

# THE GRINDLEFORD NEWS

April 2016



## Carnival's Coming!

For many of us in the village, the annual Carnival week is one that has made many happy (and often wet!) memories. This year sees the 80<sup>th</sup> Carnival Celebration for the village, so as a new committee was formed in the summer of 2015, it leaves us with a challenge to make this one a great one.

We are really keen to ensure that this carnival is something for all generations to enjoy so we are bringing back some of the classics such as the parade through the village, the duck race and the raffle. We have stalls planned for pocket money games, refreshments and some great entertainment.

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### *One or Two Changes*

Many of you who have been in the village a while will notice the change of date. This decision was not made lightly but the past two years have seen us competing with the Eroica festival in Bakewell. So it seemed a wise move. The adults' fell race will still keep its place in the running calendar though and stick to its original date of 16<sup>th</sup> June, the following Thursday.

This year has also seen a change in the way that the carnival 'royalty' will be portrayed, mainly due to the lack of girls of the right age! Our Y6 children have spent a great deal of time researching the history of carnivals and traditions of carnival queens. They recognise the need to continue this Derbyshire tradition but also see some room for movement in how this will look this year. We have now selected four Village Ambassadors who will perform the royal duties and lead the parade. We really hope you will give them your full support for continuing this tradition—even though there will be no dresses to fluff! Thank-you to Sky, Daniel, Alex and Sam.

### *A Right Royal Knees Up*

We have been incredibly lucky this year to have the Maynard Hotel on board with our carnival preparations. Jane Hitchman has become one of the carnival committee and has been more than generous in the support she has given. December saw fundraising through brass band concerts, February saw our 'Night at the Movies' fancy dress fundraiser and we have now been offered an evening event in the ballroom on Carnival Day. As this weekend has been declared the Queens official Birthday (I personally think she waited until we confirmed our 80<sup>th</sup> just to be part of it!) AND the first England match in the World Cup, we would like to announce our 'Right Royal Knees Up' after party. We are working on a screening of the football for those who wish to watch and of course a red, white and blue birthday party for Grindleford and Liz. More info to follow.



Jane of the Maynard hands over an amazing £848 to Carnival chair Matilda Cooper

As always there are lots of things to keep us busy for the next couple of months including selling raffle tickets, making new bunting and float decorating. If you would like to be involved in any part of this year's preparations feel free to contact us on 07583 263783 for more information.

*Carnival Committee*

# Caring Grindleford

**Caring Grindleford is a joint venture to improve services and hear the views of older people in Grindleford.**

You should by now have received a letter about this event (if by any chance you haven't yet, ask in the shop or ring 631611). It's a plain white window envelope so you can use it for your reply. (There is a postcard for the shop in the envelope too).

There are three very good things about this event:

- i. It's free
- ii. It should bring about positive change for older residents in the village, and those who live with them or care for them
- iii. There will be tea and cake and a chance to meet up and talk

The event runs for two days, Friday 22 and Saturday 23 April, at St Helen's Church.

On **Friday 22 April** there will be an exhibition and short talks on the services available locally and from national organisations. Exhibition 12.30 – 6.30pm with talks starting at 1.40pm.

On **Saturday 23 April** there will an opportunity to have your voice heard, with discussion groups to talk about the things you are interested in, which could be set up where they don't exist, or improved where they do. For example, Hathersage runs Careline for their older residents, a voluntary venture which ensures that people who are living on their own get a daily call to keep in touch. One outcome of the event might be to set up something similar in Grindleford. 10.30 – 12.30am.

This event is specifically aimed at Grindleford residents and is run jointly by St Helen's Church and Grindleford Community Shop.

You are welcome to drop in at any time during the two days (see the letter and posters for more details) but if you were able to complete the reply form and tell us which particular areas you are interested in, that would be very helpful for us in terms of planning.

**We look forward to seeing you there. Tell us via the form, or by ringing 631611, if you need help with transport.**

*Sarah Battarbee*

# *Grindleford*

# Pavilion Appeal

## *Update on the progress of the Appeal*

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all who have responded to our appeal and made donations thus far.

Since we made the Appeal in the last issue of Grindleford News, there has been a steady inflow of donations with many donors making their own valuable contributions.

We have appealed both to Grindleford residents and also to regular user groups and those who run events.

Any further donations will still be most welcome.

## *Applications for Grant Funding*

Since the last issue we have also made other applications to grant funders. There has been no further news of any success on any of the applications we have made, however these processes take some time.

## *Progress on the Scheme*

A number of meetings have been held with the architect in order to develop a scheme which can go forward for discussion with Peak Park planners and submission for Outline Planning Permission. This process of refining options is continuing and we expect to complete it soon.

We are holding an open event for viewing of the proposed Pavilion Development plans on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at the Pavilion 3:00pm till 5:00pm.

