24 wards of Osaka and our tram stop number 14, Anryumachi. Just two stops further up the line was the Sumiyoshi Taisha Grand Shrine.



Sumiyoshi Taisha Grand Shrine founded by Tamomi no Sukune in the eleventh year of Empress Jingū's reign in 211. It is the head of around 2300 shrines throughout Japan. This Shinto shrine is famous for the many worshippers that visit on New Year's Day for hatsumode to pray for the coming year.

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The grounds of the Shrine are substantial with many sacred trees over 1000 years old. The impressive Honden Main Hall is built in the Sumiyoshi-zukuri style and has been designated a national treasure because it is the oldest example of this style of architecture and well worth a visit.



Japanese culture is a unique blend of ancient traditions and modern innovation, emphasizing harmony (wa), respect, and group consensus. It is deeply rooted in Shinto and Buddhist values, it emphasizes purity, minimalism, and politeness.



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PARK LIFE

We crossed back over the tramway to Sumiyoshi Park, the oldest in Osaka,

A variety of bicycles

passed us; from modern

electric or folding bikes, to the traditional 'sit up and beg' variety, some with parasols, side cars, others laden with goods, children and dogs.

Suminoe, along with many conurbations we visited was flat and the maze of narrow alleyways near our apartment meant cyclists far outnumbered pedestrians and cars. We did not notice food delivery drivers presumably because of the sheer number of easy to reach eateries. Although areas are densely populated there seems to be a planning directive to preserve sizeable parks such as Sumiyoshi. These parks provide ample opportunity for 'seniors,' to play tennis or baseball, run, cycle, walk or simply socialise over a board game. The toilets, as usual in Japan, were as clean as you would expect to find in an upmarket hotel in the UK. Even facilities at train stations were spotless. The cheap and accessible public transport system, the high number of physiotherapists and rehabilitation centres also make Japan appear to be good place to grow old.

But Japan has become a victim of its own success; 30% of the population are over sixty-five; the highest proportion in the world. There were 99763 centenarians in Japan as of September 2025 marking the 55th year of increases in that number. These are staggering statistics that reflect undeniable economic challenges in how Japan caters for an aging population.



We sat, watched the world go by and ate sushi from the supermarket.

This is not something I would do at home because of the cost and the quality of the ingredients.

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DINING OUT REVIEW

By

Trevor Langley

360 BAR & GRILL



Calverton is a village situated in Nottinghamshire, approx 7 miles north-east of the city of Nottingham. Historically, Calverton residents - and others from the surrounding area - gained a living by producing items of hosiery and also utilising their woodworking skills. During the mid 20th century Calverton grew in population, when the colliery was established and opened. The colliery closed during 1999. Today, Calverton, with the surrounding villages and towns, hold interests for many visitors. Eateries, including inns and restaurants, are very popular, attracting locals (always a good sign), plus visitors to the village and this region of Nottinghamshire.

I located 360 Bar & Grill at Calverton, Nottingham. Opened during December 2024, this bar and authentic Indian dining venue continues to gain in popularity, offering drinks and snacks, through street food, to banquet dining opportunities. On entering the restaurant I am most impressed with the pleasant ambience.

To commence my dining experience, from an excellent menu which offered a grand selection, including Small Plates, Sizzling Dishes and Signature Curries, I chose Chicken Tikka. This proved to be a very good choice and perfect to 'engage' my taste buds, for the delectations to follow.

For main I opted for Mix Grill (Lamb Chop, Chicken Tikka, Tandoori Wings, Chicken Tangri, Sheekh Kebab). This dish arrived with style and, being very well presented, enticed a 'feast for my senses' towards the aromas and complementing flavours of ingredients, combining perfectly. Head Chef is Imran, who, with the brigade of chefs and kitchen personnel gain great pleasure in impressing diners. I selected sides of Pilau Rice and Tandoori Roti to accompany.

Splendid desserts make a perfect ending to the dining occasion. Wines and drinks have beverages for everyone. Parties/occasions and corporate events are easily accommodated and gift vouchers can give a welcome 'surprise' to someone. Entertainment/music nights and other forthcoming events, plus further details and information, including special offers, can be found on their very informative website. Collections, deliveries and venue hire are also available. Thank you to Farhan for exemplary service throughout. Highly recommended.

