

THE GRINDLEFORD NEWS

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Use It or Lose It

Grindleford is fortunate in still having a good bus service to many nearby towns and villages. But most of our services are subsidised by Derbyshire County Council to keep them running, and the prospect of more cuts by the government over the next twelve months means that they are very much

under threat. In fact DCC has said that it may well be forced to withdraw its financial support for all our services.

If only a few more people from the village used the bus, even occasionally, this would make a big difference, and help retain the services for those who rely on them.

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So I thought it would be helpful if I summarised the times of the buses to and from Grindleford. These are for Monday to Saturday, as we only have 3 buses to/from Sheffield/Buxton on Sundays.

We have bus stops along Main Road, whilst the buses which go through Hathersage (174, 275 and 276) will also stop at the Sir William Hotel/War Memorial. The 65, 65A and 215 services run past the Maynard Arms/train station.

The times are at the Mount Pleasant bus stop, so there will be a couple of minutes' difference for the other stops. Our services are run by Hulleys of Baslow and TM Travel, and I have shown the bus number after the times.

From Grindleford

to **Sheffield**: 07.50 (65), 10.20 (65), 11.06 (275), 11.50 (65), 13.06 (275), 13.50 (65), 16.42 (215) (not Sat) 18.20 (65), 19.50 (65)

to **Bakewell**: 08.10 (215) (not Sat), 09.30 (275), 11.30 (275), 13.30 (275) 15.40 (275) (Sat and school holidays only)

to **Buxton**: 09.58 (65), 11.58 (65), 15.08 (65), 16.33 (65), 18.03 (65)

to **Hathersage and Bamford**: 11.06 (275), 13.06 (275), 14.23 (276) (Fri only) 15.06 (275)

to **Chesterfield**: 10.17 (276) (Fri only)

to **Calver**: 07.50 (65) (not Sat), 09.30 (275), 10.17 (276) (Fri only) 10.20 (65), 11.30 (275), 11.58 (65), 13.30 (275), 15.08 (65), 15.40 (275) (Sat and school holidays only), 16.33 (65), 18.20 (65), 19.32 (65A – goes on to Baslow), 19.37 (174 – goes on to Baslow)

To Grindleford

from **Sheffield** (interchange): 07.30 (215) (not Sat), 09.25 (65), 10.27 (shows 273 to Yorkshire Bridge, then 275), 11.25 (65), 12.44 (275), (12.27 on Sat, and shows 273 to Yorkshire Bridge, then 275), 14.35 (65), 16.00 (65), 17.30 (65), 18.50 (65A)

from **Bakewell**: 10.35 (275), 12.35 (275), 14.35 (275), 16.20 (215) (not Sat), 17.25 (275, only to Calver and not Sat)

from **Buxton** (Market Place): 09.30 (65), 11.00 (65), 13.00 (65), 17.30 (65), 19.00 (65)

from **Hathersage** (Little John; from Bamford 7 mins earlier): 09.17 (275), 10.12 (276) (Fri only), 11.17 (275), 13.17 (275), 15.35 (275) (Sat and school holidays only), 19.33 (174 – from Castleton not Bamford)

from **Chesterfield** (New Beetwell Street): 13.55 (276) (Fri only)

from **Calver**: 07.46 (65), 10.16 (65), 11.02 (275), 11.46 (65), 13.02 (275), 13.46

(65), 14.19 (276) (Fri only), 15.02 (275), 16.38 (215) (not Sat), 18.16 (65), 19.46 (65)

Service 65 also goes through Eyam, Foolow, Hucklow, Tideswell and Litton.

Service 174 also goes through Castleton and Hope.

Service 215 also goes through Baslow.

Service 275 also goes through Hassop, Calver Bridge, Eyam, Yorkshire Bridge, Crosspool and Broomhill.

Service 276 also goes through Baslow, Hope, Bradwell and Castleton.

There are also some useful school/college services to/from Bakewell, Chesterfield and Hathersage which the public can use but these run only in term-times. Details are on the timetables on the bus stops in the village.

Bus fares are very reasonable, especially if you buy returns. And if you were born before 1 July 1952, you qualify for a Gold Card, which gives you free travel after 9.30 am, and all day at weekends. Apply at Bakewell swimming pool.

If you don't use the bus often, you will be surprised at how convenient and comfortable they are. And they are very sociable too, a good way of finding out what is going on in and around Grindleford.

*Peter O'Brien
Parish Councillor*

Grindleford

Flood Group

Over the past months those of us affected by flooding have been meeting to look at what we can do to prevent a reoccurrence. We have been guided and assisted by the Flood Forum, an organisation set up to assist community flood groups get the action they need on flooding issues.

We are now planning our first meeting with relevant organisations to discuss and get progress on an action plan we have drawn up. The action plan addresses such issues as debris in the river, releasing water from the Ladybower dam and maintaining flood plains, amongst others. The intention is to meet with the relevant organisations, e.g. Environment Agency, Trent Water, etc., and discuss how they might assist in resolving the issues we have raised.

If you would like to know more about the group, see a copy of the action plan or indeed join the group, you would be most welcome, just give me a call.

*Sue Fairbrother
630160*

Grindleford

Pavilion Appeal

Update on the progress of the Appeal

Since we made the Appeal in the January edition of Grindleford News, nearly 30 donors have made valuable contributions to our fund and we have raised just over £4000 in addition to the funding we already have from the Youth Club sale, the GPFA's own funds and The Duke of Devonshire's Charitable Trust. These extra funds will enable us to fit out a room which we might not otherwise have been able to do.

Applications for Grant Funding

Unfortunately Sport England have declined to give us funding under their Inspired Facilities funding scheme. The scheme was five times oversubscribed. We still have hopes we will be successful with other funders.

There is a further batch of funding applications which we want to make where we need to have Planning Permission in place. It is a conundrum that we therefore have to guess what scale of scheme we can afford for the plans we submit, before knowing the full extent of the funding we might obtain. It is now our priority to obtain this Planning Permission.

