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*Wagers Flat on New Years Eve*

## First step toward enforcement action on Wager's Flat

The way has been opened for the Peak District National Park Authority to take enforcement action against alleged unlawful limestone operations at Wagers Flat on Longstone Edge, near Bakewell.

The Authority's planning committee on (Friday Jan 19th) authorised enforcement action<sup>1</sup> to be taken when the legal and financial arrangements are in place.

The move follows mounting concern that the limestone extraction has gone beyond the scope of the 1952 planning permission, which covers 155 hectares of Longstone Edge.

It also agreed that consideration would be given to a possible stop notice at a meeting of the Authority on February 9th.

Operators MMC Mineral Processing Ltd began quarrying at Wagers Flat (on land owned by Bleaklow Industries Ltd) last July after a stop notice prevented them continuing certain operations at neighbouring Backdale quarry.

Both areas are within the 1952 permission, which was granted by the then Ministry of Local Government primarily for fluorspar. The planning permission does not mention limestone, but allows "the winning and working of fluorspar and barytes and the working of lead and any other minerals which are won in the course of working these minerals."

At Wagers Flat a fluorspar vein passes through the limestone, but the planning committee was advised that considerably more limestone had been removed off site than was won in the course of working the fluorspar. The report stated: "The removal off-site of limestone won in the course of winning the vein, i.e. making the vein accessible to be worked, is not considered to be permitted. As a result it is considered that there has been a breach of planning control."

The National Park Authority, whose statutory purpose is "to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife

and cultural heritage of the area," is deeply concerned that this prominent landscape feature is being irreversibly damaged by the scale of these operations.

Planning committee chair Narendra Bajarria said: "We are equally concerned as the local community about what's happening at Wagers Flat. The Authority is doing everything in its power to rectify the situation by today's authorisation for enforcement, and giving consideration to issuing a Stop Notice at the Authority's meeting on February 9.

"We are still looking for a permanent solution. Rural affairs minister Barry Gardiner has given a positive response to our invitation to come to the Peak District to see the situation for himself, and the public will be informed as soon as the details of the visit are in place." The Authority is currently preparing for a 10 - day public inquiry into the operations at Backdale, starting at Calver Village Hall on February 13th.

**P.D.N.P Press Release**

## A Derbyshire man's 19<sup>th</sup> century travel Journals

I have recently had the pleasure of arranging for a fascinating series of six journals by William Bemrose to be included in a sale in Nottingham in April 2007. The Great grandson of William Bemrose had contacted me at my office in Great Longstone.

Wm Bemrose married the great grand daughter of Joseph Wright of Derby, which is one of his many claims to fame. William Bemrose wrote a series of journals about his travels abroad with John Cook of Melbourne, Derbyshire, the son of Thomas Cook of London. Here is a taster.

On their trip in 1882 he writes about the journey to Egypt and Palestine, en route they travelled through Italy and went up Vesuvius on the railway, "the volcano was in a state of considerable eruption...the sight was very grand. About 150 yards away across the hot lava...every few seconds a shower of stones is thrown up 50 feet into the air".

As you will see from the illustration, he not only did written notes in his journey but also a pictorial record of his trip. It is interesting to me that William Bemrose happened to be travelling through Italy whilst Vesuvius



*A sketch by William Bemrose, depicting one of the touring party climbing up Vesuvius whilst it was erupting in 1882. There are six journals in the collection which is expected to fetch in the region of £5,000/10,000*

was erupting, just as his ancestor, Joseph Wright of Derby, had done in the 18th Century, he also painted Vesuvius erupting.

They also visited the The Sphinx and the pyramids, The Tomb of Tih, the battlefield Tel-el-Kebir, Luxor and the Temple of Denderah, he visited Edtoo, Assonan and the bazaar at Assiout. He travelled 19,328 miles and returned with "far more luggage than he took with him." Also whilst the party were travelling across the Mediterranean, on their way to Alexandria, they spotted a comet crossing the sky, which was at, "its most brilliant at this time."

Another extract is during his trip in 1885 to India and Egypt when they passed by the Suez Canal they saw the enormous dredging machines operating there.

Vivienne Milburn

## All car owners and car drivers please read

Be aware of a new car jacking scheme.

You walk across the car park, unlock your car and get inside. Then you lock all your doors, start the engine and shift or put into reverse.

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When you reach the back of your car that is when the car-jackers appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and take off!

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# Great Longstone Cricket Club

Update of G.L.C.C .events:

**Winter Nets** - Net practice for the seniors are being held at Lady Manners School sports hall each Wednesday, commencing 24<sup>th</sup> January through to the end of March. The sessions start at 7pm and finish at 8pm. We have two large nets and will be using our bowling machine in one of them. Anyone interested in coming along should contact Chris Barnes on 07866 019044 or Danny McGovern on 07811 313089.

