

THE GRINDLEFORD NEWS

February 2014



Temperature inversion - Hope Valley

Very good news on the Grindleford Community Shop front as it moves nearer towards establishing itself in St Helen's vestry. The committee and the volunteers have all been very hard at work to ensure the success of this project. Meanwhile concern has been expressed at Network Rail's proposal to extend the line and its impact on the ancient woodland as well as the residents of Nether Padley. It is worth having a look at the proposals online as detailed in the National Trust article.

There's another great quiz for you to have a crack at. I don't know how long it takes Simon to put these puzzles together but not as long as it takes me to solve them I can tell you!

Sadly I will be stepping down as editor of the News due to personal commitments. I have really enjoyed being involved in the newsletter's production and would recommend the post. Anyone interested should contact Alan Jacques or myself (see contact information at the back of the newsletter). It is a great village to live in and is engaged in so many worthwhile and interesting activities and groups. Let's continue to publicise these far and wide!

Renuka



The Grindelford Community Shop

Onwards and Shopwards

It's 2014, (happy new year everyone) and I have just found an email during the new year email clear out summarising the decisions from a meeting in 2010. And that was our second stab at it, so I reckon we must have started this venture in early 2009 or even 2008. Practically last century! And food for thought – we have come such a long way since those early days.

Where are we now?

Some more progress has been made with the Faculty, and we are quietly confident that we will get formal permission to use the vestry as a shop at the end of January. I always pepper these bulletins with heartfelt thank yous to those of you who have been fabulous, but I am awed into speechlessness by the mountain-moving which has gone into making the Faculty happen. Gentlemen, you know who you are. It's worth taking a moment to think about what has been achieved - the Church of England, no less, has (almost) agreed to let us use part of the church as a community venture. They are trusting us to preserve the dignity and sanctity of the building, and they have met us much more than half way on a number of issues to make it all possible. Considering this is an organisation which was established a very long time ago, I think this shows a vision and a sense of purpose which transcends all sorts of niggles and barriers which

could have scuppered us. We are very very grateful for their support. It might also be worth mentioning that as an IPS with Benefit for the Community we cannot, no matter how successful, make a profit – everything has to be ploughed back into the community, as decided by the membership (ie about a third of the village) with the church. So this is Community with a capital C and long may she sail.

Go on then, what's the bad news

No really bad news, although getting ordinary, common or garden planning permission for change of use has turned out to be a slower process than we might have hoped. But we are getting there (and highways authority is bound up in the same process).

What next?

We are getting started in the vestry! At our early January committee meeting we agreed a way forward. We will soon be needing a few folk with vital skills to help lead the work such as shelf building, painting etc. We are as you know always looking for volunteers. You may see some activity going on in the vestry after the end of January. We can't actually put paintbrush to wall or drill to plaster until we get formal permission, but we can do everything short of that – so that final fit-out will be a speedy piece of cake. We're starting to think about opening

events, plaques being revealed by the Queen etc, any good ideas on a postcard to the website please!

What about the pop-ups?

We've had some nice feedback about the pop-ups so we will carry on until we can turn the vestry key. Please continue to support us if you can, and another thank you to the crack team who help to make it happen each week. Just to remind you, the pop-ups and the shop proper aren't the same thing – once we can leave the goods on the shelves and not have to lug them up from the undercroft each time we will have a proper variety of dry groceries as well as pies, bread, veg etc and also more range.

Volunteers

So many of you have come up to me and pledged your support by volunteering to help, and we still have a full list of names on file. Thanks to all of you for being so enthusiastic, it buoys us up on dark nights. It's so important to us that this should be a shop for and by all of us, and it's great that that is happening. I do think Grindleford is a nice village to live in!

There will be a volunteer event on 11 February at 7.30 pm. Please could you put that in your diaries? More details will follow over the email.

Contact!

Quite a few of you aren't receiving our regular updates so we are engaged in the task of making sure all our contact details are still current. You will be getting an email soon asking for confirmation that it's the right one. Failing that a phone call.. failing that a knock on the door! Apologies to those who didn't get the

email and came down for the non-existent pop-ups over Christmas and New Year.