## *Current Funding for the Running of Grindleford Pavilion and Playing Fields*

Rental income from user groups is the main source of income to fund the ongoing running costs of the Pavilion building and Bridge Playing Field. This rental income does not however cover all of the running costs currently.

The gap in funding is covered by ongoing fundraising activities such as:

- Village Bonfire,
- Fundraising social events like Pea & Pie supper & Burns night
- 200 club draw

You might like to help with these fundraising activities on an ongoing basis. There is room, for example, for more participants in the 200 Club draw—and there are prizes.

Whilst the Playing Fields Committee aims to generate a surplus each year after ongoing fundraising, this is quite modest compared with the cost of making a big development like the currently proposed Pavilion Development. This is why we are making the additional appeal.

#### *How you can Donate to the Pavilion Development Fund*

These are several ways to donate:

- You can fill in a form which accompanied the last Grindleford News, include a cheque and return to the address shown
- You can also download a copy of the form from the website [www.grindleford.com](http://www.grindleford.com) and follow the instructions
- If you wish you can talk to any one of the Grindleford Playing Fields Committee, including John Morton, Tony Duncan, Steve Benn, Phil Haywood, Lionel Stout, Steven Blowen, Anton Cannell, Frank Galbraith, Larry Harfoot, David Haywood, Matt Heason, Neil Ireson, Tim Reynolds and Liz Tiplady.

Note any donations you make will be held in a separate reserve account and only used for this Pavilion development.

**OPEN EVENT for all Grindleford Residents**  
**Viewing of the proposed Pavilion Development plans**  
**Pavilion, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April from 3:00pm till 5:00pm.**



# School Solar Campaign

## Buy an Eco Bag!

We've had a great few months fundraising for our solar panels. The Hilly Billy was a fun event and was well supported by the whole village. Thank you to the Hilly Billy team for donating over £1000 from the proceeds to our campaign.

A huge thank you also goes to Hope Construction Materials for joining our Eco team for lunch and hearing all about their work and then sending us a cheque for £600 and to Northern Rail for also donating £600. The Community Shop have passed many donations on to us and we've also received significant donations from the NFU and Irwin Mitchell Solicitors.

We thought it was a little too chilly for our Ice Cream Fridays over winter so we had Popcorn Fridays instead. We have an amazing popcorn machine and after a few test runs to practice (and a few false fire alarms!) we soon became experts at making delicious caramel popcorn. At £1 a cone it generates a regular weekly sum for us.

Whilst we can't invite you all to join us for popcorn or ice cream we can invite you to buy one of our Eco bags. In November the whole school got involved in designing a fabulous Eco bag in response to the new carrier bag charge. Every pupil produced a self-portrait sketch and some lucky pupils even got to draw their teachers too! The sketches went off to a great company in Sheffield who designed the layout, incorporated our logo and produced a really high quality, large, fairtrade bag, ideal for a wide variety of occasions including a shopping trip to the supermarket or the community shop.



At just £5 the Eco bag proved very popular when the delivery arrived in December as it made an ideal Christmas gift. You may have received one! We only have a limited number left so please do

call the school if you would like to buy one. All the proceeds go towards our solar panels.

The Grindleford Gallop is such an important event for our school and this year was no exception. Thank you to every member of the village for supporting this annual fundraiser. We had a fabulous day for the event and the PTA have kindly pledged to use some of the funds raised by the Gallop to make up the amount still needed to fully fund the solar panels. That means that we will have fully paid for the panels by the end of this term, just a year after we started fundraising. What an amazing result!

We want to take this opportunity to say a huge THANK YOU to each and every one of you for your support and help in making our Solar Panels dream a reality - we really couldn't have done it without you.

THANK YOU and... Let the Sun Shine!

*Helen Illingworth*

# Goat Herds Needed



The 2016 Grindleford Goat cycle ride is taking place this year on 10<sup>th</sup> September. Many of you will know that this event is the main fund raiser for our community shop in the church vestry and is the key to making the shop viable during its business infancy. We hope to re-

recruit 500 riders this year and many people from the village help with organising and managing the event.

Goat Herds help in many ways from signing the route to marshalling key points, from supervising parking to serving breakfast, from registering riders to timing their return. It's great fun and provides a key opportunity to meet all sorts of folk. Typically jobs might take a couple of hours. Some might need transport but many are based at Grindleford Pavilion.

Many Goat Herds help year after year but we always need more. If you would be willing to help please let us know and we'll find a role for you, or ask for the sign up sheet in the community shop from May onwards.

