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Your Village Needs You

I know that many of you look forward to reading the account of the Parish Council meeting each month in Under The Edge. You may also have noticed a line on your Council Tax bill for "Great Longstone Parish Council" and wondered what the money was used for.

The powers of a Parish Council are potentially quite wide, but Great Longstone Parish Council has not historically used a lot of these powers. What we do is keep an eye on the well-being of the village and take action when things need doing. This can be routine stuff like mending footpaths and cutting the grass, and it can also be bigger projects such as the recent Tennis Court resurfacing, undertaken in conjunction with the Tennis Club. Some of the issues are really boring and some, as you may have noticed, raise hackles and cause some "robust" debate.

If there wasn't a Parish Council, then these matters would be dealt with directly by Derbyshire Dales District Council. They wouldn't have the local knowledge and attention to detail that the Parish Council has, and things which needed doing would be in competition with other villages.

The Parish Council is re-elected every four years, and the next election is in May this year. I believe that a number of the current Parish Councillors may not be standing for re-election, and there is a real danger that we will lose the Parish Council if there are not enough replacement candidates. We need people to come forward and stand for election.

The minimum requirement is to turn up at the monthly Parish Council meetings, but you can put in as much additional energy and effort as you wish. Whether you have a bee in your bonnet about a particular issue, or a simply want to keep Great Longstone a great place to live, it's the best way to make it happen. We especially need some younger people on the Council. All you need is to be over



Do we have pride in our village?

This was the village recycling site on the White Lion car park on the morning of the 21st February 07. I think the area is unsightly and gives a poor impression of the village. Should we have bigger bins? and could we all stop leaving plastic bags filled with cans and bottles laying around on the ground.

If the bins are full take bottles and cans back home until there is room for them and try to KEEP THE SITE TIDY.

Michael Watson

21, an EU national, and either resident or working within the Great Longstone Parish. Parish Councillors don't get paid - we just do it for the love of our village.

Please think hard about putting your name forward. The timetable is Notice of Election to be published - Monday 19 March

Delivery of nomination papers - not later than Noon on Wednesday 4 April
Polling Day - Thursday 3 May (Polling hours 7am to 10pm)

so you'll need to move fairly quickly. You can obtain nomination papers from DDDC by telephoning 01629 761335 or e-mail electoral@derbyshiredales.gov.uk from mid March.

There are some big issues facing the world, the country and this village in the months to come. I believe that

global warming will have a profound effect on village life as the petrol becomes more and more expensive and unavailable. There are other lesser, but equally important issues facing the village as well. You can stand on the sidelines and let it all happen, or you can be part of the decision-making process and make things happen.

If you want to talk about being a Parish Councillor, please feel free to contact me. You can reach me on 640926 on the odd occasions when I'm in, or e-mail me on stephen.barton@the-hermitage.co.uk.

I must make it clear that the foregoing represents my personal views, and is not an official notice or opinion of the Parish Council.

Stephen Barton

Threat to Local Maternity Services

There has been a baby boom in Great Longstone recently and like myself many mums have benefited from great maternity provision. This is now under threat. Proposals being made by Chesterfield Royal NHS Foundation Trust will radically change the way in which maternity services are delivered in our area, resulting in far less choice.

The 3 main changes being proposed are:

- The closure of Darley Dale Maternity Unit, the argument being that because there is only the one unit in the whole of North Derbyshire it is better to close it so every one has equality of service!

- The end of community midwifery services at GP surgeries. Pregnant women will have to travel to a single midwifery "base" which will serve the whole of the Derbyshire Dales and the High Peak – (location yet to be decided). Expectant mothers from Great Longstone, Buxton, Matlock or Castleton will all have to travel to the same place for ante natal care. This goes against government pledges to make services more locally available and both practically and environmentally just does not make sense.

- Support workers and not midwives, will carry out many antenatal checks. Despite rising birth rates the proposal will reduce the number of midwives by 20%.

Because the proposed changes are so far reaching there is a consultation exercise taking place. If you want to have your say please take time to complete the short official questionnaire (deadline 20th April).

The questionnaire can be found at: www.chesterfieldroyal.nhs.uk/news/midwifery/form. However, in my opinion the questionnaire is very biased towards providing answers the trust want. For example it asks you if you agree that women should be able to give birth at Chesterfield Royal (yes or no), at home (yes or no) with no mention of the Darley Unit whatsoever! So do use the comments box on the form if you feel that you need to.

For more information see www.momscampaign.com. This site is run by a group called 'moms campaign' that has been set up to fight against the proposed changes. The site has lots of information and an online petition against the proposed closure of the Darley Unit.