**Dinner Dance** – In November G.L.C.C. held an end of season dinner dance at Bakewell Golf Club. We enjoyed an excellent 4 course meal followed by a brief presentation by our President, Godfrey Frankland. Dave Nicholas was presented with a cup for 'Player of the Year' and Chris Barnes was presented with The Packhorse Walking Stick for over 40's 'Player of the Year'. After the presentation there was a disco with the dance floor being packed all night. The evening was such a success that we have already booked the venue for next year.

**Under 14 Cricket** – We are investigating the possibility of running an under 14 team to play other local village teams. If anyone is interested in playing please contact Chris Barnes on 07866 019044.

**Chris Barnes**

## Editor Required

To join our friendly team and produce Under the Edge four times a year. All necessary training will be given all you need is to be computer literate and willing to learn new skills. For more information please ring Suzie Barton on 01629 640926

## Congratulations

The Crispin's Annual Darts and Dominoes competition raised £257 for Ashgate Hospice. The Darts champion is Peter Bettney and the Dominoes champion John Robison. Thank you to everyone for your support and donations on the evening.



## Farming Notes

This is our oldest cow on the farm, "Hardrake Image Aster". She is a British Friesian dairy cow and is 15 years old. In that time she has had 13 calves, 7 heifers and 6 bulls. This is exceptional as the national average for a milk cow is 4 to 5 calves. She last calved a few weeks ago and is looking very well, back with the herd. When I start milking she's one of the first into the milking parlour pushing her way to the front, so we may go for 14 calves! Aster is a pedigree and has been recorded for all of her life. At the end of each lactation we receive a certificate informing us how she has performed. It makes very interesting reading, in her 12 lactations so far she has produced 70,000 litres of milk. Or put another way 70 tonnes in weight or 122,500 pints, an awful lot of bowls of cereal. However, the worrying information given to us by these charts is the history of the demise of the British dairy industry. As a young heifer in 1994, she gave 4459 kgs of milk with 4.13 fat and 3.45 protein with a value of 27.2 pence per litre. The following year it was 26 pence then 25 pence and so on until this year when we received 17 pence per litre. Couple this with rising costs and you begin to see why we are losing dairy farmers by the thousand. It will not be long before we are importing milk into the country.

**Roger Cox**



*The Hermitage and Spring Bank circa 1905*

## Tribute to Village Bobby's Son

Town Crier columnist Michael Jeacock died 22nd December aged 73 after a courageous battle with cancer.

He spent his last days at St Nicholas' Hospice in Bury St Edmunds.

Michael was born in Buxton, on May 22, 1933.

His dad was the bobby in Great Longstone, and Michael spent an idyllic childhood roaming the county's stunning moorlands and dales with his chums – carefree days with no boundaries that gave him a life-long love of the countryside.

He won a scholarship to Lady Manners School – and would have gone to Oxford University, but his family didn't have enough money to fund him.

Instead, he trained to be a journalist on the Derbyshire Times, in Chesterfield, cycling 13 miles to work each day across the hills.

He did his National Service in the Army and was specially selected to join the first intake at the Joint Services School for Linguists in Bodmin to learn Russian and train to be a spy.

After his National Service, he returned to Chesterfield and met his wife Janet.

From there Michael's career took him to the Daily Express in

Manchester and then on to Fleet Street in London, where he became the paper's youngest ever news editor.

But Michael and Janet wanted a rural upbringing for their expanding family, and moved to The Merchants House in Swaffham Bulbeck.

Michael became a freelance journalist, along with friends Peter Dunne and Louis Garnade, covering stories for all the national papers.

And children, Sarah, Simon, Rachel and Naomi enjoyed the kind of country childhood he dreamed of for them.

The family stayed in the village until the children had left home, and then Michael and Janet moved to Newmarket where he was able to pursue one of his great passions – flat racing.

Thirty years ago, Michael started writing a weekly column for the Town Crier. (In the St. Neots, Cambridgeshire area) His writing skills and humour soon earned him a huge following of fans, many of whom have barely missed a weekly dose of Views from the Fen for three decades.

He was helped in his later years of writing the column by his assistant, Jack the Cat.

Writing about the column in 1986, The Varsity publication described Michael as a 'cult figure'

It said: "When you get into the imagery, the clichés, the local lore and you realise that the man really is a genius.

"The pastoral is taken to its hilarious limit, all the contradictions are there, wandering out on some idyllic winter's morning 'with a hip flask of five-year old sloe gin' (Jeacock actually admits to having gout), he communes with Nature's divine perfection...all is still...until suddenly, he reaches for his 12-bore and blasts s...t out of anything that moves.