*Helen Fulson*

[helen.fulson@gmail.com](mailto:helen.fulson@gmail.com)

## Grindleford

# Horticultural Society



*Oh to be in England  
Now that April's there,  
And whoever wakes in England  
Sees, some morning, unaware,  
That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf  
Round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf,  
While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough  
In England—now!  
And after April, when May follows,  
And the whitethroat builds, and all the swallows! ...*

Robert Browning, 1845

Spring is finally here with the daffodils blooming, the bluebells and wild garlic revving up in the woods and flowering trees putting on a show. April showers will bring forth May flowers and we're looking forward to more sunny days. It's an exciting month for gardeners, with indoor-sown seeds sprouting, and it's almost time to start sowing outdoors. Just watch out for frosts...

Here are more tips from the RHS:

- Turn your attention to the lawn.
- Tie in climbing and rambling roses
- Increase the water given to houseplants
- Feed hungry shrubs and roses
- Divide bamboos and water lilies

Those who attended our March meeting have got a head start with sweet peas with lots of tips about how to get

the best from them. Inevitably, for the best blooms, we should have prepared the ground in the autumn with mulch, well rotted manure and winter green manure to rejuvenate the soil. But for those who are less well organised, we can now reach for our seeds, start them off in a tray with moist seed compost or in a margarine tub with damp kitchen roll and they should germinate quickly. Once they get to 1" high move them on to small pots or cardboard drink cups or tubes and when they are 6" high trim off the top shoot to encourage side shoots. At this stage they prefer cooler conditions to be ready for planting out. Once in the beds they should be tied in to canes and can be layered to prevent them growing too high. They benefit from a top dressing of sulphate of potash when they start blooming. Our speaker

Andy Hubbuck exhibits sweet peas at national shows and he explained the complexities of getting perfect blooms ready for judging.

In January we had a talk on ‘Nature’s Wonders on our Doorstep’ by Steve Drinkall. Did you know Sheffield has over 2 million trees and is the greenest city in Europe? Have you ever visited the Heronry in Eccleshall Woods? Kingfishers have been spotted in all of Sheffield’s parks. Our February speaker Ian Rotherham attracted a bumper audience as he spoke about ‘Heritage of Peakland Moors and Bogs’. It was a fascinating talk which covered ancient and modern history (the first settlements were on the high tops, we were part of a Royal hunting forest, the moors stretched as far east as what is now the Sheffield Moor market, sheep

farming and grouse shooting transformed the landscape...). Ian has written about the ancient trees, shadow and ghost woods and on ‘Peat and War’: sphagnum moss was extensively gathered during the Boer War and WW1 and was used as a healing dressing long before antibiotics.

The last of our ‘winter talks’ is on ‘Plants in Literature—Origins and Anecdotes’ on April 19th (7.30 pm at the Bishop Pavilion). We’ve an outing planned to Dam Flask near Barlow (see picture) on 1st July—get your ticket at the next meeting.

Look out for local gardens that are open to the public through The National Gardens Scheme throughout the spring and summer.

*Kay Allinson*





# The Grindleford Community Shop

We hope you like our new postcard, which should have come through your door recently. This is part of our marketing campaign which has had a huge impact on our social media presence, with visitors retweeting our news and even putting photos of us on their own Facebook pages.

All this is great news, but the shop was originally set up to serve the people of Grindleford, and if you haven't been

down yet, we want you to know what you're missing! So here's a quick summary of what we're all about. We are situated just over the bridge, next to St Helen's Church. Shop telephone number 01433 630611 or check us out on the website.

If you need essentials like milk, bacon, cheese, bread, teabags or washing up liquid then we have them. We are open from 9 – 6 every week day and Saturdays, and 12 – 4 on a Sunday. We supply all of the basic everyday commodities as well as local produce such as honey, pies, ham and bacon, jams and preserves and authentic curries made in Grindleford. Because we are run by volunteers we can keep our prices low and you will be pleasantly surprised by the range of things we stock.

We have a number of wonderful cake-makers who provide us with freshly-made homemade cakes, and after you have done your shopping you can come and sit under our spreading oak tree with views down the Derwent to Kinder Scout and beyond. We are famous for our good value pot of tea and excellent cafetière coffee.

From 1 May we will also be stocking a new locally made cheese, Stange Mill-



stone. The cheese is made at Cow Close Farm in Hathersage and uses milk from the same cows as our Hope Valley ice-cream (which we stock in a variety of delicious flavours including salted caramel). Made 100% by hand, the cheese is made, turned daily until it is mature, packaged and delivered by Sophie and James, who run and own the farm. It's in the shape of a local grind or millstone and with its attractive packaging is the perfect present for guests to take home.

We would be delighted to see you down at the shop. From May onwards

we are going to run regular competitions for a voucher or a mini-hamper of locally made goods, just drop in your email address to enter.

Social media are very important to us; if you like us, please leave a review on TripAdvisor. This will cost you nothing and is the one single thing you can do to really help us to keep trading in the years ahead.

Thank you!

