

THE GRINDLEFORD NEWS

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Planning Granted for Community Shop

The big news that has just come in is that the community shop has been granted Faculty (Planning Permission) by the Diocese. This means that we can now go ahead and open the shop and move on with the project. This is fantastic news and well done to all of those who have made it happen!

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Editor Needed!

Let's keep this village newsletter going

It's been another busy few months for the folk of Grindleford. It is great to have updates from all the groups in the village and makes you realise afresh just how active we are as a community, participating in and

organising lots sporting events and setting up new projects attending talks, workshops and reading new literature. I shall miss editing the newsletter but I know I will enjoy reading it in the future so let's keep it going!

Renuka

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The Grindleford Community Shop

The race is not always to the swiftest which is probably just as well! I have finally stopped forecasting the date when we get permission from the Diocese to go ahead with opening the shop, but we do now know that the paperwork has got as far as the Chancellor, who is the last and final destination call. So there has been progress, largely thanks to the inestimable Lionel who has done huge amounts of work to get us this far. The PCC have been pretty spiffing too, and we have had help from no less than the Archdeacon and the Diocese community project coordinator, to both of which, thanks.

While we wait we have not been idle. Penny got a few of us organised to clear out the church cellar which was a hoot. It was fun to see folk emerging owlshly into the sunlight with just the bits round the dust masks recognizable as human, the rest covered in an inch of dust. The cellar now looks great and is ready to receive that which is currently in the vestry as soon as we get the go ahead. That's a really important milestone for us on our critical path. Well done to the troglodytes who made it happen. No new forms of life were found.

Once we have got the go ahead there will be an absolute frenzy of activity. Nancy has produced the best project plan of all time to get us started. We will post this on the website in the next week. She has also costed all of the elements. We have some money in the bank and have also applied for some Global Derbyshire funding which we might or might not get, and of course The Goat sportive is coming up in September, but even then there is a shortfall so we will be asking for help from you - the Grindleford Anika's Challenge (bring your own helicopter). Take a look at the website for more details; we need things like folk to dig out disabled parking, painters and decorators, and shelf fixers.

Meanwhile we are continuing with our pop up shops on Saturday mornings. What heartwarming events they are. Volunteers and punters alike, everyone plays their part to make them happen and they are lovely. We're grateful to the PFA for allowing us to use the venue. Please do continue to support us, they are great for our morale and profits will help us fit the vestry fit-out.

Just as a final note, the preschool session for Mother's Day was such a nice event. We have often partnered with preschool and hope to continue to so in the future.

Grindleford Community Shop Committee

Parish Council Notes

Network Rail

Have confirmed that they are exploring alternative options for the location of new track and plans to create a loop at Grindleford at Rough Wood may be dropped.

Appeal Decision

Planning Inspector had dismissed the appeal against refusal for change of use at Country Choice.

Highways

Clerk reported that DCC have marked out areas for patching on some side roads in the village, Work on drainage at junction of Leam Drive & Hathersage Road had been completed.

The poor condition of the railings and retaining bank on the Sheffield Road below Yarncliffe is to be brought to the attention of DCC.

Problems with parking on the Station Approach Road were discussed, agreed to contact Network Rail to see if they can limit the number of vehicles double parked and obstructing the junction with the Main Road.

Resignation

Following the resignation of Ray Vaughan, notice of a vacancy is to be advertised. Ray will be moving away from the village soon, after many years, and he will be much missed. Members expressed their thanks to Ray for his seven years service on the Council.

Parish Council Meeting

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 prior to the meeting.**

Grindleford Youth Club

AKA #TheNGYC!

The attendance is going from strength to strength, the parent rota is working well most weeks and the ideas from the young people are gaining traction. We have played silly games, had a table football tournament, iced biscuits, had a bike safety session from PSCO Boswell and made a mess with candle wax! Next term we will have outdoor sessions organised by Adventure Activities team to include the mobile climbing wall. Archery and canoeing are in the planning stage off site.

Once again thank you to PCSO Boswell for securing us additional funding and his weekly support.

Bishop Pavilion, Wednesdays 7.00-8.30pm £1 per week

We welcome new members from surrounding villages in Y6 and above, just turn up on any Wednesday during term time.