Consultation and Progress on the Scheme

We held an open event for viewing of Pavilion Development plans on Sunday 24th April at the Pavilion. A range of feedback was provided by those attending and additionally we have had further detailed discussions with a range of Pavilion User groups, including the Pre-school. Some feedback relates to issues of the layout for use of the developed building. There were also quite a few suggestions for features and facilities which should be included; not surprisingly providing most of these would cost more money. There was concern also that the build phase will be quite disruptive.

Following on from this consultation we have been working on the plans to take account of feedback, ways of minimising disruption to user groups during the building phase as well as considering the funds which we have secured. We are revising the plans accordingly and intend to seek pre-planning advice from the Peak Park Planners shortly—this is no longer a free service.

Our current funding situation is inadequate for everything people would like us to achieve with the extension. Any further donations will still be most welcome.



Pavilion Users

Considering all of the users of the Pavilion and Playing Fields gives an understanding of just how busy a facility it is. We have on a regular basis: Soccer, adult and junior; Cricket, adult and junior; Pre-school; Rainbows; Youth Club; Bridge Club; Pilates; School sports; Art—adult education; Horticultural Society; Women's Institute; Lunch Club; Parish Council meetings.

Additionally a number of events and single bookings add to the range including: Carnival—sports, carnival day, fell races, adult and junior; Grindleford Show; Grindleford Gallop; Grindleford Goat; externally run events and private bookings.

This breadth of use leads to conflicting demands for use of the facilities and shows the need for this development to try to add some capacity and improve facilities.

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 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 Blownen, Anton Cannell, Frank Galbraith, Larry Harfoot, David Haywood, Matt Heason, Neil Ireson, Tim Reynolds and Liz Tiplady.

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

GRINDLEFORD GOAT CYCLOSPORTIVE

108km or 51km - £25

Sat 10th Sep

"No other ride looks after participants so well" - 2015 rider

SIR WILLIAM HILL CLIMB - Fri 9th Sep

www.grindlefordgoat.co.uk

The **Grindleford Goat** is now in its 4th year. It's an essential event on the village calendar providing a substantial proportion of the Community Shop's annual income. Each year the organisers get some amazing feedback, e.g.:

I've entered mass participation events for many years and the people who run the Grindleford Goat are without some of the friendliest and most helpful I've ever dealt with. It's reassuring to know that the organisers really are on the side of the participants.

In 2016 there will once again be a challenging 8.5km family ride tackling Sir William Hill and incorporating some private tracks in a beautiful hidden corner of our neighbourhood. There will then be the usual 51km and 108km routes, each with its own challenges and delights. After the rides Nonna's will be on site providing their signature pasta dishes to replenish empty tanks. You can sign up and encourage friends to do so on the event website

www.grindlefordgoat.co.uk. Don't delay as places go pretty quickly.

Volunteers are still needed for registration, marshalling in Eyam, and taking shifts on the bouncy castle. If anyone is available to help please sign up in the community shop or email Helen on helen.fulson@gmail.com.

The **Sir William Hill Climb** is back by popular demand this year on Friday 9th September. It's a great way to kick start your Grindleford Goat weekend or take on as a challenge in its own right.

Last year we saw some incredible performances from club cyclists and total newcomers alike. The Friday night Hill Climb festival is also back, with live entertainment, food, real ale and a bike fair. And this time, entry to the festival is free both for riders and their families—so you can bring everyone down to enjoy the buzz of the Friday evening before the Goat. Don't get too carried away though as we'd like you to ride the sportive the following day!

The Hill Climb this year is raising money for another local cause—this time for our local pre-school—Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup—who are raising funds to improve their base at Grindleford's sports pavilion. Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup is an outdoors-themed pre-school which fosters a love of all things active, natural and wild, and where children from the age of two get to experience regular balance bike sessions, daily walks, weekly allotment days and a magical Forest School. So you know that by entering the Hill Climb, you're also helping to inspire the next generation of cyclists!

The climb itself is 1.77km (that's 1.1miles) and climbs a whopping 200m (650feet) in that short distance. That's an average gradient of 11%. Pit yourself against the best, and then kick back with the delights of the Friday evening festival.



Grindleford

Horticultural Society

'Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.'

Henry James

Come Along to The Grindleford Horticultural Show! A favourite village event!

The date for your diary is 20th August.

The show opens at 2pm. It's held as usual at the Bridge Field (S32 2JN).

Our local gardeners and allotment growers will once again deliver a beautiful display of flowers and produce. We've been tending and nurturing vegetables and flowers, feeding the tomatoes and roses and coaxing the sweet peas and beans up the trellis in the hope this may be the lucky year for a trophy! (Or, again, it might be a last minute dash to salvage anything half decent on the day!)

Could this be the year you try floral art, wine or cocktail bases, art, crafts, photography, or add to the table laden with entries in the domestic produce section?

There's a special buzz in the children's section with art work, baking and

models. The school writing project is on the theme of 'Rubbish Writing', we're hoping this ties in with their environmental studies!

Adults (and students over 12) can enter short pieces of prose or poems: this year's theme is 'Escape'.

Hathersage Silver Band provides a hugely enjoyable musical backdrop. There's a rumour that our own Grindleford choir might do a turn! Children and the young at heart can be entertained by a Punch and Judy show.

Do study the schedule—it should be dropping through your door any day now. Have a look at the Grindleford



only entries and the novice classes. You'll see the prize money in floral art is more generous to recognise the extra costs.

Why not try an entry to The Grindleford Gardener's Tray and the Reynold's trophy this year? Don't forget the potato in the bucket!

As usual you need to register interest on the Thursday evening before the show (18th) by bringing your completed application form and entrance fees to the Bishop Pavilion. If you are entering a photograph of local interest or flowers/foliage or a poem/ piece of prose then these should be brought in a sealed envelope on the Thursday night as they need mounting and the writing is judged. Otherwise bring your entries to the marquee early on the Saturday morning. Remember it's a short window before judging starts, and all entries must be in for 9:45 am! Then keep your fingers crossed: all will be revealed after the show is declared open by Mr Terry Severn.

There will be fabulous refreshments, a good array of stalls, including our unique bric-a-brac. Of course there's the raffle with lots of great local dining as prizes. You can pick up some amazing produce when exhibits are auctioned off about 4:15.