Michelle Headington

Change the world this Lent

The February magazine published ideas to inspire you to perform acts of generosity that encourage kindness to ourselves, our neighbours and our planet during the first two weeks of Lent. With acknowledgements to "Love Life Live Lent" Church House Publishing www.livelent.net Here are more ideas for the rest of Lent.

Week Three – phone or text someone to say goodnight, use local shops rather than supermarkets, put on a jumper and turn down the heat, buy a low energy light bulb, leave a £1 coin in the shopping trolley or where someone will find it, find out about a litter walk or clean up, watch the news and pray about what you see.

Week Four – help a bug out of the house rather than squash it, buy something from a charity shop and reverse haggle, visit your local park and then write to the council and tell them what you thought about it, buy a Fairtrade product, have a conversation with someone from a different generation, join a litter walk or clean up, ring a loved one.

Week Five - plant some seeds where the flowers will be seen, find an open church and spend a few minutes in silence, hug someone who needs it, give a friend a good book or CD, find out about blood or organ donation, don't leave the TV or hi-fi on standby, talk to someone about why you go to church.

Week Six – buy something for someone anonymously, bake something and share it, miss a meal and pray instead, find out about a local church community project, make a drink for a neighbour or colleague, have a conversation with someone from a different culture, make a palm cross and give it away.

Week Seven – make an Easter card for your neighbour, use a buy-one-get-one-free and give the free one away, only fill the kettle with the water you need, do a chore for someone, read St. John's gospel chapter 19, invite a friend to church tomorrow, go to church – Alleluia!, share an Easter egg.

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NeighbourhoodFixIt

A new web-site has been launched by My Society.org, called NeighbourhoodFixIt, to make it easy to report problems to the District Council (i.e. damaged pavements, blocked drains, broken street lights). You can find a link to the site on the village web-site at

www.greatlongstone.net

Great Longstone WELL - DRESSING

Unfortunately, we are no longer able to store the well-dressing at school and have found it increasingly difficult, in recent years, to devote the time needed to be solely responsible for its creation.

Over the years I have been regularly asked by villagers if they could be more involved with the well – dressing. With this in mind, and because of our storage and other related difficulties, the school has now to hand over the village well-dressing. We will, of course, help if needed, and, if the well-dressing was to be made in a nearby building, small groups of children could assist – but we need to hand over responsibility for it to the wider community – as is the case in all our neighbouring villages.

If you would be prepared to take over organising the making of the well-dressing, please get in touch.

Jane Littlefield who designed the last two well dressings has offered to take on the organisation of this year's well dressing, assuming a new venue and storage for the boards can be found. Any suggestions can be made to Jane@robertopham.plus.net

TELEPHONE 01629 640377

David Pryor



THE OLDFIELD SISTERS - MARTHA HAS A BIRTHDAY

Martha Oldfield was born at the 'Miers', Great Longstone on March 10th 1910. Her two sisters were born at the cottage next to the Methodist Church on Station Road.

All three girls went to Great Longstone School; one of their friends being Myra Saunders (nee Holmes) and Pat (short for Martha) sang in Longstone Church choir for many years, along with her father, who sang in the choir for over fifty years.

Ruth was the first Brownie in the village to wear a uniform which her mother had made for her.

Pat, Ruth and Bess all enjoyed their early years in Longstone; before moving to Little Longstone and then to Monsal Head; where they kept in touch with their friends. They had three brothers, but sadly two of them have passed away but the remaining brother, Charles, is well as are the three sisters.

Their ages are, Martha 96 years, Ruth 94 years and Bess 92 years - well done.

Charles Oldfield (84 years)

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vehicles should be reported to the police.

Please try and obtain a description and a good description of any suspicious vehicles including the registration plate if you can do safely.

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Edale Mountain Rescue Team (EMRT) operates in the Peak District National Park and is one of the busiest Mountain Rescue Teams in the country, year on year getting busier with 113 rescues in 2005.

The team is made up entirely of volunteers who come from all walks of life and give up their time freely. The 50 fully operational hill members are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (see article below). In fact, the Mountain Rescue Organization is the largest charity with no paid members of staff.

The team is currently fund raising to kit out an operational base in the Hope Valley and this charity golf day at Sickleholme has been organized as part of The New Base Appeal to help raise the £150,000 needed.

We hope you will feel able to support this venture and would invite you to consider entering a team, taking out an advertisement in the programme, which will be provided to each player, or to sponsor an aspect of the day. All sponsorship will be acknowledged in the programme.

