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From: The Desk of Mrs Amanda J Threadbone CEO

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Dear Visitor

Many of you will have read with disappointment my letter of 11th December 2016 in which, in a moment of uncharacteristic self-doubt and at a low-ebb in Chetnole (wherein the quality butcher on the High Street could not (ie *would* not) guarantee that my pre-ordered pigs in blankets would be 100% cholesterol-free and suitable for fruitarians) I stared down the barrel of a gun and found it empty.

Last evening - in what I was determined would be a final hurrah before my self-imposed Christmastide purdah - I attended a performance of *A Thrupiece Christmas Garland* at the lovely High Commissioners' Theatre, Gussage All Saints. It was during this audacious *smorgasbord* of a show - readings from Professor Thrupiece's timeless works alternating with Thrupiece-inspired songs, dances and indoor sports - that a blinding light (heavily disguised as a glitter-ball) appeared unto me signalling in a strange yet familiar form of Morse code: "*Verily, verily I say unto you, you are the one true CEO, CFO and Honorary President for LIFE of the many companies and organisations safely enfolded within the tax-efficient vehicle known throughout the civilised world as the Threadbone Corporation/thrupiece media multinational conglomerate umbrella. Take up thy backbreaking responsibilities again and step forth into the limelight. For she that was spent is now replenished and that which was undone must now be done and in goodly fashion. For it pleases the Professor that it shall be so. And it will. Come on old girl "To horse"!*"

Once this vision (I hesitate to say miracle though, perhaps not coincidentally, the intermittent fault on the main rheostat of the theatre was suddenly corrected) had passed, I knew that my fate was sealed.

Friends, supporters, admirers, wealthy investors and lovers of quality historical romance / bio-culinary ethics alike: Amanda J Threadbone is back in the saddle!

Sincerely

Amanda J Threadbone