

Young people (say, in your twenties), this is for you. Mums and dads: I'm afraid you'll see this like Marmite - you'll either love it or hate it.

Young people: GO! Leave the Burnhams and be citizens of the world. Although that doesn't mean never come back, there is nonetheless a fantastic world "out there" - even beyond King's Lynn and Norwich...

I've recently been reminded of this on my journeys abroad, where it's apparent that the world is a global village for so many young people. Blossoming in new environments, making friends across borders and cultures, enjoying together the wonders of creation and undertaking adventures. The result, as I have seen it, proves the point I've made before: you young people can rise to challenges, given the right opportunities, and make the world a better place.

Of course our area is a beautiful place to be, but it's not the only place to be. There are quite literally prophecies being fulfilled right now by young people who have woken up to the wonder of life and its possibilities, who have the humility to regard themselves no better than the next person. They are fulfilling the prophesy (stated in both Old and New Testaments) that they who have humility will inherit the world.

Jesus said, "I have come so that you may have life in its fullness." He subsequently freed us up to do that with the knowledge that we can make mistakes and be forgiven. He proved love will overcome the nastiness found in some people's hearts. But who has understood this really? Young people. In all sorts of jobs: hospitality, adventure activities, sales, entertainment, etc. Doing whatever is available, so to be in wonderful places, all the young people I've met give me hope for the future. Without exception. Including you.

I want you young people of the Burnhams to think about who you are on a global scale. You are important to God and therefore important to the world. You need to go and meet and be part of the newer generations willing to treat the planet and one another kindly.

Yes, you can do that here, but let's face it, Nelson and Hoste didn't change their worlds by staying at home. They, of course, did their thing by resolute armed engagement. You, however, can change the world through the personal engagement with others of different backgrounds but of the same generation. All this is happening right now. Be part of it. Be bodacious. Be.

We pray to God (in the Lord's Prayer) for this: "On earth as it is in heaven.." It means what it says on the tin - and it's down to you.