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Reports began climbing steadily from March and spiked in July and September when many people review their investments, move money into new products or check their returns ahead of the new financial year.

As part of wider fraud-prevention work, we are urging the public to take simple steps to protect themselves.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to allow us to contribute to The Magazine this quarter. One of the areas of concern with our local residents is speeding. In March 2026, PS 2424 James Carrington and his team on the Roads Policing Unit (RPU) were tasked to support the Gedling area. During their month long operation, 141 vehicles were stopped, 47 arrests were made and 52 vehicles were seized. In addition, weapons and drugs were also found, seized and prosecutions have commenced. The proactive work plays an important role in keeping our roads and communities safe.

PCSO Trevor Parkinson and the team will continue to conduct local operations over the coming months as we understand this remains a community concern. PCSO Parkinson continues to look for new volunteers to receive training on the Community Road Safety (CRS) training so if you would like to get involved please get in touch with him at trevor.parkinson@notts.police.uk.

The Beat Surgery's for the first quarter have now concluded and as you may recall, we have decided to trial a new approach – one Beat Surgery per quarter for the areas of Burton Joyce, Lambley and Stoke Bardolph. Therefore, your next local event will be as follows:-

- *Burton Joyce Beat Surgery – Wednesday 3rd June 2026 at 1400 hrs at Burton Joyce Library, Burton Joyce, Nottinghamshire*

The third quarter Beat Surgery's will be advertised in the coming months.

The team will also continue to conduct 'Lets Talk' events in the third quarter and beyond on a monthly basis. You may see officers at supermarkets, community events, on your local high street or a local Park Run event. This remains a great way of getting to know the team and sharing any issues or community concerns.

As you may recall, Gedling Borough Council (GBC) have had a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) since June 2023 for a 3 year period. Over the last 3 years, Nottinghamshire Police have adopted a zero tolerance approach and issued numerous Section 59 notices, gone on to seize numerous vehicles and offenders prosecuted for offences. By working alongside GBC, they have issued approximately 20 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) which has helped the reduction in offending. With the PSPO expiring next month, Nottinghamshire Police and GBC have been working together to seek an extension. We are hopeful this can be achieved as we understand the impact of 'nuisance driving' and hope to provide an update for the next edition.

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



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Daffodils; a reflection

At this time of the year it is easy to feel one has had enough of daffodils with their somewhat strong yellow colour and strappy leaves but it is the most valuable bulb for naturalising in grass or in the border and before all memory fades it is important to note any favourites or areas that can be improved for next season. Soon the catalogues will be arriving and you will be prepared.

The flowers have the big advantage over other spring bulbs like crocus or anemones that they don't need the sun to open them and while yellow is the predominant colour there are some very pretty whites and even pink! which I think tend to

flower later such as Pheasant's Eye with its orange cup. A swathe of them at the back of the orchard make a very pretty sight as I write at the end of April.

To begin at the beginning Rijnvelds Early Sensation (fig 1) is truly early, dipping its heads before Christmas. I bought fifty some ten years ago and put them in three or four groups. Those I put in the sun in the orchard grass have bulked up well and invariably start the season and stand the winter weather unharmed. Those I put in shady areas even though they are in open soil without the competition of the orchard grass flower less well.

I have tried the wild daffodil *Narcissus pseudo narcissus* several times but I cannot get it to thrive. My main one in the orchard grass is Little Beauty, an old medium sized trumpet variety. I dug a trowel full from under a friends tree fifty years ago. It sets seed and over the years has colonised most of the orchard making a lovely show in March.

(fig2). I watch for the little black seeds as they form in early June (I think) and collect a few to spread

around. With this little help they make a pleasingly natural display. I have tried to establish them under my patch of deciduous trees where it is very dry in summer but they have not grown so well.



Fig 1 Rijnvelds Early Sensation



Fig2 Daffodils

Continued ...

IN OUR GARDEN (continued)

Many years ago I decided to try one of the white varieties. I picked one from the catalogue which said good for naturalising. Indeed it has bulked up into three large groups (fig3) in the orchard and comes out in the second half of April. It demonstrates well the difference between varieties which increase by seed and those that multiply by division.

There is one small trumpet which we enjoy in the grass. *Narcissus minor*. This is quite early in the season and clumps up well but doesn't seem to make seed with me. I have divided these clumps several times. They make a nice patch in the sun.