Thank yous

There is a whole committee of people, plus lots of fantastic helpers, who have been so willing, and such fun to work with, coming up with great ideas and working together in a really exemplary way. I knew you were a bright and capable lot but this is awesome! Everyone deserves a star spot but I thought I might put just one name in the spotlight for this newsletter, and that's Nancy. She has the monumental task of being our Treasurer, and I know how much she has to do because I've watched her doing it. She is a silent heroine and we would be completely stuck without her. She's dealing with some difficult domestic issues at the moment which would cause a lesser woman to throw in the towel but she carries on helping us wherever she can and with great good humour. Thank you very much Nancy, have a GCS new year honour! (You will have to print it out yourself, you've got the printer!)

So... when are we going to open?

29th February 2014. There are still some unknowns we can't control but we hope that worst case scenario for planning permission is the end of Feb, and we can use the time between that and getting Faculty to fit out. It looks as if Seer Fairbrother might be right, (he has my permission to say I told you so) and a day in very early March will be when we hang out the bunting.

Country Choice Appeal

A number of interested parties have voiced objections. The deadline for comment was 2 January so we now await

the outcome. I understand the decision has been delayed until the end of January.

Longer term?

Our thanks again to the Playing Fields Association for inviting us to join them and working with us. There are lots of really good ideas flying around but we need to walk first (to the vestry to buy things folks!) so will keep you posted on how things develop over the next few months.

And finally...

Very best wishes to everyone for the year to come and we hope it will be a successful one for the project and for you all.

Sarah (chair) and the Grindleford Community Shop committee



The **Grindleford Community Shop**

Talks at St Helen's

Every year in January St Helen's is the venue for a series of afternoon talks in which local people present a subject that fascinates them. From the beginning the talks have been popular. Many people in Grindleford have a story to tell. Some are internationally recognised as experts in their own subject; some are doing difficult or advanced work.

This year's series promises to be the best yet. It is called Knowing the Mind, and is about our understanding of the way people think, feel and behave.

Sunday 12 January. Sheila Pigott and Ruth Beck describe their work in Nigeria where they went as part of a multi-disciplinary medical team focussed on the understanding of mental illness.

Sunday 19 January. James Allen, consultant psychiatrist and writer on music, talks about opera and those operatic characters who clearly have untreated psychiatric problems.

Sunday 26 January. Cathy Burke describes The School I'd Like, the outcome of a project in which fifteen thousand children portrayed their ideal school.

The talks begin at 2.30pm in St Helen's church, Grindleford. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Donations made in a retiring collection will be shared equally between UNICEF and St Helen's roof appeal.

Peter Tregenza



Transition Hope Valley and the National Trust at Longshaw are joining forces for the fourth year to run another Coppice Day on Sunday 2nd March 2014. As with previous years the day will run from 11am to 4pm and the aim is to have a fun day suitable for all the family.

This year we are in a new location on the Longshaw estate known as Upper Rough Wood. The location can be reached by following the track past Grindleford Station, Padley Chapel and then on in the direction of Greenwood farm, following our signs. Alternatively the site can be reached by parking at the Millstone Edge car park and walking down to the track through the old Bolehill quarry. Look out for the posters nearer the time for exact coordinates.

The National Trust plans to thin up to 50% of the conifers in Upper Rough Wood, forming halos round the better of the native trees,

aiming for a more natural and diverse woodland. We will be helping clear the brash this generates and as on previous Coppice Days it is planned to use the heavy horses to bring out any useable wood. Our old friends Big Lad (a Clydesdale) and his companion (a Belgian Ardennes) have a lower impact on the woodland habitat than motorised vehicles and are a fabulous spectacle not to be missed.

We are planning to have many activities for all ages, including some organised by the National Trust's Educational team, forest art, green wood crafts, charcoal making, a local history talk on the industrial archaeology of the site and, hopefully, some exciting new attractions! We will also be providing soup and light refreshments in the wood at reasonable prices.

For further information contact Peter Ragdale of Transition Hope Valley on 01433 630740 nearer to the time.

Grindleford Youth Club

Bishops Pavilion Wednesday 7pm - 8.30pm. £1 per week

Well done young people of Grindleford! GYC is one of the highest attended youth clubs in the valley with a good mix of young people from different villages and schools. We have 34 members on the register and a weekly attendance of 22/25 members.

This term has seen us hold a variety of evenings at the request of the members. Bush tucker trials, Halloween evening, Bingo, 'Bin Bag Fashion' and we ended with a Christmas Disco with the refreshments being provided by Edward White at the Calver Spar, Nikki Bennett for the Christmas tree cup cakes and Yvonne Birch. All these events have run alongside our usual football games, snooker and drumming. A BIG THANK YOU to Dave Jenner for his weekly support on helping the members with their developing drumming skills!