In the 1990's, a book of his Views from the Fen columns was published. On the back of it, he described himself as "a family man, country man, sportsman, gourmet, bibliophile, claret blaster, retired conker champion and the greatest living expert on the interiors of pubs throughout Mid and East Anglia."

He moved to the edge of the fens and settled into "a blissful life of cricket, inn-crawling, shooting and watching fenland cloud formations."

Michael and Janet have been blessed with a wonderful family. His

children are all happily married and have provided them with ten grandchildren.

Michael spent his life doing all the things he loved best – writing, shooting, fishing, watching the races, eating and drinking and spending time with friends he made throughout his life on the edge of the Fens.

**Extract out of Town Crier Today from Janet Byrne**

## Wildlife Conservation Activity

**Saturday February 17th 2007  
10 - 3.30pm**

**Come along to our scrub clearance activity to:**

Help conserve a flower-rich grassland on Longstone Edge, which is currently under threat by encroaching hawthorn scrub.

Save this habitat, which is vital for the dark green fritillary butterfly.

You will need a packed lunch, drink, sturdy footwear and old warm

## Derbyshire Meanderings By "Peaklander"

Bakewell is a lovely town, there puddings taste just grand, Bakewell's fame spreads far and wide, But Longstone beats the band. In Chesterfield you'd spend a day just looking round the shops, Chesterfield is fine for some but Longstone is the tops. Ashford in the Water is a place you'll want to see, Ashford in the Water's grand but Longstone's best for me. Now Buxton is a fine town, it used to be a Spa, their famous water cures your ills, but Longstone's best for me. Cressbrook in the nut wood has a beauty all its own, some folk think its number one but Longstone stands alone. These Peakland towns are all grand spots wherever you may roam, but Longstone is my number one for Longstone is my home.

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*Elly Tordoff and Nick Smith at Monsal Head*

## Congratulations to Nick and Elly Smith

Nick Smith and Elly Tordoff were married on 19<sup>th</sup> January at Chapel en le Frith. The rumours about Nick wearing a running vest for the big day as you can see were untrue, but the transit van was really their transport. After joking about not having the rings at the Monsal Head just before they set off, Nick discovered he had forgotten his at the Alter, and quickly found a key ring as a replacement.

Apart from this everything went well, with family and friends celebrating to a Ceilidh band at The Monsal Head Hotel in the evening. The evening was a great success with wine's and beer's running out and some very energetic dancing. Unfortunately no honeymoon was planned, but then six month's away in October should surface. Very best wishes to both of you, from all of your friends and family. "Nick and Elly would like to thank everyone for there kind wishes".

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I feel quite alone  
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I could stay here all day  
Very happy and gay.

But I bet you a pound  
When I leave the ground  
The very first thing  
Is that someone will ring.

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But tell you the truth  
I don't give a tissue  
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## Parish Council Notes

Under The Edge readers are reminded that this is only an account of the contents of the meeting and is not the official minutes only the Editors interpretation. If you wish to see the full minutes they are posted on the village notice board just outside the school. The parish council meeting took place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm.

### Public Questions and Comments

– Frank Parker asked for all of the Parish Council minutes to be put onto the village website and for Peter Askews name be removed. The council were unclear as to who updates the website, the Clerk is to look into this. Godfrey Frankland asked if the council had paid the contractors for mowing the recreation ground in full, as only 20 of the quoted 32 cuts had been done and the workmanship was not up to the necessary standard. The Clerk was instructed to complain in writing to the contractors. Godfrey also stated that the Council appeared to think the Cricket Club were not capable of cutting the recreation ground to the standard required. The Clerk asked Godfrey for his comments in writing. Councillor Gregory replied she feared that there may be a manpower problem in the case of illness within the Cricket Club. Godfrey replied that the Cricket Club had cut the recreation ground for 50 years without a problem. Mike Hirst commented the only reason that the Cricket Club stopped the mowing was the mower broke down and they had insufficient funds to purchase a replacement, so the Council took over the responsibility of mowing. Councillor Gregory asked if there had been clarification of the Cricket Clubs

insurance. The Clerk confirmed he now had a copy of the certificate.

Rick Gooch asked the council what the current status is for repair work that is urgently required for many of the footpaths within the village. He stated that whilst out running he had fallen and injured himself twice due to the dilapidated state of pavements, if he were to fall again would seek legal proceedings. He also advised anyone else suffering injury, should take legal action. Councillor Gregory stated she knew of another incident involving the poor state of the pavements which is on the agenda for the next meeting. Councillor Wright suggested taking photo's of the worst places and passing them onto DDDC along with a letter. The Clerk reported that DDDC are to carry out repair work but have no funds available until the next financial year. Has anyone got a spare bag of tarmac? The Clerk was instructed to write to DDDC to request a site meeting.