*Sarah and Andrew*



# *Grindleford*

# Readers

## Grindleford Bookworms

*The Bees* by Laline Paull was an unusual story. It is really about bees. The social structure of the hive is rigidly enforced and none of the bees are allowed to venture out of the station in life into which they have been hatched. So a bee born to be a ‘cleaner and sweeper’ will never rise to venture out as a ‘gatherer’ of pollen or nectar. The author however allows one such bee to let us into the intricacies of the workings of the community of the bees. Thus the reader learns a lot, although the marble floored state rooms do stretch the imagination just a bit.

Richard Harris’ *An Officer and a Spy* is a fictionalised account of the Drefus Affair. This concerns Alfred Drefus, a Jewish officer in the French army convicted wrongly of spying for the Germans in 1892, who after being publicly disgraced was sent to Devil’s Island to suffer appalling cruelties. The reader may well know the outcome but the tension which the author builds up is maintained throughout the book. Excellent!

Evelyn Waugh seems to be remembered now only for *Brideshead Revisited* and possibly because of the excellent TV adaptation some years ago, but we read *Decline and Fall*, his first book written in 1928 when the author was 25 years old. Paul Pennyfeather is the ‘hero’ of the story and through his strange adventures Waugh is able to poke fun at education in university and school, at modern architecture and the English upper classes. We were divided in our opinions of the book, some were not amused and others just loved it!

## Grindleford Book Group Too

*The Narrow Road to the Deep North* by Richard Flannagan is not the best book to be reading against the background of Christmas festivities but it is a book which is compelling and thought-provoking. The disturbing account of the lives and deaths of POWs building the Burma Railway is leavened by the episodes in the life and loves of Dorrigo Evans.

*The Children Act* by Ian McEwan raised a great many questions. Did the fragility of the state of Fiona Maye’s marriage have an impact on her judicial decision and future conduct? Was Adam who was so nearly an adult incapable of making

his own choices? Should religious beliefs be utterly binding? And lots more as the story progresses. Ian McEwan can be relied upon to produce a well-researched and thought-provoking tale.

Ali Smith won the Bailey Prize last year with *How To Be Both*. A small group gathered in March to discuss it. There are two loosely connected parts to the book, the connection being a mural. One part concerns the painting of the mural and the other its appreciation. The two parts are many centuries apart. One member of the group had really enjoyed reading the book. The rest were still somewhat bewildered by it.

*Kay Beeston*

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## *Grindleford*

# Beekeepers

The best thing about March in the beekeeping calendar is that it's occasionally warm enough to look inside the top of the hives to see how your bees have fared through the winter. It's one thing in the cold weather to 'heft' the closed hive thus guessing its weight and therefore estimate the stores left but it's not until this month that the truth is revealed.

This winter has been relatively kind to the bees in temperature terms but the wet periods have kept them indoors. The mild spells have encouraged them to move around the hive and eat their winter stores rather than cluster in a tight ball to keep warm and it's surprising how much a colony of bees can eat!

So, despite adding extra feed in January to all our hives, we still found that one of our colonies had starved to death and all seven others were very hungry. So we fed them twice in the week before Easter and we hope that on a fine day in April we can start our regular inspections inside the brood box to give them a proper health check.

All beekeepers will be on the lookout for swarms in May, June and July to replace colony losses so if you spot an accessible cluster of bees, probably about the size of a rugby ball, do give me a call.



*Alan Fairbrother 630160*

# St Helen's Church

## *News*

*Visit to Derby Cathedral, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February*

He has only been a churchwarden for less a year, so it was little wonder that James Allen looked surprised at being installed as the Archdeacon of Chesterfield, on a recent visit to Derby Cathedral. He was there with around 30 members of congregations from churches in Grindleford, Bamford and Hathersage to hear our vicar, Revd Jude Davies, give the sermon at Evensong (she preached on patience as one of the themes for Lent).

James' installation was part of a role play devised by the Dean of the Cathedral, the Very Revd John Davies, to show us who sat in the grand seats behind the gilded iron railings that separate the congregation from the robed church officials. Once James and several others had been installed, he brought the remainder of those in the pews to the gates of the enclosure and asked what it felt like to be on the outside looking in.

We learnt that those working in our Cathedral recognise that some might feel excluded on seeing the pomp and circumstance but that they are breaking down barriers to reach out to the poor and needy. An example of this is the Monday night shelter they run in which food is served to some of the city's homeless and beds are put up for them to sleep in. As one of the users has said: "This must be



the best bedroom in the world.” This talk was an inspirational alternative to what we thought was going to be a routine tour of the building, and it stimulated discussions afterwards over complimentary tea and scones in the Cathedral Coffee Shop.