PC Boswell has been a fantastic support and has secured funding for the

Halloween evening and gained us funding from Bakewell Events for the Christmas disco. PC Boswell support is vital for the future of GYC and he often pops in to meet the members.

The Club is staffed by volunteer staff Yvonne Birch and Michelle Bingley. Unfortunately Craig Longmore our Youth Worker has had to leave us to work full time in Chesterfield on a permanent contract, he will be sadly missed by all. This leaves a huge gap in our support therefore we need a volunteer rota and welcome anyone who would like to help to a meeting on Wednesday 22nd January 2014 at 7pm at the Pavilion.

If you are in Y6 and above just pop in on a Wednesday evening . If you are a parent and want more information please call by on a Wednesday or speak to Michelle or Yvonne in the village.

Michelle Bingley



Found

This lamb was left behind in St Helen's church after one of the Christmas services.

It sits on a table just inside the church, patiently waiting for its owner to take it home.

The church is normally open from about 9.30 in the morning until dusk, in winter.

Parish Council Notes

War Memorial/Village Green

Stage Two of the restoration work at the War Memorial has been completed satisfactorily, thanks to the generosity of the contractors Clear Exterior, who kindly offered to clean the stonework free of charge, as a bonus, they did the work just before the Remembrance Day Service, and so the Memorial looked in splendid condition.

The final phase of restoration will be completed in 2014 when the lettering on the Memorial will be restored and the surrounding railings painted. It will be fitting to finish the project in the year of the Centenary of the Great War.

Highways

After a long delay in obtaining a replacement part, DCC have repaired the faulty speed limit sign at Goatscliffe.

The Haslin Slack footpath on Sir William Hill had been cleared by DCC.

DCC have refilled some grit bins, but the Clerk has been chasing them to complete the filing of them all. Residents can request re-fills by directly contacting DCC, details of how to do this are shown on the bins. Please remember that the grit is only for use on the highway & footpaths and must not be used on private property.

Network Rail -

New Track at Grindleford

Following the preview meeting and public exhibitions held in November & December, the Council is very concerned that the proposals will have serious detrimental effects on residents of Upper Padley. Crucially, they will have a devastating effect on the flora & fauna of the National Trust owned Rough Wood and Coppice Wood, which are Ancient Woodlands and host many rare & endangered species.

More detailed information on how the works will to be carried out is needed from Network Rail and they have been asked to attend a meeting to discuss them with the Council in early 2014.

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue

The Council have been active in objecting to proposals to replace the Fire Stations at Hathersage & Bradwell with a new one at Bamford. There is widespread objection to the plans among all Hope Valley Parish Councils, which it is felt, would lead to longer response times whilst making minimal savings.

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.

National Trust

Happy New Year from our National Trust team at Longshaw! Looking back to the end of 2013, we have been very busy with Christmas Tree sales, raising valuable income for our conservation work on the estate. We had the windfall and tree damage from the December storms to contend with, as well as lots of work to do for the HLS scheme where we are working on boundaries and woodland management, and we also managed to extract some of the timber felled in Hay Wood for use as firewood, with local people and plenty of wheelbarrows for help!

We held some magical Christmas events for families where crafts and decorations were made, as well as running winter wildlife school visits where we look at what animals do to keep warm and stay alive in the winter.

On a more serious note we have been raising awareness about Network Rail's plans to alter the railway line in Grindelford, which would impact on part of the ancient woodlands at Rough Wood as well as some wildlife rich hay-meadows, and here is the message from our General Manager, Jon Stewart:

Dear Friend of Longshaw

As you may be aware Network Rail is proposing development of the Hope Valley rail line at Longshaw Estate. The Trust supports in general improvements to the public transport network where these do not have unacceptable environmental, social and

amenity impacts. However, we have serious concerns with the potential impacts of the current proposal on the special nature of Longshaw including its ancient woodlands, intimate landscape and people's experience of it. We are also not convinced that this is the only place to achieve the aims of Network Rail's scheme. Details of the proposals can be found on Network Rail's website here: www.networkrail.co.uk/improvements/northern-hub/doregrindleford

Most of the impacts are on the Trust's Longshaw Estate, the rest are on land adjacent to it.