We're hoping for another great day, but a good event needs a lot of 'behind the scenes' work to pull it all off! We'd

seriously appreciate some extra help. So whether it's setting up on the Friday afternoon, donating bric-a-brac, (donations can be given to Sue Green (639301) in advance or brought on the day), doing some extra baking for the refreshments (contact Penny Reynolds 630023) or giving a bit of time towards the end of the afternoon when everything gets dismantled, we'd be so grateful. Thanks in advance to our regular band of helpers and to the judges who make the anticipation so exciting!

So bring yourselves, rope in your friends and family and if you spot any walkers or cyclists who look lost direct them to the show. (What on earth do they mean if they say they are heading to Frogatt Edge? This has to be the best high summer event in the valley!)

See you on 20th August!

New members of the GHS are always welcome! Speak to any helpers at the show and join us for a series of talks over the autumn/winter and outings in the spring and summer. Next year the RHS are holding a show at Chatsworth from 7-11 June so that will be on our agenda!

Kay Allinson



Bakewell Day Care Under Threat

Along with a number of local services for older people, Derbyshire County Council propose to cut 100% of it's funding to the Bakewell Day Service which supports our older people to remain in their own homes for longer.

Bakewell Day Service is vital for vulnerable older people in Bakewell and surrounding villages and there is no other service like it in our rural community. We feel compelled to let you know about this proposal to cut older people's care funding as it will have implications for readers families now and in the future.

A number of our older Grindleford members past and present attend the Bakewell Day service.

Most of us at one time or another will have had to (or may have to in the future) make the difficult decision about an older family member who is struggling to stay independent in their own homes. It can feel like a step too far to consider a permanent care home for your loved one but as a carer or family member you know your loved one needs extra support to remain in their own home and you need a break and support.

Bakewell Day Service has been providing this much needed support to older people for nearly 20 years; bridging this vital gap between remaining in their

own homes and going into permanent care homes for hundreds of older people in our community. Not forgetting the absolutely vital role the day service plays in supporting carers with much needed respite and emotional support the service provides. This service relieves isolation and loneliness in older people which otherwise can



ultimately lead to depression and anxiety, provides monitoring for health conditions and wellbeing and makes appropriate signposting recommendations to health care professionals.

Staff, volunteers, our older people, families and carers have expressed deep concern by the proposal by Derbyshire County Council to withdraw 100% of their funding for Bakewell Day Service as part of their cuts.

Support the Petition

People of Bakewell and surrounding villages are signing a petition to try to persuade Derbyshire County Council to reconsider their proposals and save Bakewell Day Service funding and this vital service for older residents in Bakewell and the surrounding areas.

Mary Ward, Manager of Bakewell Day Service says she “firmly believes cutting council funding to this service will have a serious ‘knock on’ effect to already overstretched health care resources in the area and I feel a crisis may be ahead as older people and carers need to find more expensive alternatives”. Age UK Derby and Derbyshire believes Derbyshire County Council’s proposal is short-sighted and will take away the independence of older people in our rural community who thrive on interaction, stimulation and retaining their dignity.... and result in increased stress for the many hundreds of carers.

If you are affected by this issue, you can:

- Sign our paper petition—the closing date is **Friday 15th July 2016**—found in many shops, pubs and premises around Grindleford, Bakewell and surrounding villages.



- “Like” and “Share” our petition page on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/bakewelldaycentre/>
- write a letter in support of the Bakewell Day Service
- complete an online or paper version of the Derbyshire County Council consultation – just visit their website or visit the Age UK Derby & Derbyshire website for further information on Derbyshire County Council’s proposed cuts to older people care in this area.



The Grindleford Community Shop

My Shop My Fiver

Just reminding all you good people of Grindleford not to forget to come and spend a fiver in our shop every week to keep us happily afloat.

There are about 400 households in the village, so if each of those spent five pounds a month with us—£60 a year—that would net us £24,000 annually, which would enable us to balance our books as well as contribute money back into the community. We have a lot—315 different items to be precise—of things you need at really competitive prices—household goods like loo roll and excellent Cafeology coffee, as well as locally made ice-creams, jams, marmalades, cakes and lots of other nice things. We are reliably informed that the national association for estate agents estimates that houses in villages with a shop are worth about 5% more than those without, so if you are a houseowner you will get your £60 back several times over!

The shop is run mainly to provide a central meeting point for the community so you are likely to meet an old friend, or make a new one, if you come down. We need the support of the village, especially when the weather is

poor for a prolonged period and the walkers stay away, to survive; so we do need your custom. We can't do this without you!

Since last time

Caring Grindleford was a successful and well-attended event with some positive and concrete ideas coming out of it. The event was jointly run by the shop and church. There are people actively looking to put new services for older people in place as a result of it, so please look out for further news.

Shop location

There were several comments relating to the shop at the consultation on the plans for the new Pavilion. The church is in the process of asking for a five year extension to the lease for the shop – the current lease runs out in September – and if that is successful then we have a home for a little while yet. We are very grateful to the church for taking us in. But at some point we will need to move on and the Pavilion is possibly the best option we have. The idea is to wait for the accommodation for pre-school and youth club to be built, and then see if and where we can fit in – at least three years away, in oth-

er words, before we can even start to think about plans and finance.

Grindleford Carnival

Our grateful thanks to the ever-delightful SPANKY JOHNSON who played a joint benefit for the Carnival and shop at the evening knees-up, raising an amazing £300 for us.

The shop ran a stall which was well patronised, many thanks to everyone (and especially Esther) for making that happen.

Bread news

We are glad to report that Irene is recovering well from the operation on her shoulder, but it's a long haul and sadly she isn't going to be back in action before September. If you are reading this, Irene—get well soon, from all of us. Thank goodness that Andrew managed to find Welbeck bakery, who are an artisan school of baking situated in Sherwood Forest. How romantic! We get bread from them on TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS together with croissants and the usual pastries and buns. Frozen Welbeck bread is available on other days. We will shortly put a notice up outside the shop with these days, to remind you when to come in for fresh bread.