*Wednesday Afternoon Tea, March 17th*

The children from Grindleford Playgroup came to show us their Easter bonnets with their Playgroup leaders and some of their parents. They were able to join us for a snack before returning to the pavilion. The next afternoon tea will be held on Wednesday, 17th April at 3pm. Do come and join us, lifts can be arranged. These afternoon teas are regularly held on the third Wednesday of each month.

*HM the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations, June 10th, 11th, 12th*

Every parish church is being encouraged to organise a festival and an exhibition to mark this event on 10-12 June 2016. This is the same weekend, in fact, as the Grindleford Carnival Day, which is a week earlier than usual. We intend to discuss this at our next meeting, but we may hold a low key event on the Sunday.

*Churchwarden*

*Grindleford*

# British Legion

Grindleford Branch of the Royal British Legion is now closed. Over the years we have raised many thousands of pounds, mainly through our Tombola Stall at the Grindleford Horticultural Show. All the money has been donated to the Royal British Legion Charities to help local Service and ex- service personnel and their families in our area.

We would like to say a big Thank You to everybody in Grindleford and surrounding areas who has always supported us and been so generous in their donations to the R.B.L. We couldn't have done it without you!!

*Susan Ashforth*  
Branch Secretary

# Exploring Longshaw

Finally it feels like spring is in the air! Writing this the week after Easter weekend, it feels like it's been a long time coming.

We're spotting lots of spring wildlife up here, including frogspawn, curlews and woodpeckers. The rangers have started their weekly adder surveys and we're looking forward to the pied flycatchers returning from Africa to nest in Padley Gorge.



I love coming to Longshaw at 8:30am for work, as it's so quiet at that time, apart from the birdsong which is really loud, so you almost feel like you're in the jungle. It's also great to stay after work for a walk and enjoy the peace and quiet. As a local resident, why not pop up during the quiet times of the day and beat the crowds?

We had a busy Easter and we hope some of you made it to our Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt. With over 1300 Easter bunnies eaten, we raised lots of money which all goes back to looking after Longshaw.

Talking of looking after Longshaw, our Muck In Days are becoming popular. These are days for all the family to come and get a taste of volunteering at Longshaw and the Eastern Moors. There's no top or bottom age limit, and it's a great way to get a bit closer to the rangers' work. The next one is dry stone walling at Longshaw.

We've got some other interesting events on, including climbing for beginners, Nordic walking, the Woodland Explorer Trail in half term, and the wildflower wander led by ranger Mark Bull. Or if you love running, why not come to our Thursday night running, or take part in a monthly Trust10?

You can find our events listed online here: <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/longshaw-burbage-and-the-eastern-moors/whats-on>.

We look forward to seeing you up here over the summer.

*The Longshaw Team*

# The Swifts are Coming!

In a few weeks' time, probably the end of April, some of our long time summer visitors will arrive in Grindleford. Not of the human kind, but feathered fliers: a colony of swifts return each year to nest and bring up their brood in our area. Not to be confused with the similar-looking swallows and house martins that also come to nest in the village, the swifts can be identified by the speed of their flight and their love of forming screaming parties around the nest sights. They're the MiG fighters of the avian world.

Spending nearly all of their life on the wing including sleeping and mating, they lead difficult lives. However, whilst in Grindleford they will be landing only to disappear into their nesting holes. They have evolved with very short legs. They can only launch into flight satisfactorily from a height and if found otherwise unharmed on the ground they can be successfully relaunched by hand back into the air. Having decided not to take the easiest



of evolutionary options they are also one of the longest distance migrants. From their over wintering in Central Africa they have been known to travel the last leg from West Africa to the UK, a distance of 3000 miles, in 5 days!

Swifts have been in decline for some years and since 1995 a third have been lost. They are now amber on the danger list. It is thought that one reason for this decline is the loss of suitable nesting sites. They nest in spaces and holes within buildings at high level, particularly spaces formed by the eaves in older buildings. They only need a gap of 1¼" or 30mm as an entrance to gain access to a wider space for nesting. Renovation work can destroy these old nests and prevent the creation of a new generation of swifts. If you're thinking of having work done and suspect that you've got a swift nesting site you can get some useful advice from [www.swift-conservation.org](http://www.swift-conservation.org). Nest boxes can be bought for as little as £20.

Swifts are known to nest in Main Road and I am collating information about all nest sites within the village to pass on to Nick Brown of the Derbyshire Swift Conservation Society. So if you see swifts around your house or out-buildings then let me know. My email address is [micktri@hotmail.com](mailto:micktri@hotmail.com).

You can help to **Save Our Swifts**.

*Mick Clarkson*



## Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup

This term has seen us out and about in all kinds of weather, at times it has been a challenge to see any signs of Spring at all. Despite this the children have had a wonderful time trying out many traditional activities – but with a special play-group twist.



Baking



Feeding  
the birds



Pancakes in  
the woods



We made a special visit to the church to show off our Easter bonnets and to hunt for eggs.