The New Youth Club Building Project

As you may be aware Grindleford Youth Club moved to Bishop Pavilion from the old youth club building in September of last year. Since then it has gone from strength to strength with the help of Michele, Yvonne and many parents. The trustees of the youth club building have for many years been of the opinion that the best location for the youth club is at Bishop Pavilion. This has the advantage of easy access to the playing fields and hard court area. Making it a safer environment for our young people.

To ensure a permanent move to Bishop Pavilion the Youth Club Trustees and the Playing fields committee have agreed to sell the old youth club building on Sir William Hill and use the money to build a new Youth Club extension onto Bishop's Pavilion. The building will also provide additional community space for the whole village.

The starting point of the project is getting 'change of use' from a youth club to a private dwelling, thus enabling us to sell the building. Our application went into the Peak Park Planning Authority a few weeks ago, ref: NP/DDD/0314/0251. Can I ask that as many people as possible go onto the Peak Park Planning website and support our application. End of consultation period is 25th April.

The Playing Fields Committee will be forming a Sub-committee to take this project forward and in conjunction with the Youth Club and other potential users be involved in the design of the new extension.

Thanking you for your support.

Steve Slingsby

Grindleford Rainbows

For girls between 5-7 years old

The last term has seen us complete our Get Healthy Runabout. To complete this the girls have taken part in many activities linked with keeping healthy. We completed this badge with a good table manners task and a hand washing session using a glow box to see the germs on our hands after washing. We also celebrated World Thinking Day in February with other units in the district to think about the girls in guiding around the world who are not as fortunate as our girls.

All these exciting experiences have been made possible by a fantastic team of young women who have volunteered weekly. A big thank you must go to Alice Dear, Suzy Crowson, Jess Bingley and Trish Barker. A big congratulations to Jess on passing her adult leadership and is now the unit assistant leader.

The unit is now running at 15 and is for girls between 5 and 7. If your daughter starts school in September I would suggest you place her on the list now! To join us register your interest with guiding on www.girlguiding.org.uk

Michelle Bingley

Grindleford Playing Fields Association

Are you Planning a Party? If so have you thought of hiring the Bishop Pavilion so that you can enjoy the pleasant surroundings of the Bridge Playing Field? Although originally designated as a sports pavilion it has become the centre of most community activities and provides an excellent place in which to hold meetings or celebrate birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and any other kind of enjoyable functions.

There are good kitchen facilities, seating for up to 56 people, adequate parking and a play area to keep the children occupied. The hiring charges are very reasonable with special rates for Grindleford residents and village organisations.

For bookings please telephone Elaine Hutchinson on 01433 630351



St Helen's Church, Grindleford

St. Helen's, like the other churches in the Benefice at Hathersage and Bamford, has been without a vicar, since September. The services each Sunday have been led by our local lay readers together with Revd. Graham Pigott and Revd. Anthony Ashwell, who now though both retired, give generous support to the work of the Benefice. Local Methodist ministers and lay preachers too have assisted with services and will, we trust, continue to do so.

Business behind the scenes has been much concerned with obtaining permission for the Grindleford Community Shop to use the choir vestry. There have been many emails and much paperwork moving between Grindleford and Derby Church House. Once a faculty is granted the shop moves in, after the bits and pieces in the vestry are moved out to be stored elsewhere. No one yet is quite sure where.

Meanwhile a new vicar has been sought. This certainly involved much more than putting an advert on a website. It could be that as well as installing a shop at St. Helen's we may be introducing a new vicar before summer is over.

There is also the prospect of work being done on the central arch to stop rain water running down and soaking into the wall. This should make the outer wall look much cleaner and the interior much drier. Friends and patrons of St. Helen's have been generous in their continuing support of the CRASH fund. We hope now to take the opportunity to use the builder to patch up other parts of the roof and eaves, as recommended by the diocesan architect in his recent report.