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Christmas Day 2006

Christmas Day was cold, dry and not unpleasant in the Peak District and this day I attempted David, a fit 70 year old to go for a long high level walk from Fox House. At this altitude the cloud base was down to about 250 meters and although there was some easing during the day the visibility remained very poor throughout. Navigation on moorland in these conditions can be tricky and requires constant vigilance if errors are to be avoided.....

Replete with turkey and Christmas pud team members and their families were settling down to a quiet evening at home. Call outs on Christmas Day are not unknown but are unusual, so it was with some surprise when, at some time after 18.00 hours, their pagers went off for a search.....as the team members drove through freezing fog to the rendezvous there was plenty of speculation as to who could be missing, for how long and where.

Trevor Lawton, in control, explained that our walker David had become lost in the dark and fog. Before David's mobile phone battery went flat he had been able to describe that his last sighting before dark was of a small reservoir and that he could not hear any traffic noise. This pointed to a location somewhere on Big Moor, a pathless boggy moor with few recognisable features - a grim place to be adrift on a dark winter's night.

Two Search and Rescue Dogs (SARDA) with handlers and navigators were quickly deployed and because of the urgency Woodhead Mountain Rescue team plus another SARDA dog were asked to help. The night air was soon filled with radio traffic as the 40 volunteer members of the two

teams set about the task of locating David and bringing help to ensure a safe return to civilisation.

After just over 3 hours of hard pounding over very rough ground David was found in the middle of the moor, safe but cold, weak and exhausted. After a thorough examination he was given some sugar and put in a shelter tent. Team members with equipment to warm him up and evacuate safely began to arrive on site. A stretcher carry over rough tussocky and boggy ground in the dark is a difficult and skilled operation and it was not until after 23.00 hours that David arrived at the roadside and an awaiting ambulance.

After further medical checks David was pronounced fit enough to go home and has since expressed his gratitude to the 40 humans and 3 dogs that spent over six hours of their spare time on Christmas Day to help someone who was just unlucky and unfortunate to find the conditions on Big Moor too much for him on this occasion.

A night to be proud of for team members.

(By Neil Roden on behalf of Edale and Woodhead MRT's and SARDA)

HELPERS NEEDED

We are always looking for volunteers to help with fund raising, especially supermarket collections. Anyone wishing to help should contact myself or Paul Driver on 01246 418312.

Farming Notes

Many people who have lived in the village for a long time will remember this country character, George Redfern. Batchelor George lived in a small cottage up Spring Bank with his sister and brother-in-law. He spent all his working life working on the farm; first at the age of fifteen for my grandfather, Harry Cox, then for my father Herbert, before retiring at 65 whilst working for my brother Ian and me. In all those fifty years he only had one half-day off through illness - at lunchtime my grandfather called at his cottage to see if he could help to move some cows!! Not being mechanically minded he never learnt to drive and spent his time looking after cows, rebuilding dry stone walls, mowing thistles and generally helping around the farm. George was a very happy, jolly man with lots of jokes and stories to tell, along with all the village gossip. He loved sport, supporting every village cricket match on the recreation field and after he had done his farm chores, going on the bus on a Saturday to Chesterfield to support the town's Football Club. Saturday night would be spent in one of the local pubs, playing dominoes and having a few beers. On Sundays, throughout the summer, George went on day trips around the country with Whites coaches from Calver - always coming -home , having never spent a night away from home in his life. He led a very simple life. Some say he had nothing but I think he had everything in the form of contentment, always a smile on his face - something many people strive for but never achieve.



My sons and I have many great memories of him. One that springs to mind is, as a boy in my early teens, I had to accompany him on foot through a blizzard to feed the heifers under the Edge. As we battled through the snow, blowing horizontally at us, he turned to me and with a big smile, said "*be better whent' cuckoo sings*" - that was George all over!

Roger Cox

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Parish Matters

This is a report of the Parish Council meeting and not the minutes of the meeting.

Chairman Jo Gregory welcomed County Councillor Judith Twigg to the meeting, Judith then told us of a scheme to be run by the county council and local police in an effort to stop people using mobile phones whilst driving - she stressed that fines of £60 and three points on ones driving licence are the penalties.

She then said that the County Council had tried hard to grit the main A roads and village main roads when the snow came.

David Burns pointed out to councillor Twigg that when he wrote to the county council on parish matters they always acknowledge his letters immediately but then take months to reply. Judith replied that if he sends her a copy of any letters she can speed up the process.