Thanks to everyone who came along to our latest family forest school. I hope you all enjoyed your time in the woods.

It was great to see everyone getting stuck in—helping with jobs both big and small.

The biggest job involved taking a chain saw to the tree which has been blocking the path since the high winds in January. While we have enjoyed the challenge of going under it or over it, the cut pieces will repair our fire pit and provide additional seating for the children.



Erecting the new climbing frame proved to be a mammoth task too—but well worth it, the children love this new addition to their site.



Summer forest school will be running again this year, we will be taking bookings from the beginning of May.

Are you looking for some muddy fun on Fridays?

Why not visit our mud kitchen toddler group, 10.00 to 11.30am.

£2.50 per child, drink and toast included.

Everybody welcome.



If you would like further information about playgroup or future events join our Facebook group or visit our website

[www.grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk)

## *Grindleford*

# Gaiters

Recently the Grindleford walking group, the Gaiters, have been walking at Foolow, Great Hucklow, Silence Mine; Over Haddon, Bradford Dale, Lathkill



Gaiters heading down towards Hathersage

Dale; White Edge Lodge, Longshaw, Houndkirk Road, Padley Gorge; Lawrence Field, Burbage Bridge, Fiddler's Elbow, back of Higger Tor, Mitchell's Field, Millstone; Millthorpe, Unthank, Shillito Wood, Foxlane, Horsleygate, Holmesfield; Mayfield Valley, Forge Dam, Willow Hall Farm, Willow, Ringinglow; Stoke Ford,

Sandy Lane, Eyam Moor, Bretton.

The walking group also reminisced about the previous years walking whilst enjoying a Piggy Pudding evening. A just reward after all of that foot slogging we have done.

The Gaiters walk every other Thursday, year round, generally meeting at the Pavilion car park at 9:30am. Most walks are typically 5 to 6 miles followed by a good lunch.

Keep walking!



Gaiters near the Round House at Ringinglow

# Litter Vigilantes Strike Again

—but this time  
they bring the kids!

Very many thanks to all those paragons of virtue who pitch in to tidy up our village.




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## Thanks for the Help!

We just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone in the village over the last couple of months whilst we searched for our new house. We are now happily relocated and thankfully still in Grindleford. Everyone's support, suggestions and contacts were gratefully received and was a huge reminder of why we wanted to stay in the village.

Many thanks and best wishes.

*Paul and Sarah Hayes and family*

# Grindleford

## WI

‘The Lighter Side of 999’ was the subject Gill Glen chose for her talk to us in January. She told us of her work responding for many years to urgent calls for help. Her story was heart lifting and inspiring and we were full of admiration for her obvious love of the contribution she had been able to make to help those in need.

In February our speaker was unable to come due to ill health so we spent a lively social evening playing games, enjoying a quiz which required a detailed knowledge of pub signs and having plenty of time to chat.

Dr Val Robinson visited us in March bringing with her excellent slides to illustrate her recently spent two months in Malawi. None of us had much knowledge of the country but we soon appreciated its colourful beauty. It was not a holiday for Dr Robinson as the purpose of her trip was to share her knowledge and experience as a paediatrician with the local doctors working in this field. It is good to know that there are those who are willing and generous enough to offer their services to help those who are less privileged than we are.

*Kay Beeston*

## Comedy Night Returns!



Rob and friends are coming to Eyam this time—get the date in your diary, tickets on sale soon.

Tuesday, 19th July  
Eyam Mechanics

In aid of Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup.

# Ramblings of a Shop Volunteer

## *Nostalgic Musings*

A customer asked for a jar of mayonnaise the other day and this set me off on a nostalgic trip back to the 50s and early 60s when we put Heinz Salad Cream on our salad. Do you remember Instant Whip? – just add milk, whisk and hey-presto, a very pink dessert.

We drank Camp Coffee and thought ourselves very modern! I guess we wouldn't even be able to call it that these days as it would be deemed non-PC.

Fish was eaten only on Fridays and certainly didn't have fingers. Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.

Garlic was used to ward off vampires, never to flavour food and Curry was a surname.

Cornflakes had just arrived from America but we all thought they would never catch on.

Tea was made in a pot with tea leaves and was never green.

Water came out of a tap and if someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock.

A takeaway was a mathematical problem and a Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.

Those were the days!

(Apologies for the plagiarism to Martin Whillock of Easingwold U3A!)

## *Chocolate Fix*

Penny made some extremely chocolaty buns for Easter with Cadbury's mini eggs on top—they looked yummy! We had just put them on the counter when a customer came in asking for a hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows to take out—mmm! I thought, I might treat myself to one of those later. Just as he was leaving he spotted the buns. 'I will have one of those as well', he said. He left the shop with hot chocolate in one hand and choccy bun in the other and a huge grin on his face. We aim to please!