Peter Hutchinson



Capturing Nature

An Exhibition of Botanical Drawings & Photographs

When the globe was being mapped by the great explorers of the 16th to 19th centuries, handwriting and drawing were the only means available of recording the strange worlds they found. The drawings had to be accurate, because they would be used for studying and classifying the discoveries, but they had also to capture their character. Particularly for plants, techniques of drawing developed that combined precise draughtsmanship with beautiful presentation. Later, photography supplemented botanic drawing but did not replace it: the tradition survives and skills have not been lost. Some of the world's leading botanic artists live in Britain and several are based in this region.

The exhibition at St Helen's will display work by artists and photographers who live in the Peak District and Sheffield. It

will include formal scientifically accurate botanical drawings, paintings of flowers in their natural habitats, and photographs of flowers in their settings. The exhibition will show the remarkable precision and beauty that a trained botanical artist or a skilful photographer can achieve.

The event opens with a reception and private view on Friday 12 September and runs over the weekend, closing on Monday afternoon 15 September. If you are interested in showing your work in this exhibition, or would like to take part in the organising or running of the event, please contact **Lionel Stout, Haywood House, Main Road, Grindleford, Hope Valley, S32 2JN. lionelstout@yahoo.co.uk**

Next year: Creative Grindleford III: an exhibition celebrating the artistry and skills of the people of Grindleford.

St Helen's Church, Grindleford, September 12-15th

Grindleford Hor

The society welcomes new members.

Why not come along to an evening as a taster to see if you'd like to join?

Membership (a snip at £3 per year) brings you extra benefits such as a discount at Calver Sough nurseries on plant sales, reduced fees for membership of the Royal Horticultural Society (great if you want to go to one of their shows such as Chelsea or Malvern, both in May, or Tatton in July) and extra outings to special gardens nearby.

There's a programme of interesting speakers and events through spring, autumn and winter. Generally these are held on the

third Tuesday of the month at the Bishop Pavilion at 7.30p.m.

The highlight of our year is the annual show held this year on August 16th. This is a small friendly show and we actively encourage entries. If you see yourself as a novice then there are entry classes just for you, so why not consider entering this year? The schedules will be popped through your door early in the summer to give you plenty of ideas.

Over the winter we were treated to a varied programme. In January Sally Cave spoke about the Klondyke Gold Rush of 1896.

The area is frozen solid from September to



ticultural Society

May, so many prospectors hoping for a fortune paddled up the Yukon in summer months by canoe from Alaska. Sally and her partner recently followed in their wake. She spoke about the drama and dashed hopes for most of the prospectors. Her own journey meant facing hazards, such as bears and rapids, as she shared her adventures.

In February Baslow farmer James Furness spoke about the changes in farming over his life, particularly in dairy farming. There has been a real push to larger farms with small farms becoming unviable. We learned a lot about the farming year, how artificial insemination is common practice,

and how many aspects are now regulated for safety after the BSE and other scares. James shared his knowledge of wildlife around the farm and conveyed his 'stewardship' of the land. Dairy farmers are working more co-operatively in order to get a fairer price for the milk.

March saw Christine Gregory talk to a full house on hares in the Peak District. Christine is a wonderfully patient naturalist and photographer and we were privileged to get such a close up insight to their world.

April 15th saw David Tideswell giving a talk on 'Spring Birds'

Kay Allinson

Grindleford WI

In January under the watchful eye of Ann Watts we all tried our hands at making greetings cards. Our teacher had brought us a selection of suitable materials and so we made our choices and set to work. We each took home the fruits of our labours which were I think a fairly mixed bunch but we had had a really good, fun evening!

February brought us another jolly time. Mr Paul Mitchell introduced us to the mysteries of wine making at home. I am not sure that many of us will be taking up this art as a hobby but we very much enjoyed the generous tastings we were offered from Mr Mitchell's wine cellar.

Mr David Templeman was our speaker in March. He is a well known authority on Tudor and Stuart history and we were fascinated to hear what he had to tell us about Sheffield in the 15th and 16th Centuries. Sheffield was only a village in those early days but soon it sported a castle and a manor fit to house Mary Queen of Scots who spent some of her imprisonment within those walls.

In April we will be "visiting" Cairo and The Valley of the Kings. New members and visitors are welcome to join us at our meetings which are held on the second Monday of each the month.