Pam Frankland asked if the footpath between Grisedale Road and Glebe Avenue is on the list of areas to be repaired. The Clerk replied that this path is one of the many on the list.

Mike Hirst questioned the Council about their decision not to carry on with the maintenance of Feemouth Yard, as the area is rapidly turning into a disgrace. If the lack of maintenance continues a poor impression will be given to the community, especially to the school children who walk that way to Church. Councillor Gregory replied that as the land was owned by the Wright estate and not the Parish it was decided at a previous meeting not to carry on with the maintenance of Feemouth Yard. Mike Hirst asked what the asking price was for the land when it was offered to sale to the residents. Much to the Council and publics disbelief Councillor Wright

could not recall any figure at all. Mike Hirst suggested that the land should have very little monetary value as previous letters from the Peak Park suggested no planning permission would be given for rear doors or even fences. He went on to comment that if a low figure could be agreed residents could club together to purchase the land and hand it over to the village, or for the Wright estate to offer to donate the land for the use of the community and visitors.

**Minutes of the last meeting** – The minutes were declared true by Councillor Barton and Seconded by Councillor Mason.

**Declaration of Interest** – Councillor Barton declared interest in items 12 and 16, Councillor Wright declared an interest in item 10.

**Feemouth Yard** – Councillor Wright was asked to leave the meeting having declared a prejudicial interest in the subject. Councillor Gregory declared at a former meeting it had been unanimously voted to stop maintenance. After much discussion between the Council with little progress having been made on a decision to re-commence maintenance, the Clerk reminded the Council that 12 letters had been received with regard to the state of the yard and they had a duty to take notice of resident's comments. Councillor Mason suggested that they carry on with the maintenance but upon sale of Feemouth Yard they ask the Wright Estate for full reimbursement of costs. Councillor Gregory proposed they continued to maintain the yard with the proviso that costs be reimbursed. This was seconded by Councillor Bowering and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Wright estate.

**Police Matters/Neighbourhood Watch** – Councillor Gregory stated that the Police have started from the 16<sup>th</sup> January to have two Police vans, that will come fortnightly and park on Main Street near the White Lion. The Police will offer advice to any member of the public on their concerns and are able to offer the elderly residents timers for lighting and additional door locks/chains. The vans will next be here on the 30<sup>th</sup> January from 2pm until approximately 5pm and every fortnight thereafter.

**School Matters** – Councillor Raynor was absent from the meeting so nothing to report.

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**Planning Matters** – Conversion of barn to dwelling, 2 Croft Road, Gt. Longstone. This was unanimously agreed by the Council with Councillor Barton stating that the Council should write to the Peak Park to show their support for local need conversions, this was seconded by Councillor Gregory and the Clerk was instructed to carry this out.

**Financial Matters** – Nothing to report.

**Maintenance** – 1) The Clerk reported he had phoned the Peak Park this morning regarding the re-routing of footpath No. 2 on Station Road. He was informed the Peak Park Rangers were at site last week but, were told to stop work by Mr Finney and two Councillors as there is a mains supply almost directly beneath the site. At this point the Clerk started to become agitated and was asked by Councillor Gregory not to get angry. The Clerk expressed his concern that neither Councillor Gregory nor Councillor Wright had the foresight to let him know what had happened before he spoke to the Peak Park. Both Councillors gave their apologies to the Clerk for their lack of communication.

2) The Clerk stated he had spoken to the Peak Park regarding the finger post on Croft Road but was unable to obtain a date as to when the work will commence.

3) After discussions about Bell Style and Councillor Barton's comments

that it is a mess and dangerous. It was decided that Bruno Cardona be asked to carry out the necessary work required.

**Recreation ground** – Hawthorn trees, the Clerk reported that Dave Goodwin, of the Peak Park, was to meet with N & G Tomlinson on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January and will then advise on which option to take.

**Village Christmas Tree** – Councillor Gregory stated that she would like to thank very kindly, all of those who donated the tree, erected it and took it down again.

**Spring Bank/Sunny Bank** – The possibility of proposed hard standing at the top of Spring Bank was discussed. Councillor Bowering asked whether or not it would be used by residents, and estimated a cost of £1500 – £2000 for the work alone. The meeting was closed at 8.50 and reopened at 8.55 after public discussions including Godfrey Franklin suggesting double yellow lines from Fred Mellor's Shop down to Casey's, and the fear of a hard standing area attracting undesirables. Councillor Bowering proposed that the Clerk should write to residents around Spring Bank to ascertain whether or not a hard standing would be used by them. This was seconded by Councillor Dalton with all in favour.

**Skateboarders** – Councillor Barton asked for this to be put onto next months agenda as a meeting with the youngsters had not yet been arranged.

**Village Hall** – Nothing to report.

**U.T.E.** – A letter received from the U.T.E. secretary was discussed and its contents accepted. It was agreed that a Council representative would not be required on the U.T.E. committee.