Godfrey Frankland brought up the subject of the dangerous footpaths and was told that pot holes would be dealt with and David Burns said that he had had a visit from the county council and was told that anything over 20 mls deep would be dealt with in the new financial year. He asked if they had a contingency fund and was told they had but this had been used on Ashford and Stoney Middleton. Steve Mason asked if she could get a senior highways officer to come to the parish council meeting to discuss the problem.

Simon Headington asked the council if they could supply the village website with the reports that are often mentioned in the minutes but not read out - it was agreed that this would happen.

The meeting then opened and there

were apologies from Gordon Bowering.

The minutes of the previous meeting were passed and Hugh Wright declared an interest in item 10 on the agenda and Stephen Barton and interest in items 11, 15, 16, 18 and 20.

Police matters - Jo reported that the police van was visiting the village every two weeks now and that people should go and see them if there was any police matters that they wished to discuss.

School matters - nothing to report.

Planning Matters - the councillors looked at the plans for a replacement dwelling at Green Island, Longreave Lane and a second application for an extension to the same building. They had a long discussion about this, unfortunately due to members of the public talking, not everything could be heard. Paul Dalton felt that this was affordable housing and the plans turned it into a large four bedroom house. Jo felt that it was out of keeping with the area. It was decided that the council recommended rejection of both applications and would inform the planning authority of their reasons.

Planning Decisions - the council were unhappy that Anne Turners' project at Underedge Farm had not received planning permission. Stephen Barton said that it was preposterous that someone running a business and hoping to get married soon should have a rejection to her proposals and he felt that if she were to appeal the parish council should write to the appeal in her favour. He then said that the parish council's job was to inform the planning authorities of local knowledge.

Financial matters - various items were approved for payment and the monthly figures were agreed. The Holme Meal and Joseph Bennett charities were then discussed as Neville Casey had mentioned, in a

letter to the council that the monies had always been given in the form of vouchers to be used with village businesses. Hugh Wright said that the charity was for giving oatmeal to elderly parishioners however Paul Dalton, ever sensible, said that one could not possibly think of giving oatmeal. Jo said that there was also one of the charities that gave red flannel for petticoats. However she went on to say that this matter of vouchers had all been discussed many years ago and it had been agreed that money was the best answer. Paul Dalton proposed that no more time be wasted on the subject and Stephen Barton proposed that they move onto the next agenda item, it was voted 5 - 2 to do this.

Maintenance - the footpath on Station Road has now been re-routed. A letter had been received from D.C.C. about traffic calming on Station Road basically saying that they could not do anything. Stephen Barton suggested that the school should write a travel plan including car sharing and public transport. There was nothing to report on the finger post on Croft Road but Bell Style had been cleared. The state of the pavements had already been covered earlier in the meeting.

Recreation ground - Dave Goodwin had inspected the Hawthorn tree and recommended that nothing should be done, however if the council should do something it should be only a partial reduction. They voted to follow his directions. The play equipment is to be inspected at a cost of £40.

Feemouth Yard - David Burns had written to Robert Wright informing him that the council will keep maintaining the area until the yard is sold, however they would expect that the cost would be refunded. David had received a reply which suggested that the footpath could be closed - Jo has checked with the footpath inspector and this could not happen.

Spring Bank - David Burns explained that although he had been instructed to write to the residents when he looked at the electoral roll only 5 people on that section of the main street and Spring Bank did not have of road parking. Mike Watson had also pointed out that the recreation ground was for recreational use only, according to the inscription. Godfrey Franklyn pointed out that this only applied to the small amount of ground given by Mr. Furness, and it would not

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apply to the ground given by Charlie Ward. Maps were got out and then I lost my rag and pointed out that Spring Bank had been on the agenda for over fourteen months and that I felt that all the excuses such as ambulances etc were covering up the fact that they were trying to stop Peter Askew from parking near his home. Jo said that as Godfrey Franklyn had made the suggestion of a car park on the Rec. and double yellow lines along the Main Street at the previous meeting the council had to discuss the matter. Peter Askew asked why the council didn't listen to the residents of Spring Bank. Stephen Barton proposed that the matter is closed and Paul Dalton, Steve Mason and Margaret Ward all seconded the proposal. One wonders what the next excuse will be to put this on the agenda again.

Skate boarders - Steve Mason and Stephen Barton had had a meeting with young people interested in the sport and had found there was a demand for skateboarding facilities in the village. After much discussion about the issues arising concerns were voiced about where any such facility might be located and overall the council decided to continue their investigations.

Village Hall - David Burns said that the committee had decided to hold a 100th birthday party in May and Hugh Wright asked if the fire safety issue had been sorted.

Cricket Club - David had written and asked for a refund for all the missed mows last year but had been refused.