Kay Beeston

Grindleford Readers

Grindleford Bookworms

A Delicate Truth is John Le Carré's most recent book which he claims is his "most British" novel. In true Le Carré style it transports the reader from place to place surrounded by mystery and intrigue. There are some old faces and some new ones and two of the characters are based on the author. Predictably it is a "good read".

The plots of the novels of Jane Austen follow a very familiar pattern. In the end the heroine gets her hero. The conclusion may be predictable but in reaching it the reader is treated to a wealth of glorious writing, splendid description, wonderful character studies and delicious wit. *Mansfield Park* along with her other novels can be read and reread with much enjoyment.

If your taste is for the same period but for something a bit faster moving and trivial and frothy then maybe Georgette Heyer might be more for you. Try *Faro's Daughter*.

Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel Garcia Marquez brought us back to a little nearer the present day. This is a romance in which the course of true love does not entirely run true. A teenage infatuation brought to an abrupt end as the young lady, having declared her undying love, discovers a more suitable suitor, marries him and the couple live happily for many years. This is a book written with sensitivity and great descriptive skill. So, what happens in the end? You'll have to read the book to find out.

Grindleford Book Group Too



And the Mountains Echoed is by Khaled Hosseine. A young boy and his little sister are on a long journey with their father. Its purpose is to take the young girl to her new family. The story is woven round the girl, her foster parents and the family who have sold her. It is beautifully written, at times deeply sad but always intriguing as the threads are pieced together.

The centre piece of Dave Boling's *Guernica* is perhaps the well-known mural by Picasso which depicts the horror of the air attack on Guernica during the Spanish Civil War. The massacre itself is historical fact and its reality is brought to life by the characters who people this devastated place and the story cleverly follows the lives of some of them. Some of us felt that we would like to know more about the war and its effect on the population of Spain.

April's discussion will be about Deborah Cadbury's *The Chocolate Wars*. I can assure you that not a single chocolate drop is dropped in anger.

Kay Beeston

Grindleford Bee Keepers



As I write, in late March, the mild winter seems to have benefited all bee hives in the area with colonies looking strong at this stage and our allotment hive is no exception. In mild winter conditions the bees are active inside the hives and have eaten all their autumn stores so we have added fondant (winter bee food) to ensure they remain strong until well into spring.

The queens have now started to lay eggs in all the colonies and the bees are bringing in large amounts of pollen to feed the growing brood. This new population of bees will be the foundation for the summer colony as the over-wintering bees die through exhaustion. Providing the weather holds, signs are good that we will have a healthy bee population this summer.

In these conditions, a fine summer could mean that some bee colonies will become overcrowded and want to swarm, normally between May and July. This is their natural way of repopulating. The old queen will lead about half the colony away to one of several possible destinations checked out beforehand by scout bees. She leaves behind a virgin queen just about to hatch in the parent colony to become the new source of eggs.

If you see a very large number of bees (many thousands) around that time please don't panic. They will be concentrating to the exclusion on all else on forming into a tight cluster about the size of a rugby ball. Once this has happened a bee keeper can safely collect them if they are within reach. He / she will then give them a new cosy home in a safe location in exchange for next year's honey yield (call it kidnapping and ransom if you like!).

However timing is everything, the swarm can reform several times in a few days before choosing their preferred location so a prompt phone call will help ensure it is collected to help restore the honey bee population which was so decimated by the harsh winter of 2012/13. There are several bee keepers in the village who could help with swarm collection and I'm happy to liaise if you call.

Alan Fairbrother



Friends of Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup

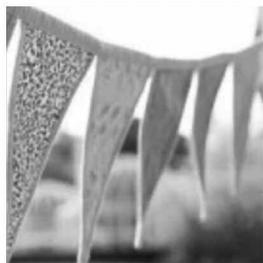


You may be aware that Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup (GEP), the local pre-school for the Grindleford and Eyam communities, has recently been through a period of improvement and positive change. We want our communities to have a pre-school service which gives our children the best possible start in life and which supports a healthy local economy and an active local community.

As part of this, we are really excited to be launching Friends of GEP, a partnership which will allow our supporters across the communities that we serve to enjoy an exclusive taste of some classic GEP experiences (see below), whilst contributing to our future success and security.