**Wagers Flat** – Councillor Barton spoke about the current situation at Wagers Flat and the forthcoming meeting Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January where the Peak Park will try to obtain a enforcement notice against Bleaklow Industries. Councillor Dalton proposed that the Clerk email the Peak Park with the council's full support. This was seconded by Councillor Gregory with all present in favour.

**Thornhill House** – Nothing to report.

**Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2007

Paul Gill

## Ash Wednesday

### *Revd Clive Thrower writes*

This month sees the start of the Lent period leading up to Easter Sunday. Using up of the fat stored over winter on Shrove Tuesday gives way to the stringency of the fast on Ash Wednesday (21<sup>st</sup> Feb.). We keep 40 days of quiet in the church building with no flower arrangements to cheer our services; in some places bright metal surfaces of crosses are covered with sackcloth. Note the 40 days of Lent do not include the Sundays!

Why ash or ashes? The expression "dust and ashes" is a play on Hebrew words (*aphar* and *epher*) and signifies the origin of the human body from ordinary chemical elements. The bereaved were sprinkled with ashes, or sat dressed in poorest clothes among ashes, as a sign of mourning so the word "ashes" is often united with "sackcloth" to express mourning. In Israel, in Old Testament times, a good portion of the national economy went up in smoke each year; hundreds of animals and a lot of manpower to gather wood, to keep the fire lit, and offer sacrifices. Sacrifices were made at the Temple in Jerusalem. The smell of the two-a-day sacrifices always hung over the city. Meat was a luxury, but every day they smelled the aroma of a barbecue dedicated to God.

Offerings fell into three broad types. The guilt and sin offerings were usually offered first; they cleansed people from sin. Then came the burnt offerings, in which whole animals were burnt to ashes. Made at least twice a day, these sacrifices evidently expressed complete dedication to God. The final sacrifice was the fellowship offering, essentially a family meal shared in the presence of God.

The Christian observance of Lent has striking similarity to the ancient three-fold sacrifice. It is a time when we strive to dedicate ourselves to God. It is characterized by prayers of repentance for past sins, abstinence from some of life's luxuries, and studying the Bible, especially in the fellowship of discussion groups.

(Acknowledgement given to Compton's N.I.V. Bible for source material)



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## Jottings from St Giles'

Compiled by Harold Richardson

It is early in the morning of the 16<sup>th</sup> January as I sit before my computer, looking out of the window onto a grey, wet scene and with a mind that is as blank as the computer screen. Last night I was reading 'UTE' and happened to notice on the back page that the deadline for copy for the February edition was 5pm on the 17<sup>th</sup> – panic stations. What can I write about, what is there to say? Being at a loss for words is not something that I usually suffer from!

My mind turned to what I had just read in January's 'UTE' 'that minute 974.00 decided to precept on the next highest quote.' and that 'item 139(REC2) was of personal interest to a Councillor' and that '8 would be 8 in decimal and octal but 9 in decimal would be 11 in octal'. Am I capable of writing an article in this new language I thought (note to editor – I'm only joking!)

I did decide that I was glad that the Parochial Church Council meeting does not take place until tomorrow night, at 7.30pm, too late to meet the deadline, and I, and you are spared having to plough through a report on a meeting!! By next month I shall have forgotten what was said anyway!

We have had a very busy time in the last couple of weeks of December and the first two weeks of January with many special services, several of which were with the united congregations of the Methodist, Congregational, and Anglican churches and a good number of visitors too. This is something which I think is to be encouraged, we all worship the

one God, use the same Bible, speak the same language, and it seems to me that we should take every opportunity to meet together and share our worship. The candlelit services in the run up to Christmas were inspirational; we met together on New Year's Eve to give thanks for all that had happened in the old year and to look forward with hope to the New Year, what better way to start? And then on 12<sup>th</sup> Night, or the Feast of Epiphany, (in fact it was the day after but never mind!) we brought the festive season to an end with another wonderful candlelit service of music, carols and readings. The church was almost full with people from several surrounding villages and, indeed, from further a field - even as far away as Sheffield would you believe.

Many readers will be aware that the organisation of the Church of England locally, is changing, particularly in the grouping of the parishes. Our erstwhile friends in Ashford and Sheldon are joining with Bakewell parish now that the new Vicar of Bakewell has arrived, whilst St Giles' joins with and welcomes the parishes of Stoney Middleton and Curbar into a new grouping. We will work together under the leadership of Rev'd Clive. For the technically minded Rev'd Clive retains the title of Vicar of Ashford and of Sheldon until his retirement in June, and the Vicar of Bakewell will be Curate of Ashford and Sheldon until Rev'd Clive's retirement. (Isn't life complicated?)