The breeders have developed varieties with all sorts of fancy heads. These don't particularly appeal to us but I have a friend who every year gets a different batch of these fancy flowers and I have to say I enjoy them flowering in his garden. They are a bit of fun.

Finally there are two beautiful species used a lot by the hybridisers. *Narcissus Bulbocodium*, the hoop petticoat daffodil. There is a lovely colony in the grass at RHS garden at Wisley which is a picture but I have never been able to

grow it in the garden. I always buy twenty five of the white variety Arctic Bells to grow in a pot (fig4). I think it needs a bit of moisture and perhaps somewhat acid soil. *N. cyclamineus* has backwards facing petals. We grow one called Rapture which collects comments from my visitors.

We have had five winter months wonderful pleasure from this remarkable family.



Fig 3 White Daffodils



Fig 4 Arctic Bells



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War Stories

Can war ever be a force for the good? Perhaps an unpopular thing to say, but war has been the impetus for numerous advances in medicine and surgery. Improvements in infection control, prosthetics, trauma surgery and psychiatric care have all evolved from the consequences of conflict.

War has also been a literary laboratory. The loss and tragedy which has arisen from situations of conflict has provided endless material for both literary and figurative artists. The World Wars in particular pushed many European authors away from traditional storytelling towards new themes involving trauma, survival and societal collapse. There is a belief that the paper shortages during World War I made it hard to publish books, so writers diversified into poetry and short stories. Necessity, it would seem, is the mother of literary invention.

There is an abundance of literature written during wartime, or which reflects back upon it. The following, mostly lesser-known books, focus on different aspects of war, and wars less remembered. I hope these books go some way to demonstrating how war stretches well beyond the battlefield horrors and derring do of our two World Wars and permeates all aspects of society.

War Doctor by David Nott (2019, Picador) is a fascinating mix of medical memoir, personal journey and nonfiction thriller (think 24 hours in Aleppo, rather than 24 hours in A&E!) Nott is a trauma surgeon who has operated in some of the world's most dangerous conflict zones, and this is his personal account, modestly told, of his many simple heroic acts. An amazing man. I also recommend listening to him on Desert Island Discs.

For a truly different angle on WWII, I recommend *The Undertaking* by Audrey Magee (2014, Atlantic Books). This is a novel with Nazi supporters as the central characters. A German soldier and a young German woman enter into a form of arranged marriage that evolves into an unexpected love affair. As Nazi supporters, they become increasingly involved in questionable activities. Despite this, it is their deeply flawed characters that render them human. Like many people caught up in war, they are simply two young people trying to make sense of a world, and a war, that becomes increasingly difficult to navigate.

Sticking with Nazi supporters, *The Reader* by Bernard Schlick (1995, Penguin Random House) is yet another angle on the longer-term repercussions of war. The story begins in post-war Germany when a 15-year-old boy, Michael, is seduced by Hannah, a 36-year-old tram conductress. Many years later Michael finds himself observing Hannah in the dock as a former concentration camp guard standing trial for the mass murder of Jewish women locked in a burning church.

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This book oozes moral dilemmas, examining the big post war issues of guilt, shame, collective responsibility and the need for reparation. A book that has justly earned its inclusion in the curricula of college-level courses in Holocaust literature. It's also an excellent film starring Cate Blanchett and Ralph Fiennes.

We should also remind ourselves that the victorious and defeated alike suffer consequences long after wars have ended. One of the most painful stories of post war trauma I have read is William Styron's *Sophie's Choice*. A tragic and painful story of a Polish Holocaust survivor, crippled with survivor's guilt, living in Brooklyn in 1947 with her volatile lover after the war. A tough but compelling read. Most readers will be familiar with the story from Meryl Streep's amazing Oscar-winning performance in the 1982 film.

There is so much literature concentrated around the World Wars that it's easy to overlook other wars. Anyone over 60 will have some vague recollection of the Tamil Tigers and the Sri Lankan civil war, which lasted over 25 years (1983 - 2009), but probably don't remember what they were fighting about. Perhaps wrongly, school history syllabuses rarely cover wars other than the Napoleonic and World Wars, and maybe a bit of the English Civil War. The harrowing, but excellent *Brotherless Nights* by V V Ganeshananthan, which won the 2024 Women's Prize for Fiction, is a fascinating account of the rise (and fall) of the Tamil Tigers.