Thank you for giving this your attention and we hope that a solution can be found that does not damage the special nature of Longshaw that we all care deeply about.

Kind regards

**Jon Stewart, General Manager,
National Trust, Peak District**

Coming up in 2014:

New Bridleways

This spring we are planning to open up 2 concessionary bridleway routes at Longshaw which link up with routes across the Eastern Moors, to enable cyclists and horse-riders to access and enjoy the estate. This is a positive change for Longshaw and the National Trust as part of our mission to provide access for all.

Please contact Helen Tuck for further details: helen.tuck@nationaltrust.org.uk

Drop-in Walks

We have our regular volunteer-led Drop-in Walks happening throughout the year, on Wednesdays and Sundays starting at 11am outside the Visitor Centre, with no need to book. The walks are free and usually last around 2.5 hours.

Wildlife Group

Our Longshaw and Eastern Moors Explorers wildlife group is going from strength to strength and we have Sophie Pinder, our Visitor Experience Intern, coordinating the group. It's based around a monthly session where we investigate different animals and wildlife, and the first session of 2014 will be helping with bird-ringing at Longshaw. If you would like to find out more about the club, please email longshawwildlifeexplorers@gmail.com

Wild-Ways Tracker Trail

Sat 22 Feb - Sun 2 March

10.30am - 3.30pm, Longshaw VC

Follow the tracker trail and learn tips about how to spot wildlife at Longshaw.

£1 per trail sheet.

No booking required.

Available from the shop.

Wild-Ways Explorer Days

Mon 24 Feb - Fri 28 Feb

10.30-12.30 & 2-4pm

Moorland Discovery Centre

Drop in to the Moorland Discovery Centre for wildlife themed events during ½ term.

Bird & mammal fun hands-on crafts and tracker-themed activities.

£3 activities.

No booking required.

Grindleford Rainbows

For girls between 5-7 years old

The last term has seen us complete our Seasons Roundabout. To complete this the girls have made clip on birds, decorated Hedgehog buns, built marshmallow igloos, decorated Bat puppets and played many season themed games.

We said goodbye to one Rainbow for her to move on to Brownies, another took her promise - the first girl in Grindleford Rainbows to take the NEW promise and we look forward to welcoming 4 girls in January and 2 more in February. These new girls spread our intake distance to Birchover, Bamford, Curbar and of course Grindleford.

All these exciting experiences have been made possible by a fantastic team of young woman who have volunteered weekly, a big thank you must go to Alice Dear, Suzy Crowson and Jess Bingley. The new year welcomes another important change to our volunteers, Trish Barker is joining us and we are enormously grateful for this support as during the last term Trish has stepped in at the last minute when Jess, Suzy and Alice have had exams, school events, university visits and Duke of Edinburgh training. Thank you Trish!

To join us contact Michelle Bingley 639727 or register your interest with Guiding on www.girlguiding.org.uk

Michelle Bingley

Grindleford Horticultural Society



Brown Hares in the Derbyshire Dales

Words and photographs by Christine Gregory

Happy New Year! Wishing all gardeners and would be gardeners a good growing season. Don't be disheartened if the weather is awful for the next few weeks. It was amazing that after our dreadful Spring in 2013 we had such a good harvest and summer blooms.

Those snowdrops, aconites and crocuses will soon be pushing through and the days will be lengthening. Time to start looking at seed packets and planning for the spring!

The Horticultural Society has an excellent programme to put us in good cheer with Hathersage speaker Sally Cave talking about The Klondike Gold Rush on Tuesday January 21st. That's a great one for those with a thirst for travel, including intrepid armchair explorers!

Local Dairy Farmer James Furniss will be entertaining us with 'A Day in his Life' on Feb 18th.

On March 18th Youlgreave artist, writer and photographer Christine Gregory will be giving us a talk on White and Brown Hares.

Recent talks that we enjoyed included natural history of the UK coastline and of Switzerland.

All meetings are held at the Bishop Pavilion at 7.30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. They are convivial as well as informative. We'd love to greet both old and new members at our future meetings, membership is a snip, and there are visits to local gardens or walks in the summer and discounts at Calver Sough garden centre and of membership of the RHS.