We would like you to consider becoming a 'Friend of GEP' and to join the foundation of local good will that has built up in support of the work we do. We are asking Friends not just for financial contributions: we would really like you to give a little of your time too. In return we would like to welcome our Friends to two free events over the coming year. Friends will also receive a termly newsletter and a donor recognition plaque at the site of the children's Gardening Club.

**Summer 2014:
Garden Party at
Grindleford Allotments**



**Autumn 2014:
Craft evening at
Eyam Mechanics**



How do I join? If you would like to become a Friend, email friendsofgep@gmail.com or call Liz Tiplady on 01433 631206 and we will send you details of how to join. Membership is **£10 plus one hour** volunteer time per Friend per year. There are plenty of things you can do to volunteer, from helping at an event to knitting Easter chicks. If you don't want to volunteer, membership is £15 per Friend.

If you don't want to become a Friend, you can still donate: all donations will be gratefully received, regardless of size, and will help us secure the future for GEP.

A very heartfelt thank you for your support. See you at the Garden Party!



Securing our community's future, sharing in the fun



Why become a Friend of GEP?

We hope everyone in the local communities we serve will be interested in Friends of GEP. Perhaps your own children went to pre-school in Grindleford or maybe you recognise the value of having a friendly, local pre-school that is an integral part of the community.

Why do we need your support?

GEP has seen some major achievements over the past few years. In November 2012 we improved our Ofsted rating to 'Good' for the first time in our history and since then we have established a highly successful Forest School, full day opening, a new best practice child-led approach to childcare and a superb and stable team of pre-school staff. But we can and need to do more in order to secure our future.

Despite wide recognition of the indisputable value of early years education, the Government's current funding for childcare places is not sufficient to cover the costs of providing high quality childcare. Even pre-schools in urban areas are now struggling to meet their core costs and are looking for alternative sources of income.

What benefit does the pre-school bring to the local community?

GEP is a community-run pre-school which helps children develop the skills they need to make the most of their early years in school and ultimately increase their life chances. We provide accessible affordable childcare for local businesses and working parents as well as jobs for local people. We support many other local organisations who, like us, rely on local partnerships and good will for their success, and who are fundamental to the sustainability of your local community.

A healthy pre-school is a vital element in making the area an attractive one for families to move to. Not only does this keep the local economy and property prices healthy, it also bolsters the sustainability of our local primary schools and keeps the hearts of our villages thriving.

How does GEP give back?

GEP now has a strong ethos of community collaboration: we work in partnership with other pre-schools, local community groups, schools and business ventures. We also provide support for and run activities at many local community events, such as Coppice Day.

For more information go to www.grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk

Exploring Longshaw's

Spring is in the air at Longshaw. Birds are busy nesting, including some ground nesting birds like Curlew, which have already arrived. Pied Flycatchers will return from Africa around mid-April to nest in the woods when we'll unblock nest boxes for them soon (boxes are bunged up to stop other birds nesting in them to encourage the pied flycatchers to nest). There are some Red Deer stags about, the young Stags move around in small groups from spring to summer - have you spotted any? And our small but very important Northern Hairy Wood Ants are just becoming active, Longshaw is a hotspot for big nests, and we have also have a family trail dedicated to the ants.

In the world of woodland flowers look out for wood-sorrel, wood anemone, lesser celandine, and bluebells later in spring. Listen out for woodpeckers, & other woodland birds, and the haunting call of the curlew. See if you can spot frog and toadspawn in the pond, as well as ducks nesting. We have sheep (look out for lambing signs) back on the estate now so it's time for keeping dogs on leads - as well as for the safety of the special ground-nesting birds.

Up around White Edge and in the quarries you may spot adders reawakening after hibernation and find shed snake skins. Later in spring keep an eye out for trees coming into leaf, swallows returning, and listen out for cuckoo and high-flying skylark. Wave at the cotton grass as it turns the moors white!

New staff:

Our rangers have been very busy with woodland work before the nesting season, and we are currently looking after Burbage for Sheffield City Council as well as starting on some of the Longshaw woodland work that is planned. To help us with our commitments to Burbage we have recruited a new Longshaw & Burbage Ranger, John Mead, who will be working with us until March 2015. With SCC planning to undertake felling at Burbage Plantation, new graziers introducing cattle grazing on to site and woodland creation plans all meaning changes in management over the coming year there will be a lot for John to get started with!