Louise Kennedy's *Trespassers* (2020, Bloomsbury), brilliantly dramatised by the BBC last year, is another unusual angle on war. Set in Belfast during the Troubles in the mid-1970s, this is the story of the intense relationship between a young Catholic school teacher, Cushla, and older married Protestant human rights barrister, Michael, and its devastating consequences. Loving the wrong person is a war crime in itself!

And my final recommendation, which takes us back to the Great War, is Pat Barker's *Regeneration Trilogy* (*Regeneration* (1991), *The Eye in the Door* (1993) and *The Ghost Road* (1995)). What makes these brilliant novels unique is their blend of real and fictional characters. The first book is set in Craiglockhart, a historically renowned World War psychiatric hospital for shellshocked officers, amongst which were Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon. This is less of a classic war novel, but rather an examination of the psychological effect of war on young and previously strong men. Complex, sensitive and highly readable.

Wars are raging all around us and now, more than ever, we should use any opportunity we can to remind ourselves about its far-reaching consequences. We can't all go and perform surgery in Aleppo, but we can learn through literature, to equip ourselves with knowledge, understanding and compassion.

It's officially Summer time!

The long days, bright sunshine and gloriously warm temperatures are here. Potentially mixed in with some cloudy wet days, but that is British summertime after all. The plants certainly won't mind!

Let's take a look at some jobs to be doing this month;

- Get planting your hanging baskets and pots now with colourful annuals for a stunning display
- Water regularly, paying particular attention to pots as they dry out much quicker than borders
- Harvest spinach, early potatoes and early carrots
- Prune any flowering shrubs that have now finished, unless they have interesting seed heads in which case, why not leave them be!
- Dead head annuals and perennials regularly to encourage bountiful blooms
- Start feeding your lawn with a high nitrogen feed for a lush, green lawn.
- Install plant supports around tall growing perennials such as delphiniums and peony
- Move citrus plants outside
- Create a herb planter
- Install an obelisk in a border to grow a climber up for added interest and height
- Water houseplants regularly

Looking Good This Month

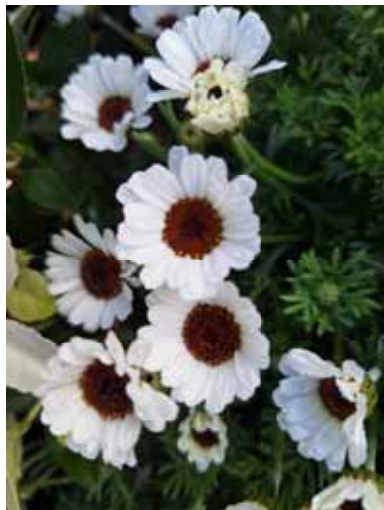
This month look out for Hosta. These fabulous foliage plants add a touch of the tropical with their luscious leaves and delicate flowers. There is a wealth of leaf colours and types. From the petite, silver blue of 'Mouse Ears' to the luminous and large yellow of 'Rainforest Surprise'. There is a Hosta for every garden, why not add a Hosta to your garden this month? Hosta do particularly well in pots as you can help protect from slugs and snails much easier. If you are planting out in the garden, be sure to surround your Hosta with sharp grit or wool pellets to help keep slugs and snails at bay.



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Also Looking Good This Month

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Burton Joyce Primary – A busy start to Summer!

Burton Joyce Primary School has had a fantastic start to the Summer Term.

In Foundation Stage, pupils have been exploring the theme of *Nottinghamshire's Forests*. From spotting trees in the local area to creating sculptures inspired by natural materials, the children have shown great curiosity about the world around them. A highlight this term is their visit to Sherwood Pines alongside regular outdoor learning opportunities.

In Key Stage 1, children have been studying continents and oceans before focusing on Australia. Alongside this, they have been conducting plant experiments in science and creating clay sculptures inspired by nature in art.

In Years 3 and 4, pupils have been developing both their creativity and digital skills. Inspired by the book *Flotsam*, they have been writing imaginative stories and using green screen technology to produce their own coastal videos.