Glebe Mines Tailings Lagoon Breach - Stephen Barton felt that following the findings by the environmental health people on the contents of the mud that had surged through Stoney Middleton he was not happy that similar tailings were being used to backfill the current workings on the edge. It was decided to write to the Peak Park expressing their concerns.

Wagers Flat - Stephen Barton reported that although the Peak Park planning committee had voted to place an enforcement notice this had been deferred following communications from the land owner and the operators. Paul Dalton proposed that they write to the Peak Park urging them to take action as this was clearly deliberate destruction of the National Park, this was seconded by Steve Mason.

Sports Day - Jo had spoken to Les Williams and Liz MacDonald who had said that they were trying to form the

committee and anyone who is interested should contact them.

Barry Gardiner visit - Stephen Barton had been the council representative at a recent meeting with the Minister on the destruction of the Edge. He said that it was a good meeting but doubted that Gardiner would do anything. Paul Dalton proposed that the council write to Gardiner in the strongest possible terms asking him to put forward his ideas and urging him to act quickly.

Carbon Neutral Villages - Jo asked that this item be left as time was running out, Stephen Barton pointed out that there is only seven years left before life will change drastically and Paul Dalton said that this matter is of critical importance and should be at the top of the agenda and he felt that talking about bags of oatmeal instead of the environment showed how stupid the council had become.

Mineral extraction in the national parks - Stephen Barton had received a copy of a letter from Kath Potter to Jim Dixon about the above. It was decided to write to Kath pointing out that her ideas are not in the parish's interest.

Gildlow quarry - once again the argument about whether it is Gildlow or Oatrake quarry were raised by Hugh Wright but as time was running out this had to be dropped and rent reviews were discussed.

The next meeting will be 21st March at 7.30pm

Suzy Barton

An invitation to the District Council's Area Community Forums

Monday 5 March - Agricultural Business, Bakewell, 7 pm

Monday 12 March - Bonsall Village Hall, 7 pm

Monday 19 March - Doveridge Village Hall, 7 pm

A chance to have your say on issues of local concern, air your views and ask questions on services provided by any of the participating authorities - Derbyshire Dales District Council, Derbyshire County Council, Peak District National Park Authority, Derbyshire Constabulary and Derbyshire Fire & Rescue.

The Forums will also include a presentation by Derbyshire County Council and chance to ask questions on Access to the Countryside and Public Rights of Way. The County Council are currently asking 'Are we on the right track?' as part of their consultation exercise on plans for improving paths and trails in Derbyshire. You will be able to hear more about these plans, ask questions and make comments, but if you would like more information in advance please go to derbyshire.gov.uk/council/consultation



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New Bishop

The next Bishop of Repton, announced today by Downing Street, will be the Rev'd Canon Humphrey Southern. He will succeed the Rt Rev'd David Hawtin, who retired in October last year.

News of a new bishop is significant for Derbyshire. Primarily, the Bishop of Repton, a Suffragan (or assistant) Bishop, works alongside the Bishop of Derby in leading the Church of England across the whole of the county and therefore it is the second most senior appointment in the Diocese. He will be required to advise and consult with key people or organisations involved with the wellbeing of communities in Derbyshire, and it is possible he will acquire national responsibilities too.

Canon Southern, 46, who comes to Derbyshire from the Diocese of Salisbury, where he is Team Rector in Nadder Valley and a Rural Dean, will take up his new office in the summer. He said: "I was astonished and delighted when I heard I was to be the next Bishop of Repton. I have huge admiration for Bishop Alastair and very much look forward to working with him as well as with Archdeacons David and Christopher and the rest of the clergy and people of the Diocese. These are exciting times to share in the ministry of the Church of England and I am looking forward with great joy to the future that God is holding out for us all."

Canon Southern began his ordained ministry as a Deacon in 1986 and a Priest in 1987 in the Diocese of Rochester. He was Assistant Curate in the parish of Rainham, Kent for four years, then moved to the Diocese of Liverpool, where he was Assistant Curate for two years in Walton-on-the-Hill and

a part-time Hospital Chaplain. In 1992 he became the incumbent (vicar) of Hale, Surrey, in the Diocese of Guildford. He stayed there for seven years, during which time he was also appointed the Guildford Diocesan Ecumenical Officer, promoting relations between churches of different denominations.

In 1999 Canon Southern moved to the Diocese of Salisbury where he was Team Rector in Tisbury. His responsibilities expanded from eight to 12 villages, which became the Nadder Valley Team Ministry. During this time, he was appointed as Rural Dean, leading local clergy of several churches within and around the Chalke area. Just last year, he was appointed Canon and Prebendary of Salisbury Cathedral. He is also chair of the House of Clergy in the Diocese of Salisbury.