The Goatmen Cometh

Yes ladies and gentlemen, it will soon be that time of year again. There might

be another Grindleford News beforehand, but just in case not, the Best Cy-closportive in the World is coming to Grindleford on 10 and 11 September, with the Hilly Billy climb up Sir William on Friday 9th. (If you happen to live up Sir William Hill, this is an event much better spectated than participated in. If anyone wants to come and join us ringing bells and tooting encouraging claxons, you are most welcome. On no account sign up for the climb, though. You will need a ladder in places to get to the top....) The Goat is a crucial fundraiser for the shop, and they always need new hands on deck, so please contribute to our venture by helping out on the day or beforehand. Ring the shop number 631611 to sign up. We get cyclists from all over Britain coming to our village, and they are very complimentary about us, the place where we live and the event we put on.

Win a Hamster

Sorry, not a hamster—a hamper! Come and leave your email address in the shop and we will put you in for a monthly Grindleford Shop goodies mini-hamper, all for free! And yes you will go on our mailing list, but all you will receive are our newsletters and nothing... more... ever we promise.

That's it for this edition. More shop news in the autumn!

Sarah and Andrew

Caring

Grindleford

How well does Grindleford support older people? This was the subject of two days of talks, discussions and an exhibition in St Helen's Church on 22nd and 23rd April organised by the church and the Community Shop.

Speakers from local government, voluntary agencies and legal and financial experts covered a range of topics. Sharon O'Hara from Derbyshire County Council gave an overview of services available from vulnerable older people. Although deep cuts have been made in welfare spending the county council still has a statutory duty to provide care services for vulnerable people, and housing, care and support services are available. People who need the services should not feel reluctant to use them—they have contributed to the system all their lives. An increasingly important role for social services is to provide information about what services are available. Alexandra Shore described Derbyshire's First Contact signposting scheme. This is an easy way to refer people for services through one contact. People can fill in a checklist indicating what they would like help with, and the First Contact team arrange for the appropriate agencies to make contact with them. Services range from providing free fire alarms to giving advice on benefits. The form can be downloaded from: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/firstcontactform. Katharine Wilson talked about advice and information service that can be accessed from AgeUK Derby and Derbyshire at: <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/derbyandderbyshire/>.

Jonathan Simcock works with the Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service (DDCVS) which provides expert help and advice for voluntary and community groups. The good news is that there are still a lot of small grants available for community based projects, despite the welfare spending cuts. DDCVS can provide guidance and expert advice to small groups, and crucially have knowledge of funding sources available. All that is needed is a team consisting of chair, secretary and treasurer to form the basis of a new community project.

Rachel Baseley of Wake Smith and Partners gave a clear overview of inheritance planning and Angela Guylee of Whittington Goddard Associates spoke about the complexities of funding care and some financial options for paying for care while maintaining some capital.

On Saturday morning there was an informal discussion about what people themselves feel about getting older in Grindleford. There were a number of positives: everyone prizes the beauty of the place, people feel safe and secure, and the community is seen as friendly and supportive. On the other hand there are some significant concerns.

The main problem which affects everyone as they get older is transport, and the ability to get around within the village and the near neighbourhood. The problem becomes serious when people can no longer drive. Buses are infrequent, and sometimes the timetable means that there is not enough time between outward and return services. People use the train, but some find it difficult to get to the station. The Community bus is popular, and used regularly, and there are concerns about the threat to the service. The voluntary community transport system, which provides lifts for people going to health appointments, is valued, and much more affordable than taxis. The increase of car parking in the village, particularly on Main Road and Sir William Hill is a major concern. Cars parked on pavements block access for wheelchairs (as well as pushchairs). Cars parked too close to road junctions make it difficult for drivers to see oncoming traffic, a problem for people driving on to the main road from Mount Pleasant. Wheelchair access is poor generally; there is no route for wheelchairs from the centre of the village to the station. It would be possible to make a wheelchair accessible route along the river which would make a big difference to wheelchair users.

When people are no longer able to get out of the house they can become lonely and isolated. Several people expressed concern for people they know who have become confined to their homes; there is a concern that older people can become 'invisible'. Some felt that they would be forced to leave Grindleford if this happened to them. There was discussion about the possibility of starting a telephone support service similar to Careline which operates in Hathersage and Hope. Careline volunteers make a daily telephone call to check that all is well with older people. It is a low cost service; in Hathersage it is run from a room in the Methodist chapel with a rota of volunteers.

The closing of the doctor's surgery in Grindleford has been a problem. It will be better if a surgery opens in the Sir William, though there are some reservations about how easy it is to get up the hill, particularly in winter. Getting prescriptions is not a problem—both Eyam and Baslow practices have arrangements to deliver prescriptions to people who cannot get out. The red button alarm scheme is seen as a good service. Access to hospital in an emergency is difficult from Grindleford, but several people have found the 111 emergency telephone service good, with a good response from a locally based paramedic.

Housing options in Grindleford are not ideal for older people. People would like to see new houses developed which would be appropriate for older people,

with step-free access. The preference would be for bungalows with more than one bedroom. People were very sorry to lose the community room in Mount Pleasant. The Wednesday tea party in St Helen's church is appreciated as a regular social gathering, but there is a lack of a general meeting area that is always available.

Everyone felt that it would be useful to have better information about what services are available. A central repository of information and a regularly updated list of contact details would be helpful.

Judy Tregenza

St Helen's Church News

Energy and Water Efficiency Appraisal

Earlier this year we had an Energy and Water Efficiency Appraisal. This was commissioned by Transition Hope Valley and was carried out by a sustainable building company.

We did not have to bear the full cost of this as there was funding available. An 18-page report was produced and was discussed by PCC members.

The recommendations included roof insulation but more immediate suggestions were deemed appropriate at this time.

1. Draught excluding to the Lady Chapel door which needs some modification to meet Health and Safety needs .The shop will attend to its own situation with the outside doors.
2. A dual flush is recommended for the toilet which needs to be appropriate for a disabled toilet.
3. Electric lights bulbs in the shop are LED, but in church the bulbs are reasonably efficient, especially when not on full power. No change to LED is currently necessary.

4. The choir area still requires a better more comfortable heat with below seat electrical heating which allows immediate response to on/off. This will be investigated.