Meanwhile, in Years 5 and 6, in science, they are learning about the circulatory system, and in geography they are exploring why people live near volcanoes and earthquake zones. Their creativity shines through sculpture work inspired by Alberto Giacometti, alongside film-making projects in computing.

By now our Year 6 pupils will have taken their SATs tests. They have worked incredibly hard all year, and we are very proud of their resilience, determination and positive attitude.

Finally, we would also like to say a huge thank you to all our PTA members, parents and extended families whose fundraising has funded new Key Stage 1 play equipment – it is already well used and absolutely loved by the children! Thank you from all of us!

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MAY UPDATE

Packed academic and sporting calendar at Carlton le Willows

As the sun starts to shine, secondary schools gear up for the formal exam season and at Carlton le Willows our Year 11 and Year 13s are working hard to make sure they achieve their best in these final few weeks of school.

Elsewhere in the academy students of all year groups are enjoying a varied term with some time off timetable to focus on life beyond the classroom. The entire Year 7 cohort recently took part in Carlton le Willows' first Character, Culture and Community Day. Designed to focus on personal development and create a wider understanding for students of their place in the world, groups of students took part in a range of sessions exploring the power of character, culture and community.

Among the workshops on offer was a session from external providers iVengers Workshop, who provide help and advice for students navigating a digital world. We also had visitors presenting workshops focusing on relationships education and hosting cultural dance workshops. For a more hands on experience, students got busy in the kitchens baking an Austrian cultural delicacy and explored the Aboriginal community with cultural art sessions.

There was also time outside normal lessons for Year 10 thanks to a THINK BIG! Careers in Technology workshop day run by Nottingham Forest Community Trust, in association with Nottingham-based technology company Ideagen.

All Year 10 were given the opportunity to take part in the event with a choice of five hour-long workshops focused on: Marketing; Technology in sport; Coding; Access in sport and Artificial Intelligence (AI). Workshops began with a careers talk and were aimed at giving an insight into the skills and requirements to be successful in each career pathway.

Outside the classroom our young sports people have been busy collecting in the accolades. Year 8 athletes from Carlton le Willows have been crowned county champions in sports hall athletics for the second time in two years.

Our Year 8 netballers secured a bronze medal in the Central Venue League, following two weeks of fixtures and an intense final and our Year 7 rugby team remain unbeaten in all their competitions at the time of writing. The Willows community is extremely proud of them all!



Burton Joyce

Climate Action Group



We held our second “Source to sea” litter pick for the Marine Conservation Society on March 1st by the River Trent in Burton Joyce.

80% of litter that ends up in the sea comes from inland and the MCS are particularly interested in what items are found. We had an excellent turn out from 29 volunteers and there was lots of litter to pick due to heavy rain and flooding washing it on to the banks.

In 2 hours we collected 36 bags of rubbish (along with quite a few larger items) including:

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U10 Blue – league winners after an unbeaten
Run

U10 Green – league runners-up

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U12 Girls – winners of Division 1 Cup



U15 Girls – won their first ever trophy, Division 3 Cup, won on penalties

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U18 Blue - Division 3 champions, losing just once all season. This marks their second consecutive promotion following last year's success, and they will head into Division 2 next season

PRESENTATION DAY

Our annual presentation day will take place on Sunday 28 June at The Poplars Sports Ground. It is a chance for all our teams to come together and celebrate the end of the 25/26 season. Trophies will be presented, matches will be played for our annual trophies, and food and drink will be available throughout the day. There will also be a range of activities on offer for everyone to enjoy. During the afternoon, we will be holding the Josh Travis Memorial Match – an opportunity to celebrate Josh with his footballing family. All are welcome.



CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

On Sunday 26th April, Mapperley All-Stars (MAS) played a charity match against Burton Joyce Football Club at The Poplars Sports Ground. The teams were made up of coaches, parents and former players. More than 500 people attended, including The Mayor of Gedling, Michael Payne MP, Sophie Bradley-Auckland and Leigh Wood, who enjoyed a fantastic day of football, community spirit and fundraising. Over £2,500 was raised for the Mayor's chosen charity, Motor Neurone Disease. The game was closely contested, with both teams level at 2-2 after 90 minutes. A penalty shootout provided a dramatic finish, with MAS emerging victorious. Well done to everyone

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MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETINGS

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

TUESDAY 9TH JUNE 2026 – SARA DELLAR “THE SLEEPER TRAIN TO HARIDWAR”

An illustrated talk on Anglo – Indian history. It traces Sara's family's economic migration to India, mixing online research into family history from 1908 to 1939, as well as travels to India to bring that research to life. Lacking a birth certificate, the starting point was a squiggle in a passport in bringing together the story of how the family ended up living in India and where they lived. Sara gives a PowerPoint presentation full of pictures of her travels and research which bring to life her father's and grandparent's stories.