The season of Lent begins on 21<sup>st</sup> February and we shall begin on that day what has become a tradition - the Lent Daily Prayers in St Giles'. Every morning (except Sundays) at 8.00a.m prayers will be said in Church until

Easter Eve, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April. The prayers last for a maximum of 15 minutes and everyone is most welcome. Perhaps a decision to attend as many as possible of these may be a better Lenten discipline than giving up chocolates and cream cakes and the odd glass of red wine why not give it a try and there is NO collection!

There have been some donations already towards Isaac's spectacles which I mentioned in last month's 'UTE' We have discovered that the cost of the glasses, including the specialist's fee, is £165 and any further gifts would be very welcome. Rev'd Clive or Warden's Alan Grant or Mike Hirst would be only too pleased to receive them. It is urgent, Isaac's time at school is rapidly coming to an end and it would help him tremendously if he could see properly.

May I end on a personal note and offer thanks to everyone who sent cards and good wishes to Pat and me as we celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary recently. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness and again say thank you, for allowing us to share so much in the life of the village.

I will report in full detail next month on the goings on of the PCC – I promise, *unless of course I forget*, and I do hope that what I have written is in a language we can all understand! My mother used to say to me that sarcasm was the lowest form of wit and I am sure that she was right.

## Choir History Help

Any photo's, written records or recordings especially pre 1977, of St Giles' choir would be greatly appreciated to help celebrate 30 years under current leadership this July. You can pass any information to the UTE correspondence address, or contact Robert and Jane Cumming.

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## Derbyshire Dialect

### An abstract from Longstone Records by G.T. Wright 1906

"Oi'll dowl ; yoi, oi'll dowl; oi tell thee *that*, an oi wull, thah mey depend on't  
" These words I heard spoken by a voice which I thought was familiar to me. I turned to find whence they came, and to my surprise saw my old schoolfellow John Baggalley – who was quite blind – in company with another man, an old pedlar, well known in the village, who was also blind, and was led about the country by a little dog. They passed by me down the street. I heard no more words; but anxious to know how this strange couple had met, and what was the purpose of their meeting, I followed them into the parlour of a beer shop, and ordering a glass of ale, sat down to observe their movements, and find out why they were thus together. I soon made the discovery. "Hast quoit made up thee moind t'gu weh me?" asked the old man. "Yoi, oi hav," said poor John. "Wehl then, *heres luck*, lad, en may we dow wehl! – oi think we sholl; oi'll show thee how t' manige, en oi know thahl soun dowl es wehl, or bettur nor oi con misell." "Thank thee, Ned, oist troy; en'll dow aw e' con t' get a livin wi' thee; bur moind one thing, oi'll do owt sowner than hing ony lunger o' Mary; hough dows her best t'mak me happy loik, bur oi tell the what, lad, ows starving hersell t' dowl; aw hough arns is bey seaming towthrie stockings – a poor trade! oi conna think o' hinging on her ony lunger, fur oi know if oi be th'deeth on hur, en what am oi t' dow? Oi conna bear t'think on't, lad! En su oi'll gu weh theh only wear, en dow owt thah loiks – yoi, *owt!* Sowner nor dow poor Mary onny hurt!" "Thart a rair chap!" said the old man, "en deserves good luck, en oi'm sure thahl hav it – yoi, quite

sartin on't! Cum drink, lad en lets be off afore thy sister misses thee." "Aw reight," said John; "en su hehrs luck; en off wehl gu." At that moment, as poor John was drinking his ale, hurried footsteps were heard, the door of the apartment was opened quite quickly, and in walked poor John's sister. "Jack!" she exclaimed, with trembling vehemence, "What art thah down hehr? Thas now bisness hehr drinkin with that owd feller! Cum thee wey whoam; cum theers a gud lad – cum thee wey whoam; cum, theers a gud lad – cum!wutna?" "Nough, oi wanna: oi shonna gu to that whoam onny muir; oibin theer tow lung; oist gu wi' owd Ned, en get a livin sellin things, es hey dows – hahaver, oist try; oi bin a trouble en a birdin on thee lung inuf – tow lung – en oil try en na trouble thee ony muir; su dunna try t'persuade me! Oist gu, oive made up my mind up t'gu!" "Jack!" said his sister, "oh!Jack, thah surely wanna gu en leave me! No! no! I work't neight an dey ommust t'mak thee comfortable an content?" "True! thah has! thah has!" said Jack; "the thowt on't it maks me want t'get away; keeping me oi know s'tmitch for thee – oi know it – en thah knows it tow, yoi, thart "starving thysen ta deeth t'keep me, en for moy sake; bur it shonna be – oist gu, en oist try t'dow summit loik owt Ned dows, en oi'll uphold thee, manage t'get a crust somehow; bur oi mean t'cum tow thee sumtimes, Mary, ber oist feel happier if oi get a livin for myself, oi sholl!" "Oh, Jack' dunna talk su! dunna, dunna!" talk su! dunna, dunna! Said Mary; "stop wi me – dow, rithee dow! It'll kill me t'part wi thee, thaa knows it wull! If thah leaves me oi sholl niver have a dey's comfort agen; dunna, Jack, prythee dunna leave me! Have'na oi down aw oi cud to keep thy sperits up and mak thee happy? Thah knowsoi hav – ay, and