Humphrey is married to Emma, a District Nurse, and they have two daughters, Laura, aged nine, and Kate, aged seven. They are all looking forward to getting to know Derbyshire better. They will live at Repton House in Lea, Matlock.

Humphrey said: "The Peak District was our first holiday destination after becoming a family (It was the first summer of Laura's life) and so we have had some insight of the treats that are in store. What's more, my great-grandfather was a GP in Derby at the turn of the last century, so it is clear time for the family to re-establish its roots in this beautiful county at the heart of England."

As well as spending time with family, Humphrey enjoys cooking, contemporary fiction, travel and socialising. He has a love for Africa, particularly the Sudan, after two periods of ministry there.

The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Alastair Redfern, Bishop of Derby said: "I am pleased to welcome Humphrey as a colleague. He brings a wide range of experience in parochial ministry, the work of ecumenism and roles of leadership. We are fortunate to be blessed with such an exciting appointment."

Canon Southern will be consecrated as a Bishop at St Paul's Cathedral, London, on May 31st this year and a service of installation and welcome will take place at Derby Cathedral on June 9th, which will mark the beginning of his official duties.

W.I. February

On February 7th we had a good attendance at our meeting and the chance to officially report on functions since our December meeting. I have already mentioned in U.T.E our Lathkill group carol service at Youlgrave and our lunch at High Peak College which were reported on.

There is one word to sum up the pantomime at Youlgrave - 'WOW'! Once again the show was great, the cast impressive and everyone taking part obviously enjoying themselves. The costumes were stunning and I'm sure I wasn't the only one who said 'Wow' quite audibly as the curtain rose for the final scene. Congratulations are due to all participants who put the show together and keep the audience happy. A super evening!

We are meeting at The Crispin for lunch on February 28th and our group meeting for spring is at Youlgrave on March 28th. Youlgrave have been busy organising activities lately.

Our speaker was an old friend, Derrick Briggs, giving us a delightful update on happenings at Haddon Hall. Although his talk was entitled 'Haddon in Flower' Derrick told us how the site is popular for period films recently hosting cast and crews in *Pride and Prejudice* and *Jane Eyre*. Haddon Hall was also featured in *Tudor Banquet*. The head chef from Hampton Court Palace was the main organiser for this epic and Derrick just missed out on the chance of a part.

Most old houses seem to have resident ghosts and Haddon Hall is no exception. Over the years visitors have been aware of a presence in the Long Gallery, and one child gave a vivid description. Uncanny! You must need to be extra-sensitive to recognise

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apparitions like this. Derrick showed us slides of wonderful flower arrangements all around the house and chapel for a flower festival which raised £2,000 for a breast cancer charity.

It is a wonderful setting for flower arrangements. Finally we saw shots of the set pieces of the fire in Jane Eyre film. Thank you Derrick, for bringing Haddon Hall to life for us again.

Our guest speaker on March 7th will be Graham Toole Mackson - subject: Modern Russia - a visit to St. Petersburg 1995. Sounds good.

Thanks to Mary Huxley for supplying our mystery parcel and Janet Cumming and Pam Smith for providing refreshments to round off a lovely evening.

Pam Smith

Spring

Revd Clive Thrower writes

From my study as I write this article I can still see some snow left from the recent downfall, however, that is not the only white in the garden for in a corner of the lawn stands a patch of snowdrops. The bees, too, were flying out early, trying to get a good start to this year's honey production. Upstairs I hear the sound of a vacuum cleaner as my wife tackles spring-cleaning a bedroom. Lent, the church's period running up to Easter derives its name from the old English word for Spring. New growth often entails clearing out the old; removing some familiar and loved clutter we have accumulated. Minds, as well as houses and churches need this periodic picking over of the things we take for granted and discarding those we really no longer need or which prove a blockage to new growth.

I am preparing for retirement in June so this has forced me into a lot of spring-cleaning in the widest sense of the word. Time and again the question gets put "Do I need to take this with me?" or "Will my successor or the Church ever use this material?" It is not easy but I can see and feel the relief of dropping files and other items into the bin. Today we have experts in life style consultancy and from the little I have seen of their work, there is a fair amount of this reappraisal of what is important and what to abandon in life.