Bye for now!

*Tilly Roll*

# The Quaker Community at Bamford

There has been a Quaker Community here on the Thornhill trail near Bamford for some 27 years now. Currently there are nine of us resident at the community, with another two hoping to join us soon. Those who remember that the community used to consist of up to twenty two residents may wonder what we are doing with all the rest of the space; the answer is that we keep some ten guest rooms available for hospitality and respite.



Many Quakers and others join us for the low-cost retreats we run here, exploring topics including deepening the spiritual life, Qigong, meditation, climate change, woodland working, organic gardening, Family Summer Camp, and a reflective New Year. The retreats are both fun and thought-provoking, with opportunities for walks, discussions, art and shared worship. In addition to the retreats several groups such as the AVP (Alternatives to Violence Project) and City of Sanctuary hold training and planning weekends here.



Between these events we often have people staying on a self-catering basis, for a break, for respite or for an opportunity to experience community life. Visitors may join us for our morning and evening worship sessions, and may also lend a hand in the woodland or gardens or help with indoor work.

We welcome visitors from all over the UK and the rest of the world and enjoy the richness of their company, learning from all their varying perspectives.

The Hope Valley Quaker Meeting for Worship is held here every Sunday, from 10.45 – 11.45, with several people from the Valley attending regularly. We invite



you to join us for these times of quiet reflection and connection – and the coffee and biscuits afterwards!

We also have Working Saturdays usually on the third Saturday of each month, inviting in the extra hands that make relatively light work of the many tasks in the house and on the land, and offering an opportunity to get to know the community.

We welcome people from the Valley to join in our retreats programme, on a residential or non-residential basis. The next of these are *Spring Planting* (11-15 April) when we will be preparing the ground, sowing seeds and planting out, and *The World in Our Hearts* (13 – 15 May) when we will be looking at spiritual practices to help us to respond to the challenges of our time.

Daniel Wimberley 650085

[www.quakercommunity.org.uk](http://www.quakercommunity.org.uk)

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## Poetry Corner

*Frog on the Lane*

The form is perfect,  
outline defined,  
pencil sharp.

But all that wet cool  
smooth thick slick swell  
of frogness

is dry as a crisp,  
thin as a shadow,  
dust-coloured on dust.

I pick it up.  
I want to make it  
into something else.

I could paint it,  
embroider it,  
draw patterns round it,  
stencil a frog border  
with it, return it  
some texture.

I want to thank it.  
Redeem the waste of it,  
help it spawn again.

But so far I've just left it  
out in the rain  
to get wet.

*Cora Greenhill*

<http://coragreenhillpoems.blogspot.com/>

The launch of Cora's new book will take place in Grindleford on Thursday 26th May—all are welcome, but email Cora for details: [cora@thirteenthmoon.co.uk](mailto:cora@thirteenthmoon.co.uk)



Grindleford Silver Band, departed at 2.15pm *en route* for the Maynard Arms, via Grindleford Station.

The Crowning Ceremony on the Maynard lawns (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Mayger) was at 3pm when the Hospital Queen was crowned by Lady Anne Hunloke.

This was followed by Maypole dancing and a gymnastic display by the ‘Gym Kranks’.

At 4pm the procession was re-formed & proceeded to the Playing Fields (present Bonfire Field) where the fancy dress prizes were awarded. Stalls and side-shows included darts, Money in the Tub (drop your penny on a sixpence & it’s yours!), Hoop-la, Madame Stewart (Sheffield’s Cleverest Fortune Teller), a dancing display by Miss Allsop & Her Acrobatic Troupe, ladies’ ankle competition and gents’ knobbly knees competition. (Author’s note to the new Committee: can we have these two events back, please?)

At 5pm tea was served in the chapel schoolroom, price 9d. children 3d. Then, at 8.45pm the torch-light procession left from the Playing Fields to the Maynard Arms for the Grand Carnival Dance with the White Rhythm Band, 9 till 12, admission 1/-. Last train to Sheffield was at 11.33pm.

Events during the following week included: Sunday, Combined Open-Air Service; Monday, Comic Cricket Match, Ladies v Gents; Tuesday, Maypole Dancing; Wednesday, Tennis Tournament; Thursday, the ‘High Spot of the Carnival’—dancing to Billy Short’s Band in the Maynard Arms ballroom from 8pm till 1am.

By 1951, the programme of events was very similar to 1939, but there was no need for Hospital funding now, thanks to the NHS, so the Carnival was organised by the Playing Fields Association. The parades were still there, as were Maypole dancing, dances at the Maynard and the ever-popular Ankles & Knees Competitions! Additional events included an exhibition of W.I. handicrafts, a display of garden produce in the schoolroom, a Grand Variety Concert and children’s sports.