Ruth Tweedie, our new part-time Sports Development Officer, has just started work to encourage participation in running, cycling and climbing as well as to get to know those people already enjoying these sports on or around the Longshaw estate. There'll be opportunities for all ages to get involved. If you belong to a local club and would be interested in being involved in our sports development project this year, please get in touch via peakdistrict@nationaltrust.org.uk

Get involved:

As always we have some fantastic events coming up which we hope you might join us to take part in:

wildlife in Spring...



National
Trust

*Whispering Woods present:
Secrets of the Fey*

Fri 2 & Sat 3 May

Join us for a thrilling journey around the Longshaw Estate as The Whispering Wood Folk retell the classic story of Tam Lin using aerial acrobatics, storytelling, movement and lyrical live music to create a transporting experience. Suitable for all ages, and wear strong footwear and weather appropriate clothing. Visit www.whispering-wood-folk.co.uk. Booking recommended.

Tickets Adults £10 adv. £12 door.
Child £5 adv £6 door,
Family £28 online only, free under 5s

Breakfast with the Birds

Sun 11 May

7am-10am, Longshaw VC
Witness Longshaw's wildlife waking up with this dawn chorus walk followed by bacon or sausage butties at the Visitor Centre.

Booking required: 01433 637904 (VC)
£10 per person - 20 max

Cycle to the Cinema

Murder of Couriers: Tues 13 May

The Armstrong Lie Tues 26 June

7.30-10pm (film starts at 8pm)
Cycle to the Moorland Discovery Centre for a screening of this fantastic film, in partnership with Heason Events.
£6 or £8 including tea/coffee & cake.

Binoculars at Dusk!

Sat 17 May

6pm-9.00pm

Head out to hear the dusk chorus and spot our resident and visiting feathered friends at Longshaw, with a hearty bowl of seasonal soup and a roll at the visitor centre at the start.

Booking required: 01433 637904
£10 per person - 20 max

The Road to Longshaw

Sat & Sun 24 & 25 May

10.00am-4.30pm Moorland Discovery
Centre & Visitor Centre

Delve into the fascinating facts about WW1.

The Field Ambulance story starts at 10am, 11:30am, 1:30pm & 3pm, where places will be limited.

Road to Longshaw event Starts from the Moorland Discovery Centre

Free (donations welcome). No booking.

Wildflower Wander

Sun 15 June

10.30 - 12.30 Meet at the Haywood Car
Park near the Grouse Pub.

Wander through the hay meadows at this spectacular time of year, identifying some of Longshaw's beautiful wildflowers.
£8 includes a picnic lunch from the Longshaw Tea Room

£3 without

Booking required: 01433 637904

Please see the website for more information: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/longshaw
Jenny Gerrans: 01433 637907 / 07872 016884

Grindleford Gallop

The build up to this years' Gallop was particularly tense. Nothing seem to be going smoothly, the t-shirts turned up late, the toilets didn't arrive on time, we had a water logged car park, the checkpoints and dibbers turned up late, we had a seemingly endless supply of emails from competitors transferring entries and some water butts that we ordered had somehow disappeared into the internet ether.

But with a strong and collaborative team it ended up being a cracking event. What made it particularly special this year was how the community pulled together to make sure the Gallop was successful by helping solve the parking issue. We want to say a big thank you to the Sir William Hotel, the Maynard Arms and the residents of Padley and Maynard Road for helping with the car parking situation by allowing competitors to park on their property.

On the day we had the usual number of people go the wrong way, how do you manage turn the wrong way on the Monsal Trail? We truly saw blood (minor incident with a horse on Curbar Edge), sweat and tears and a lot of mud this year as the competitors crossed the line. Anyway . . . everyone made it back safely and we had a villager, Mike Nolan, in as 1st V40 in a very competitive field, well done Mike.

As always we received some fantastic feedback from competitors, many of whom will come back again next year. As the dust settled we had our usual post event review and by the end of it we were already looking forward to next year.