Religious observance, the week by week familiar services of the Church are helpful in worship but any reading of the Gospels will throw up many challenging saying of Jesus along the lines of not only being prepared to fix on that which is most important but doing it. The harshest one I can think of is in Luke chapter 9 where we read that Jesus said to a man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-by to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." Preparing for Easter is about a readiness for death and resurrection in our personal and corporate lives. Letting go the old so that we may rise to the new.

Village Web-site Report

The village web-site (www.greatlongstone.net) is steadily growing and recorded almost 4,000 page views during January.

There is still a lot of information about our community that is not easily available and it would be great if we could get details of all the village's organisations on the site. If you are involved with an organisation or society that has not yet got a page please email me at simon@greatlongstone.net to find out how to get started.

If anyone has ideas for other pages (or links) that would be useful to have on the site, and ideally would be prepared to help to keep the information up to date (it's very easy you just need some minimal training and a computer with good internet access) please contact me.

Simon Headington



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Notes from St Giles

Compiled by Harold Richardson

I am sure that every reader has been waiting with bated breath for the promised report on January's PCC meeting. Your wait is over!

There were not many councillors present but the meeting was lively (*this was in no way because of the champagne that was served at the beginning of the meeting, which it is hoped will become the custom at all future meetings!*) I was told that work was to be done on the lych gate which gives access to the new churchyard to try to prevent the build up of mud from the road. Changes are to be made to the arrangements of the bell ropes to make the bells easier to ring and repairs made to the stone floor approaching the choir vestry - all this in the interests of health and safety.

An anonymous offer to provide a 'standing stone' with a suitable inscription in the old churchyard was considered. The idea was accepted in principle and the donor is in discussion with several stone masons for advice. Ideas for the inscription are invited. It need not be religious but should be appropriate and be not more than seven or eight words.

It was reported that the 'Warden's Gift Day' had raised £2,350 much of which was gift aided which will result in another £550 or so being received from the Chancellor. A very big thank you to everyone who made the day such a success. The special candlelit service of music and readings for Epiphany raised £500 for Thornhill House.

The appeal to pay for glasses for Isaac has not been very successful, some donations have been received for which many thanks, and the PCC decided to make up the required amount so that he could complete the last year of his education successfully. When you read this he should be wearing his new specs, we hope. Another report told of a meeting which had taken place between the churchwardens of St. Martin's, Stoney Middleton, All Saints, Curbar and St Giles' Churches. This is the new grouping of parishes, Ashford and Sheldon now being grouped with Bakewell. The meeting had taken place in an atmosphere of cordiality, warmth and co-operation and much had been discovered about how each

of the parishes worked and there is an evident desire to develop a spirit of friendship and togetherness.

The schedule of services was agreed and showed only minor changes for Longstone from the present arrangements but of necessity there will be a need for an increased lay leadership at the services which will increase further after Rev'd Clive's retirement in early June, the 10th to be exact.

There you have it then, that time of eager expectation is over and you are fully briefed. The next meeting is on the 5th March so there will be another episode for you in the April edition!

I have discovered a rather different type of puzzle that you may like to attempt. All you have to do is find the names of as many books of the Bible as you can. I will mark the first one for you to give you the idea and then you are on your own!

"This is a **most** remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu keeping him occupied for hours. There really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this article waiting to be found. (*29 because I've given you the first which is Amos!*)

He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to his friends. One friend, John, from Illinois, worked on this while fishing from his boat. Another friend studied it while playing the banjo Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving the puzzle so involving she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a factor. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in the paragraph. During a recent fund raising event which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, the Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult

they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right there, in plain view, hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mass exodus!"

There you have it. Have a go if you have nothing better to do and if you want to list them, **in the order that they appear**, and drop it in addressed to Harold Richardson at c/o Haven Cottage, Main St, Longstone, Bakewell, Derbyshire (don't forget to include your name and address) we may, if we are swamped with entries, decide to give a prize to the first one drawn out from the 'all correct' answers received before 15th March. The solution will be in next month's edition. Entry is free but if you do include a donation it will be passed on to the Children's Society. Good luck with it.

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4 Mar	Sun	Second in Lent
11 Mar	Sun	Third in Lent
18 Mar	Sun	Mothering Sunday Fourth in Lent
25 Mar	Sun	Fifth in Lent
26 Mar	Mon	Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

March Services at St Giles

Daily prayers at 8.00am

Except Sundays, until Easter

4 Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.15am	Family Service
	6.30pm	Evensong
7 Wed	9.30am	School Assembly
	10.00am	Midweek (MU) Holy Communion
11 Sun	11.15am	Sung Eucharist
	6.30pm	Evensong
18 Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.15am	Mothers' Day Family Service
	6.30pm	Evensong
21 Wed	11am	Holy Communion at Thornhill House
25 Sun	11.15am	Sung Eucharist
	6.30pm	Evensong

March Services at Wardlow

4 Sun	9.00am	Holy Communion
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March in the Garden

VEGETABLES: - Sow seeds of salad onions and radishes, main crop of Brussels sprouts late in the month. Sow seeds of late summer cabbages and round seeded peas. Plant asparagus and Jerusalem artichokes. Complete shallot planting.