Grindleford Carnival

On carnival day St. Helen's had a stall on the Bridge playing fields. 'Hook a Duck' was not the most successful game on the stall! We seemed to have a leaking pool. This didn't matter to some young children who discovered that the highest scoring duck could be found by scooping up several and turning them over to see the score. However, there were plenty of takers for the Duck Race down the river at the end of the afternoon. The first duck under the bridge was the winner.

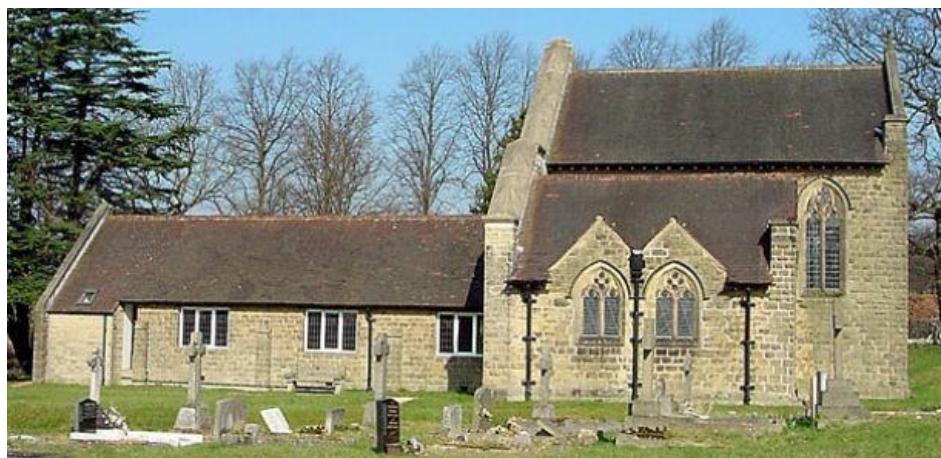
90th Birthday Service

The service of celebration and commemoration of the Queen's 90th birthday was well attended. This was a Benefice Service and Hathersage and Bamford members joined us. Bunting in the church provided by Anthea Harman gave a festive flavour. At the end of the service a toast was given to the Queen and a large cake cut and distributed to the congregation. A book provided from principally Bible Lands was offered to the congregation as they left the church.

Afternoon Tea

The tea group continue to meet on a monthly basis. The next one will be Wednesday July 20th at 3:00pm. We do not have a meeting in August, but will meet again on Wednesday September 21st.

Churchwarden



Grindleford Readers

Grindleford Bookworms

Laurie Lee's *As I Walked One Midsummer Morning* we read in April. This account of a 19-year-old's tramp through southern England and then through Spain seems rather like a 'gap year'. However, in the 1930s there was no life saving credit card and in Lee's case his bread and butter was earned only by his proficiency on the violin—not the easiest instrument to carry in a back pack I think! This account of a journey just prior to the Spanish Civil War perhaps sets one up to read *For Whom The Bell Tolls!*

Colm Toibin's *Nora Webster* treads delicately through the rawness of early widowhood. As Nora grieves after months of caring for a much-loved husband and father whose standing in the community had endeared him to everyone, she realises that she has to become the rock on which her children depend financially and emotionally. The characters are carefully drawn and the difficulties Nora encounters sympathetically expressed. Her friends and extended family do their best to help her become Nora Webster and not just Maurice's widow.

Our June meeting was something different as it was our annual Bailey's Book Prize evening and we joined with the other valley book groups to celebrate this event.

This year the book we presented was *The Green Road* by Anne Enright; Clare presented it for us and made an excellent persuasive plea for it. When we came to vote we chose that book and also Hannah Rothschild's *The Improbability of Love* as joint winners. Not so the Bailey judges as their choice was *The Glorious Heresies* by Lisa McInerney. Well! You can't win them all!

Grindleford Book Group Too

"Elizabeth is the only friend left" announces Maud on p.6 of *Elizabeth is Missing* by Emma Healey, but Maud cannot find Elizabeth no matter how hard she tries. She doesn't seem to be at home and no one, not even the police to whom Maud has reported her concern on several occasions, seem to be concerned. The reader will suspect why this is so, but there is more to the story. Elizabeth is not the only missing person. An intriguing, well-written and gripping story—that was April's choice.

In May our destination was Paris in 1785 where we accompanied Jean-Baptiste Barette, a young engineer who had been chosen to oversee the task of clearing an ancient cemetery of its occupants so that the site might be freed of its unwelcome aroma and be made suitable for other uses. There is an interesting assortment of characters and events plus a bit of French history. *Pure* by Andrew Miller.

June brought us home geographically but not in our own time. We read Jim Crace's *Harvest*. Walter Thirsk is the storyteller and he relates his tale vividly and splendidly. Taking the reader firmly into an era where the Lord of the Manor is all-powerful, being master of all, including being judge and jury, where a wife's inherited property and position could not be bequeathed to her husband and where local people were fearful of strangers and of any form of change. Crace has the capability to inform, educate and intrigue.

Kay Beeston

Grindleford

Beekeepers

The period from May to July is a very busy one for bee keepers. All the hives need weekly inspections to check the colonies are healthy and thriving, but most importantly we are looking for signs that a colony is preparing to swarm. If that is allowed to happen we can lose half the colony with honey production falling accordingly. If we see it happening we can take action to make an artificial swarm thus convincing the colony that the queen has left but leaving most of the bees to await the hatching of a new queen and continuing to gather nectar for their honey stores. We put the artificial swarm in a new hive to allow it to grow and form the basis of a new colony. This colony is unlikely to produce honey for our immediate use but hopefully it will form the basis of a strong hive for next year.

So far this year I have been called out to collect five swarms, one of which arrived to take up residence in my own garden! These swarms have been put into hives whilst we check out their health and temper before deciding how to use them to strengthen our stock.

Spring honey production is looking good this year so we hope to have a decent supply available for sale at Grindleford Horticultural Show in August. We always sell out so make sure you visit the honey stall early that afternoon to avoid disappointment.