TUESDAY 14TH JULY 2026 – STEPHEN BOOTH “THE PSYCHOLOGY OF MURDER”

Stephen is a locally-based award-winning crime writer whose 15 novels, set in the atmospheric and beautiful Peak District in Derbyshire, are based on the detective pairing of two young police detectives from Derbyshire named DS Diane Fry and DC Ben Cooper. A TV series, “Cooper and Fry”, based on the books, was screened on Channel 5 in November 2025.

During his early career, Stephen had been a teacher; he then entered journalism as a reporter covering rugby. Later assignments were wide ranging, from reporting on village Women's Institute meetings to coverage of the hunt for the Yorkshire Ripper. He has said that working on the serial murder case had a direct influence on his leap to fiction writing. He began to look at the subject in a new light when his wife pointed out that even he could be a suspect in the case, and that she could not provide him with an alibi during the hours he worked the night shift!

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Burton Joyce Library

National Year of Reading 2026 - if you're into it, read into it!

Everyone knows reading expands worlds, sharpens minds, and fuels creativity and in 2026, the National Year of Reading is reconnecting reading with the things that inspire us – from playlists and football matches to films, food and family time. Burton Joyce Library offers a brilliant mix of books for readers of every kind and if we don't have the title you need, we can order it for just 30p (free for under 19's & housebound) —an affordable, eco-friendly way to support your reading journey. Visit www.goallin.org.uk to learn more about the National Year of Reading.

Summer Reading Challenge 2026 'Read to the Beat' starts on Saturday 4th July. Can you read 6 books before Sunday 6th September? This year Burton Joyce library has an extra incentive to read 6 books (as if the medal and certificate weren't enough?!) – for each book you read you'll receive a raffle ticket and the chance to win a prize!

We're holding one of our popular free craft drop-in sessions on Saturday 11th July – no need to book, just call into the library between 10.30am – 12.30pm and create something beautiful to take home!

Trying to widen your reading horizons? The Burton Joyce Library Reading Group is looking for more enthusiastic book lovers to join their friendly bunch. The group will be discussing **fantasy on 8th June** and **solar punk (books that imagine sustainable, hopeful futures focused on renewable energy, nature, and community) on 9th July**. Come down to the library on the second Monday of the month for 10am to join the discussion.

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

OPENING TIMES

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



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Train times at Burton Joyce station

Burton Joyce now has an hourly service throughout the day from Monday to Saturday.

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.

An 8-minute transfer time in Nottingham and the gradual 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. From St Pancras you can get to **Gatwick Airport** in just over 3 hours on Thameslink, and you can connect with Eurostar for trains to Paris and Amsterdam.

Also changing in Nottingham you can connect with the EMR service to **Sheffield, Manchester and Liverpool** in one direction and **Grantham, Peterborough and Norwich** in the other

Changing at Derby you can connect to CrossCountry services to **Eastern Scotland** and the **North-East**, and **Birmingham** and the **South-West**.

Changing at Crewe, you can connect with the West Coast Mainline for trains to **Carlisle & Glasgow**.