wull agen, yoi, as long as God spares me – so dunna, *dunna* leave me! Prythee dunna! Theers a gud lad! Cum thy wey whoam agen, oh! Dow, moi dear brother, dow!" She took hold of her brother's shoulders, entreated him not to go and leave her, kissed him very warmly, and burst into tears. Her brother – poor blind John – cried too; for a few moments tears were the only language in that room. The landlord of the house, transfixed, stood looking on the touching scene, and as he placed on a table the second glass of ale I saw him raise his arm and dry his cheek with the sleeve of his shirt; he then spoke, and in a warm but trembling voice, said "oi tell thee what, Jack, if thah can find l'thee heart t'leyve sich a sister as Mary, oist ne'er loik th'seight on thee ony muir; nowt et's owt el cum tow thee, thah'll deserve iverythin es is bad. Oh! Ber thah conna dowl – thah wanna leave her, wut?" "Yo mythern me," said John; "Mary, let me gu en troy, theers a gud wench, yoi, let me troy what oi can dow; oi know owd Ned ell tak care o'me wut na Ned? Whoy dust na speyk, Ned? Tell Mary thah'll tak care o'me, en bring me safe back agen. Ned, whoy dust na speyk?" "Jack, said Ned, "by guy, I conna tak thee away fro sich a wench es thoi sister; nough, oi conna dow that, after aw! Oi onct had a sister – a very kind un, tow – it pleyed God t'tak her from me, en oive fun th' want on her; ah lad, oi dunna think oi should iver dow well agen, if after what oive heard, I did owt t'part thee and thoy sister" "Dust think su, Ned? Then Mary, wench, wipe thee eyes, en lowk up agen; oi'll stey wi thee, Mary, en nowt bur deth shall part us – come, kiss me; en now we'll gu whoam agen wei thee!"

After some hearty hand shaking, John and his sister left the "Miner's Arms" for their humble home; and poor old Ned took his departure, under the guidance of his old faithful dog, to tread the old paths, through the old neighbourhoods, to seek a precarious means of existence from the sale of his small haberdashery, without the hoped for companionship of John Baggalley. "*Reliquary*," January, 1871 I have tried to keep all of the text as published in 1906, but there will undoubtedly be the odd mistake.

**Many thanks to Peter Welsby for the continued loan of the book!**

Paul Gill



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Vivienne Milburn Chartered Arts & Antiques Surveyor with some of the items from the collection.

## Antique Collection Caught in a Time Warp

The untouched contents of the late Mary Melland's estate, from the house at Chandlers, Monyash, Bakewell, is to be sold in Nottingham in February 2007. The house has remained, just as it was for the last 50 years, until it revealed its treasures, then it was valued and taken to the salesroom. "I was amazed at what I found, this type of collection crops up very rarely. There were so many things to look at,

but I had to look at everything properly as everything had the potential of being a treasure." said Vivienne Milburn, Independent Fine Art Valuer and Auctioneer.

Mary was the sister of Alice Robinson, deceased, who was a well-known Derbyshire antiques collector, whose very extensive collection was sold in 1995 at the instructions of The National Trust. Mary's Estate is very similar, although less extensive, and consists of Georgian and later furniture, clocks and collections of stoneware, Ashford marble, china, snuff boxes, jewellery and pictures. The collection is expected to fetch in excess of £35,000.

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Please help this important, not for profit scheme. If you are interested please ring 640034 and ask for more details.

## Congratulations

The Packhorse Inn, Little Longstone have raised £420 from their quiz nights. This has gone to the Air Ambulance. Many thanks to all who have participated and contributed.