Alan Fairbrother 630160

Women's Football

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Neighbourhood Watch

Shortly after our latest Neighbourhood Watch meeting, at which our local PCSO had mentioned the vulnerability of cars and motor bikes left at the local site seeing locations, we had a call from him explaining that a vehicle within the village had been broken into. He asked for help with the distribution of leaflets to emphasise the need to make sure that cars are secure when left outside. Leaflets were distributed to households along the main road through the village and elsewhere. It was not possible to leaflet every household and it seems impossible to know if being prompted in this way has long term results. PCSO Anthony Boswell, along with his colleagues, constantly stress that we should take every reasonable step to make property secure so as to reduce crime and, of course, the resulting hurt and distress which affects the victims. A recent leaflet issued by the police is concerned with security to help counter fraud and identity theft.

Communities nowadays are both real and virtual. A close relationship between the police and the public is helpful as everyday life becomes more complex. Neighbourhood Watch as an organisation tries to share messages with the public and police to help the safety and security of us all. Grindleford may not see much more than pushy and aggressive doorstep callers trying to sell something but every so often there are unpleasant incidents of break-ins to residents' properties and vehicles. These kind of things are still happening and the security of the people's online activity is an expanding concern.

At a previous Neighbourhood Watch meeting we were asked by our PCSO to publicise a Cyber Security event. We contacted members of various groups and asked if they would inform others in their group. We have learned that Derbyshire businesses lost more than £4 million to cybercrime last year, but personal aspects of digital security are also of concern to the police. Advice is important and this is offered in the 'Safety' section at www.derbyshire.police.uk. Derbyshire Constabulary now also have a 'Digital PCSO' whose role is to offer such advice.

Peter Hutchinson

Would you, or do you know anyone who may be interested in joining us on the **School Governing Body at Grindleford Primary School** as a co-opted member?

We are a team of experienced governors who enjoy a friendly, purposeful and transparent relationship with the school staff and stakeholders.

If you would like to find out more, please email me.

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Exploring Longshaw

Welcome to Summer at Longshaw!

This summer we're excited to be making the most of the Moorland Discovery Centre with stuff to do with kids every Thursday to Sunday in August. Drop in and get involved in bug hunting, pond dipping, crafting and sport activities. We'll be leaving the garden of the Centre open every day, so you're welcome to come and use the space. Come and use our sports equipment or just chill out on the grass in lovely surroundings.

This year our summer play trails have short, medium and long options, with the longest a big challenge to climb a really big hill--Higger Tor. We'll be providing maps so you can set the kids the task of navigating and go on a big family adventure. Also, don't miss our orienteering day on the 24th August--everyone welcome and no experience needed.





We'll be barbequing outside the Moorland Discovery Centre whenever the weather's good enough, so if you fancy a treat pop up for burgers, hot and cold drinks and ice creams too.

Lend a hand on our Muck In Day on 24th July by helping pull up Himalayan balsam in Padley Woods. Meet at the station. Or come and be inspired by our kitchen gardeners at Longshaw Kitchen Garden Open Day on 31st July.

Finally, don't miss Bogtastic on 17th August--a chance for all the family to find out about bogs and why our local moors are so ecologically important with a bunch of fun thrown in.

Information about what's on at Longshaw this summer can be found on our website www.nationaltrust.org.uk/longshaw.

We do hope to see you up at Longshaw over the summer.

The Longshaw Team

Longshaw Volunteer Garden

Take several tons of sheep droppings, a dozen volunteers and a derelict walled garden almost 200 years old. Add a few seeds, and in a few months you'll have most of the vegetable and salad supplies for one of the northern Peak District's most popular cafes.

"We reckon we've got a carbon footprint of 50 yards," said Paul Mowforth. "My wife came in for lunch with a friend last year and was told by the cafe they hadn't any tomatoes at present. She said 'I think you'll find you have' and came round the corner to pick a few from the greenhouse. Her friend was very impressed."

The volunteers working on the walled garden hidden behind Longshaw Lodge believe the site was originally designed to produce fruit and vegetables so the Duke of Rutland could "show off to his shooting guests."

When they started work in the winter of 2009, however, "it was a mess, full of weeds and brambles. It was just used for drying washing," said Jill Beckett. National Trust volunteers Jill and Paul had been asked to create a garden to show visitors and fellow staff how to grow their own food, and ultimately to provide raw materials for the adjacent Longshaw Lodge tea room, after winning a DEFRA



grant from the ‘Eat into Green Living’ initiative. “But at that stage, there were no gardeners, and no garden,” said Paul.

A team of staff and volunteers spent the winter removing weeds, digging out beds and shovelling old sheep manure collected from estate barns. “The sheep manure turned out to be rocket fuel,” said Dave Bone. “After only a few months in that first year, the tea room cancelled their salad order as they were getting all they needed from us.”

Paul and Jill collected their team of volunteer gardeners from around Sheffield and north Derbyshire. Jo Backhouse was inspired to join in after meeting Jill in the tea room toilets. “I’d just bought a caravan in the Hope Valley and after talking to Jill in the toilets, I thought working in the garden would help me feel involved in the area,” said Jo.

An immediate challenge was the location’s height. “One of our volunteers asked the Gardener’s Question Time panel what heritage varieties we could grow at 1000 feet above sea level,” said Dave Bone. “Their answer was: ‘I’m surprised you can grow anything at that height!’”

The sheep dung rocket fuel, the sheltering walls and the gardeners’ expertise have proved otherwise: only squash and some apple varieties have failed, with the volunteer garden now producing salads, potatoes, onions, garlic, shallots, cabbage, berries, apples, rhubarb, herbs and more to supply the tea room, all following organic growing methods. In 2011 the team won a national ‘Marsh Heritage Award’ for volunteer-led projects.

“The commitment of the volunteers has been incredible,” said Jill Beckett. The team work every week except a month off for Christmas and New Year, and visitors can view the garden any time the lodge is open, and meet volunteers on Thursdays and most Saturday and Sunday lunchtimes. The project is entirely self-managed, supported by small grants from the Sheffield area National Trust members group and by public donations, for example.

The project includes ideas for novice gardeners such as a ‘one metre square’ garden bed display showing what can be grown in small spaces, and a ‘keyhole garden’ replicating a design from arid African countries, where a dustbin-sized compost area is surrounded by a circle of small beds so nutrients can directly leach out to hungrier vegetables.