Kay Allinson

Grindleford Quiz

Send your answers by 28 February 2014* to: Simon Taylor, 4 Main Road, Grindleford, HOPE VALLEY, S32 2JN (or email to simon@hairywhale.co.uk). It's meant to be hard, so you are not expected to get it all correct. Have a go and please do send your effort in. If you'd like an electronic version e-mailed to you, just e-mail me and ask. Write your answers on this sheet or a separate sheet. Results will be (a) e-mailed to you if you give me your e-mail, (b) posted to you only if you give me a sae, (c) listed for the winners in the Grindleford News and website if I remember.

*or three weeks after the issue of the Grindleford News, whichever is the later.
Or whenever you remember, I won't be too strict ;-)

Name:

E-mail (optional):

Address (optional):

a) Grindleford Road Name Anagrams

These are all road names in Grindleford. Unjumble the letters to find them.

1	LOVEWAND WIDO	
2	TANGLEDIN LOAN	
3	MIND AORA	
4	MADTEAT SCOLDING	
5	SANTA CORTMOLE UPNUT	
6	CLEG WEES VIDEO	
7	RESTEDON DAGS	
8	LIE DOWN ORR	
9	TAKE NOB PLAN	
10	CROUTCH ADORR	
11	PHILLY DEAL	

b) Fruit Wordsearch

Mark in the grid below 35 types of fruit. Most are listed in the table, which is in alphabetical order, but the ones at the bottom of each column are missing so you'll have to work them out, write them in the table, and then find them!

L	E	M	S	U	M	L	E	N	I	R	A	T	C	E	N	I	G	K	U	M	Q	U	A	T	G
M	O	T	T	R	A	D	I	S	H	Y	A	M	U	M	I	L	A	N	A	N	A	B	V	R	A
O	G	N	A	M	N	O	M	E	L	H	B	U	A	N	N	O	L	E	M	R	E	T	A	W	P
S	R	P	R	N	D	E	L	I	M	C	P	L	U	M	O	C	I	H	C	A	E	P	C	E	R
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E	C	O	C	A	N	U	T	A	P	I	P	A	S	S	I	O	N	F	R	U	I	T	M	P	I
H	H	O	N	G	A	M	R	E	G	A	G	N	E	E	R	G	R	P	A	Y	A	P	A	P	L
C	E	O	D	A	C	O	V	A	T	A	N	G	E	R	I	N	E	Y	Y	R	R	E	H	C	O

Apple	Cherry	Fig	Honeydew	Mandarin	Passion Fruit	Raspberry
Apricot	Clementine	Galia	Kumquat	Mango	Peach	Starfruit
Avocado	Coconut	Gooseberry	Lemon	Nectarine	Pear	Strawberry
Banana	Cranberry	Grape	Lime	Orange	Plum	Tangerine

c) Elements

There are 35 elements hidden in the text below (full names, not symbols, eg. “Helium”, not “He”). Find them, underline them, and list them underneath. They’re all on the periodic table.

“Hey, bro! Mine!” I called to Anthony, leaning on my car bonnet, messing with my kit.
“Leave it still, Ant.”

“Ha! Number of these look dangerous,” he uttered. “What is this one? An axe?”

“No, nothing like that. It’s part of my work’s unit - Rogen & Co Baltic Hydro Generator - that I’m building. Stop meddling as you did in Brasil; I confess I don’t want to see you back in the nick.”

Eleven years ago, I’d met Ant - alumni of the University of Sao Paolo, both of us - in Brasil, very soon after graduating. We had gone on to Rio, dined at an unappealing old café called the Europium, where the staff spoke Esperanto and the air stung - stench of unwashed students with the flu or inevitable illness of some sort - and from there had a little adventure.

Ant had found a view which I was aghast at. I nearly missed it as I was at the bar, gone a few minutes.

“You sod!” I, umpteen times, had told him to stop his peeping-Tom antics, but he’d been watching some girl in her boudoir - only now her clothes were coming off.

“I just had a squiz, in case, but the mercury is rising now; she’s foxy, gents!” He had grinned, ignoring me, as a crowd gathered. “That arse! Nice! And she’s just taken off her bra! Don’t interrupt!”

“Ant, no! Her Dad’s one of the mob, or one of those types. You’re flagrant - I’m on your case, else it’ll be the coppers who will be! And you have no alibi; smut here carries a prison sentence.” But he’d kept at it, and as I left him to it, been arrested.