Beside the thanks to those who helped out with the parking situation, we'd also like to thank all those that we're involved on the day and in the planning that goes into it beforehand, you know who you are. In addition our main sponsor, Outside in Hathersage. You've all contributed enormously to raising some great funds for the village school.

The planning has already started for next year, only another 11 months to go!

P.S. does anyone need any water butts, they turned up this week?

The Grindleford Gallop Team



Photography by Matt Heason

District Council cycling initiative for local people



Three great Derbyshire Dales locations are now hosting a cycling initiative helping to raise activity levels in local communities. Suitable for all, including beginners wanting to try group cycling for the first time, the scheme is organised by Derbyshire Dales District Council with partners Carsington Sports & Leisure, Monsal Trail Cycle Hire and the Peak District National Park Authority.

Local people can select their location every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 to 11.30am. On Mondays (women-only) and Wednesdays riders meet at Hassop Station; on Tuesdays the starting point is the Tissington Trail at Ashbourne Cycle Hire, and on Thursdays it's Carsington Water.



Small children are welcome and it's just £6 to hire an adult bike and free to use your own. Trailers and child seats are also available to hire, with someone on hand to offer advice. Booking is not essential, but more information is available from the District Council's Youth Sports Development Officer Marie Widerman by email at marie.widerman@derbyshiredales.gov.uk or call 01629 761380.

Chairman of Derbyshire Dales District Council's Communities Committee, Councillor Jennifer Bower said: "The District Council works hard to preserve its official status as one of the healthiest places to live in the whole of England, and these rides provide a social and leisurely option for people wanting to increase activity levels."

More information is available online at www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/cycling.



Spring Plant Sale

Saturday 17th May
9.30 - 12.30
At the Pavilion
Refreshments available

**Herbs, greenhouse and outdoor vegetable plants, fruit bushes, flowers for your borders,
tubs and baskets ... something for everyone!**



Have you seen any good films lately?

Recognised as one of the most versatile film and stage actors of recent times Philip Seymour Hoffman won an Oscar winning role in *Capote*, and acclaim for performances in *Doubt*, *The Master* and *The Big Lebowski* to name but a few.

Hoffman was found dead in his New York apartment on the 2nd February of this year of a heroin overdose at the age of 46.

Described as an accomplished character actor, Hoffman demonstrates this skill in his role as the writer Truman Capote in the film *CAPOTE* (2005), for which he won the Academy Award for Best Actor. Hoffman truly embodies the persona of Capote depicting the minutiae of his life. He even adopted the physical characteristics of the writer, appearing to shrink to his diminutive stature in this remarkable performance.

The film is based on the true story of Truman Capote's writing during 1959. The result was a book entitled '*In Cold*

Blood'. The work began in November 1959 when Capote read a newspaper article about a vicious shooting of four members of a farming family in Kansas. Fascinated by the story, and over a period of the next six years, he became involved in the case interviewing detectives, and visiting the crime scene in the small town in Kansas.

During the research for the book, Capote interviews one of the convicted murderers (Perry Smith) who is on death row. Capote wins his trust, offers to help him and an emotional attachment develops over time. However, there is a conflict, Capote needs Smith to be hanged to supply an ending for his novel. Capote exploits and manipulates Smith for his own gain, and for the commercial success of the book which later became the greatest crime seller of that time.

