



Jane's Sunday Letter

Stories • Yorkshire • Hope

A quiet moment every Sunday morning.

The kettle's on...

Good morning, my lovely friends,

Here is Sunday Letter #5

I hope you're having a lovely Sunday. ☕❤️

Another week has rolled around, and here we are again with a little time to catch up.



This week's Sunday Letter is a mixture of thoughts, stories, things that have caught my attention, a little writing news and, of course, some of those ordinary everyday moments that often turn out to be the best ones. So, when you have a few quiet minutes, put the kettle on, get comfortable and come and join me for a little Sunday read.

I hope somewhere amongst these pages you find something that makes you smile, gives you something to think about, or simply encourages you to stop and enjoy the moment.

And thank you for continuing to read my Sunday ramblings. Knowing these words travel from my little corner of Yorkshire into someone else's Sunday means more to me than you probably realise. ❤️

Have a wonderful Sunday — and I hope the week ahead is kind to you.

Jane xx ☕🌿

🎵 A Little Tribute to Dolly

I couldn't write this week's Sunday Letter without mentioning Dolly Parton. Like so many people, I was saddened to hear of her death this week at the age of 80. Her publicist later confirmed that Dolly had been facing a brief battle with cancer, although the type of cancer has not been disclosed. Perhaps because cancer has touched my own family so deeply, hearing that word always makes me stop for a moment. Fame, wealth and success offer no immunity from illness. Behind the rhinestones, the enormous air and that unmistakable laugh was another human being facing something that affects so many families. But I don't want to remember Dolly simply for circumstances of her death. What an extraordinary life she lived. 💔



She came from very humble beginnings in the mountains of Tennessee and became one of the most recognisable women in the world. Yet alongside the music, films and fabulous outfits was a woman who seemed determined to use her success to help other people. And this week I discovered something particularly moving. Dolly's sister Stella has said that, towards the end of her life, Dolly told her that if there was no hope for her, she would still be willing to try experimental cancer treatments if doing so might help other patients in the future.

Whether it was through music, medicine or books, leaving something behind for others seems to have been a recurring theme throughout her life.

🌸 Dolly helped fund COVID vaccine research. In 2020 and donated \$1 million to Vanderbilt University Medical Centre, supporting research that contributed to the development of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

❤️ She was more than the rhinestones.

One thing about Dolly is she didn't forget where she came from. She didn't allow a poor childhood to determine where her life would end up. And when success arrived, she used some of it to make other people's lives better.

Singer. Songwriter. Actress. Businesswoman. Philanthropist. And, to millions of children, simply "The Book Lady."

That's quite a legacy.

Rest in peace, Dolly. 🎵 🌸

🎥 Apparently, I'm a YouTuber Now...

Well, I never thought I'd be writing that sentence!

I've finally taken the plunge and started my own YouTube channel. Am I an expert content creator? Absolutely not. 😂 Am I willing to have a go, learn as I go along and occasionally wonder what on earth I'm doing? Absolutely.

The channel is going to be another little window into my world of writing. I'll be taking you around some of the beautiful Yorkshire villages, countryside and places that inspire my novels, sharing the real locations that spark ideas, and talking about how an ordinary walk, café, building or chance encounter can suddenly turn into a character or a story.

My latest video tells the story of how a rainy walk through my village and a visit to the local café helped bring two characters to life and eventually became *The Choices That Change Us*.

I have lots of ideas for future videos, particularly exploring the Yorkshire places that find their way into my books. I can't promise Hollywood production values, but I can promise Yorkshire, stories, probably plenty of cups of coffee and me giving it my very best shot. ❤️

And this is where I need a tiny favour from you...

If you have a spare few minutes, please pop over, have a little look and, if you enjoy it, hit that Subscribe button. It costs absolutely nothing, but when you're standing at the beginning of something new, every single subscriber feels like somebody saying, "Go on then, Jane. Keep going."

And I will.

Because I may not be an expert content creator...

but I am definitely a trier. 😂❤️

🎥 Come and join me on YouTube → www.youtube.com/@JaneKellettAuthor

🌿 Less Is More — Or Is It?

I saw these images, and they really made me think.

What happened to creating beauty? Look at the difference between these pictures.

In the past, even something as practical as an entrance was often created with beauty in mind. Someone thought about the shape, the carving, the wood, the stonework and the tiny details that most of us might simply walk past today.

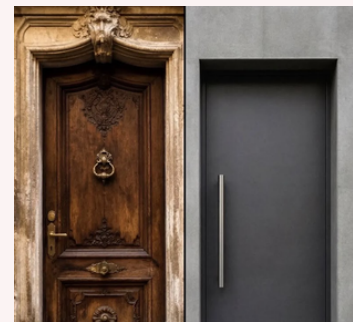
It wasn't just a door. Someone had taken the time to make it beautiful.

Compare that with today's modern designs. Today, practicality, efficiency and cost often seem to come first. Clean lines. Quick construction. Easy maintenance. Does the job and that's enough.

Of course, modern design has its advantages, and perhaps our tastes have simply changed. But I sometimes wonder whether, in our determination to make everything faster, cheaper and more practical, we've lost a little of the beauty along the way.

Old buildings make me stop and look. I notice the craftsmanship, the little imperfections and the details somebody created perhaps hundreds of years ago - the pride they had in their work. And maybe that's the thought for this week:

Not everything needs to have a practical purpose. Sometimes making something beautiful is purpose enough. ❤️



✉️ Until Next Sunday...

As always, thank you for reading, for your encouragement, and for being part of this growing community. Your support means more than you know.

I hope you enjoyed this week's letter, and if it made you smile, think, or give you inspiration, I'd love it if you could share it with a friend.

Have a wonderful Sunday

🌿 Let's stay connected

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Until next Sunday...

Warm wishes,

Jane xx