SWEET PEAS: - Plant our autumn-sown seedlings in double rows where grown in the cordon system.

GLADIOLI: - Plant corms in rows for exhibition purposes, in colonies for decorating mixed borders, plant in succession for continuous supply of blooms; plant corms 2 inches deep.

ROSES: - Prune hybrid teas, floribundas, miniatures, repeat-flowering climbers and shrub roses. Complete any delayed planting.

DAHLIAS: - Prepare ground by digging and dressing with bone meal, select a place in full sun. Sow dahlia seeds under glass and start old tubers into growth to produce cuttings.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS: - Prepare ground for planting adding manure. Leave ground rough dug until April or early May.

HERBACEOUS PLANTS: - If weather is dry spread fertiliser on winter-dug ground and rake in. Plant any newly purchased plants. Check labels before they are hidden by new growth.

LAWNS: - Aerate lawn with a wire rake. Reseed worn areas and repair lawn edges that have crumbled, apply spring fertiliser. Apply selective weed and moss killers when grass is growing strongly. Cut grass when two and a half to three inches high. Control worms.

FRUIT: - Complete planting any new tree or bushes. Complete pruning. Feed cultivars in cultivated ground. Train peaches and nectarines and pollinate artificially if insects are scarce. Spray stone fruits. Plant raspberries and strawberries. Train in new shoots of blackberries and loganberries.

TREES AND SHRUBS: - Plant deciduous trees and shrubs until end of the month. Plant evergreens at the end of the month.

GENERAL TASKS: - Complete all digging, kill weeds on paths and drives, keep clean with a total weed killer. Check all ties securing plants to stakes.

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All Saints, Hassop and English Martyrs, Bakewell Lent Diary

Friday evenings 7.30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross in Bakewell (except 2nd March)

Wednesday evenings Adult
Catechesis on "The Sacraments" 7.30-8.30 p.m. in the Narthex of the Bakewell Church
28th Feb., 7th, 14th and 21st March.
All welcome.

Saturday 24th March Mini-retreat in preparation for Holy Week in Hassop Church led by Fr Dominic Milroy OSB. 10.00 a.m. till 1 p.m. All welcome. Contact Fr Hugh, 01629 640241, for more information

Saturday 31st March Service of Reconciliation - 11 a.m. in Hassop Church



Put it in the Diary

1st April United Palm Sunday Service and Procession of Witness starting at 10.30a.m at the Methodist Chapel

1st April Music & Readings for Palm Sunday in St. Giles' at 6.30p.m

28 April Concert, The Milner Quartet in aid of Thornhill House Benevolent Fund 7.30pm at Calver Village Hall.

7 May Spring Bank Holiday Plant Sale 10.30am-3pm at Thornhill House. An opportunity to buy from a wide range of healthy, locally raised, perennial plants that thrive in this area. All proceeds to Thornhill House.

13th May Rogation Sunday Walk. Details in next 'UTE'

19th to 26th May St. Giles' Flower Festival

19th May 'Dalesmen Male Voice Choir' 7.30p.m in St. Giles'

26th May to 3rd June Church of the Good Shepherd, Wardlow Flower Festival

27th May United service in the Methodist Chapel to celebrate 'Wesley 300'

10th June '3 Choirs Evensong' at Ashford

14th July St. Giles' Church Fete, Crowning of the Fete Queen and the School Well Dressing

15th July St. Giles' Choir Celebration Sunday

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Guide Dogs for the Blind

Dorothy Daybell writes

Our AGM is fixed for Saturday 24th March at 2.00pm for 2.30pm in Ashford War Memorial Institute, when Mr. Kevn* Rowney will speak about training guide dogs. (**Not a mistake – that's how he spells it!*)

Please try to come – it's never a very long meeting and we always have tea and biscuits and time for a chat afterwards. We need your support.

On a sadder note, we were very sorry to learn of Mrs Joyce Pepper's death – she has been our loyal supporter since our branch started, and her coffee mornings every September were famous; she probably had more thank-you puppy pictures than anyone else in this area! Our sympathy goes to her family – we shall all miss her.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

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Mar 31st

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Mar 31st

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