The volunteer garden is holding an open day on the 31st July, where there’ll be vegetable-based family games and advice for growers.

“I’ve been coming out here for the last ten years, and I’m amazed I didn’t know about the garden,” said visitor Gary Aiston. “It’s inspirational.”

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/longshaw/>

David Bocking for the NT

Grindleford

Gaiters

Springtime is an excellent time for walking and to see wildlife. The Grindleford walking group, the Gaiters, have covered a wide area with walks at Over Had-

don, Lathkill Dale, Bradford Dale, Over Haddon; at Stoney Middleton, Darlton Quarry, High Street, Black Harry Gate, Combs Dale, Stoney Middleton, on this walk we saw ravens in the quarries near



Stoney Middleton and hares in Combs Dale; at Rowsley, Carlton Lees, Beeley, Rowsley.

We also walked at Low Bradfield, Agden Reservoir, Agden Side, High Bradfield, Low Bradfield, we observed curlews and lapwings near High Bradfield, as well as walking at Monyash, Lathkill Dale, Haddon Grove Farm, Monyash.



In the church yard at High Bradfield



Descending into Lathkill Dale

Most recently we walked at Crowdecote, Pilsbury Castle, Crowdecote.

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!

Tim Reynolds 630023

Grindleford

Allotments

The allotments will be holding another open day on Sunday 17th July and everyone from the village is welcome to come along between 2 pm and 5 pm. There will be refreshments and maybe some produce but many things are late because of the cool spring.

When the allotments were created we always intended to set something aside for wildlife and created the pond and wetland area in the bottom corner. We seem to have been too successful in attracting wildlife though! Deer have attacked apple trees, crows have eaten the strawberries, squirrels have also enjoyed them, feral bees are nesting in the Ash tree. We recently emptied one of the compost bays to find a mole's nest at the bottom. Being kind hearted we left them untouched. Despite this there is still a little produce left over for the humans.

In the winter the ex-head gardener from Chatsworth came to advise us on our vines and we are putting some of his advice into action. Maybe this year will be a good vintage. Last year July was too dry for the grapes to fill out fully – perhaps this will not be a problem this year.

Michael Wren

Grindleford

WI

Our April meeting once again saw our members enjoying a craft evening led by Ann Watts.

Our proud results were largely due to the careful preparations which Ann had made to ensure success. We each took home a fabric-covered box to stand beside the telephone housing pen or pencil to note down messages.

Thank you again Ann.

The May meeting is always devoted to the discussion of the Resolutions which will be debated at the Annual meeting in June. In the past it has been our custom to join with Curbar, Calver and Foggatt WI for this meeting but sadly that WI is now closed. This year's Resolutions concern: 1) The provision of facilities in hospitals so that patients with dementia may be supported during their time in hospital; and 2) Supermarkets should be invited to sign up to an agreement that surplus food should be passed on to charities which help to relieve food poverty.

After our deliberations votes were counted and these were passed on to the delegate who will represent us at the AGM.

May then proceeded to be one of our saddest months as we mourned the death of Joan Cole. Joan had been a very active and popular member of our Institute. She has served us well as a committee member and a very efficient treasurer and equally importantly as a valued friend always with a smile on her face. She had been ill for some months but bore her illness with courage and stoicism. We all attended the service held in thanksgiving for her life and joined the huge gathering in singing Jerusalem. We miss her very much.

In June we always forsake the Pavilion and find somewhere to celebrate the summer(!). This year we went to the Tansley Garden Centre and enjoyed an excellent lunch and a stroll around the displays of gifts and plants to buy.

Our speaker on Monday 11th July will be Mr Steve Drinkall whose subject is 'Images of Wildlife and Wild Places'. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Kay Beeston

The Lampedusa Cross

Members of our congregation often attend other churches when they are away from home. James Allen was at St Paul's Cathedral in London on the Sunday before the EU referendum and was moved by seeing and hearing about the Lampedusa Cross, and having its maker in the congregation.

Lampedusa is a small island lying close to the shores of Africa. It has been the place where many crossing the Mediterranean Sea have tried to reach. It's also where many of those plucked from the sea have been brought. On 11th October 2013, 311 Eritrean and Somalian refugees drowned off the Lampedusa coast in a boat travelling from Libya to Europe. The inhabitants of Lampedusa helped to save the lives of 155 others.



Mr Tuccio, the island's carpenter, met some of those who survived, Eritrean Christians, in his church. Deeply moved by their plight and frustrated by their circumstances, he decided to do what he uniquely could: to create for each of them a cross from the wreckage of the boat—a symbol of their salvation from the sea and their hope for the future. A similar cross was made for Pope Francis and carried

at a memorial service for those who had perished. Another one, Mr Tuccio gave to the British Museum, where it marks this extraordinary period in our history and the fate of those who had hoped to cross to a new life and to safety.

On Sunday 19th June 2016, this plain cross, just 38cm high and 28cm across the cross bar, with its scuffed blue paint revealing other layers of dark green, beige and orange, its sides planed back to bare timber, and with a fragment of iron nail piercing its side, captured our attention and acted as the prism for our thinking and prayers.

Many of us form and offer opinions at arm's length. Mr Tuccio and his neighbours had no such option—their dilemma being direct and immediate: what will my response be, here, now?

The sermon preached on this can be found on the St Paul's website, www.stpauls.co.uk, following the links to 'worship and music', and 'read sermons'.

James Allen

Tilly's on a Roll!



In a Flap

The other day I was chatting to a couple of customers about dogs. One lady was telling us that they had installed a dog flap because their little dog had a weak bladder and they were fed up of having to let it out in a hurry. “Oh,” said the other lady, “we had to install a flap for our Labrador many years ago but it didn’t work out.” “Why not?” we cried in unison. “Well,” she said, “all was well until our teenage daughter went out one day without her key and then managed to crawl into the house through the dog flap.” We agreed that urgent removal of the flap had been the wisest thing to do.

Something in the Water

One of our volunteers came in the shop the other day & told me how much they (her family) enjoyed working together on Sundays. She said that her daughter especially enjoyed being in the shop—she said that her young daughter was good on the till and with customers. “How old is she?” I asked. “Four,” came back the reply.