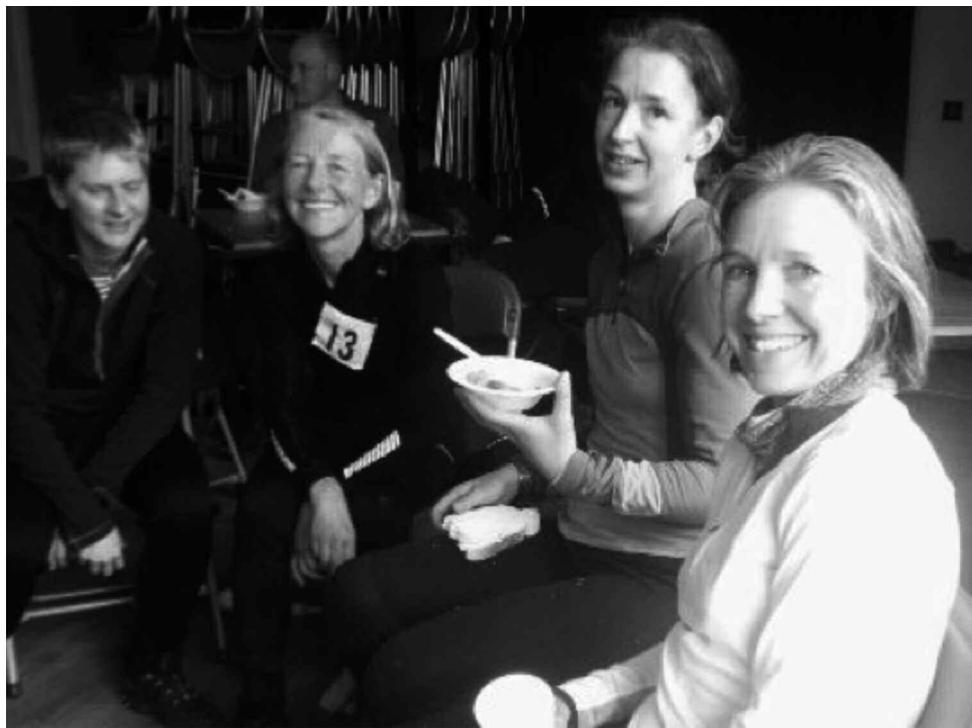
In the remaining 20 years of Capote's life he never published another full length work.

Lesley Broadhurst

the Grindleford Gazelles

While you were sleeping on the night of the last day of February three members of the village – Julia Nolan, Helen Barnett and Pat Goodall running together as a team along with Caitlin Rice from Glossop - set off from Edale at 11.15 to run 42 miles in a race called the High Peak Marathon. It was the 40th anniversary of the event and other members of the village have done it in the past. Just 50 teams are allowed – yes, it's so popular that it's difficult to get into! The route goes around the Derwent watershed from Edale starting off at 1 minute intervals between 11 and midnight. We were lucky to have a wonderful clear frosty night with no rain or wind. Looking back at all the headtorches coming down Parkin Clough was magical. It really was fun at the

beginning (honest) with people chatting and joking but as the night wore on people got quieter and the field separated. It was bizarre coming across a group of enthusiastic students in fancy dress at each checkpoint, but they were brilliant and very encouraging. As it got lighter the fog came in and after crossing the Snake on the Pennine Way we got snow going up Mill Hill. Then the sun came out and seeing people out for their morning walks or runs on Rushup Edge was a real boost. Only two all women teams completed the challenge and we were 26th making it in 12 hours 37 minutes. You may wonder why we do these things but the sense of achievement is very satisfying. Thanks to my team mates especially for their skilled navigation.



Christmas Quiz Results

A couple of apologies - first that the "Christmas" quiz didn't come out until February, and second that the quiz in the newsletter wasn't quite the same as the one e-mailed out by me personally to those that had requested it direct - a bit of confusion between me and the publishing!

Anyway, we do have a podium - though only just as there were very few entries this year.

1st: 370/392: Rosalie and Peter Taylor, from Surrey

2nd: 360/392: Karen Broster, from York

3rd: 224/392: Mystery Unnamed Person(s) who didn't put their name on the sheet when they posted it

So a tight competition for first place this year, but despite throwing in questions on subjects I knew my parents had no interest in to try to slow them down, they still managed to pull out a win, pushed close by Karen, a university friend of mine from my time in York.

Sadly this year no entries from Grindleford (unless someone local is going to claim the nameless one)! Which is a shame since it was designed mainly with you guys in mind. I know though that sometimes you do attempt the quiz at home and then not want to send it in - that's fine, so if that's you, and you want to know the answers, then send me an e-mail (simon@hairywhale.co.uk) and I'll e-mail you back the solutions.

Apologies in advance for the select few that look forward to it, but the chances are high that this coming year there won't be one - Natalie and I are planning to emigrate to Australia in the summer, so won't really be around to create another Grindleford quiz.

Thanks to those who have taken part over the last three years, and if anyone wants to take over the format and run it in future, then feel free to do so. And feel free to make it a bit easier if you like ;-)

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www.grindleford.com

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