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

Burton Joyce Train Timetables

Monday to Friday timetable to 11th December 2025																		
Lincoln	5.16			8.37	9.42	10.42	11.42	12.42	13.42	14.42	15.40	16.40	17.40	18.08	19.14	21.14	23.00	
Newark Castle	6.01	7.01	8.01	9.08	10.10	11.08	12.10	13.08	14.10	15.08	16.10	17.08	18.08	18.39	19.44	21.45	23.43	
Burton Joyce	6.25	7.25	8.25	9.31	10.31	11.31	12.31	13.31	14.31	15.31	16.31	17.31	18.31	18.59	20.03	22.04	0.04	
Nottingham	6.38	7.37	8.37	9.42	10.42	11.42	12.42	13.42	14.42	15.42	16.42	17.42	18.42	19.11	20.14	22.16	0.16	
these trains continue to Beeston, Long Eaton, Derby, Stoke-on-Trent & Crewe and generally connect in Nottingham with xx.50 departures to London St Pancras, arriving 1 hour 37 minutes later														These trains go to Macc				
Nottingham	5.37	6.27	7.17	8.25	9.27	10.27	11.27	12.27	13.27	14.27	15.27	16.27	17.22	18.27	19.50	20.50	21.27	22.34
Burton Joyce	5.46	6.36	7.26	8.36	9.36	10.36	11.36	12.36	13.36	14.36	15.36	16.36	17.33	18.36	20.01	21.01	21.36	22.45
Newark Castle	6.13	7.03	7.51	9.01	9.59	11.01	11.59	12.53	13.59	15.01	15.59	17.01	17.58	19.01	20.22	21.20	21.57	23.06
Lincoln	6.45	7.36		9.27	10.27	11.27	12.27	13.27	14.27	15.27	16.27	17.27	18.34	19.33	20.55	21.51	22.28	23.38
Saturday timetable to 12th December 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 + Macc		to Derby + Macc		
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	7.36	8.36	9.36	10.36	11.36	12.36	13.36	14.36	15.36	16.36	17.33	18.36	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 6th December 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 Macc														to Crewe + Macc				

ORGANISATIONS & CLUBS

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 Burton Joyce Community Brass Meet in Old School Premises.	Charlotte Davenport	charlotte.davenport1@0968@gmail.com
 Burton Joyce Bowls Club Poplars Sports Ground You would be most welcome.	Secretary.; Dil Vowles 07879 425643 dil.vowles@talk21.com	
 Burton Joyce Football Club	info@burtonjoycefc.co.uk 07476 744065	

ORGANISATIONS & CLUBS (continued)

 Burton Joyce Village Society Find out more about us at burtonjoycevillagesociety.org	Chair: Brian O'Neill; Vice Chair: Steve Wright Secretary: Richard Fife. 0115 931 2213, Treasurer: Martin Roe, Membership & Communications Secretary; Hazel Doyle
 The Village Climate Action and Bio Diversity Group	We are an affiliated Friends of the Earth Action Group. If this sounds of interest to you and you'd like to join us, please get in touch! Contact Julia_smith24@yahoo.co.uk
 Trent Valley Singers A friendly, fun, mixed voice choir who sing a wide variety of music.	Rehearsals are on Thursdays in Burton Joyce Village Hall at 1.45pm. For more information contact Tina on 07742 670732 or Heather on 0115 8440872
The Burton Joyce & Bulcote Local History Society Evening meetings in the Village Library Meadow Lane	Secretary: Teresa 07855 032416 email: secretary@bjblhs.uk Meetings Secretary: Christine Shepherd 0115 9618840
 Burton Joyce Players We perform two plays and a panto each year.	We always welcome new members for both stage and backstage work. Contact Kathy on 07730 471613 or Deborah on 07484 860480 or email info.bjplayers@gmail.com
Burton Joyce Macular Society Support Group meets on the 3rd Thursday of January, March, May, July, September, November 10.30 until 12.00, Carnarvon Room, Burton Joyce	The meetings are open to anyone affected by central vision loss. family, friends and carers are also welcome. Please contact Alison 07875 316043 for details
 1st Burton Joyce Scout Group For Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	Contact Rachel on 07930 271455 1stburtonjoyce@centralnotts.org.uk
Burton Joyce Village Lunch	Come and join us at Midday every 3rd Thursday for Soup, Dessert and Tea or Coffee in the Village Hall. Just £5 per person.
Vedic chanting An ancient Indian meditative and uplifting voice practice. A friendly group – open to anyone.	Saturday mornings / Thursday evenings in Old School Building. Try a free taster. Contact Liz: elizknot52@gmail.com or 07929 963907 to find out more.
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Useful NAMES and CONTACT DETAILS

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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
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Police	Call 101 for non emergency call Call 999 for emergency	
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Red Cross Medical Loans	Phoenix Park	0115 8528029
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Stoke Bardolph Village Hall	Kathy Dixon	0115 9870168 07895 787838
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