Wow, is there something in the water in Grindleford that makes our children so bright?

Own Goal

Just before the start of Euro 2016 a young man came into the shop and asked for a selection of snacks. He then asked me if I was ready for Euro 16. “Well,” I said, “I don’t really take much notice any more as these gatherings of political leaders, they seem to be all talk and no action.” He looked at me in a strange way and exited the shop very quickly. Puzzled, I resolved to ask the next customer what it was all about. Oh dear, was my face red when I realised what an idiot he must have thought me.

Beetroot & Chocolate!

One of our cake makers has been experimenting with unusual combinations and came up with beetroot & chocolate. Now I’m not a lover of chocolate cake and I really don’t like beetroot unless it is steeped in vinegar, but she offered me a taste of the cake and it would have been churlish to refuse. I was instantly a

convert and bought a piece to take home for my husband to try. The cake has been a great hit with walkers who come into the shop for refreshments and some have even been known to come back for seconds.

I know that you will be itching to bake this cake and with that in mind we have printed some copies of the recipe for you to collect from the shop. To make things even easier for you, all the ingredients are available in the shop, so do have a go.

Bye for now!

Tilly Roll

PS. Are there any families, or individuals, out there who fancy working a couple of hours in the shop on the occasional Sunday? Please let June Walker know (june@hillsett.co.uk).

Poetry Corner

Summer

Summer is, the sound of leather hitting wood,
hands clapping for a ball well struck.

The buzzards cry, as it rides the thermal to the blue.
The faint hum of a bee searching for its pollen fix.

Summer is, the smell of cut grass
before the hay fever sneeze.

Elderflower scent at the chapel corner,
the barbecue aroma on the evening breeze.

Summer is, the sight of hay in the meadow,
swallows skimming across the field.

Ice cream dripping from a cone,
white stripes on pink flesh.

Stumps spinning in the air,
Hands clapping for a wicket well took.

Steve Slingsby



More Tales from the Golden Age of Grindleford Cricket—the 1880s

Bob ‘Bradder’ Bradwell, a Calver player, helped Grindleford on occasion, but he twice played for Calver against Grindleford on the present Calver ground. He was a fast bowler, and Fred Thompson, well known in Grindleford for his splendid physique, smote his first ball into a garden beyond the Derwentwater Arms.

Jack Broomhead left the team to join Baden Powell’s police in South Africa during the Boer War, and Fred Thompson trained him to shoot in a field at the back of Sir William Terrace, which was not then built. Fred Thompson passed him as an efficient shot and thus qualified him for service in the war. He later returned to the village, but he was employed at Colne, in Lancashire.

Each year Grindleford made a trip to Loxley, and this was their great outing. A waggonette and four horses, supplied by either Kenyon’s of Grindleford, or Joe Hocking of Stoney Middleton, set off at 11 o’clock for Ashopton, and over the moors to Loxley, but the return journey was via Sheffield. Loxley had a notorious fast bowler named “Bull” Rushby. Loxley in one innings only made 75, but Grindleford, who were keen to win, had to bat after a heavy rainstorm—in fact, E. Bowring had set off to Stavely expecting that the match at Loxley was ruined, leaving the visitors with ten men.

Fred Thompson and Bobby Bradwell opened for Grindleford, and put on 50 runs for the first wicket, batting in brilliant fashion, and Grindleford won by five wickets – this was considered a feather in Grindleford’s cap. As a bowler, E. Bowring secured most of the victims, and F. Thompson was a hawk behind the stumps, for very few balls escaped his sure hands. In this particular match, George Turner gave wooden pipes to the best bowler, best batsman and best catcher. Fred Thompson won two of the prizes and Ezekiel Bowring the other.

Tommy Bowring, the latter's brother entered the side when only 12 years old, and was a stylish batsman. Once on a long journey to Todwick, on a cricket outing in later years, he lost his hat and suffered severe leg pulling in consequence.

There was an amusing incident in an Eyam match when E. Bowring bowled out Hancock first ball. The latter refused to leave for he had bowled for a long spell and said he wanted his share of the batting, so Grindleford gave him a second innings!

Once in a match at Edale, Jack Bowring and Fred Thompson opened the innings and the latter got 15, but Jack Bowring batted through the innings and carried his bat for only 3 runs.

A Sheffield side with a slow left-arm bowler once put out Grindleford for 11 runs. But in the return fixture Ben Gregory played for Grindleford and said to the local lads, "Tha' mun jump out and 'it em". Suiting his actions to his words, he attacked the slow bowler and hit the ball all over Golday Lea and several times in and over the River Derwent, and it is said that three balls had to be used to keep the bowlers supplied. The Grindleford side secured ample revenge for their previous ignominy.

Alan Jacques



An early Grindleford CC team

Parish Council Notes

AGM. At the Parish Council AGM held on 12th May, John Morton was re-elected as Chairman & Robert Wilson as Vice-Chairman.

Eyam Surgery. North Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group is unable to support proposals for a new branch surgery at the Sir William Hotel. Discussions are taking place of the possible use of the outbuildings at the Sir William Hotel. However, the Committee have agreed to continue to provide payment for the continuation of the community transport service from Grindleford to Eyam Surgery.

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. Members of the public should follow carefully the instructions on the cover on how to use it.

Website. There is now a page on the grindleford.com website where the public can freely access Parish Council documents. This makes the Council compliant with current legislation.

Adlington Lane. A site meeting has been held with Severn Trent Water to investigate problems with the drainage and the road surface on the lane.

Temporary Road Closure. Derbyshire County Council has given notice that Main Road will be closed temporarily between 15 July to 19 August 2016 to facilitate surface dressing works. There will also be temporary speed limits and a convoy system in operation to allow local access.

Referendum. The Presiding Officer (Parish Clerk) reports that there was an 89% turnout in the village. This is the highest turnout for any poll within living memory! Incidentally, the Clerk also worked on the 1975 Referendum.

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 prior to the meeting.

Alan Jacques
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Check out all the activities going on in our pre-school and primary school:
www.grindlefordanddeyamplaygroup.org.uk and
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

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 (even better) 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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