Ant now put the ‘axe’ down. “Ouch! Lor, I never can help meddling! Temptation is my kryptonite - it gets me every time. And it would have got you too, back then, only you ran. I... um... didn’t.”

d) Odd One Out

For each, list the single odd one out, and put a good explanation for extra points.

King Richard III, King Richard IV, Queen Gertrude, Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Elizabeth II	
65, 215, 272, 275	
Southport, Barnsley, Kingston upon Hull, Coventry, Shrewsbury	
Bull, Rhino, Shark, Wildcat, Wolf	
N1, S1, E1, W1	

e) Sequences

Find the next one for each sequence and add a good explanation of what the sequence is for extra points.

Next *Explanation*

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I	V	X	L	C		
87	90	86	80	89		
V	V	V	V	B		
0.2	0.5	0.10	0.17	0.26		
G	F	C	B	R		
2	16	54	128	250		
Y	Y	H	L	Y		
1947	1923	1937	1893	1863		
K	M	G	T	P		
1	4	12	24	24		

Grindleford WI

In October we were treated to a splendid demonstration of “Seasonal Cooking” by local chef Graham Mitchell. There were lots of flavoursome tastings of his dishes and home made wines which made for an informative and delicious gourmet evening.

Our AGMs are always preceded by a cooked supper and 2013 was no exception. The AGM itself offered a recap of all we have done during the year including thatre visits and the Derbyshire Federation meetings we have attended, plus more locally, the Devonshire Group meetings. We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members and our year’s programme can be found on the village web site thanks to Matt Heason.

Our Christmas get together was the bright idea of Ann Watts our programme secretary. We were invited to “Poetry, Pate and Plonk.” Guess what we ate and drank! To add a little culture each member had been invited to bring and read a peom. This made a truly entertaining evening with poems ancient and modern many with a Christmas theme. To round off 2013 on Thursday 12th December members of the lunch club were served a special Christmas lunch. We look forward to 2014 and another year of friendship, interest and fun.

Bingate

With the news of “Dealing with Derbyshire’s Waste-Strategic Review” just appearing as an email I thought that this might be a suitable time to share with you a poem written by a WI member.

In days of yore
Before bins galore
A weekly collection we had
With one bag each (or maybe two)
A “Good morning Luv and How are You”

Life didn’t seem so bad
Now confusion sets in
Choosing which bin, or will it be two?
Panic on waking, is it today?
And will it be green, black or blue?

But being good folk
We’ll take up the yoke
The planet to save is our aim
If we all do our bit
We’ll be a big hit
But life will ne’er be the same



2013: A year of change, celebration and magic...

What a fabulous year, I don't know how we managed to pack in so much!

January saw our new **Forest School** start on the Longshaw Estate and also our first full day of childcare. Wintery weather in **Feb/March** did not deter the children - sledging, building snowmen and igloos!



In **April** we started our **Gardening Club** – thanks to the Allotment Society, and invited families to help us build our plot's scarecrow. The children have enjoyed eating the fruits (and veg) of their labours.

May and June saw the children build their own **maypole** and enjoy stories in the woods accompanied by toasted marshmallows. In **July** we hosted an action-packed **Sports Day** and said a tearful farewell to our leavers – who were back with us in **August** for our first Forest School **Holiday Club** in the woods.

September and a new school year brought weekly **baking sessions** with Grindleford WI. Our first **Apple Day** was a great success with an orchard of apples picked, chopped, pressed, baked and bobbed! More active fun in October with a fantastic new **Mud Kitchen Toddler Group** on Fridays.





Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup

In **November** our annual **Balti and a Band** fundraiser extraordinaire was followed by the playgroup's AGM celebrating our wonderful volunteers and supporters – thank you all! **December** started with our magical **Advent Spiral**, where carols and a candle-lit room greet the children, who are guided through an evergreen spiral to light a candle. A wonderful **woodland nativity** completed our festive celebrations, where Mother Christmas dropped in to present each child with a lovely hedgehog (thanks to all our dedicated knitters!).



Take a peek at pre-school life via our new website and blog...

www.grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk



Scan this QR code
using your phone



Now the **New Year** brings our thoughts to the future for the pre-school. Our plan over the next two to three years is to develop our programme of great fundraising events and welcome more children and their families into our fold. 2014 will see the launch of the **Friends of Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup** scheme, an opportunity to get more people involved – look out for this with your next Grindleford News.