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## Sundays and Festivals

2nd Feb. Fri. Presentation of Christ in the temple  
 4th Feb. Sun. Third before Lent  
 11th Feb. Sun. Second before Lent  
 18th Feb. Sun. Next before Lent  
 21st Feb. Wed. Ash Wednesday  
 24th Feb. Sat. Matthias the Apostle  
 25th Feb. Sun. First of Lent

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## February Services at St. Giles

4th Sun. 8.00am Holy Communion  
 11.15am Family Service  
 6.30pm Evensong  
 7th Wed. 9.30am School Assembly  
 10.00am Midweek (MU)  
 Holy Communion  
 11th Sun. 11.15am Sung Eucharist  
 6.30pm Evensong  
 18th Sun. 8.00am Holy Communion  
 11.15am Sung Family  
 Eucharist  
 6.30pm Evensong  
 21st Wed. 8.00am Lent Prayers  
 Daily prayers at 8.00am  
 Except Sundays, until  
 Easter  
 11am Holy Communion at  
 Thornhill House  
 7.00pm Sung Eucharist  
 25th Sun. 11.15am Sung Eucharist  
 6.30pm 3 Choirs  
 Bakewell

## February Services at Wardlow

4th Sun. 9.00am Holy Communion  
 18th Sun. 9.00am Family Service

## Congratulations

Lydia Jaye Rowlinson on completing four hours in a sponsored silence, a huge achievement for such a chatterbox. She raised £112 for the N.S.P.C.C. Many thanks for everyone's support and kind donations.

## February in the Garden

**Vegetables** – Order or buy seed potatoes for early crops and sprout them in a light frost proof room or shed. Late in the month sow early beans and peas. Plant shallots if conditions allow.  
**Herbaceous Plants** – Clear dead tops of plants if not done already. When top dressing with complete fertiliser and digging between plants has been deferred until now, complete if conditions are right.  
**Roses** – Support bushes loosened by recent gales and firm soil around them. If conditions are suitable complete any planting of new bushes.  
**Lawns** – Scarify and aerate in dry conditions. Apply lawn sand and moss killer.  
**Sweet Peas** – Break down and tread soil on planting site. Erect supports for plants to be grown on cordon system.  
**Dahlias** – Examine tubers for rot and shrivelling. Cut away any rot and dust with flowers of sulphur.  
**Fruit** – Continue pruning, prune newly planted fan trained peaches and nectarines. Spray against peach leaf curl with fungicide dithane 945.  
**Trees and Shrubs** – Clear moss and lichen from tree trunks with winter wash. Prune hard back to within a few inches of summer flowering varieties of clematis. Cut back all shoots which have just flowered of winter jasmine and thin out old and weak wood. Continue planting deciduous trees and shrubs in favourable weather. Firm any loosened by frost.  
**Flowers from seed** – Plan spring planting programme under glass, sow first of the half hardy annuals. Lightly fork beds prepared for annuals and work in a dressing of bone meal.  
**General Tasks** – Have a soil test carried out in a new garden. Destroy weeds and ivy under hedges.

## W.I. Report January

Our January meeting was an outing to 'The Dome' in Buxton at the Bistro. 15 members attended and were transported via a Bakewell and Eyam community bus, always a main stay for our trips. The venue is now part of the University of Derby High Peak College, and is a very busy and imposing centre. The building has been extremely well adapted to suit the needs of the students and I for one, would think it a privilege to study there. The lunch at the Bistro meant we were waited on by students who were learning all of the arts concerning catering, cooking and waiting in turn. The food was very good and the restaurant was busy, I recommend a visit. It is very popular and you will need to book in advance.

We have the Youlgreave pantomime to visit on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, always a treat for pantomime addicts like me. I'll report on it next month, you lucky people. Now all the seasonal festivities are well and truly over, lets' hope the year will be a good one for us all. Our feet are back on the ground now as we get ready for our first full meeting of 2007. It's on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the village Hall, I haven't received a programme for the year as yet, so can't give any information about our speaker. Nevertheless, feel free to join us if you wish, everyone is welcome at any of our meetings.

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## Put it in the Diary

15th Mar. U.T.E. Committee meeting  
7.30 White Lion

1st April – United service for Palm Sunday

13th May – Rogation Sunday walk

19th May – St Giles' Flower Festival

26th May – Wardlow Flower festival

27th May – United Service to celebrate 'Wesley 300'

10th June – '3 Choirs Evensong' at Ashford

14th July – Church fete Sunday

15th July – St Giles' Choir Anniversary Sunday

### The Women's World Day of

Prayer service, entitled

### "United Under God's Tent"

will be held at Hassop RC Church on Friday 2nd March at 7.00 p.m. The service has been prepared by the Christian women of Paraguay, and the speaker will be The Rev'd Ethel Milroy. Everyone is welcome, not just women!

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**Monday 12 March 2007** - Bonsall Village Hall

**Monday 19 March 2007** - Doveridge Village Hall

All start at 7 pm and subject matters have yet to be decided

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### Saturday morning collection

**WARDLOW** - March 24th, 7.47 - 9.15.

**LITTLE LONGSTONE** - March 31st,  
7.45 - 9.00.

**GREAT LONGSTONE** - March 31st,  
7.45 - 9.00.

**GREEN WASTE** - collections from the Bakewell Agricultural Centre have been cancelled.

**CARDBOARD** - You can put your cardboard waste in your green waste bin.

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