In 1955, the boat race was held on the river Derwent on the Tuesday night—hand propelled boats only; The Winner is First to Shoot the Bridge! This was followed at 8pm with an Open Dog Show held in Mr Gill’s Field (now Bridge Field). Other fascinating events in this year were a Best Dressed Shop Window Competition & an Open Baby Show (entrance fee 6d each child).



Carnival Day 1955. The entry of the 1954 Carnival Queen, Brenda Gosney & the 1955 Carnival Queen Elect, Hilary Biggin on the Maynard Lawn. .

Sadly, the 1959 Carnival proved to be the last for 20 years, the very last Carnival Queen was Pamela Warren. After a rather moribund period in the 1960s, the village social scene enjoyed a boom during the 1970s, which saw, amongst others, the Bishop Pavilion and Bridge Field developments, a new Cricket Club, pre-school education, Brownies and village pantomimes. At last, the carnival tradition was resurrected in 1979 following on from successful school centenary celebrations in 1976 and the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977.

An enthusiastic new Carnival Committee introduced fresh ideas, including centre ring entertainments, boat, pram & duck races, barbeque, Car Treasure Hunt, Quiz Night and the hugely successful fell races. The Carnival Queen was replaced by a Carnival Princess and Attendants, chosen from pupils at Grindleford Primary School. So it has continued ever since, rain or shine, with lots of fun and laughter, raising valuable funds for local causes.

Now, we can look forward to Carnival Week 2016 with a newly resurgent Carnival Committee at the helm. Good luck to Grindleford Carnival this year, long may it continue for many more years to come!

*Alan Jacques*

# Parish Council Notes

**Public Consultation on Subsidised Transport.** Derbyshire County Council are undertaking a survey on their proposals to withdraw all County Council funding for subsidised buses by October 2017 and the impact it will have on the public.

They have four proposals:

1. To withdraw all funding for buses paid for by the Council—subsidised buses—from October 2017.
2. To withdraw all funding for community transport Dial-a-Bus (DAB) 'shopping buses' from October 2017.
3. To provide a new, limited 'demand-responsive' service in the place of subsidised and shopping buses.
4. To provide a new, 'Door-to-Door Plus' service for people who currently use DAB shopping buses and who would be unable to use the proposed demand responsive service.

The Parish Council is extremely concerned about the potential loss of the majority of our bus and the Community Transport services to the village. Council Members urge all residents and other community groups to complete the survey so that we can get a good, strong response from Grindleford. Copies of the questionnaire have been placed in the bus shelters at Mount Pleasant & are available from Derbyshire Libraries.

You can access the survey via; <http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/HaveYourSay>

Or <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=145501217932>

For further information via; [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/challenge](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/challenge)

*The closing date for responses is Sunday 24 April.*

**Litter Pickers.** On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March, the intrepid band of volunteers & supporters carried out another successful pick. Over 40 bags of refuse were collected from the village and approach roads. Afterwards, a well earned drink, with chips courtesy of Terry, was enjoyed at the Sir William. Many thanks to all who took part, especially the Junior Pickers!

The next litter pick will be in the autumn, probably in September and will be widely publicised.

**Eyam Surgery.** NHS is proposing to withdraw £15K of funding from Eyam Surgery on the grounds that Grindleford Branch is no longer operating. If this goes ahead, it will have serious implications for any future service provision in Grindleford. The Council has made strong representation to North Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group expressing serious concerns about the proposals.

**Village Defibrillator.** One is now in operation and has been placed on the wall of the Sir William, in the car park on the school side.

**Temporary Road Closure.** Derbyshire County Council have given notice that the Hathersage Road, the B6001, from its junction with the A6187 (Main Road, Hathersage) to its junction with the B6521 (Main Road, Grindleford) will be closed between 25 April to 29 April 2016 to facilitate patching carriageway works.

The Parish Council meets every second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Bishop Pavilion. Residents wishing to raise any matters are given the opportunity to speak at the start of the meeting. Anyone wishing to do so should please contact either the Chairman, John Morton on 01433 631245 or the Clerk, Alan Jacques 01433 631586 [apjacques@sky.com](mailto:apjacques@sky.com) prior to the meeting.

*Alan Jacques*  
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## Useful Websites:

Grindleford Community Shop: [www.grindlefordvillageshop.co.uk](http://www.grindlefordvillageshop.co.uk)

Check out all the activities going on in our pre-school and primary school:  
[www.grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk) and  
[www.grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk)

Finally, don't forget the village has its own website where you can find out about what is going on locally and post details of your own events:  
[www.grindleford.com](http://www.grindleford.com)

## Any News?

If there's anything you feel should be covered in the next issue, please don't hesitate to contact the editor, Tim Shephard, on 639449 or [grindlefordnews@gmail.com](mailto:grindlefordnews@gmail.com). You could either write an item yourself, or suggest someone else who might be able to write one.

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