Contact us on 07842 095402 or grindlefordandeyamplaygroup@gmail.com

Grindleford Bookworms



Mornings in Jenin by Susan Abulhuwa is a story that needs to be told. The author's note tells us "Although the characters in this book are fictitious Palestine is not nor are the historical events and figures in this story." It is a stern reminder that the Palestinians were not responsible for the holocaust, nor did they deserve to suffer as many of them did by the setting up of the state of Israel in 1948. *Mornings in Jenin* is not a comfortable read.

In November we read Hilary Mantel's second book about the life and times of Thomas Cromwell. *Bring up the Bodies* is a splendidly researched book which gives the reader a brilliant insight into the political intrigues of Anne Boleyn's time as Henry VIII's queen. We all know the ending to the story and Hilary Mantel's expertise guides us through the perilous times of those Tudor days.

Just flicking through the pages of Will Self's *Umbrella* is enough to convince any but the most stalwart of readers that here is a challenge, for there are neither paragraphs nor chapters but solid pages, some 397, of text. The members of the Death family form the central core of the book, We get to know Stanley and Audrey Death and their brother Albert De' Ath and it is through their lives that the author is able to write vividly about life in the trenches, for that is where Stanley met his death, the life of a senior civil servant Sit Albert De' Ath and the research work by a Dr Zach Busner into the effects of encephalitis lethargic which had led to victim Audrey suffering years of incarceration in Friern mental hospital. The threads of the story are woven into a rich literary pattern which merits concentrated attention.

Kay Beeston

Grindleford Allotments



Little stirrs on the allotments at this time of year except a few hardy individuals harvesting the last of their parsnips and sprouts. Allotment holders can however sit in the warm and plan their next year's crops. It is also a chance to get together for the AGM and enjoy some mulled wine and food together.

This year, those that were involved in creating the vineyard, have been able to

enjoy the first of the Grindleford wine, which was available in time for Christmas. The flavour is decidedly subtle – mildly alcoholic water with a hint of grape - but it is probably the first wine to be grown and made entirely within the Peak District. The wine from the remaining four rows of vines should be ready by the end of January and it will be interesting to see what they produce.

Michael Wren

Grindleford Book Group Too

Robert MacFarlane is a favourite of this group and his *The Old Ways* did not disappoint us. From pilgrimages in Spain to the waterways of Scotland; solitary walks shared only with the creatures of the wild and the stars of the night to journeys with friends, skinny dipping in icy pools or munching sandwiches on hillsides overlooking wonderful vistas there is so much to delight and entrance the reader. Reading MacFarlane's book is to walk with him, experiencing as you go his wonderful command of language.

We are all familiar with "the lady with the lamp" who walked the wards of a Crimean war hospital bringing comfort to the sick and wounded soldiers. Mark Bostridge's biography reveals that Florence Nightingale was not some gentle angelic "do-gooder" but a very strong personality. She suffered very poor health but set her determined and indomitable spirit against those in authority who resisted change and won her cause. The book is a remarkable biography of a remarkable woman.

Findings by Kathleen Jamie was our December book. These are some of the thoughts of one of our readers. "This was a delight to read with short sentences, which are direct and probing. I felt I was being taken for a walk with her and being challenged by her alert, piercing and musing questions and chains of thought. The contrasts with Robert MacFarlane kept cropping up. His writing is more complex in structure and vocabulary and sometimes very dark whereas Kathleen Jamie's writing is light and airy. It is a book to have like favourite short stories to dip into repeatedly." (Thank you Liz)

Kay Beeston

Grindleford Bee Keepers



The bees are all clustered to keep warm at this time of year and surviving the winter is their main concern. They were fed at the end of autumn so they should have enough stores for the winter. On milder days you may see the occasional bee taking a cleansing flight but otherwise they'll all stay tucked up tight. They keep warm by vibrating their flight muscles without moving their wings and the temperature in the heart of the cluster will be 20 degrees! Those on the cooler outside will be down as low as 8 degrees so they eat a little then make their way back to the centre. This constant rotation keeps all the colony warm.

We will check the amount of varroa mites in the colony this month and treat if necessary, otherwise we hope for a mild spring and early pollen forage amongst the snowdrops, crocus and hopefully early flowering trees like hazel to give them a good start to the year. Stimulated by this early harvest the queen will start to lay again in February providing early workers for the coming season.

Alan Fairbrother

Village Website



Did you know that the village has its own website? www.grindleford.com is a one-stop site which includes the latest news, a calendar of events, back issues of the Grindleford News, links to local clubs, societies, organisations and businesses, and a lovely gallery of photographs of the village and its surrounding area. It's paid for by the Parish Council and maintained by two residents, Jamie Voce and Matt Heason. If you want to advertise an event in the village, you have a trade or business that you'd like to see listed, take a nice photo that others would like to see, or have some news to share please email matt@heason.net. If you're wondering whether it is worth having a village website then we think that you'll agree the statistics speak for themselves. At the time of writing the site received 1,294 visitors over the last 30 days. Below is a graphic showing how events like the launch of the Grindleford Gallop ticket entry system (on Nov 15th) have an impact, but that there are upwards of 30 visitors a day on average. There's also a parallel Facebook page at www.facebook.com/grindleford



GRINDLEFORD GALLOP 2014

Not long now to this year's Grindleford Gallop, which falls on March 8th. We sold out on the event in record time again, this year within 24hrs, can it go any quicker? We're looking forward to seeing the result of this year's logo competition at the school.

Anyone who is interested in getting involved on the day drop us an email at info@grindlefordgallop.co.uk. We know a few have expressed interest already, we'll be in touch shortly. Looking forward to it!

Ed & Ayshea Richardson

Grindleford Gaiters



A few of the Gaiters overlooking Ladybower, November 2013

In the last few months the Gaiters have had varied walks including: Ladybower, Derwent Village & Fairholmes, Winyard's Nick; Great Longstone & Bakewell; Eyam, Housley & Cavendish Mill; Holmesfield, Fanshaw Gate, Horsley Gate; Castleton, Cave Dale, Winnats. We also had a local walk from Grindleford in order to earn our Christmas lunch.

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

Keep walking!

Tim Reynolds: 630023

District Council



The agenda will include a presentation on the District Council's spending plans and priorities and all three Forums will include the customary Question Time session where members of the public are able to ask questions of councillors and officers from the participating authorities.

The North Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group will also attend the Central (10th) and Northern (17th) Forums to give an update on the things the CCG is to develop in the Dales.

- **Monday 3 Feb:** Community Room, Ashbourne Leisure Centre
 - **Monday 10 Feb:** Town Hall, Matlock
 - **Monday 17 Feb:** Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell
- All start at 7 pm.

For more info ring 01629 761302, email communityforum@derbyshiredales.gov.uk or visit www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/communityforums.



Have you seen any good films lately?

The Arbour (2010)

Film maker Clio Barnard documents the life of the late playwright Andrea Dunbar who was born in 1961 and grew up on a Northern Housing Project in Bradford known as The Arbour. This is where she penned her semi autobiographical play of the same name at the age of 15.

Andrea Dunbar is not well known, but was remarkable as a teenage dramatist despite her underprivileged background and short life - she died in 1990 of a brain haemorrhage at the age of 29. Dunbar had 3 children, all by different fathers, and wrote 3 plays, all produced at The Royal Court Theatre in London. Her first play 'The Arbour' was written for a school assignment, and as a follow up she created 'Rita, Sue and Bob Too' later adapted for the cinema.

Andrea Dunbar remained living on The Arbour estate throughout her short lived fame, but neighbours were offended by the harsh reality she wrote about.

Director Clio Barnard takes a theatrical approach to Dunbar's story by interviewing the surviving family members and then re-enacting the events using professionals to lip-synch their words.

Rita, Sue & Bob Too (1987)

This was the best known of Dunbar's plays which was adapted as a film and was another semi-autobiographical piece. The comedy is about two teenage school girls who have nothing to look forward to except the dole queue. They live on a squalid housing estate and earn cash by babysitting for Bob and his wife in their home on the 'smarter' side of town. What ensues is a menage a trois, an illicit affair with Bob, until they are all found out!

Bob's marriage inevitably breaks up, and after unsatisfactory relationships with others, the teens go back to a love triangle living with Bob.

Racism, domestic abuse and poverty is the backdrop to this social realist film. It uses the domestic locations to highlight the gap between the poverty of the housing estate where the girls live, and the nouveaux riche on the outskirts of town where Bob resides. Beneath its humour and light heartedness is a sad story, but as the plot unfolds you are left wondering who exactly is being exploited.

Lesley Broadhurst

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Finally, don't forget that 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

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